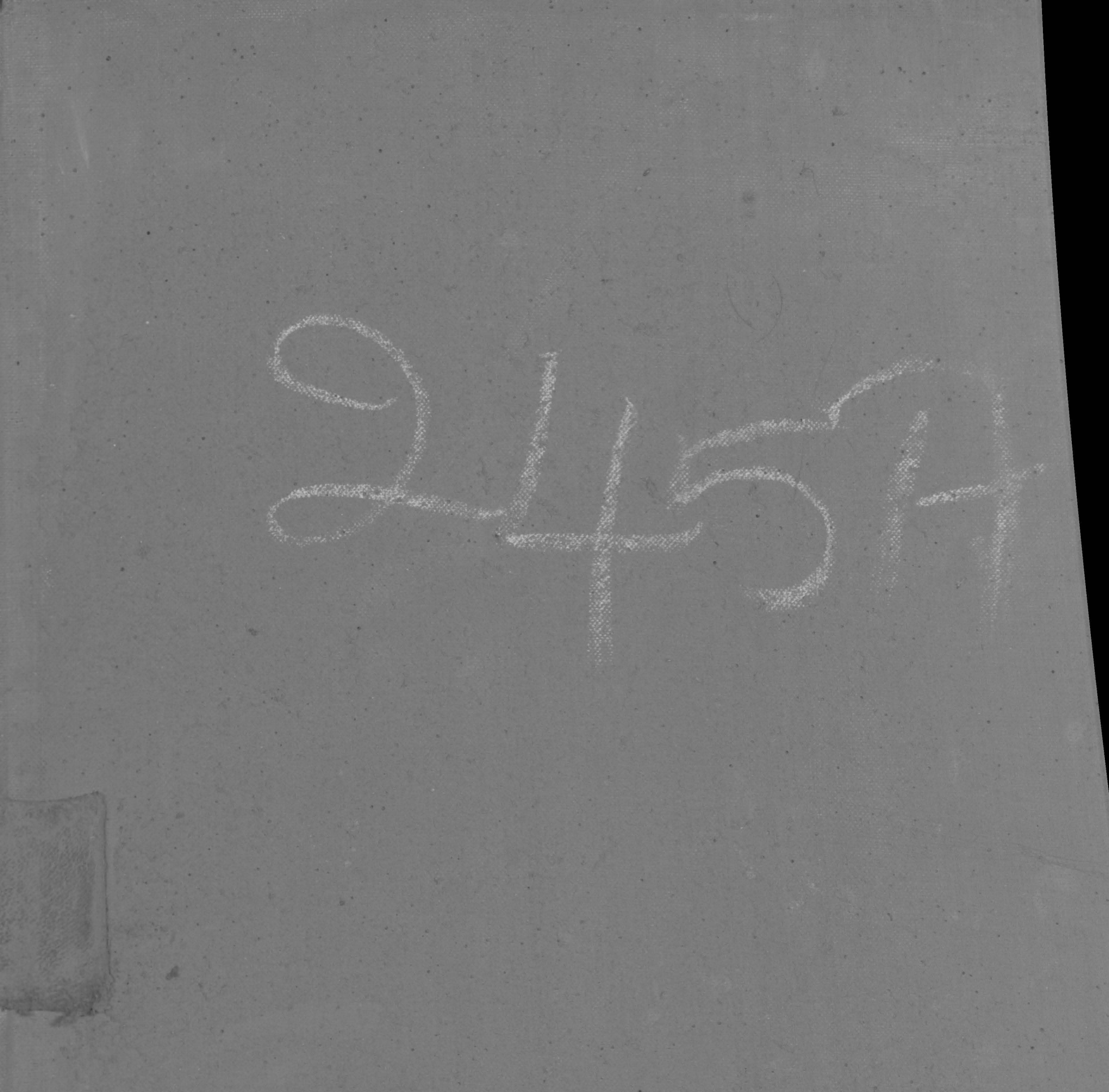


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Diary

14th. Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in MB. Nos. 61. 62. 63.

From Military Pay.r Genl.

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate of Cash required for the current expence.—

To Military Aud.r General

To Major General Lyden Kam referring the above for his examination

To Military Paym.r General

To Mr Roebuck enclosing copies of the Auditor's Report on his additional estimates for the current month and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 9436-7-13- will be issued to him from the general treasury

15th Sent the following Letters!

To Lieutenant Charles Dallas

To Lieut.t Chas Dallas communicating to him his appointment as agent for the purchase of horses at Hydrabad and his instructions.

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire, that agreably to the general order of the 9th Instant you will proceed to Hydrabad for the purpose of purchasing horses on the

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the Company's account at the ensuing Sale of Malagony—

The immediate number, which it is his Lordship's intention that you should purchase is two hundred, and these he desires may be selected of such an age, as may be fit for immediate work

If however upon your arrival in the Nizam's dominions you should find it practicable to procure any considerable number of horses at cheap rates you will not fail to report it to his Lordship in Council without delay

The Resident at Hydrabad has been requested in a letter, of which I enclose a copy, to afford you every assistance in his power, and you are authorized to draw bills upon the Military Paymaster General for the amount of your purchases at the most favorable rates of exchange, which it may be possible for you to obtain—

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Signed J. Webbe

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To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir,

Lieut. Resident at Hydrabad
Lieut. Dallas appointment
as agent for the purchase
of Horses transmitted
Resident assistance
requested —

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to inform you, that he has thought it necessary to employ Lieutenant Charles Dallas in purchasing a small number of Horses for the service of this Presidency within the dominions of His Highness the Nizam; and to request in consequence that you will afford him such assistance and protection as may be in your power —

Lieutenant Dallas is authorized to draw bills upon Madras for the amount of his disbursements, but if he should find any difficulty in negotiating them, the Governor in Council has no doubt that you will afford him effectual aid

I am directed to add that the Governor in Council is sanguine, Lieut. Dallas will be able to accomplish the object on which he is now employed, by the month of February. I have the honor to be

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Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed J. Webbe Sec. to Govt.

To

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To Lieut.t Colonel Read

Commanding in the

Baramahal

Sir.

To the Officer Commanding in the Baramahal enquiring of him what number of Banjaries could be collected in two months if required, and on what terms they would furnish grain.

As the Right Honorable the Governor in Council concludes that you will in consequence of my letter, dated 10th ultimo, have opened a freer communication with the Banjarries, and as the present appearance of public affairs renders it expedient that some definitive engagement should be formed with those people I am now directed to desire that you will report to his Lordship in Council, what number could in two months from this date be collected for the public Service and the terms upon which they may be willing to supply our army with grain.

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

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To G. H. Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort William

Sir,

To the Secretary at Bengal
Mr Ly's claim forwarded
with a request that
it may be submitted
to the Commander
in Chief. Half
yearly statement
of the payments
made to his Majesty's
forces on the Coast
forwarded.

I am directed to inclose copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General at this Presidency upon the subject of a claim to the pay of a vacant commission in one of his Majesty's Regiments with the papers therein referred to, and at the same time to request you will express to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the wish of this Government that the case may be referred to the consideration of the Commander in Chief in India.

I have the honor to inclose the half yearly Statement required by the Governor General in Council in continuation of payments made to his Majesty's Forces serving under this Presidency as follows.

Subsistence from 25th Decembr 97 to 24th June 1798

Compn allowance from 1st Jany to 30th June 1798

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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To Colonel G. V. Hart

Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops

Serving for Madras

Sir.

To the Deputy Kings Paymaster General, the amount of arrears due to 29th Dragoons to be issued upon the Treasury. The accounts regarding that Regiment previous to their becoming a charge on the establishment cannot be audited here—

In answer to your letter of the 24th ult. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to inform you, that he consents to the issue of £ 2290:11:8½ on account of arrears due to his Majesty's 29th Dragoons, and to desire, that you will call upon the commanding officer of the Regiment for bills to that amount upon the agent in favor of the Honorable Court of Directors with an indemnification from himself to this Government in the event of the bills not being paid—

As the accounts transmitted in your letter of the 24th ultimo are for a period previous to the 29th Dragoons becoming a charge upon that establishment, they cannot undergo audit nor be entered on the books of this Presidency; I am therefore directed to return them to you in order

that

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15 that they may be transmitted to the proper officer in England.

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16th November 1798.

Sam
Fs. Fc
Signed J. Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69

From the King's Deputy Paymaster General

From Colonel Hart transmitting accounts disbursements of His Majesty's troops serving under this Presidency—

To the Military Audita General

To Major General Sydenham &c.

Lys's claim referred to the Commander in Chief in India - allowances to the Dutch Prisoners at Malacca sanctioned - Vouchers of money received from the Captors of Malacca for the use of the Company, — transmitted; Sundry Payments and advances authorized. The Reaudit on the accounts of the late Paymaster at Pallamcotah returned —

To the Offic. Comm.g Southern Division

To Major General Floyd - communicating to him the determination of Government regarding

the

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The affair between Captain Davison and Mr Conway:
he is desired to assist the Bullock agent in completing
his supplies—

To the Resident at Hydrabad

To Captain Kirkpatrick—expressing
satisfaction at the steps he had taken towards—
securing for the Company's service a part of the
troops lately disbanded at Hydrabad—

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board. The person
formerly in charge of the Military Stores at Chicacole
reappointed with the usual salary. repairs at
Warrine and Sanjore sanctioned. The several
Payments and advances — — recommended—
sanctioned. Copies of letters from the Officers Comman-
-ding at Arkt. Vellore and Shenkerydroog transmitted
Colonel Richardson to be associated with the
Military Committee—

To the Commandant at Vellore—

To Captain Forbes; he is to be supported
in his Military authority; all interference however
with the Revenues of the country prohibited—

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

Sent a letter to the Nabob entered in
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15. C C No 151. Captain Forbes must be supported by Government in his Military Control at Nellore; he is however at the same time to be directed not to interfere with the management of the Revenues—

16 Sent the following letter by Express

To Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division

at Masulipatam

Sir,

To the Offrs Comm.g Northern Division; the 1st Batt.n 8th Regt and not the 1st Battalion 10th Regt as formerly directed by mistake to march to Wallajabad immediately—

In reply to your letter of the 13th Inst I lose no time in acquainting you that the order for marching the first battalion of the tenth Regiment was an error in copying, and that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council had no intention but to order the first battalion of the 8th Regiment to Walajabad according to the intimation already given: his Lordship in Council therefore desires that the 1st Battalion 10th Regt may not be moved but that the 1st Bn 8th Regt may march to Wallajahbad with all convenient expedition.

I have

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt
Signed J Webbe
Secy to Govt

Received the following Letter.

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord,

Auditor Generals report on an additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymr Generl for November

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of yesterday's date accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current month amounting to — Thirteen Thousand, one hundred and seventy two Pagodas, Sixteen Fanams and Fifteen Cash (Pagodas 13.172. 16. 15) I have the honor to report that I see no objection to this Sum being issued from the General Treasury, being required for the purpose of discharging a Balance of Pagodas. 3048. 42. 70 due to the Contractor for supplying the 4th Regt of

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of Native Cavalry in consequence of his having compleated the annual quantity of Gram agreed to be delivered to that Corps, and the remainder to discharge Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters at Columbo and Trincomale, which I presume is admissible on the principle heretofore observed in regard to drafts from those Pay offices.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Military & Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 14th November 1798.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Signed W. Sydenham
M.G. Aud. Genl

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

My Lord.

Auditor General's report on the additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymr. General for November.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of the 14th Instant, with an additional Estimate of Cash amounting to Four thousand two Hundred and Seventy Seven Pagodas and thirty three Fanams (Pags 4,277..33) required by the Military

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Military Paymaster at the Presidency upon which I have to report that of the foregoing Sum there appears admissible Pagodas 950- payable to the Town Major on account of Subsistence to Invalids and Pensioners lately passed by the Committee assembled at the Presidency for that purpose and Pagodas 820 to discharge arrears of Pay due to Captain Dowse of the Corps of Pioneers from the 1st April to the 30th Instant, the Bills for which are stated to have been passed by the Secretary to Government: the remaining Sum viz. Pags 2,507-33. for the payment of a Bill of the Gun Carriage Contractors, included in the present additional Estimate has been already Estimated for by the Military Paymaster General, as noticed in my report of the 13th Instant; consequently, the latter sum will not be issued from the General Treasury.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed W. Sydenham
M.A. Gen.l

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Office Fort St. George
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The following order of Council —

transmitted to the Clerk of Treasury —

Order of Council in the Military Department

Dated 16th November 1798

Further issue of Cash to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymr General on account of Extraordinaries additional Estimates

Ordered, that an advance of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and forty two Pagodas Sixteen Fanams and fifteen each (Ps. 14.942.16.15) be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymr General on account of the additional estimates enclosed in his Letters of the 13th and 14th Instant —

By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

Despatched the following Letters entered in Int B No. 70 & 71 —

To the Military Paymr General

To Mr Roebuck enclosing copies of the Auditors report on the additional Estimates, which accompanied his Letters of the 13th and 14th Instant and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 14942. 16. 15 will be advanced from the

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The General Treasury

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham

referring for his examination the accounts of the
Kings Deputy Paymaster General and of those of
the Kings Paymasters on Ceylon from the 25th September
to the 24th October 1798

From Commandant at Jaffnapatam

Received a letter from Colonel
Champagne entered in MB No 72 mentioning
the arrival of the Osterley at that port complaining
of the want of salt provisions

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Received the following letter

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing copy of orders issued by Major Innes. Complaints of indignities having been offered to the Rajah by stopping different people in his service at the Fort Gates

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant covering
the copy of a letter to the Commanding Officer
of Tanjore

as the Right Honorable the
Governor has called on Major Innes for an

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explanation of his conduct. I think it proper to make his Lordship acquainted with a few subsequent circumstances, since they have produced some Garrison orders issued at that time by Major Innes, and account for other indignities the Rajah complains of, and under which himself and his people still suffer. The Rajah having represented to me, that his Peons and Servants, and who I hardly need add uniformly carry Swords, were seized by the Company's Troops, as they were passing through the Street at night, and that the people of his Cutcherry, as well as of his Palace were alarmed and afraid to proceed to their houses; after the Public business was over I thought it prudent to write to Major Innes and to learn from him what orders had been issued of the above tendency. Enclosed you will receive copy of these orders, transmitted to me by the Commanding Officer thro the Fort Adjutant. I have only to remark, that if any Military precaution rendered it necessary

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to make such a very important change in the Standing orders of the Garrison, by which the Peace and whole Police of the Town of Sanjore was affected - that immediate intimation ought to have been given of the circumstance, either to the Rajah or myself. that His Excellency's Government might have been apprized in time to conform to it. but as the order of the 29th relative to ammunition and Military Stores imply a suspicion of a very serious nature, and is probably connected with the order of the 27th or 28th, I must suppose that Major Innes has sufficient reasons to give for his conduct. The Rajah has desired me to request these orders may be countermanded, as soon as possible, and in the mean time he has directed all his people to comply with them.

It was at the Rajah's request I applied to the Fort Adjutant and learnt from him that the Guards had been strengthened

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17 on the 28th. ultimo, and it was also this Lieutenant
Butler that I represented to the Commanding Officer
the unprecedented hardship of stopping and
disarming His Revenue Guards at the Gate-
Major Innes informed me it was a Military
regulation and a standing order of the Garrison-
the following is a copy of the order-"The Guard to
"stop all Bodies of Armed people from coming
"into the Fort till the Commanding Officer is —
"acquainted and his orders received respecting them-
"the Company's Sepoys and Rajahs Body guards
"excepted"-

It has not been customary to stop
the Rajah's Revenue Guards at the gates and
as the Cutcherry and their Barracks are within
the Fort I cannot believe that they are alluded
to in this order under the description of a Body
of Armed people, but if I am mistaken in this
respect it appears to me unreasonable not to pass
them into the Fort with their arms and the Money
in

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in their charge. on the report being made to the
Commanding Officer instead of imposing an
inconvenience and also an indignity on the
Rajah. by compelling them to leave their Arms
at the Gates.—

The Rajah informs me that a
few days after my last application to Major
Innes on the Cast dispute, but not till the reference
had been made to Government that the Sepoy.
under circumstances very little favorable to himself
allowed the affair in question to be determined
by the whole Cast. and that by this final decision
the young woman was restored to the Inhabitant
and another Girl allotted to the Sepoy—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed Benj.n Torin
Res.t

Tanjour
13th November 1798

Extract from the Standing Orders / East Gate /
issued by Major Innes since he came to the Command

29th October

No ammunition or Military
Stores

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17th Stores of any Description except what is in use with the Troops, to be passed in, or out of the Garrison without orders from the Commanding Officer—

The passage of the East Gate is closed till further orders for the purpose of repairing the Bridge—

Verbal orders given the 27th & 28th October 1798 by the Fort Adjutant—

Two Patrolls, consisting of one Naigue and six Sepoys each, to be sent round the four main streets of the Fort, after the Gates are shut at 12 o'Clock, they are to allow no disturbance in the streets, and to apprehend such People, — Company's Sepoys or Inhabitants as may be found parading the streets with arms — and detain them in the Guard till they can be carried to the Commanding Officer, but on no account to interfere with Marriages, or any religious Ceremonies that may be carrying on in the range of their Rounds, unless attended with riots and to confine all Sepoys concerned therein; after finishing the 2d Patroll, to report it to the Officer

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17th Officer of the North Gate Guard

Attested Copy

Signed B Torin

Rec'd

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Commandant at Tanjore enters into vindication of his conduct relative to the charges which had been preferred against him by the Rajah and transmits various inclosures connected with the subject—

On the Evening of the 12th I had the honor to receive Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 7th Inst informing me that your Lordship in Council "had received a representation from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour and from the Resident, that in consequence of an issue of Ball Cartridges to certain of his Excellency's Sibbendy Peons, I had judged it necessary to double the usual Guards, and to disarm his servants on their entering the Fort

I should rest the justification of my Conduct on my Letter of the 6th to your Lordship and the Papers referred to in it, but for

Your

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17. Lcar. from any informality of mine, those Papers should not be laid before Government, I herewith transmit duplicates of those sent to the Commander in Chief, and as I consider the displeasure of your Lordship in Council the heaviest misfortune that can befal an officer of my Rank and one that has the least regard for his reputation or the approbation of his Superiors, I avail myself of the opportunity, I am favoured with, of offering such further explanation, as I deem it a duty to your Lordship and to myself to lay before Government—

That my conduct has been cruelly misrepresented, there can not remain a doubt of— the Resident in his letter of the 1st N° 33 informs me in reply to mine N° 32 that "the only use he has made of the Rajah's Letter of Complaint N° 31. is to send a Copy of it to me, in order that His Excellency's grievances may be redressed and similar indignities prevented in future. that the Rajah holds a Separate communication with Government

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Government in which he does not interfere! and yet it appears he must have been representing my Conduct about that very time, in a light meant to draw the severest censure and punishment on me—

That I might have it in my power to defend myself fully and fairly, I applied by letter No 41 to the President, on the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter, to be favored with a Copy of his representation against me; but he declined affording me that satisfaction on political grounds, as will appear by his letter No 42 how far this proper I should be refused so reasonable a request or that I am entitled to a Copy of any representation against me, wherein I stand so deeply charged with misconduct, I must leave to the candour and justice of my Superiors—

That there was no order to disarm the Rajah's servants on their entering the Fort will fully appear by my letter to the Fort-Adjutant. his reply and the extract of o/B

Standing

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17 Standing orders all marked B. as well as by the Resident's letter to me of the 27th ultimo N° 23. and my reply N° 24 - and Lieutenant Butler's veracity cannot be called in question by his Excellency or the Resident after the favorable sentiments expressed of him in the letter of the latter N° 28 That the usual Guards were not doubled as stated by the Rajah and Resident will appear by my order marked D. and dated the 28th ultimo as well as the detail of the Garrison Guards marked E. and that in fact, there was only an addition of Ten Sepoys added to the Garrison Guards after the discovery of Ball Cartridges being served out to the Rajah's Troops: for out of the 33 Men ordered a Subidar and 23 had been taken from the Rajah's Guard as explained in the Correspondence commencing at N° 15. It will be seen by the Guards marked N°. 1. 2. 3. 4. 23. 24. & 25 in the detail / including the main

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1st Main and all the Gate Guards / that there are only 124 Rank and file. Europeans and Sepoys on or near the Fortifications to cover an extent of three miles of Rampart, and only 15 of that number on the worst. Did the strength of the Garrison admit of it. I should consider it my duty to increase the Guards to 360 Men instead of 244 that now mount — this will serve to shew how misrepresentation has been carried to do me an injury —

The circumstances attending the very unprecedented measure of serving out Ball Cartridges to the Rajah's Sepoys mounting Guard, Men as well armed, clothed and appointed as most of the Honorable Company's Sepoys. / and not Sibbendy Peons as stated in the representation against me / and this immediately after the removal of the Guard of Company's Troops from the Palace yard. as fully explained in my correspondence with General Floyd

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and particularly my letter of the 3d Instant No 35
to the Resident: by which it will be seen, the
delicacy, I observed on the occasion, the little —
information received from the Resident, and
that he actually considered me as the responsible
person to take such Military precautions as
appeared to me best, if I had the least apprehen=
=sion even of accidents from the Rajahs Troops
being so unusually armed within the —
Garrison: and now the trifling precautions I
did take and so sanctioned, are brought forward
to criminate me —

The harmony of this place —
cannot be disturbed by any part of my Conduct,
as I have, and do mean to confine myself to
the duty of my Station - and nothing can
be more essential than guarding against any
innovations on the part of the Rajah in matters
that relate to the Military duties of the
Command

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My Command - The standing Orders of the Garrison, Copies of which accompany this, have been in force since the restoration of Toollah Jee Rajah about 23 years ago and have been confirmed by experienced Officers, who have commanded at this place - among them General Bathwaite, General Stewart, now Commander in Chief at Bombay, Colonel Maxwell, Colonel Baird, the Honorable Major Monson and Colonel Aston - and it is my duty to offer it to your Lordship as my opinion that to do any of them away, to the indiscriminate admission of armed parties, and to the tying of the Commanding Officers hands from taking the common established Military precautions to preserve the public peace and Security of the Garrison, may be attended with the most serious mischiefs, when too late to be remedied - and it is also my opinion, that the Guard of Company's Troops should be replaced at the Gate of the palace compound, where it had

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had been stationed, by order of Government, for 22 years back, for reasons too obvious for me to repeat.

The whole of my Conduct since my appointment to the Command of this place is now, without reserve, before your Lordship, and as I have much at stake, I take the liberty humbly to entreat your Lordship's particular attention to the correspondence between the Resident and I, and the Papers connected with it. It will appear that I early apprehended the effect, the want of a proper consideration to the situation of the Commanding Officer here, might have on the mind of the Rajah and his Servants, and respectfully stated it to the Resident in the first part of our correspondence, at the same time I complied with his opinion in all matters, I thought it consistent with my duty to do—

My whole wish has been to act correctly and faithfully in the trust reposed in me without giving the least offence to any one and

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17 and therefore feel confident in the protection of Government

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

Signed Ja.s Innes

Major Comm.g

Tanjour
14th November 1798.

To Major Innes
&c &c &c

Dear Sir,

No1. The Rajah has sent to inform me that tomorrow is the anniversary of his Birth-day and requests that a salute of 21 Guns may be fired upon the occasion at 2 o'Clock in the afternoon

I am Dear Sir Your truly Signed B Torin

Gardens
2d October

No2 To B. Torin Esqr Resident

Dear Sir

I was in Company when I received Your

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17 your Note last night requesting a Salute of 21 Guns to be fired this day in Compliment to the Rajah it being his Birth day, otherwise ~~I~~ should have done myself the Pleasure of replying to it sooner, altho I consider the mode of application through you, as new and unusual, yet to shew my disposition to avoid any thing like interruption to the Public Service, the Salute required shall be ordered— I am sure I will be excused in expressing my concern to find on my assuming the Command a departure from that respect and consideration to my situation, which has been shewn by the Rajah to Commandants of this Place— direct communication between the Rajah and Commandants, on mere matters of Military Compliment and Duties of the Garrison has ever been the practice, at least for many years back, and why it should now be otherwise I am at a loss to account for, more especially as I understand that this very point on a similar application

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application through you for Guns to be fired for the new Moon, had been discussed between you and Colonel Acton, my predecessor, and that he had positively declined firing the Guns till the application came direct from the Rajah, who accordingly made the application to Colonel Acton with an apology for his not having done it before, confirmed your assuring the Colonel that it proceeded from the Rajah's not knowing better, the Guns were accordingly fired this a Day after the proper time. I am perfectly ignorant of your instructions, but I presume it cannot be the intention of Government to lessen the consequence of the Commandant of this Place in the Eyes of the Natives more especially of the Rajah, and to deprive him of a direct communication on Military duties, with any person in or belonging to the Garrison. I submit these observations to your consideration fully persuaded that you will use your influence

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influence and authority to prevent my situation
being made less pleasant than my predecessor's

I am Dear Sir
Your truly
(Signed) Sa.t Innes

N° 3

Dear Sir.

I cannot better reply to your letter than by informing you, I remember to have a made a similar application to Colonel Aston in honor of Ameer Sing's Birth day and to have had it complied with, without the smallest objection. The case you allude to, is an established religious Ceremony of the Mahratta Cast and of course not for the Resident's immediate consideration, who I — conceive to be the Sole judge of the honor to be confered on the Rajah and I should as soon expect you to contend for a direct application from the Rajah for Military Assistance as for the power of granting or refusing the request —

When I addressed the application
to

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19th to you yesterday I had no idea of a departure from the established rules of my station and must continue to think I do not trespass on your department by expressing my intention to persevere in them—.

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
Signed B Torin

No 4 To Benjamin Torin Esqr
Resident

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of this day and have only a few words to trouble you with in explanation of my former letter; I beg to assure you, that I had not the most distant idea or wish of your departure from the established Rules of your office and meant clearly to state what had been the established practice between the Rajah and Commanding Officer in— applications of the Nature in question and which

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which, on further inquiry I find to have been the invariable usage for 12 years Back, and I know Colonel Aslon's sentiments to have been what I stated in my last – all that I contend for is a mere Compliment, which I consider due to my Situation as submitted to your consideration – and that my Station here may not be rendered less pleasant than experienced by former Comm.g Officers –

I beg you will take the necessary steps to make the accompanying Notice as public as possible in the Neighbourhood

And am

Dear Sir

Yours truly

3d October 1798 Signed Jas Innes

No 5 Dear Sir.

In your first letter you consider the mode adopted by the Rajah in his application this me as new and Unusual.

and

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and instance a case with Colonel Aston by which the application should be made to you direct -

Either you mean to charge me with a departure from the usual mode in order to render your situation as Commanding Officer of less respect, or to assume to yourself the Right of deciding on the Rajahs request - I seek in vain for an Explanation of these points in your letter just received - I assure you I am in no degree desirous of rendering your situation less pleasant to you than your Predecessors - all I hope to do, is to preserve the acknowledged rights of my own

I am

Dear Sir

Yours truly

Signed B Torin

Gardens
3d October 1798

To

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No 6.

To B. Torin Esqr
Resident

Dear Sir

I was going out when I saw your letter with your letter yesterday Evening. I thought I had so fully explained myself in my two letters of Yesterday as to spare you the trouble of writing again on the subject: it is otherwise.— I certainly considered the mode adopted by the Rajah in his application through you on the point in question, as new and unusual and feeling that my situation as Commanding Officer would be rendered of less respect by such departure from what had been the established practice on similar and lately contested, I candidly stated my sentiments to your consideration — I do not see that the two points you state can be inferred from any thing that I have said — nor could not possibly mean to charge you with a departure from the usual mode with the intention

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intention you mention, when I requested you to use your influence and authority to prevent any disrespect in the Rajah to my situation as Commanding Officer, and it will be a particular satisfaction to find every idea of such a Nature is entirely removed from your mind. The Compliment of a Salute on the Rajah's Birth day has been an invariable practice and a thing of course since the Company's authority has had existence in this place, consequently I had nothing to decide upon, but to order the Salute on the Rajah paying the Compliment of sending me the usual message expressive of his wish, and this is all I could expect—

I beg to assure you that I should not think of complying with any extraordinary or unusual request of the Rajah's without consulting you on the subject, nor do I believe he would make any request at all without your previous approbation and having that I cannot conceive how his applying, to me

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duct could in any degree Derogate from the Rights of your Station and I should consider an attempt even to that effect as very unbecoming on my part. a different Conduct in the Rajah will certainly, lessen that consequence Imagine it is the intention of Government I should hold in the Command. I hope this explanation will be satisfactory — And am

Dear Sir

Yours truly

(Signd) Jas Innes

4th October 1798.

Dear Sir,

No 7

It is impossible for me to be silent so long as you shall consider the application from the Rajah for a Salute this me as new and unusual and so long as you shall contend that these applications instead of being made this me should go to you direct and put it in your power to judge of their tendancy and the propriety

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of complying with them—

To prove that my application was neither new or unusual I have instanced Colonel Aston's immediate Compliance, on a similar occasion. and perhaps it will place the Question in a clearer point of view. If I relate another circumstance, as it will shew that these requisitions from the Rajah are not merely Complimentary but capable of being misapplied and that Colonel Aston concurred in my opinion—

When General Floyd was at Tanjore, he was to pay a visit to the late Rajah Ameen Sing, and the Rajah required Colonel Aston to fire a Salute upon the occasion. The Colonel said he could have no objection provided the application came thro the Resident: the Rajah in consequence applied to me—but as I had received no official Communication of General Floyd's visit

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17th visit, as the orders of Government preclude all intercourse with the Palace but thro' the Resident I found myself under the disagreeable necessity of refusing the Rajah's request and the Salute was not fired

You may also remember a salute being fired by Colonel Baird at the request of Ameer Sing and which I understand was very seriously objected to by the Resident and followed by very unpleasant consequences—

As it therefore appears that Salutes in a General point of view are not only Complimentary but of political tendency, I must persist in the propriety of the application going thro' me, as Resident, to you as Commanding Officer and beg to know if you mean to disallow my Right on any future occasion

I am Dear Sir

Yours truly

Sign'd B. Torin Res.t

To

Gardens
14th October

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To B. Torin Esqr

No 8.

Dear Sir

I have this moment received your letter in reply to mine of this date I consider myself unfortunate in not being able to make myself understood and think the instance you mention as foreign to the question between us and totally different from the principle expressed in my last letter. I would have acted in the manner Colonel Acton is stated by you to have done; as to the Salute fired by Colonel Baird it would not be becoming in me to pass an opinion on it. I have plainly told you in my letter of to day, that I would not comply with any requisition of the Rajahs without consulting you, that went to any thing that was not a perfect established custom well known to you; such as a Salute on the Rajahs birth day. the Rajah sending me the usual Complementary

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17 message on such occasion cannot possibly call any right of yours in question.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
Signed Ja.s Innes

14th October 1798

Dear Sir

No 9 The Rajah desires me to inform you that he expects in a few days an Officer of Rank from Tranquebar on a visit of Ceremony and requests you will give orders to the Troops under your Command not to interrupt his Journey. The Rajah proposes sending an Kircarrah from the Palace to accompany him -

I am
Dear Sir
Your's truly
Signed B Torin

Tanjour
7th October

To B Torin Esq.r
Resident

No 10 Dear Sir

I am favored with your Note and shall

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1st shall give the Orders required in it. Just being doubtful how far it will be proper into admit a Foreign Officer in a public Capacity into this Garrison. I shall report without the least delay to Major General Floyd and take his Commands.

The accompanying Confidential Sepoy will go with the Hircarrah with orders to the detachment at Tiruvalore to let the Gentleman pass without interruption and by the time He arrives here I hope to have General Floyd's answer—

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
Signed Sam. Innes

Tanjour
7th October 95.

No 11

Dear Sir

As the Officer from Tranquebar will come by the way of Mayaveram. I do not see the necessity for a Sepoy to attend him and have therefore desired the Sepoy to return to you

I have done my duty in notifying to you the object of the Gentleman's visit, and do not expect

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17 expect he is to meet with any interruption whatever

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
Signed B Torin

Tanjour
7th October 1798

To B Torin Esqr
Resident

No 12

Dear Sir

I have this moment received General Floyd's authority, to receive into Garrison the Gentleman mentioned in your Note of yesterday and have to request you will be so good to give me the earliest information of his approach that I may give the necessary orders to the Troops to prevent his being at all interrupted.

I am
Dear Sir
Your truly
Signed Sam Symes

1st October 1798
3 P.M.

To Major Symes
Commanding
Tanjour

No 13

Sir,

The Rajah has informed me
that

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That the Dussera Feast is to be celebrated on Thursday next at the Painted Choultry and that it is usual for his Excellency to be attended upon this public Ceremony by the Troops of the Garrison &c. &c. I have to request you will give the necessary orders for the procession according to the Custom of former years—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) Benj Torin
Res.t

Tanjour
15 October 1798

No 14 To B. Torin Esqr
Resident

Sir

I am favored with your letter of this date and the necessary orders shall accordingly be given and agreeably to the Rajahs wish, the particulars of which he has just Communicated to me—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) Jas Innes
Maja Comdt

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To Major Innes

Commanding

Tanjour

№ 15.

Sir,

The Rajah has just sent to inform me that the Native Officer, on Guard at the Palace Gate, has ordered the Peons, whom the Rajah is accustomed to station there for the required duties of his Government to turn out of the Choultry where they have hitherto resided and to make room for your Sepoys - to this time Peons have been allowed to remain there with the Sepoys undisturbed - The Rajah at first conceived the Native Officer was acting under some mistake, but as he declares he has, given, orders for what he has done - I am desired by his Excellency to request your reasons, at least that you will favor him with an Explanation and immediately permit his Peon to resume their Station -

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

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Signd B Torin Resd

To

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N° 16 17th To B. Torin Esqr

Resident

Sir.

I received your letter of this date (the dated the 25th) this Evening and in reply have to inform you that the Subidar of the Rajahs Guard has acted according to my orders, which going only to regulate the Guard, its usual accommodation and to prevent disputes. - I trust it will have sufficient Credit with you, to believe I have, in a mere matters of trifling Garrison Detail, acted correctly, without my being obliged to give reasons to the Rajah for my Conduct, who, however, on enquiry you will find has been misinformed as to the Facts. If he wishes to post any Guard at the East Gate of the Palace compound there is shelter and room enough within five yards of it, without interfering with the accommodation of or mixing with the Troops of the Garrison on Guard -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Jas Innes
Major Comdg
&c

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№ 17. 17 To Major Innes

Commanding

Tanjour

Sir.

When the Rajah had the pleasure
to see you on your return from Madras, He
renewed his application to you relative to the
dispute in the Washerman Cast, and in which
some of your Sepoys were concerned. His Excellency
then informed you that all our attempts to settle
it by arbitration were in vain, and that he
hoped you would no longer object to its being
refered to the decision of the whole Cast according
to the usuage in these Cases among the Natives
and conformable to his Excellency's pleasure as
Rajah of Tanjour.

You then seemed favourably disposed
to comply with the Rajahs wish, but said you
would consider of it. The Rajah in consequence
has desired me to request your acquiescence
in this Judgement in order that the affair
may

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may be finally determined by the People themselves to whose prejudices and Customs, it is not only the Rajah but the Company's Rule to Comply in matters that relate simply to their Religious and other Ceremonies—

I imagine no case can be more in point than the propriety or impropriety of the Marriage in Question—

I have the honor to be

Tanjour
25th October 1798

Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Benj Torin
Resident

No 78. To B. Torin Esqr
Resident

Sir.

I last night received your second letter of yesterday (but dated this day) on the old subject of the Cast dispute wherein two Sepoys of my Battalion are concerned, to the merits of which I must beg leave to refer you to my letters, to the letters of the Commanding Officer of the Battalion during my absence and

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and the Court of Inquiry that sat by my
directions to investigate the business: all which
you have fully before you; and I trust it will
appear clearly to any impartial person, that as
far as depended on me, Lieutenant Fraser and the
Sepoys themselves, that every thing has been done
and every disposition shewn on our parts, to
bring the business to a fair decision; more I have
it not in my power to do, with justice to the
troops under my Command: and all this I very
fully explained to you and to the Rajah, when
I had the honor of visiting him in your presence
a month ago, since which I have not heard
a Word on the subject till your letter of
Yesterday

To prevent misunderstanding, I
must repeat, to the Rajah, "that I made it
"a point not to interfere in any Cast-disputes
"unless by any Sepoys acting contrary to the
"Rules of his Cast, he disturbed the peace and
in

17 "in that case he could be brought to a Court Martial
"and punished for the irregularity according to the
"Nature of his offence; that in the present instance,
"as far as I could judge from the Circumstances
"before me, I was decidedly of opinion that the
"Sepoys had been ill-used." The Sepoys are still
"willing to abide by the decision of the Arbitrators
of their Cast as arranged by you and the Rajah
three months ago, when Colonel Alson Commanded
here. The Rajah appeared to me perfectly
satisfied with what I said, and there was nothing
left for me to consider of

I have the Honor to be

Tanjour
25th October 1798

Sir &c. &c.

Signed J. Innes

Major Commdg

No 19. To Major Innes

Commanding

Sir. Tanjour

In our official Correspondence
relative to the Rajah and the affairs of his
Government

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17. Government I beg you will consider me as the Channel of communication for the purpose of acquainting you with His Excellency's wishes and not as expressing any opinion of my own—

The Rajah does not pretend to be a Judge of Military Detail or to interfere with any of the Garrison Duties. He desired me to represent to you the inconvenience he suffers by your removing the Peons from the Station He assigned them. where they have been allowed to remain unmolested for four months. and where his Excellency persists there is room enough for them and for your Sepoys by confining themselves to separate sides of the Gateway—

As the Rajah understands these Sepoys are stationed at his Gateway for his accommodation. He readily conceived that any representation he should make to you of their inconvenience would have been attended to, and in this belief, he passed over the little respect shewn to him and his Government by your ordering away

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relative to the Rajah and his affairs as a mode of communicating His Excellency's sentiments and not my own opinion; this is become the more necessary, because you appear in your letter of Yesterday relative to the Cast dispute to think the Rajah was satisfied, because he understood from your Conversation that you was disposed to conside this point to him in order that it might be determined by the Established Usage of his Country and because the concession his Excellency had made to you in the first Instance of settling it by arbitration has proved and must prove abortive

It is therefore His Excellency's desires me to call on you to submit the case to the ultimate decision of the Cast, without meaning in the smallest degree to disapprove of the Proceedings either of yourself or Lieut.t Fraser in the first attempt and which I acknowledge was entered upon at my Request

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17th request in the hope of adjusting the Dispute
I wish to be understood; when I
assure you the Rajah feels himself much hurt
at this Counteraction to the first measure of his
Government so immediately after his Elevation
to the Musnad, as his Excellency is satisfied
that no man, in a case that is not Military, can
suffer unjustly by the Judgement of his Cast-
I beg leave to add that the
Rajah has importuned me frequently for this
month past to review his application to you and
that I have hitherto delayed in the hope that
you meant to accede to his Excellency's wishes-
But if this be not the case I am further
desired by the Rajah to acquaint you that
as he cannot surrender such a fundamental
Point as the privilege of his People to be adjusted
by themselves in respect to those Customs and
Prejudices which are known to prevail in their
respective Casts- He has come to the Resolution,
however

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17j however reluctantly, to trouble the Government of Madras with a reference upon the subject.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Signed B Torin

Tanjour
26 October 1798

1922 To B Torin Esqr Resd

Sir,

I am this moment favored with your letter of today's date respecting the Cauto disputes and have now nothing to add in reply after so much has already been said on the subject - you will of course take such steps as may appear to you best and should it be referred to Government, a kind of threat that has been invariably held out to me from the very first stage of the business, as if I had been a party concerned, there cannot be the least doubt, but that the Cause of the poor Ryots concerned will have a fair and impartial hearing.

I have

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I have to request again that you will be so good to assure the Rajah I have not the least desire to interfere with his Government in any respect—

I have the hono to be

Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant

Signd Ja.s Innes

Major Commg

Tanjour

26th October 1798

To Major Innes

Commanding

Tanjour

Sir,

The Rajah of Tanjour represents that your Sepoys at the Gate of the Fort have stopped a Palanquin containing the Relations of Doddagee Appah his principal Servant coming from Tranquebar in a Marriage Ceremony—

His Excellency requests you will order the Palankeen and the Person it contains to be passed—

I have the hon.r to be &c.

Signd B. Torin Res.t

Tanjour

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had been allowed to remain unmolested" in the Accommodations allotted for the Subidar's Guard, for four months" when no such Guard existed and of a charge of neglect of Duty, in a want of respect to the Rajah and his Government. Had his Excellency informed me either directly, or by your means, that it was his wish to place a Guard of his own people at the palace Gate, I would have pointed out the proper place for them and told him the impropriety of mixing with the Troops of the Garrison— I have been thus circumstantial as the Subject has become a matter of second and it is necessary that I should be clearly understood for I have no other wish than to act correctly in the discharge of my Duty

It would be a great satisfaction to me if you would have the goodness on any complaint of the Rajah's, where the Troops of the Garrison are concerned, to ascertain whether they are founded, before they are brought to me, which would save me and yourself unnecessary trouble

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If trouble; otherwise there can be no end to this kind of Correspondence—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
Signed Ja.s Innes
Majr Comm.g

Tanjour
28th October 1798.

To Major Innes
Commanding
Tanjour

№ 26

Sir.

I received your letter of yesterday enclosing the Proceedings of your Committee of Enquiry which I laid before the Rajah this morning, and at his Excellency's desire I now send the Evidence of his People taken from them at his desire and in his Presence.

+ B. + The Contents of this examination render it unnecessary to make any reply to the other parts of your letter—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed B Torin
Resr

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29th October 1798.

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No 27. To B Torin Esqr

Resident

Sir.

I received your letter of the 29th
covering a Paper from the Rajah last night, can
only lament that the very respectable testimony
of the Public Staff Officer of this place, who posted
one Peon only of the Rajah by order of Colonel
Alston, and of the Native Officers supported by
my own opinion seem to carry so little weight -
it is not in my power to do more than I have
done, to put the subject in the clearest point of
view; nor has the examination you sent me
in the least altered my sentiments as contained
in my letter of the 28th - The nature of this paper
is clearly elucidated by the following questions
and answers which appear in it -

Question - Were you present while
the foregoing circumstances
happened - - - - - Answer - Yes"

Question do you confirm all the
former witness has said - Answer yes - and the

Peons

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17 Peons themselves confirm that aggravating language was made use of regarding the Drummer and lower Casts of the Guard, what weight the opinion of the Rajah's Peons, as to the accommodation of the Guards of the Garrison in opposition to the Evidence before you should have, you must — certainly be a competent judge —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

30th October 1798.

Signed Sal. Innes
Major Comng

No 28. To Major Innes
Commanding
Tanjour

Sir,

I should not think it necessary to reply to your letter of to day, if you had not imputed a neglect in the Rajah to the respectable Character of Mr Butler the Fort Adjutant. The Rajah is not conscious that the Examination transmitted to you yesterday contradicted any part of Mr Butler's Evidence — His Excellency acquainted

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acquainted Colonel Aston with his Intention to post Watching Peons at the Gates of the Palace Yard and requested him to apprise the Guards of it at the East Gate as the principal Entrance, His Excellency allotted four and two to each of the other Gates - These Peons relieve each other as Sentries -- Mr Butler, we must -- conclude, posted the first Peon or Sentry without noticing the rest - probably Colonel Aston never noticed or mentioned them - That neither takes from the fact asserted by the People that they had watched there from the day after the Rajah took possession of the Palace - nor from the strength of the Rajah's assertion that he had placed them there for that purpose and this is all the Examination goes to establish as connected with Mr Butler's Evidence --

You will be pleased to shew this Explanation to Mr Butler which the Rajah hopes may prevent any misconstruction of his Sentiments towards a Gentleman, whose

Conduct

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17. Conduct His Excellency has had so much reason
to approve -

You will perceive the Peons were
not Examined Seperately but together - there
was not time, to do more and the Rajah will
abide by any deficiency in the Evidence from
this informality

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

Gardens
30th October 1798

Signd B Torin
Resident

To B. Torin Esqr
Resident

No 29

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 30th and have nothing
to add in reply thereto: but that Lieutenant
Butler assures me there can be no mistake
in the Evidence - that he received orders from
Colonel Acton to post one Peon, who would be
sent to him, and one Peon only was posted
but

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but that he knows nothing of a Guard of Peons and if they had ever been posted at the Gate it must have been reported, for that it has ever been the invariable usage never to mix the Rajahs People with the Honorable Company's Troops on any duty - which is all confirmed by every Native Officer, who has mounted the Rajahs Guard since his coming to the Musnud

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed Jas. Innes
Majr Comm.g

Tanjour
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To Major Innes
Commanding
Tanjour

No 30

Sir,

I think proper to enclose to you Copy of a Letter received late yesterday Evening from the Rajah of Tanjour, and to require your particular attention to it, in order that the Grievances complained of by the Rajah may

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may be redressed as speedily as possible and similar indignities prevented in future - I beg to know from you, what orders you have issued to your Troops and to the Guards at the Gates respecting the Rajah, his people and the affairs of his Government; that his Excellency may take the necessary steps to conform to them until he is favored with an answer to his Complaints from Government -

As the Rajah in his letter has mentioned a transaction at the Gate in which my Hircarrah is alluded to, as a witness - I think it proper to state to you all I know upon the Subject, as it will serve to shew that there is some truth in the Rajah's representations and that your Troops at the Gates hold or assume a discretionary Power of putting to great inconvenience and of subjecting him to disgrace in the presence of his Subjects.

The day before yesterday in the morning, between the hours of 8 & 10 the Rajah sent his Servant to inform me that three of his Stable Horses were prevented from passing the Fort

17. Fort-Gate, that he had sent them to me—

I questioned the probability of the Circumstances and sent a Hircarrah with the Horses to pass them into the Fort. The Hircarrah declares the Horses were stopped, as before by the Sentry and that on his demanding of the Sepoy by whose order the Rajah's horses were detained he replied by order of the Jemidar of the Gate and that he must apply to him. The Hircarrah said that was not for him to do, that he should return and relate what he had seen, on which the Sepoy desired to know who he was and on learning he was the Resident's Hircarrah the horses were immediately allowed to pass—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Sgnd B Torin
Resident—

Tanjour
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No 32 To B Torin Esqr

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date concerning

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conveying to me the most cruel complaint from the Rajah attacking my Honor and reputation as an Officer in language unbecoming his dignity and my situation as Commanding Officer of this place under the appointment of Government. And I cannot but feel the full force of such an unfounded attack when sanctioned in the most unqualified manner by you, in "calling my particular attention "in order that the grievances complained of by the "Rajah may be redressed as speedily as possible and "similar indignities prevented in future". Which leaves me little to expect from your impartiality, but I am confident in the justice of Government, who will not wantonly condemn an Officer without a fair hearing, and one who has had the Honor to serve this Country upwards of 23 years with an unblemished Character, if not with applause. — You, Sir, well know, as will appear by our correspondence, as well as that which passed with different Officers during my absence at Madras, that every proper attention was paid to Complaints, however

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however trifling - but irregularities, if any have happened, which never were made known to me, could not be inquired into, and which if known could have been rectified on the Spot -

You will be furnished with information if you require respecting the orders of the Garrison by the Fort-Adjutant. they speak for themselves. and which were sufficiently explained to you by Lieut Butler. and which must have been perfectly satisfactory to the Rajah. if properly explained to him —

Conscious of having in no one instance given cause of offence to the Rajah. or in any shape countenanced it in others I must impute the Calumny heaped upon me and the Troops under my Command to the evil designs of those, who have his Excellency's Ear —

I am

Sir

Your most obedt Hble Servt

Sign'd Ja.s Innes

Maj Comg

Tanjore
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To Major Innes
Commanding
Tanjour

Sir

I received your letter of yesterday in the Evening. The only use I have made of the Rajahs letter is to send a Copy of it to you in order that His Excellency's grievances may be redressed and similar indignities prevented in future.

The Rajah holds a separate Communication with Government, and in which they leave to inform you, I do not interfere.

On the presumption that there may be some truth in the Rajahs Complaints against the Sepoys I cannot refrain from calling on you to take some steps to support His Excellency's proper Dignity and authority and to save His Servants and his people from the Evils of which it appears

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17 appears they have ample cause to complain

Have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obed. obt Servant

Tanjour

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Signed B Torin

Lt

No 34.

To Major Innes

Commanding

Sir. Tanjour

I was yesterday Evening put in

possession of the Garrison Orders by the Fort

Adjutant Lieutenant Butler and have — a

communicated them to the Rajah. His Excellency

forbears to make any Comment on the —

Propriety or Impropriety of the orders you

have issued as they may be found to affect

his Government or his People — He only

desires me for the present to inform you

that he had already given orders to all

his subjects within the Walls to submit

in every thing, and that he shall now

Repeat

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I repeat these injunctions in the most positive manner in the hope, by conforming, to save himself and his people from further molestation untill he shall be favored with an answer to his representations from the Governor.

As I am not aware of the necessity for the Verbal orders issued on the 27th or 28th ultimo and now included in the Standing order of the North Gate - and as neither the Rajah, or myself were appraised of them at the time they were issued or till Yesterday Evening, I hope I shall be excused if I take upon myself, as Resident of Tanjore, to observe, that they are productive of consequences hurtful to the dignity and welfare of the Rajah's Government and to the Interest of the Honorable Company

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
Signed B Torin Res.t

Tanjour
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No 35. 17

To B Torin Esq.

Resident

Sir,

I received your letter last night and was in hopes I should have been spared the mortification of a repetition of the Columnies against me and the Troops under my Command till the pleasure of Government is known on the charges against me this obliges me to repeat my disavowal that any of the Inhabitants of this place have been molested with impunity as far as depended on me & that in no instance has redress been refused in the very few cases that have been brought before me - That neither myself nor my Corps has been spared when any opening offered for attack. I refer you to your own letter of the 7 September to Captain Fennell, Lieut Fraser's reply, the trial and acquittal of the Sepoy complained of, who appeared to me from the Proceedings really to be the one ill-

17 ill-used, by his being tied neck and heels,
without the smallest provocation, and left
in that condition in the Street the greatest
part of the Night— and also to the Proceedings
on the removal of the Rajah's Honorary Guard
& Complaints were not encouraged for the
purpose of rendering my situation here as
humiliating as possible. I am convinced they
would not have an existence— I consider the
protection of the Inhabitants, the preservation
of the peace and good order in this Garrison
as my particular duty and therefore conceive
I have a right, without the interference of any
authority here, to take such Military —
precautions to that end as I may judge best,—
nor can I see how in the smallest degree my
having ordered four patroles to go through the
great Street round the Fort between the hours
of half past twelve and four in the morning
for the purposes mentioned in my verbal
Order of the 28th can possibly be "productive of
consequences

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No 35. 17

To B Torin Esq.

Resident

Sir.

I received your letter last night and was in hopes I should have been spared the mortification of a repetition of the Columnies against me and the Troops under my Command till the pleasure of Government is known on the charges against me - this obliges me to repeat my disavowal that any of the Inhabitants of this place have been molested with impunity as far as depended on me & that in no instance has redress been refused in the very few cases that have been brought before me - that neither myself nor my Corps has been spared when any opening offered for attack. I refer you to your own letter of the 7 September to Captain Fennell, Lieut Fraser's reply, the trial and acquittal of the Sepoy complained of, who appeared to me from the Proceedings really to be the one

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17 ill-used, by his being tied neck and heels,
without the smallest provocation, and left
in that condition in the street the greatest
part of the Night— and also to the Proceedings
on the removal of the Rajah's Honorary Guard
& Complaints were not encouraged for the
purpose of rendering my situation here as
humiliating as possible. I am convinced they
would not have an existence— I consider the
protection of the Inhabitants, the preservation
of the peace and good order in this Garrison
as my particular duty and therefore conceive
I have a right, without the interference of any
authority here, to take such Military —
precautions to that end as I may judge best,—
nor can I see how in the smallest degree my
having ordered four patroles to go through the
great street round the Fort between the hours
of half past twelve and four in the morning
for the purposes mentioned in my verbal
Order of the 28th can possibly be "productive of
consequences

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consequences hurtful to the dignity and welfare of the Rajah's Government.

My authority to send Patroles into every part of the Garrison for its security as well as to prevent irregularities and disorders, I cannot allow to be questioned, or otherwise the Commanding Officer's situation would be most contemptible—

You cannot have forgot, when I waited on you in Company with the Fort-adjutant, to acquaint you with the information of the unprecedented measure of the Rajah's having served out Ball Cartridges to his Troops, to express my uneasiness at it so immediately after the removal, by his own request of the Guard of the Company's Troops at the Gate of the Palace yard, his posting Sentries thus armed in the public Street beyond the Compound of his Palace and my requesting your sentiments on the subject, that you told me you knew nothing of the circumstance of the Ammunition being served out to the Troops or of the Sentries

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and would mention it to the Rajah, but that you only considered yourself, Resident at the Rajah's Court, without any authority to interfere in, or controul any arrangement he might think proper to make in such matters - that if you considered them entirely Military and in my department, therefore if I doubted the Rajahs Fidelity to the Company, I was the Person to take the necessary precautions against accidents - I replied that I could not have any suspicion of the Rajah's attachment to the Company, the Head of the prudence of his Servants and the attachment of the Sepoys of the late Rajah, who he had taken into his Service under particular and very strong terms of discontent - Viz! giving up all claim to a considerable Balance of Arrears due to them, and that there would be no necessity for his putting his Troops in possession of ammunition in a place under the protection of the Honorable Company's authority - you then told me, that you could not give me any information how far

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far the Rajahs authority event in such points, and if I had any doubt recommended my referring it to Superior authority — I did so, but before I got General Floyd's answer, the Ball Cartridges were taken away, and I am now called to an account for the very Military precautions I was before the best judge of —

Lieutenant Butler went to every Guard on the 28th to explain the orders regarding them, and again yesterday for the same purpose to avoid every mistake; it is not possible for me to do more, that the duties of the Garrison should go on smartly and correctly

The severe example I made on the 29th day reducing a Naigue and punishing two Sepoys of my Battalion, by beat of Drum, at every Guard round the large Fort for a small transgression of public orders, where an Inhabitant was concerned could not have escaped the Rajah's or your knowledge and would serve to shew my disposition to prevent offences

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17th when Complaints are brought to me —
I have the honor to be
&c &c

Tanjour
5th November 1798.

Signed Jas. Innes
Majr Comdg.

No 36. To B. Torin Esq.
Resident

Sir,

The Bearer hereof a Trooper of the
2d Regiment of Native Cavalry has been sent
to me by his Officer at Arcot to recover some
ground here, he says, he has been unjustly
deprived of by an Inhabitant and which had for
a length of time appertained to his Family. Sent
him with the Company's Head Hircarrah to the Lazzar
the day before yesterday to relate his Complaint but
they were told it could not be heard without your
order. Therefore send him to you to know your
pleasure and as I wish to act correctly I beg to
know whether you understand it to be the intention
of Government that I am to be precluded from
direct communication with the Palace in such
trifling

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briefing matters of Duty that I may regulate my conduct accordingly.

I have the Honor to be

Tanjour
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Sir

Your most Obt Hble Servt

Sign'd Jas. Innes

Major Comm.g

No 37. To Major Innes

Commanding

Sir. Tanjour

I addressed you on the 2d Instant only because I thought it my duty to point out to you wherein your deviation from the usual orders of the Garrison proved hurtful to the Rajahs Government. in order that the Evil complained of might be removed.

altho I inadvertently mentioned the North Gate you will perceive by the orders of the East Gate that the Grievance is there directed to be put in Execution at 12 o'Clock.

My representation of the 2d above alluded to, went to point out the Error I conceive you have made in issuing orders of this Nature without

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17 without apprising the Rajah of their tendency,
by which operation and by the usual detention of
the Sibbendy Guards at the Gates of the Fort
His Excellency feels himself degraded in the
Eyes of his People—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Tanjour
4th November 1798

Signed TB Torin
Resd

No 38 To Major Innes
Commanding
Tanjour

Sir,

In reply to your letter of to day
I am to inform you that I was with the Rajah
the day before yesterday when your message
respecting the Cooper was delivered and heard
his Excellency direct that you should be
informed—"as the Subject was an appeal to
"his Government he wished the application to
"come thro the channel directed by the orders
of

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17 "of our Superiors" to which they leave to refer

"you—

I shall take the earliest opportunity

of making the Rajah acquainted with the

Trooper's claim—

Tanjour
4th November 1798.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed FB Torin
Res.t

No 39. To FB Torin Esq.r
Resident

Sir.

I have this moment received your
letter of this date— I know of no unusual
detention of the Rajah's Sibbendy Guards at
the Gate, therefore have no reason to believe
it exists— The standing order of the Garrison
on this head is established and necessary
precaution— The Patroles are directed to commence
after the Gates are shut, which is ordered
at 12 o'Clock; The Rajah cannot from any part
of my Conduct or orders be at all degraded in
the

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17 the Eyes of any one, my wish has been very different: but unfortunately have not the means of fairly explaining myself to the Rajah— Nor Conduct is misrepresented to him, or he would not be offended with me— .

I have the Honr to be
&c &c

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Signed Ja.s Innes.

Majr Comm.g

P.S. Your second letter I have received and from it I conclude, I can have no communication with the Palace but through you, and that so is the intention of Government, to which I shall conform—

Signed Ja.s Innes

No 40 Major Innes

Sir,

I have the Honor of your letter of yesterdays date with inclosures, and shall according to your desire, forward them to Head Quarters.

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Quarters. to which I am further induced as it appears to involve questions out of my authority to decide —

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed J. Floyd
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November 4th 1798.

No 41 To B Torin Esq.
Resident
Sir.

I beg you will be so good to favor me with a Copy of your representation to Government against me on the subject of our late correspondence, and trust there can be no objection on your part to the propriety and justice of a Compliance with so reasonable a request —

I have the Hona to be
&c. &c.
Signed Jas Innes
Maj Comdg

Tanjour
12th October 1798.

To

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No 42 To Major Innes

Commanding

Tanjour

Sir,

In reply to your letter of to day requiring from me a Copy of my Representation against you — I beg leave to observe, that any Representation I may think it my duty to — make to Government as their Resident at the Durbar at Tanjour in consequence of the Rajah's Remonstrances must be considered by me in the light of a Political Correspondence — which I am sorry I do not feel myself at liberty to disclose —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Tanjour
12th October 1798

Signed B. Torin
Resident

To Benjamin Torin Esqr

Resident at

Tanjour

Sir,

I have been almost these four months

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17 months without any Enemy and enjoyed perfect tranquility, but now Major Innes seems to be resolved to disgrace and molest me as much as in power, at which I am so much afflicted that I cannot help to state to you to transmit my Complaint to Government—

(1) 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 remonstrance 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 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 where returned to them and sent away—

(2) Yesterday

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17 (2) Yesterday Morning all my Servants who came into the Fort with their Swords where detained at the Gate (3) the same morning my riding Master went out to breath in my Horse but on his return he was detained at the Gate, which your Hircarrah has seen — (4) My Camels returning to the Fort have also been detained a long time — (5) — last night the Corn Corn. man who goes round the Fort upon the Rampart every night has been unmercifully beat by a Centinel — C. 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 — (7) 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 no water —

(8) Many people are apprehended near the Fort and some offence being imputed to them. they are Fined — (9) all this is meant to disgrace

and

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and insult me and all is done by Major Innes's order - he treats me as any 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 insurrections on that very account he has placed strong Guards at the Gates &c

(10) I therefore intreat you to commiserate in my unhappy situation and to endeavour that I may no more experience insults and disgrace by the Malevolence of Major Innes or 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
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signd Surfojee Rajah

Copy. —

Tanjour
30 October 1798

A true Copy
Signed B Torin
Res.

True Copy
Signd Jas. Innes

To

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To Captain Fennell

Dear Sir,

Iwent to the Palace this morning

to inquire into the Complaint of last night from

the Rajah of Tanjour against the irregular

conduct of the Sepoys of the 36.th Battalion and

am sorry to inform you. it appears to be an

aggravation of their Conduct the preceding night.

and to betray great disrespect to the Rajah and

his Government - You are already acquainted

that a Sepoy was detected at an unseasonable

hour on the night of the 31st in the house of a —

Lascar and on the Alarm being given that he

was seized by the people of the street and detained

till morning - that a party of Sepoys without

their firelocks came down and released the man

and continued to trouble the people all the

day after - In the Evening the same Sepoy came

down to the house of one of the Rajah's principal

Servants and personal attendants, and on —

Kistnagee Row's coming out to ask the business he

17 he seized him and accused him of having
contributed to his Confinement the night before,
on this his Brother Annajee Row came out
to his relief when three or four more Sepoys
made their appearance, and forcibly carried
away the two Brothers to the Barracks of the
36th Battalion. they Remonstrated in vain —
against this Violence and in the way met a
Moorman and Hircarrah to the Rajah who
both apprised the Sepoys of the impropriety of
thus ill treating the Rajahs Confidential Servants.
The Sepoys repeated their disregard of the Rajah
and his authority and said they should obey
their own Master. This Master proved to be the
Subidar and Adjutant of the 36th Battalion, before
whom they were carried. the Subidar then asked
the Sepoys if them were the Men, that ill treated
them. and on being answered in the affirmative,
he ordered the Rajahs Servants into the Barrack
Guard and there detained them until it had been
rumoured, that notice had been sent of the Circumstance

to

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17 to us at the Gardens - when in a tone of high authority he said it was too late to inquire into the affair that night and ordered the People to be Released -

It is unnecessary to make any Comment on this affair only to inform you of the Rajahs complaint previous to his laying the matter before the Honorable the Governor in Council when His Excellency will be ready to produce Evidence of the whole transaction and of which this is only an imperfect outline -

I have only to request you will take proper measures to put a stop to such riotous proceedings and to discover the persons concerned in the Seizure of the Rajahs Servants Annajee Row, and Kistnajee Row -

I remain D.r Sir.

Yours very truly

Signed B. Sorin

Captain

Garden
1st September

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17. Captain Fennell

commanding

Tanjour

Sir.

In answer to Mr. Torin's letter to you of the 1st. Instant in which he so severely remarks on the Conduct of the 36th. Battalion. I have to observe that to the best of my Knowledge. since the departure of Major Innes from this place, only one complaint besides the present has been made to his Excellency the Rajah of any of the 36th. Battalion. This was of a Man who I was told by accident hurt a Villager with an Arrow, he was regularly confined in order that, if found Guilty, he might be punished or if otherwise acquitted, and he was released without a Trial by order of the commanding Officer. There is another dispute not yet determined between a Sepoy and a Villager Washerman, which commenced previous to Major Innes' departure, but on this I believe Mr. Torin by this time sees the Sepoys were in the right from the beginning and that the complaints made against them were

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were unfounded - From all the above circumstances I believe few would charge the Corps with irregularity prior to the present dispute - and when a Cool and temperate investigation has taken place and both parties have been regularly examined, in the present instance perhaps the Sepoys will not appear so heriously Guilty as has been represented to Mr. Serin - Their Story is indeed very different from that represented by the Rajah's people

Noor Mahomed (37) Sepoy in the Grenadier Company now Prisoner in the Main Guard, and who was on duty on the Queen's Guard the 30th ultimo was laid hold of in a public pathway or lane and not in a woman's house as represented to Mr. Serin - the wife of a Lascar in the Honorable Company's Service, whose house is near the Pathway cried out, there were thieves in her house (as he was in the Pathway) which alarmed the Neighbours they immediately laid hold of the Sepoy, Violently tied his arms with Ropes, of which they still bear the Marks, and kept him in the Pathway

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till morning, when the Subidar of the
Rajah Guard hearing where he was, and
that he was not Confined in any Public Guard
sent for him and wished to know, who tied
him. but could get no information. the Sepoy
then joined his Guard and did his duty.
When the Subidar of the Rajah's Guard was
Relieved in the morning. he mentioned the
usage Noor Mahomed met with in the Night,
and the woman also came and said, she
would find out the people who tied him, but
she went away and did not afterwards
give any information. In the evening of the
31st ultimo the Native Adjutant sent two
Havildars Ismail Khan and Naggojee
of the Lyenadier Company to endeavour to
find out, who ill used the Sepoy. they found
five or six Mahralla Men near the Woman's
house, whom they requested to accompany
them to a Pandall near the Barracks of

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the 36th Battalion (where the Officer of the day usually sits) and give what information they Know of the disturbance the preceding Night—They accordingly came and on their declaring their ignorance of what happened were immediately told they might go away, without any ill usage being offered them nor were they at all Confined to the Barrack Guard—

It would appear from Mr Sonn's letter that His Excellency the Rajah intends to lay a Complaint of the Conduct of the Sepoys before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council; if this measure is resorted to it will of course stop all Judicial proceedings at this place, till the determination of Government is known, and I should imagine a Court Martial cannot assemble on Noor Mahomed before that period—

If a Complaint is made to Government, I should wish a Copy of this letter may also be sent in order that they may be acquainted with the dispute as represented by

The

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17th the Sepoys, and that Noir Mahomed may be allowed to be examined tomorrow morning by a Court of Inquiry in order all the proceedings of the 30th and 31st ultimo may be investigated & also forwarded to Government, who will then Judge of the Conduct of the Sepoys and if they are Guilty get them punished

In a paragraph of Mr Lorin's letter he says, he "(the Native Adjutant) ordered "the Rajah's Servants into the Barrack Guard "and there detained them, 'till it was rumoured "that notice had been sent of the circumstance to "us at the Gardens when in a tone of high "authority, he said it was too late to enquire into "the affair that night and ordered the people to "Released" — If the Subidar Adjutant has been "Guilty of any impropriety, a Court Martial on Specific charges being given in, will always Judge of the Nature of his offence, and decide accordingly. He is known to Major Innes for some

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17 some years. who I believe will give him a good Character —

With regard to the General Behaviour of the Corps on public duty since you have Commanded the Garrison. I believe it has been Regular — and with regard to the order and interior Economy of the Corps I should be a little acquainted with it; and I hope my Brother Officers will agree with me, when I say, that in those respects they have conducted themselves (a few very trifling exceptions) with the greatest propriety —

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c &c

Tanjour

3d September 1798

Signd W. Fraser

Lt Comg 36 Br N I

Tanjour 9th September 1798. (Sunday

Copy Garr. Orders. The Native Garrison Court Martial of which Subidar Nursing Rawsis President is dissolved and the following parts ordered

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17th ordered to be published —

Crime — Noor Mahomed Sepoy of the

36th Battalion N. I. Confined by order of the Commanding Officer on complaint of the Resident, for irregular conduct in entering the House of a Lascar, at an unreasonable hour on the Night of the 30th ultimo and for bringing other Sepoys of the Corps the next night to assist him in Seizing Khistnajee Row and Annajee Row two of the Rajah's Servants, and forcibly taking them to the Barracks of the Battalion —

Sentence — The Court having well and maturely considered what has appeared in support of the Prosecution, as well as what the Prisoner has urged in his defence, is of opinion, that the 1st Charge viz. "Irregular conduct in entering the House of a "Lascar, at an unreasonable hour in the Night "of the 30th ultimo is not sufficiently proven, "do therefore acquit him of this charge.

The Court also find him not

Guilty

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17 Guilty of the 2d Charge Viz. bringing other Sepoys of the Corps the next night to assist him in seizing Kistnajee Row and Annajee Row two of the Rajahs Servants and forcibly taking them to the Barracks of the Battalion, do therefore acquit him.

The Prisoner to be released from the Main Guard and sent to his Corps.

A true Copy

Signed J Strasey Lt & Adj.
2d Bn 13th Regt

Tanjore 27th October 1798

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held by Order of Major James Innes.

Commanding

Captain Fennell President

Lieut. Fraser } Members } Lieut. MacLeod

1st To investigate the subject of a dispute with some armed Peons sent by the Rajah to the Quarters of the Subidar's Guard at the Palace on the 21st Instant.

2d To ascertain whether or not it had been usual

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17 usual for the guard of Peons to be stationed at the Gate before that day and if they were allowed to mix with the Sepoys of the Gate Guard they taking part of the accommodation allotted to the guard for years back—

3d. To ascertain the orders to the Subidar of the Guard for allowing one watch—Peon to remain near the Gate from the day that the present Rajah assumed the Government till the 24th Inst.

4th. To ascertain whether or not, there is accommodation enough for a considerable body of Men a few yards from the Gate without interfering with the Scanty accommodation allotted to the Subidar's Guard and equally well to answer every purpose of Security—

Proceedings— Peer Mahomed, Subidar; informs the Court that on the 24th Instant. he relieved the Rajah's Guard at the Outward Gate of the Palace Square, after this he had occasion to go to his House and on his return found

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17 Found five armed Peons in the Palace allotted for the guard. four laying down and one sitting he asked them what they did there, that it was improper for them to come and lay down in the Guard-Room, representing to them that there was plenty of Room near the Gateway: the Peon sitting down said he had been sent there by the Rajah. The Deponent told the Peon that it could not be the Rajah's intention to send them into his Guard-Room and that they must move out directly, which they positively refused, and he was obliged to order the Havildar to turn them out. they then went out and remained in the passage of the Gateway, sent into the Palace to inform the Rajah that they had been turned out of the Guard Room. Shortly after the person who was sent returned with a Chubdar - who asked him how he came to turn the Rajah's armed Peons out. he told him that it was unusual for any people to come and mix with his Guard and pointing with

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with his hand said they might go to the opposite side of the Gateway—

The Chubdar said it was very proper go there.

about 12 o'Clock noon it being very hot the whole of the Guard came into the Guard Room and occupied both sides of the Gateway the place allotted for them, on the Sepoys going into the part where the Rajah's Armed Peons were one of the Peons called out what are we to lay and lie in the same place with Chuckilers, Parriahs and Drummers. this enrag[illegible] the Sepoys and it was with difficulty that he / the Subidar / could prevent them from using violence. finding himself thus situated he sent to inform the Commanding Officer who sent word to him to turn them out and not allow them to remain— That he accordingly turned them out & they returned into the Palace; about an hour after a Hircarrah came to know by whose authority he had turned out the Peons: he told him by order of the

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17th Commanding Officer. The Peon asked him what was the name of his Commanding Officer - he replyed Major Innes -

Question 1st by the Court - Whether or not was it usual for a Guard of Peons to be Stationed at the Gate before that day and if they were allowed to mix with the Sepoys of the Gate Guard, or by taken part of the accommodation allotted to the Guard for years back -

Answer - There never were any Peons stationed at the Gateway before that day except one and that was since the present Rajah - assumed the Government -

Question 2d by the Court - Whether or not is there accommodation enough for a considerable body of Men a few Yards from the Gate without interfering with the Scanty accommodation allotted to the Subidar's Guard and equally well to answer every purpose of Security -

Answer - There is a place close to the Gateway which has been partitioned off from the

Sepoy

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Sepoy Barracks purposly for the Rajah's people to stay in, sufficient to contain a hundred Men and where the Rajah's rounds remain every night and with this place the Subidar's Guard has no interference

Evidence Abdel Cawder, acting Havildar being called, informs the Court that he was on the Rajah's Guard the 24th Instant on duty with Subidar Peer Mahomed and Corroborates every circumstance of his Evidence preceding the Questions as already mentioned

Evidence Subidar Shaik Natter being asked the 1st Question put to the former evidence says that he has frequently mounted that Guard and there was no guard of Peons belonging to the Rajah there, that since the present Rajah assumed the Government there was one Peon placed at the Gateway, who told him that his duty was to let in no disaffected people - being asked the 2d Question

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17th put to the former evidence - In his reply he corroborate Subidar Peer Mahomed's answer thereto in every particular —

Evidence — Subidar Roop Sing being asked the 1st Question put to the two former evidences says that formerly there was no Peons at all at that entrance but that since Sarfoge Rajah came to the Throne; The Fort Adjutant came and gave him orders to allow one Peon to remain in the passage for the purpose of discriminating such as came into the Palace — and any Person that he objected to, to suppat him in not admitting him. being asked the 2d Question put to the two former evidences he corroborates every circumstance in full as represented by them —

Evidence — Lieutenant Butler Fort Adjutant being called informs the Court that a Day or two after the present Rajah was put upon the Throne he was sent by

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17 by the Commanding Officer to the Eastern entrance of the outward wall of the Palace to tell the Subidar of the Rajah's Guard on duty, that a Peon would be posted there by the Rajah to admitt no improper people, and that the Subidar was to support him in keeping out such people as he objected to — Question by the Court — Was it customary for a Guard of Peons to be placed at the entrance where the Rajah's Guard remains and to — mix with the Company's Sepoys in the Guard Room —

Answer — I never knew of any Peons (the one above mentioned excepted) being placed at the Entrance or being permitted to mix with the Company's Sepoys when on Garrison Duty —

Question by the Court — Whether or not is there accommodation for a considerable body of Men close to the Gateway without interfering with the Company's Troops? —

Answer — There is close to the Gateway

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By a part of the Depoy Barracks partitioned off some years ago purposely for the Rajahs people to remain in and where Sircarrahs and other people — constantly stay —

Signed B Jennell
Capt.n & President

a true copy

Signed Ja.s Innes
Major Commdg

Tanjour 29.th October 1798

An Examination of the East Gate Peons of the Palace Yard in presence of the Rajah of Tanjour and the Honorable Company's Resident

Names of the Peons
Madojee Lado
Babojee Cuddum
Sabojee Cuddem
Verrojee Lado

Madojee Lado Examined —

Question How long have you been Stationed at the East Gate of the Palace Yard

Answer Ever since the day after the Rajah took possession of his Palace

What

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17/2. What orders did you receive — A. Not to admit suspected or trouble some people particularly the dependants of Ameer Sing.

Where did you stay during this period — In the Choultry of the Gateway

One man or all of you — Some times one, two, three or four —

Did you all stay in the same Choultry with the Company's Sepoys. — Yes in the same Pyal with the Company's guard some times all, some times more or less.

Did the Company's Troops ever object to your remaining in the Choultry with them. — Never till 5 days ago when they made a Quarrel with us —

What was the Cause of that Quarrel — A Rajapoot Subidar was relieved that morning by a Moorman he left us sitting in the Choultry as usual when the Moorman came, he said there was not room and that we must go out. I replied there was room for us all & that we had so long remained

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A. remained there by the Rajah's Orders. we could not leave our Station. and go without his leave. after that a Naigue of the Guard said why do you talk in this manner and Kicked the Matts &c out of the Chaultry. soon after this Invent to eat my Victuals

Babajee Cuddem being called and Examined

Q. Where you present while the foregoing Circumstance happened

A. Yes

Q. Do you confirm all the former witness has related

A. Yes

Now say what further happened

When the Sepoy turned us out of the Chaultry we took the matts and sit opposite the Gate in the Sun

When the Subidar told us not to sett

on

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A. in the Sun sent to go into the opposite Choultry. Said me had reported the Circumstance to the Rajah and waited his order. Soon after the Rajah's Chubdar came out and spoke with the Subidar when me were ordered to sitt in the opposite Choultry. I then went to eat my Victuals and Madoje Lado returned and took my place.

Madoje Lado in Continuation

2. What happened after you return — A. On my return after hearing what had passed I perceived in the Choultry a Drummer and as we are all Mahratta Boys I said it was hard to be driven out of the Choultry where the Soobedr, Rajahpoot and Moors were sitting

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and to be obliged to stay
in the place with the
Drummer and lower Casts
of the Guard—

I then applied to the
Subidar and represented
to him the Grievance, the
Subidar said it was not
for us, who were only in
the Rajah's service, to
prefer one place to another
but to stay where we were
ordered— And that as the
Drummer was a great
Man he cannot be moved,
on which I said we must
again report to the Rajah,
but I was prevented and
obliged to sitt in the same
Ryal with the Drummer
— The Subidar then
spoke with the Naigue
and he went away, some
time after I applied
again to go to the Rajah
and was permitted—

Subajee

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Subajee Cuddem Examined

2. Was you there when the Naigue was sent away — What happened there —

A. Yes and when he returned upon the Naigue's return the Subidar told them, he had orders not to allow them to remain in either Choultry. but to take up their Matts and go away — and drove us out of the Gateway altogether —

Verrajee Lado Examined —

What do you know of this affair

I was not present till the Peons were ordered into the opposite Choultry with the Drummer — at that time I returned to the Guard and heard and saw all that has been related by Subajee Cuddem and Madojee Lado —

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Is the Choultry where the Sepoys sick large enough for the Sepoys & the Peons?

The Choultry will contain on the Sepoy side 30 people to sleep - On the other side it is as large but out of repair and will contain only four people -

How many Sepoys were upon the Guard

I counted about 15 there may have been 20.

During the dispute did any abuse pass from you to the Sepoys

None but our objection to remain with the Drummer &c in the Choultry

Did you receive any abuse from the Sepoys

We have related what was said

Signed B Torin
Rec.

A true Copy

Signed Jas Innes

To Lieutenant Butler
Fort Adjutant

Sir

I beg you will state in writing whether there is any order at the Gates of

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of the Fort to disarm the Rajah's Servants or if any order to that effect has been issued during my Command - and you will also be so good to furnish me with a Copy of the Order for augmenting the Guards on the 28th ultimo or since -

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Signed Jas. Innes

Major Comg

Tanjour

13th November 1798.

Major Innes

Commanding

Tanjour

Sir,

I am favored with your letter of this days date, and have to inform you, that I know of no orders at the Gates to disarm the Rajah's Servants, without you allude to the Standing orders of the Garrison, which admits no armed people or Arms to come into the Fort, the Company's Sepoys and Rajahs Body Guard

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17 Guard excepted, without the Orders of the Commanding Officer - Inclosed is a Copy of these Orders, they were issued in the Reign of Sulgajee Rajah, long before my appointment to this Garrison - and these orders have been fully explained by me in person, twice since the 20th ultimo. by your Order and strict Directions were at the same time given that none of the Rajah's Servants should be molested -

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed Ja.s Butler
Lt. & Town Adjt. of
Tanjour

Tanjour
13th November 1798

Standing Orders of the Garrison of Tanjour

Paragraph 10th "Officers Commanding Gate
"Guards to be particularly attentive in stopping
"Bodies of armed people from coming into the Fort,
"they are to be detained without the Gates, till the
"Commanding Officer is acquainted, and his orders
"received respecting them, the Company's Sepoys and
"Rajah's Body Guard excepted -

Paragraph 12th "The Officer of the Port Guards
and

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17 "and all Sentries to be particularly careful that
"no Fire Arms of any Kind be permitted to pass into
"the Fort but such as are carried by the Garrison
"or the Rajahs Body Guards

A true Copy
Signd J. Butler
Town Adj.t

True Copies
Signd Ja.s Innes

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Detail of Garrison Guards Tanjour 13th November 1798

Distribution

			Subadars	Cpsonds	Privates	Tabliars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naiques	Drums	Sepoys	Inn Comms Pioneers & Tels
No 1	Main Guard	Little Fort	1	"	"	"	1	1	2	1	31	34
2	Sally Port Gate Guard	Little Fort	"	1	8	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3	East Gate Guard	large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	1	30	33
4	North Gate Guard	do do	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	1	30	33
5	Resident's Guard	do do	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	18	20
6	Company's Hospital	do do	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	4
7	at Sheveh Rows House late Rajah Sirkal	do do	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	4
8	Orderlys with the Fort Adjutant		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2
9	Magazine West Face	large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	4
10	Pay Office	do do	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	4
11	Laboratory Granary and Musket ammunition Magazines	large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	9	10
12	For the Protection of the House and Family of the late Rynuet Queen	large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	4
13	with Mr Stratton	Gardens	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	6	7
14	Commanding Officers Quarters	Little Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	6	7
15	King's Hospital	do do	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	8	9
16	with Amar Sing late Rajah	large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	12	13
17	Sygar Magazine	do do	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	9	14
18	Sundrums	do do	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	4
19	Magazine near Communication Gate	do do	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	6	7
20	with Mr Harris	do do	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	4
21	Mariamkoil Pagoda		"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	6	7
22	Magazine East of Main Guard	Large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	4	5
23	Battery No 5	Large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	4	5
24	Battery No 28	Large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	4	5
25	Battery No 44	Large Fort	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	4	5
26	Relieved <u>weekly</u> at Vellum being 7 miles from Tanjour		"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	9	11
27	Subadars of the Day	Large Fort	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Total		1	1	8	1	4	7	25	2	218	244

Signed J Butler
Town Adj.

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Standing Orders. (North Gate)

1st. The officer to be particularly careful that the Gate be shut by 10 o'clock at Night, and opened at five in the morning until further orders, and during the day to observe that they are constantly kept clear, not suffering Crowds of People to Collect, nor Carriages, nor Cattle to stop between them—

2d. No European Soldier to be permitted to come in at the Gate without orders from the Commanding Officer—

3d. Sentries Posted on Heights, from which they have a view of the Fort, to be particularly careful, by day and Night to give the proper Notice when they see any Houses on Fire, in the Town; on which the Guard is to turn out, and remain under Arms untill they receive orders—

4th. all Sentries found extorting Custom, from the People, who bring Provissions,

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7th Firewood, Grass, Straw &c &c into the Fort, are to be sent to the Main Guard—

8th The Guard to turn out with Rested Arms, Officers to Salute, and Drum to beat a March whenever the Rajah passes—

9th The Guard to stop all Bodies of Armed People from coming into the Fort, till the Commanding Officer is acquainted, and his orders received respecting them, the Company's Sepoys and Rajah's Body Guard excepted—

10th The Officer of the Guard to be particularly careful that no Fire arms be permitted to pass in, or out, of the Fort, but such as are carried by the Garrison or the Rajah's Body Guard—

11th The Compliments to the Resident with Rested Arms, and two Ruffles, if he passes whilst the Arms are Grounded—

12th Pariah Horses, or Cattle found upon the Ramparts to be sent to the Main Guard

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Guard—

10th The Officer of the Guard to go the visiting Rounds any time between the Hours of three and four o'Clock in the morning

11th The Guard to take charge of any Prisoner who may be put under their care for security, and are immediately to send them to the Main Guard, except the Gate of Communication be shut, when they will detain them only, until it is opened—

Orders given by Major Innes, since he came to Command—

25th September 1798

The Commanding Officer finds that Doors, Window-Shutters, Frames, and Shelves, have been taken away from the Empty Quarters, in the little Fort.— Nothing of the Kind till further orders to be suffered to pass the Gate without the order of the Officer of the Guard, who will stop any suspicious person, and send him to the Command.

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Commanding Officer, with the Articles he may
be conversing Out—
26th October 1798— A Naique and four Sepoys
to be posted at each of the Bastions Marked 5. 9 8.
and 44 in the large Fort. these Guards are to
send a Sepoy round the Works every two
Hours, alternately, and they are to be particularly
careful to prevent the Trees on the Rampart
from being Cut, The Grass from being Cut, or
Dug up, or the Tiles removed from the Guard
Houses, any person offending against this
order, is to be made a prisoner, and sent to the
Main Guard, and immediately Reported to
the Commanding Officer— The Gate Guards
as well as all others near the works, to pay
the same attention to this order, as those on the
works, and the whole to Enforce the standing
orders of the Garrison against people easing
themselves near their Posts— and Cattle, Horses,
Goates, Sheep, and Hogs found on the Works—

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17 29th October 1798 No Ammunition, or any Military Stores of any discription, excepting what is in use with the Troops, to be passed in, or out, of the Garrison, without orders from the Commanding Officer—

The Passage of the East Gate, is closed, till further orders, for the purpose of repairing the Bridge—

Verbal orders given the 27th or 28th October 98 by the Fort Adjutant

When the 2d Patroll from the East-Gate Reports to the North, their having given two Patrolls, it will shortly after commence, and give Patrolls, so as to furnish a Patroll every Hour till the Gate is opened at 5 o'Clock P. they are to go round the four main Streets and to allow no disturbance in the Streets and to apprehend such People, Company's Sepoys, or Inhabitants, as may be found Parading the Streets with Arms, and detain them in the Guard, till they can be carried to the

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the Commanding officer, but on no Account, to
interfere with Marriages, or any Religious Ceremony,
that may be carrying on in the Range of their
Rounds, unless attended with Riots, and to confine
all Persons concerned therein—

Signed J. Butler
Town Adj.t

Standing Orders (East Gate)

1st. The Officer of the Guard to be particularly careful that the Gate be shut by twelve o'Clock at Night, and opened at Gunfire in the morning, and during the day, to observe that they are constantly kept clear, not suffering Crowds of People to Collect, nor Carriages, nor Cattle, to stop between them—

2d. No European Soldier to be permitted to come in, at the East Gate without orders from the Commanding Officer—

3d. Sentries posted on heights from which they have a view of the Fort, to be particularly careful, by day and night, to

give

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17th give the proper Notice when they see any Houses on Fire in the Town, and which the Guard is to turn out, and remain under Arms, until they receive orders.

4th All Sentries found extorting Custom from the People who bring Provisions, Firewood, Grass, Straw, &c &c into the Fort are to be sent to the Main Guard.

5th The Guard to turn out with Rested Arms, officers to salute, and Drum to beat a march whenever the Rajah Passes.

6th The Guard to stop all Bodies of armed people, from coming into the Fort, they are to be detained without the Fort, till the Commanding Officer is acquainted, and his orders received Respecting them, the Company's Sepoys and Rajah's Body Guard excepted.

7th The Officer of the Guard to be particularly careful, that no Fire-Arms, of any Kind be permitted to pass in, or out, of the Fort, but such as are carried by the Garrison

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17th Garrison, and Rajah's Body Guard —

8th The Compliments to the Resident
is Rested Arms, and two Ruffles, if he passes —
whilst the Arms are Grounded —

9th Parrish Horses, or Cattle, found
upon the Ramparts, to be sent to the Main Guard

10th The Officer of the Guard, to go
the Grand Rounds, any time between the Hours
of 12 & two Clock in the morning —

11th The Guard to take charge of
any Prisoner who may be put under their care
for Security, but are immediately to send them
to the Main Guard except the Gate of Communi-
cation is shut, when they must detain them
only, untill it is opened —

Orders Given By Major Innes, since
he came to the Command —

25th September 1798. The Commanding Officer
finds that Doors, windowshutters, Frames, and
Shelves, have been taken away from the Empty
Quarters in the little Fort — Nothing of the
Kind

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17 Kind till further orders to be suffered to pass the Gates, without order of the Officer of the Guard, who will stop any suspicious person, and send him to the Commanding Officer, with the Articles he may be conveying Out—

26th. October 1798. A Naique and four Sepoys to be posted at each of the 4 Bastions & Marked 5. 28. & 44. in the large Fort. These Guards are to send a Sepoy round the works, every two Hours alternately, and they are to be particularly careful to prevent the Grass on the Rampart from being Cut, the Grass from being Cut, or Dugup, or the Tiles removed from the Guard Houses. any person offending this order, is to be made a Prisoner, and sent to the Main Guard, & immediately Reported to the Commanding Officer. The Gate Guards, as well as all others, near the Walls to pay the same attention to the order, as those on the works, and the whole to Enforce the Standing Orders, of the Garrison, against People

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17 People easing themselves near their posts - & Cattle, Horses. Goats. Sheep and Hogs. found on the works.

29.th October 1798. No ammunition. or any — Military Stores of any Discription. excepting what is in use with the Troops. to be passed in. or out. of the Garrison. without orders from the Commanding Officer.

The Passage of the East Gate. is closed till further orders / for the purpose of repairing the Bridge.

Verbal orders given the 27.th or 28.th October 1798 By the Fort Adjutant.

Two Patrolls consisting of one Naigue and Six Sepoys each. to be sent round the four main streets of the Fort. after the Gates are shut at 12 o'Clock; they are to allow no — disturbance in the Streets. and to apprehend — such people, Company's Sepoys. or Inhabitants. as may be found parading the Streets with arms. - and detain them in the Guard. till they can be carried to the Commanding Officer;

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but on no account to interfere with Marriages or any Religious Ceremony. that may be carrying on in the Range of their Rounds, unless attended with Riots, and to confine all persons concerned therein - after finishing the 2d Patroll, to report it to the Officer of the North Gate Guard

Signed J Butler
Town Adj.t

Standing orders of the Main Guard of Sanjour

1st The Officer of the Guard to be particularly careful that his Sentries receive their proper orders. he is to see that the Gates are properly shut at night. and during the day to observe that they are constantly kept clear not suffering Crowds of people to Collect nor Carriages or Cattle to stop between them; On any disturbances happening near his Post. the Guard is to be under Arms. and a Corporal with some Men sent to quell it. they are to disperse the Mob. who may be the occasion of it. and shall

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1st Should any of them be riotous the principal of them are to be taken up, and confined to the Guard, in the execution of this order, no violence to be used if possible to avoid it—

2d. The Alarm posts in future to be on the Regimental parades of Corps—

3d. On the Alarm of Fire within the Fortifications, the Troops to fall in without Arms, in their white Jackets, and wait for the orders of the Officer Commanding the Corps, who will be pleased to give every assistance in his power, to extinguish the Fire, and prevent plundering. On all other occasions they are to fall in fully accoutred, and wait for the Commanding Officer's orders; the Guard at all times of an Alarm to fall in with ordered Arms—

4th No European belonging to any foreign Nation to be suffered to enter the Gates of the Garrison, before the Commanding Officer is informed of his Name, Quality, and business, which the Officer of the Guard of the Gate he approaches, is

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17th is to send in writing to the Commanding Officer, and wait his directions thereon: in the mean time such Foreigner, must not be allowed to approach so nigh the Fort, as to be able to look into any part of the Ditch, and to observe as little of the Fortifications as possible

5th All Sentries posted on heights from which they may have a view of the Fort, are to have a particular care, when they see any Houses on Fire, by day, or night, to give the proper Notice, on which the Guards are to turn out, and remain under Arms till they receive orders, Every assistance to be given by the Commanding Officer of the Troops in Garrison, in order to extinguish the Fire, and to save the Effects of the Inhabitants from being plundered: When the Fire is either considerable or seems to take effect at different places at the same time, it is then to be considered as a just cause for an Alarm.

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17th 6th All Sentries found extorting Custom from the People who bring Provisions. Firewood &c into the Garrison, are to be confined

7th All Guards, especially those at the Gates, to be very attentive in preventing Beggars from harbouring near their Post, or wherever they have Sentries—

8th All Guards to turn out to the Rajah, from Reveillie till Retreat Beating; with Rested Arms, to beat a march, and Officers to salute.

9th The officer of the Main Guard to furnish the Rajah's Rounds, with an Escort of a Naique, and two Sepoys—

10th Officers Commanding Gate-Guards, to be particularly attentive in stopping Bodies of Armed People from coming into the Fort, they are to be detained without the Gates, till the Commanding Officer is acquainted, and his orders received respecting them— The Company's Sepoys, and Rajah's Body Guard except, they will

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also stop all strange Europeans, and send one of their Guard with them to Head Quarters—

11th All Guards and Sentries are to pay the usual Compliments to Officers to whom they are due, from Reveillie Beating, provided there is light sufficient to see the objects—

12th The Officer of the Post Guard, and all Sentries, to be particularly careful, that no fire-Arms, of any Kind, be permitted to pass into the Fort, but such as are carried by the Garrison, and the Rajah's Body Guard—

13th From the Reveillie, until the Retreat beating, all Guards and Sentries, to pay Military Honors to those, to whom they are due, except during the heat of the day, from Eight in the Morning, till Five in the Evening, excepting to the Rajah—

14th As soon as any Prisoner is sent to the Main Guard, the Officer to send a

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17 a Report of him in writing to the Commanding Officer, but no prisoner is to be received into the Main Guard, without a Crime in writing is sent with him, by the Person who confined him, except confined by the Commanding Officers Orders, or sent from any of the Guards of the Garrison—

15th The Main-Guard to pay no Compliments to Lieutenant Colonels and Majors, but all other Guards to stand to their Arms for them—

16th Compliments to be paid to Field Officers, as ordered by Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote— To a Colonel Commanding, Rested Arms, Drums to beat one Ruffle

17th The Compliment to the President is Rested Arms and two Ruffles

18th Parriah Horses coming into the little Fort or Sound on the Ramparts of the Forts, to be kept in charge of the Main

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17 Main Guard, and Reported to the Commanding Officer, who will give such directions about them as he may think proper, but they are not to be disposed of, and their produce divided among the Guard untill he gives his orders for that purpose—

19th The Post Guards to Report to the Commanding Officer, all Strange Officers and Officers of the Garrison, who may return after being absent from the Garrison when they pass their Gates—

20th No Non-Commissioned Officer or Private, (Staff excepted) to be permitted to pass the Sallyport Gate, or Gate of Communication, without a Pass Signed by the Commanding Officer of the Garrison

21st No Liquor to be Passed into the Garrison in future, but by the order of the

17th the Commanding Officer —

22d No Sepoy to be permitted to pass into the Palace Yard, except on duty —

23d No Body to be allowed to pass the Sallyport, except for the use of the Baker, without orders from the Commanding Officer —

24th The Sallyport Gate to be shut at 12 o'Clock at Night, and opened at Gunfire, in the morning. The Gate of Communication to be shut immediately after the Sallyport —

25th All Guards to stand to their Arms, when the Taps pass for Gunfire in the morning, and the Officer commanding them, to examine their Arms, and see that the men are in proper order —

26th The Officer of the Guard to go the Grand Rounds any time between the Hours of Eleven, and one o'Clock —

27th The Officer of the Guard will remain always at his Guard, excepting one Hour for Breakfast, and two for Dinner —

28th All Guards to turn out once daily with Shouldered Arms to the Captain of the day, & as often afterwards, as he chooses to Inspect them —

29th All Guards on the Works to have orders to Keep the Embrasures, and Ramparts clean, and to allow no shot, ammunition or Guns, to be removed without orders from the Commanding Officer, Sentries detecting any Person easing himself on the Works, to send him to the Guard they belong to, where

17 where he is to be detained, till the Sentry is paid a Sanjow gold Fanam —

30th The Officers of Guards will visit their Sentries twice a day, and see that they receive their proper orders —

31. No Beggars to be permitted to come into the little Fort —

32. When a Prisoner is sent from the Main Guard, to any Hospital in Garrison his name, and Crime, is to be continued on the Report, and the day when he was removed, with the name of the Hospital he is sent to —

33. No Liquor to be permitted to pass in, or out of the Garrison, without the Pass, or Permit, of the Commanding Officer. The Gate Guards are not to molest the Rajahs Tax — gatherers at the Gates, when they stop Liquors for coming into the Fort —

34. Infuture when men are confined to the Main Guard, the Officer to send their Crime to the Fort Adjutants Office, who in case its a Native belonging to any Corps in Garrison, will send a Copy of it to the Officer Commanding it

35. The Officer of the Main Guard to mention in his daily report to the Commanding Officer, the Hours that the Gates are open, and shut —

36. No Bullocks, or Sheep, to be allowed to Graze on the Rampart of either Fort —

37. No Garrison Guard, except the Main, and the Guard of the Collector, are to detain Prisoners, longer than they have time to convey them to the Main Guard; they are to take charge of any Person who may be put under their care for security; but are immediately to send them to the Main Guard —

By Major Innes.

29th October 1798. No ammunition, or any Military Stores, of any description, excepting what is in use with the Troops, to be passed in, or out, of the Garrison without orders from the Commanding Officer —

Signed J. Butler. Fort Adj.

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To Major General Floyd

No 1 Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army.

Sir.

I this morning received inform-
ation that the Rajah had served out a —
proportion of Ball Ammunition to his Troops
in Garrison and that preparations were making
in the Palace to complete them to 10 Rounds
each Man; a measure totally new and —
unusual in this place in former times. in
consequence I immediately waited on the —
Resident to communicate the Circumstance to
him and to know his sentiments as to the
propriety of it. He assured me he knew
nothing of what had been done and as it
was, he could not interfere or give me
any information how far the Rajahs
authority went in such points. and if I
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had any doubt recommended my referring
it to superior authority, and further that
if I had any suspicion of the Rajah's attachment
to the Company or that accidents might happen,
I was the best judge what was to be done in
such case. Suspicions of the former I have
none, that of the latter it is very possible
that mischief may happen, for the Rajah
has entertained a large Body of men, who
were in the late Rajah's Service under
particular and very strong terms of discontent
-Viz giving up all claim to considerable —
Balance of arrears due to them - In this uncertain-
-ty I am left without any Instruction for my
Conduct in this or any other point towards the
Rajah in like cases, and wishing to act
correctly, and to avoid giving him the —
smallest offence, I have come to the determination
of submitting the business to you and to request
your opinion on the following question - How far
the Rajah is authorised to make up and
issue

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17 issue Ball ammunition to his Troops and to post Guards beyond the compound of his Palace in the Garrison, without the knowledge and approbation of the Commanding Officer? If Sir you do not think proper to decide on this point yourself I intreat you will take such steps as you may judge best to obtain the instructions of Government for my Conduct on such points, which I humbly conceive in the critical period is more essentially necessary - In the mean time I shall take the proper steps for security against accidents -

I have the Honor to be

28th October 1798 Sir &c &c

½ past one P.M. Signed Ja.s Innes

Major Comm.g

Major Innes

Sir

No 2 In reply to your Express of

Yesterdays date I am clearly of opinion as

follows

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follows, and beg you will observe it as your guide —

In the event of your acquiring the knowledge of any intended Act contrary to the interests of the Honorable Company you will be pleased to communicate the same to the Resident, and consult with him on the measures proper to be taken —

In the absence of the Resident you must act as the nature of the case requires —

In the case of any innovations such as you state of the Rajah's ordering each of his Sepoys to be compleated with Ten Rounds of Ball Cartridges and ordering some Extra Guards to be posted. You will please to communicate to the Resident, together with your Sentiments on the Occasion —

He is the proper Person to take the

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the necessary measures with the Rajah for
rectifying any impropriety in the Conduct of his
Servants—

You will please to report to me
any remarkable circumstance that occurs—

I have the honor to be
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October 29th 1798.

Signed J. Floyd
M.G.

To Major General Floyd

No 3 Sir.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of 29th Yesterday and
shall attend particularly to your directions—

I have no other instructions as
my guide than those you have been pleased to
send me and the standing regulations and
customs of the Garrison, which as much as
possible I make the rule of my Conduct, in which
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the Fort adjutant / Lieutenant Butler / being well informed and a prudent intelligent Officer I feel much relieved and assisted by consulting him in all doubtful points; especially when the Rajah or his people are concerned—

The Ball Cartridges were, I understand, taken from the Rajah's Troops the night I had the honor to write you on the Subject and Lieutenant Butler informs me that a Circumstance of the Kind was never been heard of during the 12 years he has been Fort adjutant— that whenever the Rajah wished to have Cartridges for his Troops for Country Service it was invariably communicated to the Commanding Officer and if necessary issued from the Public Stores on Indent and during that period there might be three or four Instances of the Kind—

Agreeably to your directions I shall communicate every particular occurrence

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17 occurrence to you as they may happen. Nothing extraordinary has occurred but the removal of the Rajah's Honorary Guard, that has been upwards of twenty years back stationed in the Palace Yard — this by request of the Rajah communicated to me by Mr. Lorin the Resident: the Circumstances attending which I shall do myself the pleasure of laying before you tomorrow —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

31st October 1798.

Signed Jas. Innes

Major Commdg

To Major General Floyd

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.

No 4 Sir

I did myself the pleasure to address you on the 31st and little thought then of the heavy complaint hanging over my head — I could not think I was doing my Duty — either to the public or myself, did I make any

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any delay in laying it before you with every information in my power. I therefore have the honor to transmit a Copy of the whole of the Correspondence that has passed between Mr. Sorin &c. / the Papers connected with it and the standing orders for the Guards of the Garrison, with the orders issued by me since my assuming the Command annexed - Mr. Sorin's letter, the Rajah's Complaint, my answer to the former and his reply you will find under Numbers. 30. 31. 32 & 33 - In regard to the different Complaints it will be proper for me to explain what I know of them. 1st. On the morning of the 29th about two Clock. / the time alluded to in the Rajah's letter and the night after I found he had issued musket Ball Cartridges to the Troops of his Guard / the Guard at the East Gate, apprehended some armed Men, one or two making their escape, lurking about the Guard, and not being able to give a satisfactory

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17th Satisfactory account of themselves were lodged in the Guard and early in the morning brought to my quarters - that is. one Naigue with a Sword and two Sepoys with firelocks and Bayonets fixed one Looper with a Carbine and I believe one or two Armed Peons - they said they were orderlies and gave a very contradictory excuse for their appearance out at that time of the Night - I Represented the impropriety of it and dismissed them with a caution not to be found in the same situation at such unseasonable hours. they made no complaint of ill treatment whatever - 2d - all parties of Armed men are to be stopped coming into the Fort, excepting the Company's Troops and Rajah's Body Guard agreeably to standing orders. but I heard nothing of the Rajah Servants being stopped. if Had, I should have inquired into it immediately - it's possible it might be from the communication of the Gate being shut the 29th to be repaired, (the day the Rajah mentions) of which Sent notice to the Rajah — 3d Had the Honr

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of Jorin meant to observe any delicacy he would have sent his Hircarrah to me instead of the Sentry, to witness circumstances to criminate me and would have been told that the Rajah's riding master was stopped in consequence of the Gate being shut, and that the Sentry — neglected his duty in shewing so much civility to the Residents Name, as his orders were "not "to suffer any one to pass but the Engineer "and his people" Lieutenant Colonel Frapaud was also stopped till he made himself Known — 4th Ensign Bradley superintending Engineer, tells me that when he went down to the Gate to give orders about shutting it up, he saw Elephants &c &c passing in without molestation, nor did he hear or see any one detained — 5th I know nothing of the Jom-Jom's main being ill-used — if it was so why was he not sent to the Subidar of the day in the large Fort or to me that the business might have been inquired into

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17th into immediately— 6th — All Cattle &c found on the Ramparts are to be detained there till redeemed by the owners paying a Fanam, a very old and necessary regulation, and more particularly now that the Lascars of the Garrison and such people of my Battalion as I can employ on the works, are busy replacing the Banquettes, filling the holes in the Ramparts and Merlons as well as planting them with grass and also planting Trees, where the old ones are decayed—

7th If the Rajah has paid the sum of two Fanams for the release of Bullocks so detained it is no more than what I have done myself in regard to the release of my own Cattle, for there is no distination— 8th I called at the Office of the Main Guard, Ensign Gohan of His Majestys 12th Regiment on the subject of the Rajahs water people, being detained at the Gate the morning of the 30th— he says there was no person detained, or he must have known it—

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1st — The Jemidar reported, that a man coming into the little Fort, the Centry at the Gate questioned him respecting the Contents of the Pot. there being orders to prevent any Arrack being passed into the Fort, but no violence offered whatever. the man went away immediately — it was always customary for a Company's Sepoy from the Rajah's Guard to accompany the people sent to fetch water for the Rajah. The Guard being recalled by the Rajah's request, under the authority of the Resident, and no Sepoy with the above Man, the Centry could not suppose him to belong to the Rajah — why did not this Man immediately complain to the Officer of the Guard, who was on the spot and would have rectified any mistake or been answerable for the Neglect — or why was he not sent to me, that I might have been enabled to inquire into it — 9th All Centries have orders to seize any one easing themselves near their Posts and to send them to the Guard till they pay a fenam, or leave

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P.S. leave some trifle till they fetch one - this is an old established regulation and was it not strictly inforced the Ramparts and Gate-ways would become impassible from filth - this old standing order and the one regarding the Cattle, was by my desire, some time ago fully explained to the Resident as an established Military practice and the penalty of both easily avoided, the first by carrying their nastiness out of the reach of the Sentries and the latter by the drivers Keeping the Cattle off the work. Since I have been in this Garrison as Captain of the Day and Commanding Officer, I do not believe the Money collected on this score ever amounted to more, for all the Guards, than fifteen or twenty Fanams p.r Week, which is regularly repeated and divided among the Guards, which makes it come to a mere trifle to each man, but it however answers the purpose - 10th On the taking off the Rajah's honorary Guard. I placed three Naigue's Guards of four Sepoys each on the

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the Rampart of the large Fort - the only Guards in extent of nearly two miles / excepting the two intermediate Gate-Guards / for the purposes mentioned in my order of the 26th October / under the standing orders of the North & East Gate Guards 8 / and having Sewer Men on Command now than hitherto and called two Companies more into the Little Fort / on the new formation which makes six in this and four in the large Fort / I thought proper to add ten Sepoys to the Main Guard and each of the Gate Guards, and three to Ameer Sings - The former are, each one Native Officer & and 33 Rank and file, all which might surely have been done without attracting the Rajah's notice, if his advisers had not been intent on criminating me for reasons best known to themselves - For I solemnly declare on my honor, that I am not conscious of having in any one instance given cause of offence or countenanced any disrespect to the Rajah and

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17th and defy either him or the Resident, to state one instance wherein I have neglected to redress as far as in my power and consistent with my duty and with justice, any Complaint brought before me, or to give all the satisfaction I could. on the contrary I will prove that I am rigid rather than otherwise in punishing any Military irregularity that I come to a Knowledge of— I appeal to every Officer that has been in the Corps I have had the Honor to Command, and intreat you will have the goodness to question Lieutenants Scot & Macleod, now at Trichinopoly on this subject, whether to their Knowledge I have ever passed lightly over any breach of Military discipline— It is only the 29th of last month, that a Bramin Inhabitant complained to me of one of the Guards on the Wall having taken more than the regulated price for releasing two Cows and I immediately enquired

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inquired into the circumstances, found the Naigue and two Sepoys guilty. I broke the former and punished the two latter, by beat of Drum, in front of the North and East Gate Guards and the three Guards of the Ramparts, proclaiming the cause of their punishment, and that any one ill-used by the Troops of the Garrison contrary to orders will be sure of redress, by making their Complaints known to me. This surely is not like countenancing irregularities, and was too public not to be known to the Resident or the Rajah, or indeed to the whole Town.

I stand charged in the most unfeeling manner of Malevolently ordering the Rajah to be insulted and disgraced, of doing all I can to make him be looked on as a Prisoner and one that wishes to make insurrections. Does the moderation I have observed in his taking the unprecedented measure of serving out Ball Cartridges to his Troops on Guard without my

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I/ my Knowledge / which is fully before you in my letters of the 28th and 31st / of his sending his Officers to examine my Guards, which was the case at the East Gate about the above period, his demanding the recall of the Guard, posted at the Gate of his Palace yard by order of Government for upwards of twenty years back, under the particular circumstances detailed in my Correspondence with the Resident and the attendant Court of inquiry, and his posting Sentries in the public Streets beyond the Compound of his Palace took place disrespect to him -

I have been thus circumstantial fearful that the smallest impression should remain in your mind of the possibility of my acting in the manner I am charged with, for in that case I am unworthy of holding my situation in the Army and cannot remain satisfied till my Conduct has been fairly investigated and the cruel calumny heaped

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17th heaped upon me has been wiped away- I have an unblemished Character and my situation here at stake. The former to a Soldier, is dearer than any other consideration, and I trust I shall meet your protection and that you will be pleased to lay the Circumstances I am placed in before the Commander in Chief.

I had written thus far yesterday when I received another letter No 34 from Mr. Sorin to which you will find my reply No 35 which delayed the dispatch of this letter till to day- it is impossible for me to give more satisfaction than I have endeavoured to do with so little effect- And any Officer circumstanced as I am can never Command here with Credit or honor to himself unless protected from the mortifications I am daily and almost hourly subjected to-

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

Signed Ja.s Innes
Maja Comg
Majr

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Mr Major Innes

Sir.

I have the honor of your letter of yesterday's date with inclosures, and shall according to your desire forward them to Head Quarters, to which I am further induced as it appears to involve questions out of my authority to decide—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signd A. Floyd
A.G

Trichinopoly
November 4th 1798.

True Copies
Signd Jas. Innes

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor. President
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs.

Friday
17th November

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute

Under the present serious preparations for War, which may probably be at no great distance, the Commander in Chief thinks it proper to mention, that he is apprehensive that Lieut.t Colonels Richardson & Close will scarcely consider their

Commander in Chief minute proposing an augmentation of the allowances of the Quarter Master and Adjutant General and suggesting the propriety of submitting the subject to the consideration of the Supreme Government.

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their appointments as holding forth any object to them in the Field, where as their Offices are now situated, they would draw only Eighty nine Pagodas per month over and above their Regimental Pay and allowances. The qualifications and services of these Officers have been so frequently recorded, that he doubts not but Government will agree with him, that other considerations apart, it is highly desirable on public grounds, that they should be so far relieved, as to induce them to continue to serve in their present line.

In this persuasion the Commander in Chief proposes that the present situation of the General Staff on the Coast, should be brought immediately under the notice of the Supreme Government, who may have the means of doing something in their behalf. The

Commander

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Commander in Chief must repeat his opinion, that this a subject which at the present juncture should not be withheld from the knowledge of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Minute thereon Resolved in consequence that the following letter be dispatched to the Supreme Government.

To the Right Honorable
The Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General in Council
Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal recommending to the consideration of the Supreme Government an immediate increase of the Staff allowances of the Adjutant-General and Quarter Master General.

1 In the 95th and subsequent paragraphs of our Military dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors under date the 15th ultimo we thought it our duty to bring under their notice the situation of the general staff at this Presidency, and to recommend that it should be put upon a respectable footing by granting a salary of 600 pags. per month each to the

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The Quarter Master General and Adjutant General
of the Army—

2. In the same letter we stated
to the Honorable Court our belief that in
consequence of their late orders for annulling the
consolidation of the Staff allowances which we
had made, Lieutenant Colonels Richardson &
Close would be disposed to relinquish their
situations on the staff—

3. Having already made this
reference to the Court of Directors we should have
avoided to bring the subject under the consideration
of your Lordship in Council, if the general good,
as well as the immediate exigency of the public
service did not call upon us to anticipate the
slow result of that reference—

4 Since our preparations for War
have taken so serious an aspect, as they now wear,
Lieutenant General Harris has stated to us his
apprehension that the present Quarter Master
General and Adjutant General will scarcely
consider their appointments as holding forth
any

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any object to them in the field, where as the staff is now situated / they would receive only eighty nine pagodas per month over and above their regimental pay and allowances.

5th With this scanty income the Commander in Chief has contrasted the qualification and services of these Officers; and has stated his opinion that independent of other considerations, it is highly desirable on public grounds, that they should be induced to continue to serve with the Army in their present departments.

6th Concurring fully in the sentiments of General Harris upon this subject, Believing that the services of both these Officers are at this time of the most essential Importance, and that the loss of those of the adjutant General in particular would be a serious public misfortune, We feel it no less a duty incumbent on ourselves than a justice towards Lieutenant Colonels Richardson & Close to bring their claims under your consideration.

7. By our letter to the Court of Directors your Lordship in Council will observe, that the present Staff allowances are equal to about pag.s 2196 per annum to the Quarter Master General and Adjutant General.

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General but that upon taking the field their receipts in addition to their Regimental pay and allowances will only be eighty nine pagodas ₰ month Whether we consider these allowances is relative to the duties of these offices, or whether we contrast them with the allowances attached to the same situations in Bengal, we are equally sensible of the impolicy of the arrangement on this Coast and of the degrading mortification, which our Quarter Master General and Adjutant General must suffer -

2 Not conceiving ourselves at liberty however to dispense with a positive order of the Court of Directors, we beg leave to submit the case to the consideration of your Lordship in Council, and to recommend in the most earnest manner, that you will enable us under the present circumstances of public affairs to place two of the most important departments of the Army upon a footing of emolument

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emolument adequate to their laborious and confidential nature, and beg that we may be means to retain the services of two gentlemen, whose merits have been repeatedly acknowledged and whose services we now consider essential to the public welfare—

We have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most obedient
humble Servant

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The President lays before the Board a draft of a letter which he proposes may be sent to his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon—

To the Honorable Frederick North
Governor and Commander in Chief of
Ceylon.
Sir

To the Governor of Ceylon. requesting him to spare one of the Companies of Pioneers stationed at Columbo, for the service of the Coast. proposing that some regular system of communication be established between this Presidency and the Coast Troops serving on Ceylon Pointing out also the necessity of closing the accounts between this Presidency and

We have already had the honor of mentioning to you the preparations, in which we are engaged for eventual war; and we are now induced to

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and the subordinate departments on that Island for the period previous to Mr Staats arrival—

to request that you will spare for the Service of this Presidency one of the Companies of pioneers under Lieutenant Fitzpatrick now at Colombo—

We have already issued orders for recruiting this usefull corps, and the Company which we now request, may be replaced from the new levies, if you should prefer them to the natives of the Island whom you may wish to engage for similar duties—

Both the companies at Colombo are old and experienced men, whose place in the field can not be supplied by recruits, and as their services are more essentially necessary to this than to the government of Ceylon we have no doubt of your compliance with our wish for sending one company with Lieutenant Fitzpatrick himself to the Coast by the earliest opportunity—

We take this opportunity of suggesting to you the expediency of establishing some regulated system of communication from hence with the troops of this Presidency serving on Ceylon for the convenience

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convenience of conducting matter of detail and Regimental concerns not immediately connected with the Government of Ceylon; we also take the liberty of pointing out the necessity of bringing to a close the accounts between this Residency, and the Subordinate departments on the island for the period previous to your arrival, in order that the expenditure of public property may be brought under the established check and controul of the Office of Audit.

We beg leave to assure you that we have not the smallest desire of any interference with the arrangement you may deem necessary; but have offered these suggestions purely with a view to public convenience and economy; and we shall be happy to meet your wishes in establishing such a plan of communication and arrangement, as may be judged most conducive to these objects.

We have the honor to be

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Sign'd Clive

&c Council

agreed

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Resolution thereon

agreed to and ordered accordingly

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Memorandum—

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief,

As no proposals have been received for performing by Contract the proposed reform to the Fortifications of Dindigul, the same to be executed upon Estimate under the superintendence of Lieutenant De Haviland, care being taken to avoid as much as possible the laying open the Fort so as to materially weaken its defence during the progress of the Work—

Commander in Chief's Memorandum recommending that the proposed reform in the Fortifications of Dindigul be executed under the Superintendance of Lieut.t De Haviland recommending that a Arrack equal to forty days expenditure for 5000 Europeans be sent to Vellore & Chittoghery and that dooley Bearers for 300 Dolies be procured from the Northern Circars—

Arrack equal to forty (40) days consumption of 5000 Europeans to be forwarded to Vellore and Chittaghery— and dooley bearers for 300 dolies to be provided from the Northern Circars—

16th November—

Agreed

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Resolution thereon

Agreed that the necessary Bonds be
issued, in consequence of the foregoing Memorandum, to
the Military Board

" Clive
" Geo: Barnes
" Edw: Saunders
" Hy Fall of Cole

Compd
G Strachey.

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Diary

Received the following Letters.

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To the Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive

Governor and Presidency in Council

Fort S. George

Honorable Sir,

On the 4th Instno We had the Honor of transmitting to your Lordship a Copy of our Presidents Letter of the 3d Preceding to Tippoo Sultaun with a Transcript of our proclamation acknowledging his right to Wynaad

Having this Morning received a reply to the abovementioned communication, We deem it necessary to forward a Copy Translate thereof for your Lordship's information and to advise you that We have directed Mr Joshua Whitehill and Captain Dennis Anthony the Deputies appointed by the Bombay Government to conduct the Negociation relative to the Boundary disputes to proceed to the place fixed upon by the Sultaun with all convenient Dispatch——

From the Commissioners at Calicut enclosing Translate of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun relating to the boundary Disputes

We have the Honor to remain

Sr Sr

Signed/ J. Spencer
Jas Hartley
J. Whitehill
J. Smee

Translate

Calicut
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Translate of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun to John Spencer Esqr.

dated the 27th Rabee us Sance 12-13 Hijeree 8th October 1798

I have received and been made happy by the perus-
-sal of your friendly letter accompanied with the proclamation by
which it appears that after a due investigation by the administrations
of Malabar the Talook of Wynaad was included in the protected —
Dimensions of the Sirkar bestowed by God (Tippoo) after proper
enquiry it will be understood that the Hills that are between Wynaad
and Tambuchery are also dependant on the Sircar bestowed by god —
and by examination of the treaty of peace that all Below the Hills
belongs to the Honorable Company's Sirkar — The two persons appointed
on your part to enquire into matters concerning the Talooks of Amara
and Soullia stand not in need of Passport having arrived and taken
up their residence in Amara and Soullia and given immediate Notice
thereof to Sheekle the haab ud deen and Meer Mahomed Alle,
Asophs of the Country of Korral (Mangalore) and these two —
persons come there and a Meeting taken place it will be made known
by the public Records and truly to your Satisfaction and beyond all
doubt that the said Talooks (Amarah and Soullia) are includes in
the Country of Hoveal. ——

Continue to make me happy by letters imparting
your Welfare further may fortune be favorable ——

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Law
Secy

A true Translate
(Signed) D. Mahony
A.D.C

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

I did myself the honor to write to you on the 28th.

From Commandant at Trincomale enclosing a letter from the Commander of the Osterly regarding salt Provisions as also a letter from Colonel Harness regarding the bad accommodation of the sick at Trincamalle — Colonel Champagne informs Government of the Steps he has taken in order to relieve them —

Ultimo to inform you of the arrival of the Osterly, having on board Rice and Arrack but no Salt Provision for the use of the Troops under my Command, as our Store of Salt Meat is much — Reduced I directed Captain Kingston Commissary of Provisions to find out if Captain Piercy had any for sale. —

I have with much concern to report a consi= =derable increase of Sick in the 80th. Regiment in consequence of the Monsoon having set in with almost constant heavy rains and which four Companies have been exposed to for some days, the enclosed letter will correctly explain the miserable covering we have for our Men and I must add there is not a quarter in this Garrison or Osenburgh proof against one hours heavy rain. —

The Bungalos that the Right Honble the Governor directed to be built as signified to me by your letter of the 28th. last August only one of them has been begun and from its unavoidable backward State will not I fear be fit to — receive Men till late in December to relieve them from — much

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17th much distress I had but one choice which I have with much satisfaction altho attended with every considerable inconvenience indeed adopted that of given up my Bungalo for a Barrack it holds 130 and there are no Soldiers in India better covered.—

To provide habitable Quarters for the Remain= =der is not in my power except for about fifty in a Bungalo built for a Billiard Room the Table is removed and the Men well lodged, as those two Bungalos are private property and built solely at the expence of the Proprietors I have directed a Committee of Officers to Value them and will transmit the valuation to you by next Tapall for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c—

Signed J. Champagne
Col.

Trincomalie
November 4th 1798—

To Colonel Champagné
&c &c &c

Sir

Frequently as I have found it my Duty to report to you on the State of the Temporary Bungaloes their present situation in this violent weather calls upon me to represent the miserable and distressed state of the Companies that occupy them

to

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to this effect I have the honor to enclose you the Reports of the Captain and Subaltern of the Day as delivered to me this Morning, I have inconsequence examined every Bungaloe and find the coverings which were improperly made of platted Cocoa Nut Leaves totally rotten and admit the Rain in every part — No. 3 was last Night quite abandoned and the Men — crowded in to the others which are nearly in as bad a state the water dropping in every direction, the Cotts compleatly wet and large pools standing on the floor at the suspection of Arms and Necessaries it was with pain I observed the Cloaths and accoun= trements of the Companies in Bungaloes as wet as if they had not been under cover I am sorry to see in the Morning State of the Major's Company who are in No. 1 2 3 and 4 that there are Eighteen sick — Four went into the Hospital Yesterday — Every Barrack Room is crowded almost to infection —

In this State Sir Little relief as I can foresee from this Report it will at least persuade you should the fatal scenes of 97 be again renewed that the Officers of the Regiment have not been wanting in their Duty —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed William Harness
Br. Lt. Col. Comg. H. M.
80th Regiment

Brickland

Trincomallie
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To
Strickland Kingston Esqr
Commissary of Provisions

Sir

In answer to yours of this date I am to inform you that I have to dispose of Sixty four /64/ Tierces of Salt Beef and Fifty Six /56/ Tierces of Salt Pork being a surplus quantity of the Ships Provisions and that the price will be £14-5 Sterling pr Tierce equal to Star Pagodas Thirty five and twenty Seven — fanams.

29th October 1798

I am

&c &c

Signed W. Petrie

To Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief

&c &c &c

Sir,

From Commandant at Vellore enclosing Copy of a letter from Major Macdonald and Copy of a letter from a Jemidar 2d Battn 12th Regiment N. I. complaining of insults that had been offered by the Nabobs Aumildar at Gooteham to one of our recruiting parties Lieutenant Fireworker Frank had set out from Vellore

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter which I received from Major McDonald, as also a Persian letter from a Jemidar of the 2d Battalion 12th Regiment N. I. on the Recruiting Service whom with his party have been grossly insulted by His Highness the Nabobs Aumildar

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Sir

Aumildar at Goriathom which being out of my Jurisdic-
-tion it is my duty without delay to forward the Com-
-plaint to you. ——

In Reply to the letter I Received last —
night from the Adjutant Generals Office I have the
honor to inform you that Lieutenant Fire Worker —
Frank left this on the 9th Instant with the detail and
the whole of the Bullocks that accompanied the two
Divisions of heavy Ordnance to Vellore ——

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

(Signed) Robert Sale
Colonel

Vellore
14th November 1798

To Colonel Sale
Commanding Vellore

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing a Complaint
sent from a Jemidar of the 2nd Battalion 12th Regiment
Native Infantry whom I sent agreeable to General Orders
on the Recruiting Service ——

I can assure you that it is not the first
complaint I have had of the Nabobs Managers preventing

Their

their entertaining in the Honorable Companies Service — The Sepoy who brought the Jemidars letter adds that the Garia= =tham Aumildar not only grosly abused the Jemidar but threatened to make him and his whole party Prisoners —

I most earnestly request your support on the present occasion, or if you cannot yourself prevent such procedure on the part of the Nabobs Managers that you will haive the goodness to forward the complaint to the Commander in Chief for the information of Government

Without there is some check upon the arrogance of Renters it is in vain to look for Recruits for the Service —

I haive the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) D. M.Danald
Major Commanding 2d Batt.n
12th Regiment Native I

Vellore
12th November 1798

N.B. I haive informed the Jemidar that he must be answerable for any Misrepresentation —

A true Copy

(Signed) Robert Sale
Colonel
&c

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My

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort S.t George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the — information of the Right Honorable the Governor in — Council an Account of the Collections and Disbursements made by His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore from the Three Soubahs under his Management for the — Month of October —

I beg you will inform me if it be the pleasure of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I should take up from these Collections such Sums as may be required for the Salaries &c — Espences attending the Commission —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

[Signed] Benj.n Torin

Resident

Tanjour

11.th November 1798

Forms the Resident at Tanjour enclosing a Statement of the Collections of the Rajah from the three Soubahs under his Management for October; and requesting to know if the — Salaries &c — of the Commission are to be paid from thence —

Wg

An

Dr. An Account of Collection and Charges from the Soubahs of Combo Conum Tsiravady and Pullicatt for the Month of October 98

	Chuckl. Fanl. C.		Chuckl. Fanl. C.
To Balance brought from last Account Current	6119 2 6½	By Amount of His Excellency's privateexpence	1891 6 8 22½
To Amount of Collection from the Balance of Fusly 1207	2730 2 7½	By Ditto Ditto Publick expence	35983 21
To Amount of Ditto for Fusly 1208	15678 7 13½		54515 2 19½
		By Balance of Cash Remaining to this day	21 9 11
Chucknums	54537 2 6½	Chucknums	54537 2 6½

Tanjour 31st October 1798
Errors Excepted
Off. (Signed) Benj.n Torin
Resident

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Substance of a Letter from the Nabob

Received a letter from the Nabob enclosing
in C. C. N.o 152 enclosing copy of a Letter from the —
Aumildar of Satgud accompanied by a list of articles and
letters which had been dispatched by Tippoo's Buaxhee
General to different Inhabitants at Vellore and which
he intercipted. —

Received the undermentioned Letters
entered in M. B. N.os 73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81 —
82-83. —

From the late Chief at Pulicat —

From M.r Jacob Eilbracht requesting
an augmentation of his present allowances. —

From — Ditto intimating that the
different public Buildings wherein the Records of the
Government of Pulicat are deposited are tumbling —
down, and requesting authority to have them removed
to places of greater security. —

From Commandant at Vellore —

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr giving
information of two European Soldiers detained at —
Vellore

From Lieutenant Wilson of the 19th Dragoons. —

From Lieutenant Wilson of the 19th
Dragoons requesting permission to purchase two
Troop

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87 Troop Horses to be paid for by moderate Monthly instalments —

From Commandant at Amboyna — From Lieutenant Colonel Mc Nicle Enclosing Lists of the Medical Stores which had been sent there from Bengal to Amboyna with an account of the mode in which he had disposed of them. —

From Captain Wood of the Engineers — From Captain Wood stating his claims to full Batta and House allowance while employed at the two stations of Arnee and Vellore and enclosing different papers insupport of them. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell — From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell requesting permission to draw the four Months pay and allowances due to him and assigning his reason for not drawing his pay &c within the limited time —

From Major Smith of the 2d Battn 5th Regiment — From Major Smith enclosing an abstract of pay and allowances due to him. —

From the Barrack Master of this Presidency — From Lieutenant Maclean enclosing extract of a Letter from the Quarter Master to the 33d Regiment respecting the state of disrepair into which the quarters of the Officers in the Kings Barracks have

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have fallen —

From Mr. Oliphant advising his —

having forwarded to the Rajah of Travancore the —

Letter transmitted for him —

From the Garrison Store-Keeper at Vellore —

From Mr. Skardon — enclosing a Bill for 200 Garce of Paddy purchased by him for the — sanction of Government —

Received the following Letters —

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Mr. J. H. Oliphant at Cochin —

I have this moment received your letter

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division the different Detachment of 1st Battn 10th Regiment — shall be immediately collected in order that it may — proceed as soon as the weather admits to Wallajahbad — Statement of the different places where the 1st Battn 8th Regiment is stationed & of the actual strength of the Procure Battalion —

of the 7th Instant directing that as soon as the severity of the Monsoon may have passed over to Order the 1st Battalion of the 10th Regiment to proceed to — Wallajahbad —

I have Request of you to inform the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I shall immediately take the necessary steps to put his Orders into execution by Collecting without delay the Detached parts

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parts of that Corps not having at present more than the strength of a Company in this Garrison; Two Companies are at Rajahmundry with the Collector of the 3d Division a small party with the Collector of the 1st Division near Samul Cottah, a Detachment with the Collector of the 2d Division at Mugulatore Two Companies at Innacondah in the Guntoor Circar and Several Detachments escorting Guns and Stores to Hyderabad and another guarding Money to the Presidency —

I have likewise to beg of you to inform his Lordship that in conformity to his former Order for assembling the 1st Battalion of the 6th Regiment at this place the last Division of it must be now Marching from the Ganjam thro the Vizagapatam District and with respect to the 2d Division from Chicacole it is employed as my letter of the 9th Instant would shew the rest of the Corps is at Jaggernautpoorum Coringa Sargeram and Maddepollum which must be withdrawn as they cannot be relieved by the Bengal Marine Battalion which has not

more

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more than 220 Sepoys capable of doing duty and even a part of them are Sick and employed drilling the rest of the Corps who are Recruits and therefore do not Leave more than 160 Men for the Duties of this Garrison. ——

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Thos Bridges

Masulipatam

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

My Lord

I beg leave to lay before your Lordship a Letter I have just Received from Captain Irlon who Commands the Troops posted on the — Frontier of the Ceded Districts to protect them — against robbers Representing the unwarrantable behavior of one of the Nabobs people in having entered the Company's districts with an armed force, plundered a Village, and carried away five of the inhabitants prisoners

From Lieutenant Colonel Wood enclosing a Letter from Captain Irlon regarding an attack that had been made by some of the Nabob's People upon a Village of the Ceded Districts —

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18 Prisoners.

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I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) A. Read

Collector and Cont.
Exclusive District

Lieutenant Colonel Read

Sir

The Native Officer Superintending the Guards near Tartingaanpelly writes me of the outrageous Behaviour of the Vaboles People in the Terriore District who the other day entered the Company's Bounds in force, plundered the Village of Palchecomba, Burnt three Houses and carried away prisoners 5 Inhabitants; at the Head of this party was a Servant of the Nabobs, by Name Sobiah I believe an Amildar resident at Cpliparam.

On the Native Officer going there to demand the release of the Inhabitants they were refused and every Satisfaction.

I have Ordered additional Guards to 62 to that Frontier and Request your Instructions in respect to

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to future Proceedings of the like Nature —

The Native Officer there has Instruc-
tions to protect all Refugees and to allow of no armed
Force to enter the Bounds for the purpose of carrying
away by Force any People who may have taken Refuge
from oppression or otherwise without application to the
Tasseldaur of Shandamungalum —

I am

Cummenellore
8th November 1798

Sr Sr

Signed S. Irton
Captain

19th Sent the following Letter

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

Gentlemen,

As no proposals have been received
for performing by contract the proposed reform of the
fortifications at Dindigul I am directed by the —
Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire
that it may be executed upon estimate under the
Superintendance of the Engineer Lieutenant De
Haviland — In the course of this Repair however
care

To the Military Board Recommended fortifications at Dindigul to be executed by estimate — Forty days attack for 2000 Men and European to be sent to Pettah and Kistnaghery — Bearers for three hundred Doolies to be procured from the Northern Districts

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care is to be taken to avoid as much as possible — laying open the fort so as Materially to weaken its defence during the progress of the work.—

I am further directed to desire that arrack equal to forty days consumption for five thousand Europeans may be forwarded to Vellour and Nistnaghery with as little delay as possible.—

I am also directed to desire that steps may be immediately taken to procure from the Northern Districts bearers sufficient for three hundred doolies.—

I have the honor to be

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18th November 1798

Sir &c.

(Signed) J Webbe
Secrt to Govt

Substance of a Letter From the Rajah of Travancore

20th

Received a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore entered in Ltr Bk No 153 giving assurances of his being in readiness to apprehend Mons. Dubuc incase he should pass thro' his territories.—

Received the undermentioned Letter entered in Ltr Bk No 84-85-86

From

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From the Resident at Poona

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer acknow=
=leding the receipt of the Intelligence transmitted to him on
the 22.nd Ultimo.—

From the Officer Commanding
Southern Division.

From Major General Floyd — Requesting
to know if he shall grant Mons.r Grandiors an Inhabitant
of Karical permission to proceed to Columbo.—

From Mr. Lionel Place

From Mr. Place — Offering his Service as
Paymaster or Commissary of the Army about to take the field.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President — Governor

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and ....

Ernst William Fallofield } Esq.rs

Tuesday
20.th November

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved.—

Read the following letter from
the Supreme Government.—

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

at Fort S.t George

My Lord,

From Bengal enclosing Copy of a letter from Colonel Roberts to the Resident at Hyderabad, giving him a further Statement of deficiencies in the equipment of his detachment — which the Supreme Government require to be made an additional subject to the present investigation into the causes of the deficiencies already communicated to this Presidency.

We have the honor to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts dated the 25.th September and request that the further deficiencies pointed out by Lieutenant Colonel Roberts in the equipment of the Detachment may also form subjects of your inquiry into the causes which retarded the March of the Detachment into the Territories of the Nizam —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed Mornington

" Alured Clarke

" P. Speke

" W.m Cowper

Fort William

the 2.nd November 1798

Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at His Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a return

of

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of the Detachment under my Command, as soon as —
Mr. Cherry the Paymaster is able to furnish me with an
Estimate of the Monthly Disbursement which I expect in
a few days I shall forward it to you — I have the plea=
=sure to inform you that I marches from Bezoara
to Abrampatam this Morning and shall proceed on my
March to Hydrabad with as much expedition as possible —

I think it necessary to inform you
that the Detachment is only provided with a line —
Equipment, no Magazine of either Ammunition or Stores
nor any articles whatever for the Repair of the Carriages
of the Artillery in case of accidents on the Road, which —
from the state of some of the Tumbrils may be expected
every day; and which I have Represented to the —
Commander in Chief and the Military Board but as it —
appears that it is your wish that the Detachment should
proceed to Hydrabad without loss of time I did not —
think proper to delay my March on that account.

I have the honor to be &c —

Camp Abrampatam
25th September 1798 —

(Signed) George Roberts
Lieut. Colonel

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

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Stracey
Secretary

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Military Board be called upon for an explanation of the circumstances stated in Colonel Roberts's letter.

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you letters from the Right Honorable the Governor General to His Highness the Nawaub Omdut ul Omrah and Tippoo Sultaun communicating the Success of His Majesty's fleet under the Command of Sir Horatio Nelson against that of the French Nation in the Neighbourhood of Alexandria; Copies in English and Persian are enclosed for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council—

From the Persian Translator at Bengal enclosing two letters from the Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun and the Nabob Omdal ul Omrah communicating to them information of Admiral Nelsons Victory.—

Fort William

4th. November 1798

I have the honor to be

Sr. Sr.

(Signed) A.B. Edmonstone

Persian Tr.

Do

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To Omdut ul Omra

Written 4th. November 1798–

Your Highness has doubtless received inform-
-ation of another excess of that unjustifiable Ambition
and insatiable rapacity which have so long marked
the Conduct of the French Nation; They have
invaded Egypt, a Country from which they were in
no danger of Molestation, and from whose Government
they could not even pretend to have received the
Slightest provocation; They have committed this
act of violence in contempt of the Treaties subsisting
between France and the Porte, and without any regard
to the acknowledged Authority of the Grand Seignior so
long established in Egypt; nothing can more clearly
too expose their total disregard of every principle of Public
faith and honor than this unprovoked and unjustifiable
aggression, and it will no doubt afford satisfaction to every
friend to justice and good faith, and particularly to every
friend of the British Nation to hear that by the success of
his Majestys Arms the French have already suffered for
their Injustice and temerity, certain Intelligence has just

been

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been received that thirteen Sail of the Line which had been employed in the expedition against Egypt — mounting 1024 Guns and carrying about 10000 Men being at Anchor in the port of Beku near Rosetta at the Mouth of the Nile were attacked by an equal Number of his Britannick Majesty's Fleet; an engagement took place which terminates in the Capture of 9 Ships of the French line, two more were blown up, one of them of 118 Guns, the French Admiral and only two made their escape from the Valor and Skill of the — British Admiral; all communication being thus cut off between Egypt and Europe, The Troops who — have landed in Egypt must in all probability — perish either by famine or the Sword. —

This very Signal victory is to be ascribed to the Justice of the British cause and to the — aid of Divine Providence favoring the gallantry of our Forces, and punishing the injustice and infidelity of our adversary. On the same Assistance I rely with — confidence for a continuation of Similar Successes — and

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and for the final triumph of his Majestys Arms over a Nation who have shewn themselves the general Enemy of Mankind.—

Confident from the union and attachment subsisting between us that this intelligence will afford your Highness Sincere Satisfaction I could not deny myself the pleasure of communicating it.—

To Tippoo Sultaun

Of the same tenor and Date as the foregoing.—

A true Copy

(Signed) A. B. Edmonstone

Minute thereon

Order that the Letter for Tippoo Sultaun and his Highness the Nabob be forwarded to them.—

Read the following letters from his Highness the Nabob entered also in C. C. N.s 154. 155. 156.—

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 10th. November } 1798
Recd. 20 — 20 }

From the Nabob intimating his having paid his Kist of November 1798.—

By the blessing of God I have paid to the Company

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Company the Sum of One Lak of Star Pagodas
in full of the Kist of November 1798, and Mr. Secretary
Webbe has given me the Receipts for the same — I have
written this for your Lordships Information: —

What can I write More? —

A true Translate
+
/Signed/ A. Falconar
Pr. Fr. to government

Translation of 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 14th. November
Received Do. — Do. } 1798

Your Lordships letter Dated 7th.
November 1798, stating the necesity of speedily compleating the repairs of the fort of Trichinopoly I have received and understand the Contents.

I have already written strict Orders to the Sircar's Naib on the subject of expediting the repairs of that fort, and the busines is going on accordingly — your Lordship will be pleased to write General Floyd to attend and see that the busines goes on

From the Nabob intimating that he had sent Orders to his people to afford every assistance in repairing the fort of Trichinopoly —

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on and if he find any further necessaries wanted for the repairs to state the particulars which will oblige me and I shall immediately write positive Orders to my people on the subject.——

What can I write More.——

A true Translate

(Signed) A. Falconar—
P. Trar. to Govt.

Translation of Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. To the Right Honorable Lord Clive Governor of Fort St. George—

Dated 14th. November
Received 19th. } 1798

Your Lordship's Letter of the 2. Instant—

From Little—intimating that he has sent Orders for supplying Colonel Murray with Palmira Trees.—

requesting to be furnished with a Dustuck authorizing Lieutenant Colonel Murray to cut palmira Trees for the purpose of Repairing the Stables at Connatore upon—praying a reasonable compensation for the same,— I have received and understand the Contents.——

My Friend! the income arising from the Palmira Trees of the District is included in the—Collections for the Company's Kists and paid to the Sircar by

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by the Ryotts — I formerly directed the Nail of the Arcot Province to furnish the palmira Trees at a reasonable price, — and have again written positive Orders in consequence of which the Nabb will furnish from the productive Palmira Trees as many of the Number wanted as he can on payment being made for them. —

What can I write More. —

A true Translate

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pers.n Transl.r to Govt.

Minute thereon

The President is requested to acknowledge the Receipt of the foregoing Letters. —

Read the following letters from Hydrabad. —

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council
Fort S.t George

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad — enclosing Copies of two Letters that had passed between him and Colonel — Roberts on the Subject of entertaining in our Service a part of the Disbanded Corps.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for the Notice of your Lordship in Council, — Copy of a Letter from Colonel Roberts and of my answer to the same. —

Should —

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Should that Offices propositions for rais=
=ing two Battalions at Hydrabad meet with the approbation
of your Honorable Board permit me to request that such
approbation may be signified as early as possible in Order that
no time may be lost in giving the necessary assurances to a
certain number of the Subedars, Havildars, and Naigues
of the late French Party upon whose exertions the success of
the proposed Measure will I imagine greatly depend.

I have the honor to be

Hydrabad
5.th November 1798

S.r S.r

/Signed/ J.s A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

/Copy/

Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident S.r S.r

Sir

In consequence of your letter of the 1.st
Instant authorizing me to entertain as many able bodied
Sepoys as can be obtained Natives of the Territories of the
Honorable Company or the Nabob of Arcot and understan=
=ding there are a great Number of that discription that
belonged to the late disbanded French Party I beg
leave

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a Copy thereof without delay to the consideration of
the Government of Fort S.t George ——

Hydrabad
5th November 1798

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

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

To Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of
the 31st Ultimo communicating the Commander in Chiefs
Orders to enlist any Number of Recruits for our Native
Establishment not exceeding three thousand from amongst
those who lately belonged to the French Corps at this place —
previously to the Receipt of your letter I had received Instruc-
tions from the Resident here to this effect and in consequence
had directed the Commanding Officers of the four Madras
Battalions of this Detachment to entertain as many men
as they possibly could but as yet they have procured but few
the Reason of it is, I understand that they are unwilling to —
entertain

From Colonel Roberts acknowledging the receipt of the Adjutant Generals letter on the subject of entertaining in our Service a part of the Corps lately disbanded at Hydrabad Informing him of the unwillingness of those Sepoys to enlist unless we take a proportion of their commissioned and non Commissioned Officers along with them ——

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entertain unless some of their late Commissioned and non-
Commissioned are also admitted with their respective Ranks
In consequence whereof I addressed a letter to the Resident on
the 4th Instant proposing that a few of these should be
admitted, provided they bring a certain number of good men
with them to render them eligible to hold a similar Rank
in our Service, to that which they held in the French Corps
Should this be permitted by Government, I have no doubt but
almost any Number of good Recruits may be easily procured
I understand from the Resident that
Copy of my letter to him upon this subject has been referred
to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at Madras
and which would of course come before the Commander in
Chief.

I have the honor to be

Camp near Hydrabad
9th November 1798.

&c &c

(Signed) George Roberts
Col.

Minute on the foregoing letters.

As it appears from the foregoing letters that the
success of the proposed measure of raising recruits for the
Company's Service from corps lately disbanded at Hydrabad
is likely to depend upon the admission of a considerable
Number of Native Officers, the Board are so much impressed
with

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with inexpediency of complying with this condition in favor of the commissioned Officers that they think it advisable rather to forego the advantage of Recruiting —

If however any considerable Number of Recruits could be obtained by admitting a moderate Number of non commissioned Officers into the Service the objections are not so forcible as to deter the Board from raising Recruits: Resolved therefore that Authority be granted for raising on these terms any Number short of three thousand and for forming an extra Corps upon the additionals of the Coast Battalions now at Hydrabad without interfering with the additionals which are required from thence for the extra corps at Masulipatam. —

Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort S.t George

Sir

I herewith transmit for the information of the Honorable Board Copy of a Letter from Major General Bridges of my Answer to the same, and of the Letter which I addressed in consequence to Colonel Roberts

From the Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copies of Correspondence regarding the Marching of the French prisoners from Hydrabad to Cuddapa. —

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Roberts

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

Hydrabad

7th November 1798

(Copy)

J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir

Your letter of the 30th Ultimo has just reached me and I lose not a Moment in replying to it, as I am concerned to say that the present state of this Garrison will not permit me to send even a single Company of Sepoys to relieve the Battalion in charge of the Prisoners on their March from Hydrabad to Coringa

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Thomas Bridges

Masulipatam

2d November 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

(Copy)

Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division Masulipatam

Sir

I lose no time in replying to your letter of

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of the 2d. Instant which has this Moment come to hand—

It being for various Reasons by no means advisable or proper that the five Companies that have proceeded from hence in charge of the French Prisoners should be absent from this Capital for such a length of time as a March to Coringa would require, I assure myself that this consideration will induce you immediately on receipt of this to make every possible effort to relieve them on their approach to Condapilly either by Native or European Troops or by a Detachment composed of both as may appear to you most eligible and convenient. I shall accordingly direct Colonel Roberts to send Instructions to Major Dalrymple who commands the Detachment to halt if necessary three days at that Garrison and if the expected relief does not make its appearance in that period to make over his Prisoners to the Commanding Officer of it and return without loss of time to Hydrabad.

As you are already apprized by my former letter of the urgent existing necessity for the French Prisoners reaching Coringa where the Bombay Frigate is waiting for them with all possible dispatch it must be almost superfluous to add that the

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the responsibility of any delay which may occur in forwar=
=ding this important public object after the arrival of
the Party from hence at Condapilly will devolve —
entirely upon you —

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Hydrabad
6th November 1798

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. A Kirkpatrick
Resident

/Copy/

Colonel G. Roberts

Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment —

Sir

Major General Bridges having upon
the plea of the inadequacy of his Means declined
compliance with my application for a relief being
sent without delay to meet and take charge of the —
French Prisoners on their way from hence to Condapilly —
I have informed him in Reply that existing circumstances
requiring the early return of Major Dalrymple's —
Detachment to Hydrabad I shall cause that Officer
to be directed to halt three days at that Garrison, and
if at the expiration of that period no Relief makes its
appearance —

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appearance to make over the whole of his Prisoners to the Commanding Officer there, and rejoin you without further delay.—

You will accordingly be pleased to transmit immediate Orders to the above effect to Major Dalrymple

I send you 10 pair of Colours belonging to the late French Party which you will be pleased to direct Major Dalrymple to take charge of and to make them over with his Prisoners at Condapilly for the purpose of being Conveyed with them to Cornga where they will be delivered to the Commander of the Bombay Frigate.—

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

Hydrabad

6th November 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have to request you will lay the accompanying

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division enclosing copies of a correspondence relating to a difference that had arisen between him and the Resident at Hydrabad on the subject of marching the French prisoners from thence to Cornga.—

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accompanying letters before the Right Honorable the —
Governor in Council —

After every exertion to forward the —
public Service with the Means in my power because I could
not immediately accomplish the Residents wish His Lordship
will perceive he has chose to adopt a style strangely unsuit
-able to our respective Stations; and however inconsistent —
Captain Kirkpatrick it will further appear could only have
designed his letter for conveying his displeasure on being —
disappointed as the time to which he limits the detention of
Major Dalrymple at Condapilly is almost sufficient to
have brought the Prisoners to this place of the Residents
conduct in desiring an Officer in this Division to receive a
charge without a suitable notification to one — of the
propriety of his doubts on my withholding any assistance
after my first assurances; and his hasty though serious —
Charge of responsibility I shall leave to the Judgement
of my superiors Relying that his Lordship will not —
refuse the support which my situation may be thought
to demand. —

Masulipatam
9th November 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Thos Bridges

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Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division

Masulipatam

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that on the 5. of the approaching Month at latest, I propose dispatch-ing from hence the Officers and Serjeants of the French Party lately in the Service of this state known by the appellation of the Party of Raymond. It is the intention of the Supreme Government that these Men be embar-ked for Bengal and the Bombay Frigate, has accordingly proceeded to Coringa as a safer Port to wait their arrival at this season of the Year than the Open Roads of Masulipatam.

It being of importance to the public service that the Battalion which will proceed in charge of these Prisoners should return as soon as possible to Hydrabad I have to request that you will detach a Force immediately if practicable upon receipt of this to Meet and Relieve the Corps from hence.

The European Officers and Serjeants as yet in my Custody do not I believe exceed one hundred

Men

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men and you will perhaps be of opinion that three Compa=
=nies of Sepoys may suffice to guard that Number
when once they shall have entered the Company's —
Territories especially as the Officers are under parole not
to make a bad use of that degree of liberty which I
have thought proper to indulge them in ——

I shall just beg leave to add that
is extremely desireable considering the lateness of the —
season all possible dispatch should be used in conduc=
=ting these Prisoners to Coringa. ——

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

Hydrabad
30th October 1798

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

A true Copy

Signed Montagu Cosby
A. D. C.

J. A. Kirkpatrick Esqr
Resident at
Hydrabad

Sir

Your letter of the 30th Ultimo has
just reached me and I lose not a moment in replying
to

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to it as I am concerned to say that the present state of this Garrison will not permit me to send even a single Company of Sepoys to Relieve the Battalion in charge of the Prisoners on their March from Hydrabad to Caveriga.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Masulipatam

2d. November 1798.

(Signed) Thos. Bridges

A true Copy

(Signed) Montague Cosby

A. D. C.

Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division

Masulipatam

Sir,

I lose no time in replying to your letter of the 2d. Instant which has this moment come to hand.—

It being for various Reasons by no means adviseable or proper that the five Companies that have proceeded from hence in charge of the French

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French Prisoners should be absent from this Capital
for such a length of time as a March to Coringa would
require I assure Myself that this Consideration will
induce you on receit of this to make every possible
effort to relieve them on their approach to Condapilly
either by Native or European Troops or by a Detach-
ment composed of both as may appear to you most
eligible and convenient - I shall accordingly direct -
Colonel Roberts to send Instructions to Major -
Dalrymple who commands the Detachment to halt
if necessary three days at that Garrison and if the
expected Relief does not make its appearance in -
that period to make over his Prisoners to the -
Commanding Officer of it and return without loss
of time to Hyderabad -

As you are already apprized by my
former letter of the urgent existing necessity for the
French Prisoners reaching Coringa where the Bombay
Frigate is waiting for them with all possible despatch
It must be almost superfluous to add that the -
responsibility of any delay which may occur in forwar-
-ding

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forwarding this important public object after the arrival of the Party from hence at Condapilly will devolve entirely upon you.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

Hydrabad

6th. November 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) Montagu Casby

A. D. C.

J. A. Kirkpatrick Esqr.

Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir

I have received your letter of the 6th. but can discover no reason for your distressing the assurances in my letter of the 2d. Instant which appriged you of my inability from the very weak state of the Troops under my Command of affording the relief required in yours of the 30th. Ultimo nor for the threat you are pleased to throw out of laying the responsibility upon me of any delay that might happen in forwarding

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furthering this important object—

The propriety of your doubts on the decency of such a charge I shall have the honor of submitting to the decision of my superiors.—

How far your directions to Colonel Roberts or his instructions to Major Dalrymple would operate on an Officer in Command of a Fort immediately under my Orders is a Matter which a short reflection might easily determine; but it so happens that Lieutenant Colonel Roe has only a weak Company of Invalids in his Garrison and therefore however desirous he or might be accomplish your wish it surely would not be consistent with prudence being so situated to adopt such a measure as the receiving charge of so many prisoners. But it fortunately happens that I have just had intimation of the approach towards Ellore of Two Companies of the 8th Regiment of N. I. from Chicacole; and tho they were destined for a different Service, yet I have sent off Express to direct the Officer in Command of them to proceed forthwith to Condapilly; and having received about seventy Sepoys of the same Regiment a day or two ago from

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from Samul Colah I have Ordered them to be com=
=pleted to one hundred and to join for the purpose
of receiving and escorting the French men from thence
to Coringa — as both these Detachments must arrive
at Condapilly before Major Dalrymple can
reach it of course there will be no delay.

I cannot conclude without remar=
=king on the necessity which compels me to solicit
the attention of Government to the style of your
and endeavor to impress you with an idea of my
reluctance in expressing more on a public corre=
=spondence than what immediately regards my
Official capacity — In every instance I have ever
felt anxious to promote the public Ser=
on the slightest suggestion therefore the impor=
=tance you attached to the object of your letter
would doubtless have induced my utmost exertions
to its accomplishment —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

(Signed) Thos Bridges

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A true Copy

(Signed) Montague Cosby A.D.C.

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Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort S.t George

Sir

I herewith enclose for the information of the Honorable Board Copy of a letter from Major General Bridges and of my answer to the same —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t Humble Servt

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

From the Resident at Hydrabad enclosing copies of two letters that have passed between him and General Bridges regarding the marching of the French prisoners from Hydrabad to Caringa — He explains in his letter to General Bridges his reasons for concealing that the General should have felt himself hurt at any expressions which he may use that may have dropped from him —

Hydrabad

13.th November 1798

Copy

J. A. Kirkpatrick Esq.r

Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir

I have received your letter of the 6.th Inst and can discover no reason for your distrusting the assurances in my letter of the 2.d Instant which apprized you of my inability from the very weak state of the Troops under my Command of affording the relief required in yours of the 30.th Ultimo nor for the threat you

are

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are pleased to throw out of laying the responsibility upon me of any delay that might happen in furthering this important object—

The propriety of your doubts or the decency of such a charge I shall have the honor of submitting to the decision of my superiors—

How far your directions to Colonel Roberts or his Instructions to Major Dalrymple would operate on an Officer in Command of a Fort immediately under my Orders is a matter which a short Reflection might easily determine, but it so happens that Lieutenant Colonel Roberts has only a Weak Company of Invalids on his Garrison and therefore however desirous he or I might be to accomplish your wish it surely would not be consistent with prudence, being so situated to adopt such a Measure as the receiving charge of Sonnaey Prisoners—But it fortunately happens that I have just had information of the approach towards Ellore of two Companies of the 8th Regiment of N. I. from Coiveacole and tho' they

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they were destined for a different Service yet I have sent off express to direct the Officer in Command of them to proceed forthwith to Condapilly and having received about Seventy Sepoys of the same Regiment a day or two ago from Samul Cottah, I have — Ordered them to be completed to One hundred and to join for the purpose of receiving and Escorting the Frenchmen from thence to Coringa — as both these Detachments must arrive at Condapilly before — Major Dalrymple can reach it of course there will be no delay ——

I cannot conclude without remarking on the necessity which compels me to solicit the attention of Government to the Style of your address and endeavor to impress you with an idea of my reluctance in expressing more on a public correspondence than what immediately regards my Official Capacity — In every instance I have ever felt anxious to promote the public Service even on the slightest suggestion, Therefore the importance you attached to the object of your letter would doubtless have induced my — utmost

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almost exertions to its accomplishment —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Thos. Bridges

Masulipatam

9th. November 1798. —

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

President

Copy

Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th. Instant, and am extremely happy to learn from it that no delay is likely to — take place in the conveyance of the French — Prisoners to the place of their immediate destination Coringa. — .

I am infinitely concerned on the other hand that the urgency with which I recommended this important object to your attention, should have been construed into a threat, and can only

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only say, that so indecent and unbecoming a principle had no place in my breast while addressing you on the subject; but if the anxiety which I felt for the public Service should really as you seem to think have betrayed me into any expressions that may be justly deemed exceptionable they will in all probability not escape the notice of Government and I shall in such case bow most submissively to whatever animadversion my immediate superior the Right Honorable the Governor General may judge fit to make upon them —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Hydrabad
12th November 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Minute thereon —

The Board trust that Major — General Bridges will have been satisfied by the last letter of Captain Kirkpatrick of that Gentleman's intentions towards him and that the General will have

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have made sufficient allowance for the anxiety under which he must have written upon an event of so much political importance as the entire suppression of the French party on the Dekan.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st. Ultimo — where in you communicate the Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council directing you to call upon me to state for the information of the Board whether the several Officers in Public trust with the Detachment have or have not executed their respective duties with Zeal and activity —

To this I have to reply that Mr. Cherry Paymaster and Lieutenant Goldsworthy Bullock

From Colonel Roberts giving the explanation required of him respecting the Narrative of the Capture that he had met with in Sir Marcus to Hydrabad and enclosing copies of different Letters elucidating his answer —

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Bullock Agent were the two Persons in charge of the Principal Departments of my Detachment at Bezoara, and I have every reason to believe that no exertion on their part was left unemployed to accelerate the movement of the Detachment—

The correspondence between Mr. Cherry and the Several Collectors in the Companys Territories on the subject of a supply of Cash to enable the Movement of the Detachment I herewith enclose and this was the Chief obstacle which impeded our March after the Troops were assembles on the North Bank of the Kistna—

The last Sum of 5,000 Pagodas which enabled Mr. Cherry to make his Payment to the Troops for august did not arrive in Camp at Bezoara till the 25.th of September at night, he had then to Shroff it before he could make his disbursements and it was not till late in the after-noon of the 23.d of September that the Payments to the

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the Detachment was completed, after this same time would necessarily be taken up by the several Officers in paying and adjusting the Accounts of their respective Companies and it was not till then that the Sepoys could make the suitable arrange= =ments in regard to their Families, for which reasons I felt it absolutely expedient to allot one day for this purpose after the Money was received out of the Paymasters hands and on the 25.th I marched.—

My Reports to the Commander in Chief and to the Heads of different Departments at the Presidency, copies of which I herewith take the liberty to enclose together with the whole of the correspondence that passed between me and the acting Resident at His Highness the Nizam's Court will shew the particulars relative to the situation of the Detachment at that period and after the = receipt of the Money which was barely sufficient to pay the Troops the Paymaster could not comply with

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with the demands of the Bullock Agent for his —
Department or make good the Pay and allowances
due to the Staff Officers attached to Head Quarters
which they did not receive for some days after the
Detachment had Marched, on another supply of
Money arriving in Camp — The former in order to
facilitate the movement of his Department was —
obliged to borrow Sums on private Credit for this
purpose. —

The want of a Commissary of Stores
and a want of artificers for our train of artillery —
subjected it to many inconveniences particularly as —
several of the Gun Carriages and Tumbrils by the
report made on them were by no means in a state
for Field Service and in my letter to the Commander
in Chief № 12 I there report to him that one of the
Tumbrils had broken down on the march and that
I was obliged to leave it upon the road. —

The Commissary of Stores Lieutenant
Beauman

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Beauman with the Stores of his Department only joined me the day before Yesterday the 9th Inst. and it was not till after I had made two marches from Bezoara that part of the Camp Equipage for the Detachment overtook me.

It was necessary I should be explicit in my communications with the Resident on this subject as it appeares from his Letter to me of so early a date as the 2nd of September that he supposed my Detachment was in complete readiness to move forward at that time or at a short notice after.

I trust the accompanying correspondence with what I have here stated will appear to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that every exertion in my power was used to give that expedition to the Movement of the Detachment which the Resident's letters to me seemed to require

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required to promote the object of it—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Signed George Roberts

Colonel

Camp near
Hydrabad
11th November 1798

To G. A. Ram Esqr

Collector of the Guntoor Circar

Guntoor

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you my

Indent for 20,000 Twenty Thousand Madras Pagodas

being the Amount required for the Disbursement of

my Department with the Detachment of Troops

ordered for field Service at this place for the Month

of August, and Request you will inform me with as

little delay as possible when you will be able to supply

the whole or any part of the above Sum—

I have the honor to be &c

Signed P. Cherry

Paymr & Commissy to
the Detachment

Camp at Guntoor
6th September 1798

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To Thomas Oakes Esq.r

Collector of

Masulipatam

Sir,

Mr. Ram the Collector here not being able to comply with my Instant I have the honor to enclose it to you for 26000 Pagodas Twenty Thousand Madras Pagodas being the Amount required for the Disbursement of my Department with the Detachment of Troops ordered for field Service at this place for the Month of August and I request you will inform me with as little delay as possible when you will be able to supply the whole or any part of the above Sum

I have the honor to be &c.

Camp at Guntoor

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(Signed) P. Cherry

Paymr and Commissary

to the Detachment

To

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To Cornish Gambier Esqr.

Collector in the 2d. Division of Masulipatam District

Muglatoor

Sir

Mr. Ram the Collector here not
being able to comply with my Orders to furnish me with
enclose it to you for 20,000 Twenty Thousand Madras
Pagodas being the Amount required for the Disburse-
-ment of my Department with the Detachment
of Troops ordered for field Service at this place for
the Month of August and request you will inform me
with as little delay as possible when you be able to
supply the whole or any part of the above Sum

I have the honor to be
&c
(Signd) P. Cherry
Paymr and Commy of Stores
the Detachment

Camp at Gundoor
7th. September 1798

To William Gordon Esqr.

General Treasury

Masulipatam

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary to Government
under

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under date the 4th Instant to Indent upon the
General Treasury at Masulipatam for what money
I may require for the Payment of the Troops &c
ordered to be assembled for field Service at this place
I have the honor therefore to enclose
you my Indent for 41,000 Madras Pagodas being the
sum required for the Troops and Pay and Commissa-
ries Departments for August and as the Army are
in great distress for Money I request you will
dispatch to Bezwarah as much of the above Sum
as you can as soon after the receipt of this Letter as
possible, and inform me when you will be able to
Comply with the Indent to its fullest extent

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed / P Cherry
Paymr and Commy of
Provisions to the Detach

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To William Gordon Esqr
In charge of the General Treasury
at Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honor of your Letter of the 10th
Instant

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Instant and beg in reply to request you will on
receipt of this send whatever sums you may have in
Pagodas the Sum of 8000 Rupees you call good and
the 1550 Rupees Solackay which I observe by your
letter you reckon at 2½ ℘ Cent difference for the
Amount—

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

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) L. Cherry
Paym.r & Commis.y to
the Detachment

Camp at Bezoara
12th September 1798

To George. A. Ram Esq.r
Collector of the Guntoor Circar

Guntoor

Sir,

I have this Moment received a letter
from

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from Mr. Gordon in charge of the General Treasury at Masulipatam in which he informs Me of his inca= =pability to comply with my Indent to its full extent I have therefore taken the liberty once More to address You on the subject of Cash and to request you will with as little delay as possible send me at this place such Sums as you may have ready and I trust that before the 20th. of the Month you will have it in your Power to comply fully with my Indent of the 6th.

It is unnecessary I am sure to point out to you the Necessity there is for Cash, you must well Know how impossible it will be to attempt Moving the Troops without Paying up their Arrears for last Month.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Signed D. Sconce

Paym.r and Comm.y to the Detach.t

Camp at Bezoara

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

On receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant I addressed Mr. Gordon in Charge of the General Treasury at Masulipatam Copy of which letter I have the honor to enclose you N°1 with his reply N°2 also my letter of Yesterday's date to him N°3 Urging the absolute necessity of a speedy supply of Cash without which it will be scarcely practicable to Move the Troops out of the Company's Territories.

I beg leave to Observe to you that the Sum Mentioned by Mr. Gordon to be in the General Treasury will be inadequate to pay off the arrears due to the Troops for last Month.

The exigencies of this Service has been the occasion of my deviating from the Orders of Government of 19th July 1797 in applying directly to you

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you instead of the Regular Channel of the Military

Paymaster General.——

Camp at Bezwara

13th September 1798

I have the honor to be

Sir

Signed P. Cherry

Paymr to the

Detachment

To Peter Cherry Esqr.

Paymaster to the Guntoor

Detachment

Sir,

In reply to your letter of Yesterdays

date I am to inform you that the Demands of the

Paymaster at this Place have of late been so heavy

as to put it out of my power to comply in any degree

with the Indent for Cash you have presented

and which therefore I take the liberty to return—

I am,

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

Signed Tho.s Oakes

Coll.t

Masulipatam

8th September 1798

To

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To Peter Cherry Esqr.

Paymaster to the Detachment under Command

of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Sir,

I am this Moment favoured with your letter under date the 9th Instant enclosing me an Indent for the Sum of 41000 Madras Pagodas and advising me of your having Received Orders for so doing from the Right Honorable the President in Council similar Orders under date the 4th Instant I received from Mr. Secretary Webbe and immediately wrote circular letters to the Different Collectors Requesting them to send me all the surplus Cash they had for the purpose above Mentioned.

I was Yesterday favoured with an answer from the Collector in the 4th Division wherein he informs Me that he is unable to comply with any part of my Indent

I beg leave to inform you that I have at present Madras Pagodas 700 and Rupees 23501

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Rupees 23501.3.3. in the General Treasury out of which 8000 Rupees are what are called good and 15501 what are called Soolackey Rupees which are reckoned at the rate of two and a half p.r cent difference for the Current should you wish to take the Rupees I will have them ready to send you on receiving your answer.—

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10.th September 1798

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(Signed) William Gordon
In Charge of the
Journal Chancery

To Peter Sherry Esq.r
Paymaster to the Detachment
Ordered on field Service

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 12.th Instant and have the pleasure to send you Seven hundred Madras Pagodas (700) and Twenty three thousand and five hundred Rupees (23500) under charge of a Guard of Sepoys for the use of the Disbursements of your Employ.

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Employ and request that you will send me the separate
Bills for the amount of each Coin

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

Masulipatam
15th September 1798

(Signed) William Gordon
In Charge of the
General Treasury

To Peter Cherry Esqr
Paymaster to the Detachment Ordered
on Field Service

Sir,

I have the pleasure to send you under
Charge of a Guard of Sepoys the Sum of Five
Thousand Madras Pagodas (5000) for the use of
Disbursements of your Employ and request that
you will pleare to send me the Customary Bills
for the same.

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

Masulipatam
17th September 1798

(Signed) William Gordon
In Charge of the
General Treasury

To

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To Peter Cherry Esqr.
Paymaster

Sir

The Right Honorable the President in Council having authorized me to detain what part of the Treasure hourly expected from Bengal (for the use of the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts) —

I have to request you will inform me to what Amount you conceive may be required for the Disbursements of your Employ until the least possible delay —

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

Masulipatam
22. September 1798

(Signed) William Gordon
Paymaster

P. S. The remainder I am ordered to send to the Presidency by the same Sea-Conveyance —

(Signed) W. G.

So.

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To Peter Cherry Esq.r

Paymaster to the Guntoor

Detachment

Sir

I have the pleasure of sending to you —
under a Guard of Sepoys and Peons the Sum of
/20,000/ Twenty thousand Madras Pagodas and
/13,000/ thirteen thousand Rupees for the use of your
Employ — I hope to send a further supply Tomorrow —

Masulipatam
24.th September 1798

I am &c.
/Signed/ Tho.s Oakes
Coll.o

To Peter Cherry Esq.r

Paymaster to the Guntoor

Detachment

Sir

I herewith send to you under a Guard
of Sepoys and Peons the Sum of Six thousand seven
hundred and fifty /6750/ Madras Pagodas and —
Twenty thousand /20,000/ Rupees for the —
use

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use of your Employs.

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25th. September 1798

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/Signed/ Thos. Oakes
Collector

To Peter Cherry Esqr.
Paymaster to the Detachment
Ordered on field Service

Sir

Under Charge of a Guard of Sepoys I herewith dispatch you the Sum of Rupees Seventy Thousand /70000/ and Ninety Pagodas Three Thousand /3000/ for the Disbursements of your Employ and request that you will please to send me the Customary separate Bills for the Amount of each Corps

I have the honor to be

Masulipatam
25th. September 1798

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/Signed/ Will.m Gordon
Paymaster

True Copies

/Signed/ P. Cherry Paymt For

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To Captain Kirkpatrick

acting Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d Instant this Morning by express and to inform you the Detachment under my command is at present disposed as follows—

The artillery Company with three Brigades of Guns is at Bezoara — One Battalion and three Companies with two Brigade of Guns at Innacondah Two — Battalions and Seven Companies at this place —

In Order to enable me to proceed with the Detachment to the confines of His — Highness's Territories with as little delay as possible I sent immediate Orders to Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple to march with the Troops under his command at Innacondah to Bezoara where I shall proceed myself with the Troops here and as

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as soon as the whole is collected marche with the Detachment to the borders to enable me to comply with your directions whenever I may receive your further instructions to proceed into his Highness the Nizams Territories.

Guntoor
7th September 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedient Humble Servt
(Signed) G. Roberts
Lieutenant Colonel

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir

I did not receive your letter of the 2d Instant till yesterday — The Right Honorable the President in Council will be informed by my letter of the 7th Instant that I have taken the necessary steps to cross the Pennar with as little delay as possible for which purpose the 2d Battalion 2d Regiment marched this Morning the Remainder of the Troops here will follow it tomorrow.

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The Sepoys having their Families to settle before they leave the Company's Territories are much distressed from not having yet Received their last Months pay and as it will give them great confidence and probably prevent much Desertion their being able to do it with satisfaction to themselves and as Mr. Ram is not able to supply the Paymaster with sufficient Money to pay the Detachment I hope the Right Honorable the President will be pleased to give the necessary directions to the Collectors in the Masulipatam Circar for an immediate supply of Cash.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed G. Roberts
Lieut. Colonel

Guntoor
9th September 1798

To Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident at
Hydrabad

Sir

I am this Morning favored with yours

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yours of the 6th Instant by express. In my reply to your letter of the 2d I stated to you the situation of the Troops that compose the Detachment and of my having immediately given Orders for their Assembling which I had not before Authority to do — Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple marches this day from Invercondah with the first of the Detachment assembled there for Bezoarah what were here have also Marched for the same place where I shall proceed myself this Evening.

The whole of the Artillery and the greatest part of the Guns being at Bezoarah and Boats being collected there I conceive it will be the not the shortest the most expeditious route we can take.

I am very sorry to be under the necessity of stating to you a Number of circumstances that must retard the march of the Detachment into his Highness's Territories and puts it out of my power to conform to your directions

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directions in proceeding with that expedition I could wish.——

The two Battalions from the Southward arrived here the One on the 2.d the other on the 3.d Instant with all their Families neither of those Battalions nor the 11.th Regiment have yet received their pay for last Month.—— Mr. Cherry the Paymaster and Mr. Goldsworthy the Bullock Agent only joined me on the 5.th the former has as yet been able to procure but 2,500 Madras Pagodas for the whole Detachment this latter from the dispersed state of it has not been able to arrange the duties of his Department The Brigade Major and Surgeon have not yet joined nor am I yet provided with Camp Equipage for the greatest part of the Staff Line but this latter I consider a small obstacle compared with the want of Money for the Sepoys to enable them to settle their Families and even support themselves without which you must be sensible of the difficulty or even the impossibility of attempting to March them and

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of the Company's Territories

The Paymaster having been inform-
ed that an Order has been sent to Maraltpatam
for his being supplied with Cash I hope on our
being assembled at Bezoarah which I conceive
cannot be till the 16th Inst we shall be able to
arrange every thing — You may depend on it —
nothing on my part shall be wanting to accelerate
the March of the Detachment — you will see —
from the above the improbability of my complying
for the present with your wishes in sending a —
Present State and an Estimate of the Sums —
required for the Monthly disbursement of the —
Detachment as soon as it is in my power I will
do it and shall inform you from time to time of
our Motions. ——

I shall pay particular attention
to the last paragraph of your former letter as well as
what you recommend to me in my conduct to the
Persons sent by the Minister to meet me and his
Highness's subjects in general. —— I purpose —
proceeding —

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proceeding by the route of Munegaul unless I
receive any Instructions from you to the contrary —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) G. Roberts
Lieut. Colonel

Guntoor
10th September 1798

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a
copy of a letter this Morning Received from the
Acting Resident at Hydrabad Requiring me to march
without delay — By my letter of the 7th Instant
the Right Honorable the President in Council will
be informed of the dispersed state of the Detachment
and of the Orders I immediately issued for its
assembling — The Troops have marched from hence
for Bezoara and Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple
with those assembled at Innacondah also marched
this Morning the latter I imagine cannot lie at
Bezoara till the 15th or 16th — I must again beg
leave

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Leave to represent the necessity of an immediate supply of Cash to enable the Detachment to proceed agreeable to the requisition of the Acting Resident at his Highness the Nizams Court.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

/ Signed / G. Roberts
Lieut. Col.

Guntoor
16th. September 1798

To Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident at
Hydrabad

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that I arrived hereon the 11th. and am making every exertion in my power to get the Troops across the River with as much expedition as possible the whole of the 2d. Battalion 2d. Regiment got across Yesterday I have Six Boats furnished by Mr. Oakes and have made an application to Mr. Rans for some from his Division — the wind is so strong and the River so full and rapid we can only make three trips

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trips a day which makes the embarkation exceedingly tedious.— As we are now on the Dawke road if you think proper to direct the Peons on the Road or at any particular Stations to receive my Letters and will forward by them in a seperate Packet such information as you may think necessary to send me it will much accelerate our communications with each other.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Bezara
13th. September 1798

Signed G. Roberts
Lieut. Colonel

To Captain Pierce
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

I have the honar to enclose you for the — information of the Military Board a letter addressed to Me by Major Howley Commanding the Artillery with the Detachment under my command accompa-nied by a Return * of Ordnance and Ammunition under his Charge I must beg leave to observe that no

Deputy

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Deputy Commissary has yet come or to my
knowledge been appointed nor is the Detachment
furnished with any Depot or Magazine but merely
with a Line Equipment. —

Bezoara
13th September 1798

I have the honor to be
Sr &c &c
/ Signed / G. Roberts
Lieut Colonel

To Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

In consequence of its being repor=
=ted to me by Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple
that one of the Tumbrils under his charge on its
march from Innicondah was so much out of
repair that it could not be brought on to this
place without being repaired I directed Major
Howley Commanding Officer of the Artillery with
this Detachment to send Artificers to Guntoor for
that purpose Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple
having none with him I beg leave to enclose
his

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his letter to me in reply for the information of the Commander in Chief as I conceive it will be necessary that a Detachment ordered on a distant Service as this is should be provided with an Ordnance Officer and Magazine of Stores ——

I have the honor to be

S.r S.r

Camp Bezaana

17.th September 1798

(Signed) Gy.n Roberts
Lieut.t Colo.l

To Captain Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

In consequence of Major Howley's Report to me of the state of the Guns and Tumbrils just arrived from Innacondah I ordered a Committee of survey on them the Proceedings of which I have the honor to enclose you for the information of the Military Board and hope the Board will be pleased to give directions for their being replaced by others fit for Field Service —— I beg you will also inform the Board that one of the Tumbrils ——

Ordered

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Ordered from Innaconda has been left at Guntoor
the wheels of it being so bad it could proceed no
further

Camp near
Bezoara 19th
September 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) G. Roberts
Asst Colonel

To Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident at
Hydrabad

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of your letter of the 16th this Morning
and to inform you that the whole of the Detach-
=ment will be on the North side of the River
this Evening — I am sorry to say I have not
yet received a sufficient supply of Cash to pay
the Detachment for last Month the Sepays
are already much distressed and have not wherewith
to subsist them on the march till they receive their
pay — I expect daily a further supply of Cash
from

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from Masulipatam which I hope will enable me to pay them — The Detachment is not yet — completed with Bullocks nor the Camp Equipage for the staff line — The Guns and Tumbrils received and which only arrived yesterday from Innaicondah are in very bad state which I have represented to the Military Board one of the latter was left at Guntoor as it could not be brought on I shall not delay my march for them but bring on what I have in the best Manner I can when the other deficiencies are supplied —

I do not think it possible the Detachment can move from hence till the 25th. I shall use every exertion in my power to get to — Hydrabad with the least possible delay —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) G. Roberts
Lieut Col

Camp at
Bezoara
20th. September 1798

To Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident at Hydrabad

Sir

I have the honor enclose you a —

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Return of the Detachment under my command as soon as Mr. Cherry the Paymaster is able to furnish me with an Estimate of the Monthly Disbursements which I expect in a few days I shall forward it to you.—

I have the pleasure to inform you that I marched from Bezoara to Abraham=patam this Morning and shall proceed on my march to Hydrabad with as much expedition as possible.——

I think it necessary to inform you that the Detachment is only provided with a Line Equipment no magazine of either ammunition or Stores nor any Articles whatever for the repair of the Carriages of the Artillery in case of accidents on the road which from the state of some of the Tumbrils may be expected every day and which I have represented to the Commander in Chief and the Military Board; but as it appears your wish that the Detachment should proceed to Hydrabad without loss of time I did not think proper to delay

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delay my March on that account —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) G. Roberts
Lieut. Colonel

Camp
Abrampatam
25th. September 1798

To Lieutenant General Harris

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

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I marched this Morning from Bezoara and shall — proceed on my march to Hydrabad with as much — expedition as possible the acting Resident at his Highness's Court being very anxious for the arrival of the — Detachment at that Capital. —

I am much afraid from the bad state of some of the Tumbrils that We shall not be able to carry on the whole of them with us having been furnished with no Materials whatever for Repairs or any Commissary or Officer in that Line on whom to Indent for any Articles for Repairs agreeable to the Regulations. you may however be assured Sir that

every

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every exertion in my power shall be made to carry on
the Detachment in as complete manner as possible—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ G: Roberts
Lieut Colonel

Camp near
Abrampalam
25th September 1799

To Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of my
arrival with the Detachment on the Banks of the
River Moosa about 75 Miles East of Hydrabad — One
of the Tumbrils having broke down on the March and
not having the means of Repairing it I was obliged to
leave it after stowing the Ammunition in the other
Tumbril —

I have been informed by the Acting
Resident at Hydrabad that he dispatched on the
30th Ultimo under an escort of two Companies of
Sepoys six 6 Pounders with Tumbrils and ammunition
to join me and to be for the present attached to this
Detachment

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Detachment I expect to meet them in about two or three days but am unacquainted with the Reason for sending such a reinforcement of Guns.—

I have the honor to be

Camp East
Bank of the Moosa
3d. October 1798

Sr. Sr.

Signed G. Roberts
Lieut. Colonel

/Copy/

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Guntoor Detachment

Sir.

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

This is therefore to advise you that I may probably deem it necessary to transmit you in the course of a few Days directions for commencing your March; in the Mean while with the double view of enabling

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enabling you eventually to reach Hydrabad with all practicable Dispatch and easing the Government of Fort S. George as soon as possible of the expence of maintaining the considerable body of Men under your Command I would recommend that you draw your force without delay close to the confines so as to cross them in a single march upon receiving further advice from me. His Highness's Minister has informed me that the Requisite Orders have been issued to the Amildars on your Route for supplying your Troops with Grain and Provisions: — this will not however prevent you from taking such precautions in this way yourself as may be in your power without retarding your March, or subsequent progress to this Capital. — I shall take care that a Vakeel Dawlah be sent from hence to meet you the moment I dispatch the final Orders for your Advance — I would also recommend to you to give it out that you conceive the Object of your expedition to be the strengthening the hands of

our

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our ally the Nizam against eventual foreign aggression and cannot too strongly enjoin you to be most carefull and attentive in suppressing any Reports that may have got abroad of any other design whatever being in the contemplation of our Government.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Hydrabad

2d. September 1798

(Copy)

Lieutenant Colonel G. Roberts

Commanding the Guntoor Detachment

Sir

I advised you under date the 2d. Inst.

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

You will accordingly be pleased to commence your march without delay advising me frequently

of

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of your progress and stating to me at the same time whatever you may think useful for my information or requisite to your own you will not fail to send me as early advice as possible of the Route you propose taking either as the nearest or as the most commodious and practicable. —— The nearest must unacquestionably be by Timerycottah from whence your way to Hydrabad lays through his Highness the Nizam's Circar of Davarcondah leaving West of Nelgoondah on your right the Route of Bezoarah and Nuncaul through far more circuitous is no doubt the most frequented and best known and has the further advantage of being on the high Danke Road. —

The Person appointed by the Minister leave this the day after tomorrow, for the purpose of providing for your wants during your march and of attending you to this City — Five hundred Bullock load of Grain accompany them from hence and they carry with them the requisite Orders for procuring further supplies from the Aumils on the Route — They will proceed direct

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direct to Mungaul or its vicinity and upon their arrival there will govern their motions by yours — To an Officer who so long commanded with credit in these Territories it would be superfluous to recommend kindness and attention to the Servants of his Highness that are sent to meet you or a general conciliatory carriage and conduct towards his Highness's subjects of every degree and discription. —

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

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

Hydrabad
6th. September 1798

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/ Signed / J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Ordered to lie on the table

Read

Lie on the Table

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Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

We have the honor of informing your Lordship that the necessary steps have been taken for carrying into effect the directions of Government contained in their Letter of the 2nd and in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 4th Instant.—

From the Military Board communicating different particulars regarding the Grain directed to Cuddalore &c in Store in Kistnaghurry Vellore and Arnee, recommending the payment of different bills.—

On the subject of Grain Ordered to be stored at Kistnaghurry Vellore and Arnee, We beg leave to state that, although the instructions of Government did not specify either Numbers or period for which the Grain is to be laid in at those Stations, yet seeing that such quantity is intended to answer for offensive Operations; in which case it must be supposed that the Force to be supplied with that Article including public followers will be very considerable. We have assumed as Data for calculation in regard

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regard to Paddy or Rice the number of 40,000 Men, and the period of forty Days: also with respect to Gram the Number of 3,000 Horses at which the whole of the Cavalry is estimated for the same period; and have accordingly instructed the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts to lose no time in providing and storing at Kistnagherry Six hundred and Sixty Seven (667) Garces of Paddy and One hundred and twenty five (125) Garces of Gram.—

As there are already in Store at Arnee upwards of six hundred and fifty seven Garces of Paddy which is nearly equal to the supply required for the abovementioned Number of Men for the period specified, it did not appear to us Necessary to encrease that stock and We have therefore directed the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore to lay in without loss of time at that Station a quantity of Paddy, or in preference Rice provided the latter can be procured on terms proportionably reasonable to the Amount of Cash Viz.t 15,000 Pagodas with which Government have furnished him.—

Captain

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Captain Peter Dallas Commanding

the Native Detail at Mellore having applied to our
Board for payment of the amount allotted by Govern-
-ment for the construction of a Barrack at that
Station, We accordingly recommend that authority be
given for paying to that Officer the Sum of fifty (50)
Pagodas being the amount to which he was restricted.

We have the honor to enclose Bills
from Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud and Lieutenant
Tottheringham of the Corps of Engineers, for Work per-
-formed under their respective superintendence at Triche-
-no poly Tanjore and Ryacottah: those of the former
Officer Amounting to Pagodas 1080.15.9. and that of
the latter to Pagodas 93.29.53. all which Bills, being
supported by the prescribed Certificates, We recommend
may be passed for payment.——

Fort S.t George
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We have the honor to be
S.r S.r
(Signed) Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
S.r Richardson
B.t Close

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the ground upon which the Military Board have calculated the quantity of Rice and Paddy to be laid in at Kistnagherry, Vellore, and Arnee; and it is resolved that Orders be issued for beginning to beat out Paddy at those places without delay

In regard to Gram the Board are of opinion that a quantity equal to Six Months consumption for the whole Cavalry should be laid in at Arnee Kistnagherry, Shenkerdroog and Ryacottah in equal proportions; and it is accordingly resolved, to desire the Military Board to give such directions as they may judge necessary for the preservation of it

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board enclosing a Report of the Committee of the Military Board respecting the provision and collection of Draught and Carriage Bullocks enclosing also the minute of the Chief Engineer on the mode that appears to him the most eligible for conveying the Tents and grain of the Army. The Board have it not yet in their power to make an accurate report on the State of the Forts in the Carnatic The Board enclose a Statement of all the light and heavy Ordnance &c &c in the several forts and post under this Presidency together with a seperate Statement of the Camp Equipage

&c &c &c

I have Referred to a Committee of Our Board the Paragraphs in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 14th and in the Letter from Government of the 29th of August last respecting the provision and collection of Draft and Carriage Bullocks, and agreeing entirely

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in the opinion delivered by that Committee in their Report on the subject We have the honor of submitting to your Lordship the enclosed Copy thereof such mode of Communication Appearing to Us to be the readiest and most satisfactory that can be adopted on the occasion.—

2nd The Chief Engineer having entered a Minute, which apparently dissents in some respect from the abovementioned Report, We accordingly forward herewith a Copy of the same, in conformity with the Regulations of our Board.—

3d We beg leave to inform your Lordship that in consequence of the Order of Government under date the 14th August We have under consideration the subject of Camp Equipage and Tent Allowance, and propose to have the honor of submitting a Report thereon as soon as possible: but with respect to the Report, required by the same Order on the actual state of all the Frontier Garrisons, and Fortresses of the Carnatic, together with such improvements and repairs as may be necessary to place them in a respec-

table

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respectable posture of Defence; We deem it our duty to state to your Lordship, that finding after a particular examination of the Reports upon the state of the Fortifications which have been transmitted to Us, there are not sufficient Materials for making so comprehensive a Report as the extent and importance of the subject demands, We have given directions for a more Minute Survey to be taken immediately after the rains agreably to Forms which have been transmitted to Commanding Officers of stations for that purpose; from which We hope to be able to comply fully with the instructions of Government on that subject.

4th. We have also the honor of enclosing to Government in compliance with their Order of the 14th of August a General Statement of Heavy and Light field Ordnance with the Number of Carriages of each description fit for Service in the several Forts and Posts under this Presidency, compiled from the latest Returns.

5th. We have likewise to Ourselves the honor to submit a Statement of the Camp Equipage in

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in Store at the Several Stations on the Coast, and of the quantity which may shortly be expected from the Contractor with a view of affording to Government the means of judging how far it may be necessary at this Period to Order a further provision of Tents for the use of the Army; and, beg leave at the same time to state that, the Tent Contractor will have completed by the end of the Year the Number of Tents he is bound by his Contract to provide although the period allowed him for that purpose does not determine till the Month of July next when his Contract expires: a circumstance, of which, We deem it necessary to apprize Government, in case they should think it expedient to Order a further supply.

6th We have been particularly indu=ced to lays this Statement before your Lordship as many of the Tents (including the whole to the Southward) although returned Serviceable yet, from having been frequently repaired will very soon require to be replaced after being brought into the Field.

We

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Fort St. George
12th November 1798

We have the honor to be
Sr Sr
(Signed) Geo. Harris
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham
" Jo.r Richardson
" B.r Close

Report of a Committee of the Military Board consisting of the Military Auditor General and Adjutant General, on Extracts of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 14th August 1798 and of a letter from Government under date the 29th of the same Month, respecting the Provision and Collection of Draught, and Carriage, Bullocks—

Having taken into consideration the Paragraph of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 14th August 1798 desiring "the Sentiments of the Board with respect to "the best plan for providing and keeping up a permanent "Establishment of Draught Bullocks for a Field Force "equal to that now under Orders of Movement and for "the speedy collection of the carriage Cattle from the — "Country" — together with a further explanation of Government

on

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on the subject under date the 29th of the same Month
expressing it to be their intention that in recommending
a System for the speedy collection of Draught and
Carriage Cattle the Board should be guided by the
Field Train now Ordered to be prepared, and the propor-
tion of Troops to be put in Motion; The Committee
find that the Field Train in readiness at the Mount
Arnee and Wallajahbad will require 1279 Draught
Bullocks including the usual proportion of spare, and
that the Magazine suitable to that Train and to the
Number of Troops under Orders for Field service will
require 733 Making in the whole 2012 Draught
Bullocks.—

In proceeding to form an opinion
on the best plan for a permanent Establishment of
the above Number of Draught Bullocks the Com-
mittee think it necessary to enter into a review of the
different Methods which have been hitherto adopted for
supplying Bullocks of this discription as well as carriage
Bullocks for the public service.——

The original hire of Cattle according
to

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to the old printed Book of Regulations from 1766 to 1778

	P.	F.	C.
was a Draught Bullock		4.	40
per day, or per Month		3. 9.	—
Carriage Bullocks 3. 40 per day, or per Month		2. 21	—

including a proportion of Drivers ——

In 1779 and 1780 it appears that the rates of hire was Reduced as follows —

Draught Bullock per Month	1. 21	—
proportion of the hire of Drivers calculated at 2 to 3 Bullocks	. 40	—
Pagodas	2 19	—
Carriage Bullock, including the proportion of the Expence of Drivers	1 21	—

In December 1781 (a period when the Compa-ny were involved in a distressful war, and when supplies of every kind were difficult to be obtained) a contract was proposed to be entered into with Mr. Benfield for supply-ing the Company with Draught and Carriage Bullocks @ 3. 10. 40 p. Month including a proportion of Drivers one fourth of the Number to be Draught and three-fourths Carriage Bullocks but that Gentleman ultimately declined the Contract finding that Government would not consent

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consent to his Modification of the Articles or give him
the Assistance and support which he required but being
afterwards Appointed Agent for Draught and Carriage
Bullocks he proposed that if Government should choose
to hire their own Means to collect cattle for the Company
he would supply them with Foreign Equipment and
Drivers at 3. C.P. each per day at the Exchange of 42 per
Pagoda or 2. 40 C. per Month a proposal which
Government rejected, Assigning as a Reason that if it was
accepted the Agent would receive nearly the same as by
the usual Custom of the Service he would be paid if
the Bullocks were his own property and at his own charges

In 1782 it Appears that the rates
paid by the Company for Draught and Carriage
Cattle were as follows——

	P. F. C.
Draught Bullock per Month	2. 0. —
Proportional hire of Driver at the rate of 2 C. 3 Bullocks	0. 10. —
Pagodas	2. 10. —
Carriage Bullocks per Month including Proportional Expence of Drivers	2. — —

During the Continuation of the late

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late Major General Sir Archibald Campbell the Com=
=mittee find that a Contract was entered into on the 1st. —
February 1787 with three Gentlemen the Servants of the —
Company for keeping upon a time of Peace a permanent Esta=
=blishment of 1000 Draught, and 1000 Carriage Bullocks to
be distributed as follows —

	DB	CB
At Wallajabad	500	500
" Trichinopoly	230	230
" Tanjore	90	90
" Ellore	180	180
	1000	1000

or the whole or any part thereof to be stationed at such other
posts or Garrisons as the Government of Fort Saint George
might require, and to be employed for the purpose of —
transporting Guns Stores and Ammunition as well as —
Spirituous Liquors to the several Garrisons & Stations where the
Service might render necessary and the Contractors further —
engaged that on having 40 Days previous Notice they would
supply such an additional Number of Draught and Carriage
Bullocks all strong and well trained for use as might be required
at any time during the continuance of the Contract — The
Government of Fort St. George, agreeing to pay for all such Bullocks

as

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as were furnished under this Contract at the following rates,
One Star Pagoda 11 fanams and 50 Cash per Month for
every Draught and Carriage Bullock in time of Peace
with one Driver at 6 fanams per Month to every three
Bullocks, or 1.30.40 each Bullock, making the whole for
the said 1000 Draught and 1000 Carriage Bullocks
and the Drivers for the same in the above proportion
amount to the Monthly Sum of Star Pagodas 3,452 and
in case of war with any European or Country power
Government engaged to pay the Contractors at the Rate of
one Pagoda 21 fanams for every Draught and Carriage
Bullock with two Drivers to every three Draught and
Driver to every 3 Carriage Bullocks at the like rate
of 6 fanams each Month or Pagodas 2.19. per Month
for each Draught and 1.41. per Month for each
Carriage Bullock with the proportion of Drivers it
being also understood that these Rates includes a Provi
=sion for Pack Saddles.

This Contract it appears continued in
force during the Campaign in the Coimbatore Country
under Major General Medows in the Year 1790 and
until

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until the Month of October 1791 at which time the Army was encamped near Bangalore and Commanded by Lord Cornwallis who thought proper to discontinue that mode of supply as not being applicable in his opinion to the then circumstances of the public Service and to establish in its stead an Agency under which he continued to employ the several Bullock owners who had before been under the Contractors, a System which at the same time that it retained the Means of supply derived from the former plan, could not fail of being supported by the influence and Resources of Government; and although at the conclusion of the War with Tippoo Sultaun in the Year 1792 the whole of the Bullocks with the owners were discharged, it was still considered expedient to continue the appointment of principal agent with the Paymasters at the several Stations acting under him as Deputies for the provision of such Cattle as might be occasionally required until the 30th. of September 1797 – at which period a separate Department of this kind not being thought necessary in time of Peace was directed to be discontinued and the Garrison Store keeper at the Presidency and the

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The Paymasters Acting as Garrison Storekeepers at out Sta-
tions were Ordered to furnish such occasional supplies of
Bullocks as the publick Service might Require.

Government having however under the late
preparations for Field Service judged it advisable to review
the former System of Agency under which the Draught
and Carriage Bullocks provided for the publick Service
by Garrison Storekeepers and Agents for Cavalry supplies
have been accordingly placed agreably to the Regulations
published on the 29th August last.—

On a comparative view of the
different modes of supply which have hitherto obtained
it cannot but be evident that the plan which connects
economy with the greatest security to the publick Service must
be entitled to a preference adverting to the contract of 1787
before detailed it will be seen that the Bullocks under
taken that engagement were kept upon a less expence in
time of peace than the present rates of hire, exclusive of
the additional charge of Salary to the principal agent
with that of the necessary Establishment of Servants, but
that in time of War the Contract Rates exceeded in a far
greater

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greater proportion those now paid under the Agency which are the same on all Situations Viz.t two Pagodas eight fanams (2.8.0) per Month for Draught and one Pagoda twenty one fanams (1.21.0) per Month for Carriage Bullocks, including a due proportion of Drivers — But although it may be difficult to ascertain with any degree of precision which of the two Modes would prove most Oeconomical by an average taken from any stated period owing to the impossibility of judging what proportion of such period would be peace, and what proportion War, yet as securety in a concern of such magnitude and importance must be viewed as the greater object it will doubtless appear that the preference hitherto given to an Agency is fully supported.

As a System of Agency therefore seems the best calculated for the public Service, the Committee are of opinion that "the best plan for providing and keeping "up a permanent Establishment of Draught Bullocks for "a Field Train equal to that now under orders of movement" will be to continue this System under the following Modifi=cation. —

The present rate of hire being the same

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both in peace and War it is presumed that a perma-
nent Establishment on time of peace may be kept upon
Terms rather more favorable to the Public with
a view to this Object it is proposed that Advertizements
be published inviting the Native Bullock owners to
come forward with their cattle and to state the lowest
Terms at which they can furnish them in time of
peace, and also the lowest Rate at which they will
engage to furnish them in time of War or when the
Army or a Detachment thereof may be assembled -
for Field operations by which the Bullocks may be
exposed in a great degree to the Casualties incident to
that situation, — and as by the adoption of this measure
the Rates of Hire will be separate for Peace and War
so the Salary to the principal Agent should be —
regulated on the same principle —

On the fullest consideration of the
subject the Committee trust that the Plan here —
suggested will be found calculated to meet the wishes of
Government and to answer in all respects the purposes
of the Service combining in itself the greater Security
of

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of an Agency with all the Oeconomy that can be —
derived by means of a Contract Should Government
therefore consider this plan as worthy of adoption they
will no doubt call on the Board to Draft and submit
a Form of advertizement suited to the object proposed —

The Committee having stated their
Ideas on the first part of the Reference from Govern-
-ment Viz." the best plan for providing and keeping
up a "permanent Establishment of Draft Bullocks"
now proceed to the consideration of the second Question
namely" the best plan for the speedy collection of Draft
and Carriage Cattle from the Country"—

The Committee in recommending the
continuation of the present System of an Agency —
modified as above were decided by the consideration of
its not only being well adapted to Peace but equally
calculated to meet the pressing and Multiplied —
demands of War —

By the adoption of the plan pro-
-posed for a permanent Establishment of Draught —
Bullocks there will be a certain Number of Native

owners

owners or the public Employ who from the nature of their
concerns and connections will be able by means of their
usual advances of Cash to extend the provision of Bullocks
Carriage as well as Draft to a degree that might be nearly
equal to meet the wants of the Service at all times, and
should extraordinary expedition and exertion be required
a proportional increase of advance would ensure speedier
returns while nothing would be lost to the public as such
advances would be fully repaid by regular Stoppages
from their Monthly hire — In case therefore of any
indication of approaching hostility it seems only necessary
that the principal Agent should have timely Information
in order that he may inform himself by means of the owners
already in the Company's Pay what intercourse with the
Countries from whence supplies of Cattle may be drawn
and the general knowledge which he must himself have
acquired on the subject to what extent the Number may
be increased when wanted for Field Service —

For the purpose then of being prepared
for such an Event it will doubtless appear expedient to
include in the Advertizements before suggested a requisition
that

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that the Native Owners shall propose the lowest Terms at which they will also engage to furnish Carriage Bullocks at distinct Rates for Peace and War and altho such Terms will be established in Regard only to the proposers in the first instance yet it must follow as a natural Result that throughout the Establishment as a fixed Rate for — furnishing Cattle of both descriptions in all situations.—

The Committee have every reason to believe that the System which they have proposed will be found equal to meet the calls of the public Service under almost every exigency but in Order to guard against the risque of failure it may be also proper to suggest to — Government the expediency of directing the Collectors to ascertain the Number of Draught and Carriage Bullocks in their respective Districts, and the Number that could be supplied in a given time. It will of course be apparent — that such Cattle purchased on the part of the Company from the Ryots would be without owners until they arrived at the place of their destination; when it will be the — business of the principal Agent to find persons who will

engage

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engage to receive them at reasonable rates to be employed with the Army — It should however be understood that this Mode of collecting Bullocks is only to be resorted to on extraordinary occasions when the owners are found incapable themselves of providing the Number required for Field Service. For although the Collectors might take a certain proportion of cattle from the Ryots at the lowest rates that Justice towards them would allow, yet, as in almost every instance they would have a considerable distance to travel before they reached the place of destination, and consequently would be subject to fall off in respect to condition and to have their Numbers diminished by Casualties it cannot be expected that Cattle so provided could be transferred to owners at such Rates as to secure the Company against Loss, especially as the Amount of the first purchase would have been encreased by the expence of feeding and hire of Drivers during the March. Besides as the Ryots will be naturally anxious to reserve their best Cattle for the purposes of Husbandry it may be apprehended that when a Collector issues his Orders for

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for assembling Bullocks only those of an inferior kind will be in general produced— Indeed it may be presumed that in cases of emergency it would be more for the Interest of the Public to advance the owners already in the Service a Sum considerably beyond the usual proportions to enable them to purchase their own Cattle than for Government to have recourse to the alternative of providing them by Means of the Collectors especially if at such times orders were circulated throughout the Country that the owners were not to be obstructed in making their purchases but that they should be allowed a free passage without being subject to Imposts or Duties of any kind——

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(Signed) W. Sydenham
President of the Committee

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

Minute Chief Engineer

From the many Inconveniencies experienced from the want of sufficient Carriage for the Army during Earl Cornwallis's Campaigns in the Mysore Country after an Agent for Bullocks was established— The Chief Engineer has

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Ordered that Extract of the foregoing

Minute thereon

Report be immediately transmitted to the Supreme

Government

As the Governor General in Council

is however desirous of receiving a Report upon the

present actual State of the several Fortresses and

Garrisons Resolved to desire that the Military Board

should compile it from the Materials now in their

possession leaving a more accurate account to be prepa-

red from the documents which they may hereafter

receive in consequence of the late Orders.

In respect to the Corps Equipage

the Board think it advisable in Order to save delay

that immediate engagements should be concluded

with the present Contractors for supplying upon the

terms of the existing contract lists to the amount of

forty thousand Pagodas in such proportions as the

Military Board may think requisite for the Public

Service but in conformity with the general instructions of

the Court of Directors it is Resolved to desire that advertise-

ments should be published inviting proposals of Contract

for

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for furnishing such for their quantity of Camp equipage as may be wanted upon the expiration of the present Contract.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

1.st We have the honor to state for your Lordship's information that in consequence of the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 10.th Instant the necessary instructions have been given for forwarding to Vellore with the exception of one Iron 18 lb.r Gun which is reserved for the trial of a Number of Platforms under preparation the proportion of Ordnance ordered to be equipped for the Service as a Battering Train which yet remains in the Arsenal consisting of five 12 and five 12 lb Iron Guns two 8 and Six 5½ inch Mortars.

2. Having also received a Letter from Government under date the 8.th Instant with Enclosures We have adopted the requisite measures for ensuring a speedy compliance with the Orders contained therein.

3.d The Military Auditor General having in

From the Military Board the remainder of the battering train shall be dispatched to Vellore as expeditiously as possible Register of Bills for extraordinaries for October 1797 submitted to Government for their approval — An Advance of the Agent for Bullocks recommended — Request that a Dustuck may be procured from the Nabob for Colonel Murray authorising him to procure palmira trees Enclose copy of a letter from the Bullock Agent stating the Advances required in his Department

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In conformity to the Regulations laid before Us a Register
of Bills Received from the Paymaster of Extraordinaries for
the Month of October 1798 We do ourselves the honor to send
Inclosed with the opinion of Our Board upon each Charge—

4th. We have the honor to submit to your
Lordship the Accompanying Copy of a Letter addressed to
us by the Principal Agent for Draft and Carriage
Cattle in consequence of His Order recently given to send
to provide forty thousand (40,000) Bullocks for the —
Service and at the same time beg Leave to State that
the usual Advance for the provision of Bullocks is —
three (3) Pagodas for each Draft and two (2) Pagodas
for each Carriage Bullock — which, for the above menti=
=oned Numbers will Amount to Ninety (90) thousand
Pagodas: but that should Government think proper to
Authorize the increase proposed by the Agent for the
reasons stated in his Letter the Amount required will
be Pagodas one hundred and thirty (130) thousand

5th. A Report having been made to
us by the Officer Commanding the Cavalry Cantonment
at

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at Connalore that, to prevent an entire stop being put to the erection of the Stabling at that Station from the want of authority to fell Palmirah Trees for the purpose, in the Neighbourhood of Amboor he had been induced to detach a small party to procure those materials upon the hope that Government in consideration of the motive by which he was actuated on the occasion — would approve his Conduct We accordingly deem it our Duty to state the same to your Lordship, and to recommend — that Lieutenant Colonel Murray be furnished as soon as possible with a Dustuck from his Highness the Nabob for the above purpose —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Geo: Harris

" Patrick Ross

" W. Sydenham

" Jn.o Richardson

" B.t Close

Captain

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Captain Pierce

Secretary to the

Military Board

Sir,

In consequence of the Instructions of the Military Board for me to prepare without loss of time Thirty Thousand (30,000) Carriage Bullocks and Ten Thousand (10,000) Draft, I have engaged with the Masters provided they undertake to produce that number of each description within the space of two Months that they shall have one Pagoda extra to the usual advance made for each Bullock to which they have agreed consequently One hundred and Thirty Thousand (130,000) Pagodas is the sum required to fulfil this engagement and what I hope the Board will recommend to be advanced.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Madras

10th. November 1798

(Signed) Thomas Dallas

Principal Agent for Bullocks

A true Copy

(Signed) Fred. Pierce

Secretary Mily Board

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The Board Approve the increased advance recommended by the principal Agent for accelerating the provision of draft and Carriage cattle.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord

1st Lieutenant Colonel Read having transmitted our Board the inclosed Plan + and Estimate for the construction of two Gates with Draw Bridges in the lower Fort of Kistnagherry and it Appearing to us that such Works are highly necessary towards the security of the Place We recommend that Authority be granted for an immediate execution of the same.—

From the Military Board enclosing a plan and Estimate for the construction of two Gates at the lower fort of Kistnagherry — with a recommendation that the work may be executed — Recommend a new Gate at Vellore recommend the payment of a Bill from Captain Kennedy for the construction of temporary Stables for the 19th Dragoons Recommend an advance of 1000 Pags to the Agent of supply for 200 Doolies lately Ordered to be provided — The 3d Division of Battering train dispatched for Vellore.—

2nd Being of opinion that opening a second Gate in the Fortifications of Vellore may be attended with the most beneficial consequences to the Service at this juncture We recommend that the Measure be immediately carried into effect.—

3d We beg leave to recommend that payment be authorized of the accompanying Bill from Captain Kennedy Amounting to Pagodas 186.41.60 for the construction of

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(Temporary) Stalling for His Majesty's 19th Regiment
Light Dragoons —

4th Application having been made to us by the Agent of Supply for an advance of one Thousand (1000) Pagodas on Account of the provision of five hundred (500) Bullocks lately Ordered. We recommend that payment of that Sum be accordingly made to him upon the enclosed Indent —

We have the honor to Report to your Lordship the dispatch on the 14th Instant from the Presidency for Vellore of the Ordnance detailed in our letter of that date, as comprising the Third Division of the Battering Train. —

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We have the honor to be
&c &c
Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jn Richardson
B. Close.

Estimate

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Estimate for two Gates with Drawbridges for the lower fort of Kistnagherry.

P.s f. l. P.s f. l.

Stone in Chunam to Foundations.

Front Wall	1110	
Side and Back Do	364	
Pier of bridge	186	
Cubic ft	1660	
Front Wall above Ground	988	
Deduct for gate	237	
Cubic ft 2411 at 2 fanams pr		751 — 114 34 —

Brick Work in Chunam to

Back Wall and Checks of Gateway	1201/4	
Parapet and Banquete	272 1/2	
Small Back Parapet	16 1/4	
Pier of Bridge	630	
Cubic feet	2120 1/4 @ 2. 10 ft	107 11 42
		4 1935

Arch Work Brick in Chunam to Gate Cubic ft 46. 36 at 4 fanams pr

Terracing with One Course terrace bricks on edge Jelly one course terrace Bricks flat two course of flat bricks and fine Chunam Sqr 208 at 8 fs pr ft pr } 17 28 44

Total Brickdayers Work 244 9 41

15 Joists Country Wood for Terrace each 16 feet by 7 Inches by 6 Inches Cubic ft 60-8 at 16 fanams pr } 23 4 53

Drawbridge

10 ft 10 x 8 x 5 ft	6-8	
1 Trunnion Beam	10 ft 1 x 1	4 6
1 Head Beam	60 ft 1 x 1	6 17 6
5 Sleepers	Cubic ft	27 5 2

Counter Poise of Drawbridge

1 Trunnion Beam	10. 6 x 10 x 8 = 5-10	
1 Head — Ditto	10. 6 x 10 x 8 = 5-10	
2 Side Beams each	12 = x 10 x 8 = 13-4	
2 Cross Do each	10. 6 x 10 x 8 = 11. 8	
1 Middle Do	10. 6 x 10 x 8 = 5-10	
8 Smaller Do each	4 = x 10 x 8 = 17 9 4	60-3-4
Drawbridge and Counter Poise Cubic ft	87-8-6 @ 16 fs pr	33 17 27

Carried Over Pagodas 56 22 = 244 9 41

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pd 7 6 P 76

Brought forward ... 56 22 . 2049 41

Flat form of Bridge of 2 Inch Plank Sapt feet 170 at 7 fanams pr ..... 20 " "

One gate Country Wood 8 ft. by 11 ft. 3 Inches thick dowelled lined and rabitted with diamond Headed Nails Hinges and brass bolts Sapt feet 76 at 17 fanams pr ..... 35 26 "

Total Carpenters Work ..... 1126 "

4 Trunnions 3 Inch diameter by 6 Inches Revelled by upper and under plate 1 foot by 6 Inches by ¾ an Inch Value of Workmanship and Charcoal to each 5 Pagodas ..... 20 " "

4 Hinges fastened as above Value of Workmanship and Charcoal to each 5 pr 22 fanams ..... 22 4 "

2 Iron Pullies 1 foot diameter Value of Workmanship and Charcoal to each 5 pr ..... 10 " "

4 Iron Rollers — Ditto — to each — 2 pr ..... 8 " "

2 Iron Chains 3 Inches diameter by 23 ft Value of Workmanship and Charcoal pr foot 23 fanams ..... 25 8 "

Total Smiths Work ..... 85 12 "

Supposing the Iron furnished from the Stores

Total of One Gate and Pagodas 44 27 41

Total of Two Gates Pagodas 88 13 2

Signed R. H. Tolhernyham
Lieut in charge Engineer Department
Ceded Districts

Ryacottah
26th August 1798

(Signed) P. Ross

A true Copy
Signed Fred. Pierce
Surgr Majr Genl

Thos

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the suggestion for constructing two Gates on the lower part of Kistnaghirry and for opening a Second Gate in the part of Vellore and it is accordingly Resolved to desire that the necessary Orders may be issued for the execution of these Works—

Ordered that the several Advances and payments Recommended by the Military Board be authorized—

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council

My Lord

In Obedience to your Commands of the 7.th Instant communicated by Mr. Secretary Webbe I have the honor to acquaint you that I have directed Enquiry to be made for such Mathematical Instruments as may be wanted for the use of the Engineers intended for Field — Service; and that I have in the mean time directed such as are in the Office to be put in the best state of Repair—

From the Chief Engineer enclosing an Estimate of the Number of Artificers Lascars &c. that are likely to be required in his Department in the field; and pointing out the use to which their labour may be converted till hostilities take place

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Estimate of the expence of Monthly Pay and Batta of Artificers Lascars &c required for the Engineers Department in the Field

Effective		Pay			Batta			Total of Pay	Total of Batta	Total of Pay and Batta	Total of each description of Pagodas	General Total
	Artificers	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.					
1	Head Mastry Bricklayer	5	2	6	5	2	6	7	6			
1	Under Mastry D.o	4	2	6	4	2	6	6	6			
12	Bricklayers	2	36	1	18	34	12	51	18			
1	Head Mastry Carpenter	5	2	6	5	2	6	7	6			
3	Under D.o D.o	4	2	6	12	6	18	18	18			
24	Carpenters	2	36	1	18	68	24	34	12	102	36	
3	Sawers	2	36	1	18	8	24	4	12	12	36	
1	Head Mastry Smith	5	2	6	5	2	6	7	6			
2	Under D.o D.o	4	2	6	8	4	12	12	12			
18	Smiths	2	36	1	18	51	12	25	30	77	6	
12	Hammermen	2	6	1	3	38	24	19	12	57	36	
12	Bellows Boys		30		15	12	36	6	18	19	12	
1	Chunkleday	2	6	1	3	2	6	1	5	3	9	
2	Chunklers	2	6	1	3	4	12	6	2	6	12	389 15
	Facine & Gabion Makers											
1	Facine Mastry	4	30					4	30			
2	Under D.o	2	18					5	18			
100	Coolies	2						200				
1	Gabion under Mastry	2	30					2	30			
20	Coolies	2						40				
	Lascars											
4	Syrangs	6	26	2	6	26	20	8	24	35	2	
4	1.st Tindals	2	24	1	18	10		5	30	15	30	
4	2.d Ditto	2		1	18	8		5	30	13	30	
200	Lascars	1	34	1	3	36	38	214	12	576	8	640 28
	Total Pagodas 911					368	39			1282	37	1282 37

Pagodas 1282 37

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Effectives —		Pay of each Effective = rated at per Month		Batta of each Effective = rated at per Month		Total of Pay			Total of Batta			Total of Pay and Batta			Total of each description of People			General Total		
		P.	F.	P.	F.	P.	F.	b.	P.	F.	b.	P.	F.	b.	P.	F.	b.	P.	F.	b.
4	Store Serjeants Additionals Pay besides Batta	5	"	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	20	"	"	20	"	"	20	"	"
1	Camp Color Man Pay besides Batta	2	36	"	"	2	36	"	"	"	"	2	36	"	2	36	"	2	36	"
1	Draughts Mans Pay	20	"	"																
	Do Batta as Conductor	"	"	24		20	"	"	24	"	"	44	"	"	44	"	"	44	"	"
1	Head Writer Pay	20	"	"																
	Do Batta	"	"	16		20	"	"	16	"	"	36	"	"						
1	Writer	8	"	7	"	8	"	"	7	"	"	15	"	"	51	"	"	51	"	"
1	Head Comicopoly	6	"	4	"	6	"	"	4	"	"	10	"	"						
2	Assistant Comicopolies	4	"	2	"	8	"	"	4	"	"	12	"	"	22	"	"	22	"	"
1	Head Hircarrah	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	"	"						
2	Hircarrahs	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	"	"	10	"	"	10	"	"

Pagodas 149 36

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer
Major General

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Minute thereon

The Board are of opinion that it will be sufficient for the Chief Engineer to entertain the establishment of Artificers only which he has recommended and that the engagement of drafts men writers Coolies Lascars &c. at present be prematture

Resolved that the Artificers be employed on the new Works at Vellore; and that Captain Lieutenant Wood be Ordered to superintend the latter

Read the following letter from the

Military Auditor General

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

of Fort S.t George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose Extract of a Letter from Mr. Peter Cherry Paymaster to the Detachment under the Command of Colonel Roberts at Hydrabad stating that he had under the written authority of that Officer advanced the Sum of Rupees three

From the Military Auditor General bringing extract of a letter from the Paymaster with Colonel Roberts Detachment requesting an advance made by him to the French prisoners escorted from Hydrabad to Bednore who represents to have under stood that Establishment ought to be brought to entitles General & further that all sums disbursed on conveyance of troops being warrants for public service ought for the future to be brought under the head of subsidy account

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three thousand two hundred and sixty (3,260) to the French Officers Prisoners to subsist them during the March to Coringa, and desiring to be informed to what account such Advance was to be charged: I — request therefore to be honored with your Landships Instructions on the subject. —

Conceiving it to be indispensably — necessary that Orders should be sent to the several — Paymasters disbursing the Extra allowances to the Troops and Departments under warning for field Service to Keep an account of all such Charges Distinct and Separate from their account Disbursements of the — fixed Pay and allowances of the Troops: I beg leave to suggest that for the present the former may be — entered and carried to the Head of "Suspence — account" from which Head it can be readily transfer- -red to any other that Government may hereafter be pleased to direct and enable this Office to form — without difficulty whenever Required a Statement of the whole expences attending the Equipment of the

Army

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Trichinopoly — I request your Lordship will also be pleased to decide whether Military Chaplains altho' declared not eligible to receive either Gratuity or Half Batta as an established allowance are to be permitted to draw the Travelling Batta of Captains while on the road to proceed to the Station to which they may be appointed at the established rate of 25 Miles p.r Day as drawn and Claimed by Mr. Ball but which as well as his Gratuity half Batta and House Rent has been retrenched in this Office —

I have also the honor to submit to your Lordship the enclosed Representation from Lieutenant Mason of His Majesty's 19.th Regiment Light Dragoons who is also returned as a Cornet in the Honorable Company's 2.d Regiment of Native Cavalry respecting a Retrenchment on Re-Audit which I considered it to be my duty to make of the pay and allowances which he had drawn in the latter situation — considering that he could only be entitled to receive them in one capacity and understanding that this being continued on the strength of the Company's Army after he

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he had obtained a Commission in His Majesty's —
Service was an accommodation originating in personal
consideration towards him until such Commission —
should be confirmed by His Majesty Your Lordship
alone can judge of the degree of consideration to be
given to the circumstance stated in Lieutenant Mason's
letter with the enclosed copy of one from the Adjutant
General of the Army directing his being continued on
the Strength of the 2d. Regiment Native Cavalry and
returned absent on leave from Government but as the
case of an Officer receiving both Gratuity and Batta in
two Capacities would be altogether novel I apprehend
that the most favorable construction can only give —
Lieutenant Mason a claim to his subsistence as Cornet
until he shall be struck of the List of the Company's —
Army the Amount of the Retrenchment from April
1797 to July 1798 inclusive is Pagodas 159. 34. 43 —

I have the honor to enclose copy of
a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Commanding
His Majesty's 29th Regiment Light Dragoons with —

Extract

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Extract of a letter from Messrs. Nathaniel and George Coltejee Agents for the Regiment which have been referred to me by the Deputy Paymaster general of the Kings Troops and by which it appears that His Majestys warrant under date the 25th May 1797 for increasing the pay of his Cavalry and Infantry has received in Europe a different construction from that which has been given to it in this Country —

I am unacquainted with the principle upon which this deviation in the ordered rate of Stoppage from the Pay of the Soldiers on board Ship has been founded but as the Schedule annexed to His Majestys warrant and published by this government with the General Orders of the 14th March last — expressly states that 2d and not 5d Day is the — deduction to be made from the full pay of the — Non Commissions and private of the Regiments of Dragoons on Board Transports or Ships of war but not serving as marines when victualled at the — public Charge I am humbly of opinion that no — alteration can be admitted until further Instructions

are

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are received from England on the subject.

I have likewise the honor to submit to your Lordship copy of a letter from the Commanding Officer of the 29th Regiment Dragoons claiming for himself and the other Officers of that Regiment the Horse allowance of their respective ranks from the day of their landing at Madras which the Paymaster at the Presidency has objected to pay until sanctioned by Government on the grounds that as the Regiment is not mounted the Officers cannot be entitled to draw that allowance — If it is intended that the Regiment shall be mounted it appears but reasonable that the Officers should draw such allowance from the time that they severally provide themselves with one or more Horses — according to the Number which each has to keep up and which as in the case of his Majesty's 25th Regiment Dragoons on their arrival in India should be substantiated under Certificates from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment as the proper Vouchers to accompany the abstract in which their Horse allowance may be drawn. —

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Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
20th. November 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
Signed W. Sydenham
Milty Auditr Genl

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

My Lord,

Mr. Hawkins the Military Paymaster at Trichinopoly having favoured me with the Copy of a Recent Order of the Military Auditor General for retrenching and discontinuing for the future certain allowances attached to my station as Military Chaplain permit me my Lord the honour of submitting for the consideration of your Lordship the Statement herein enclosed and to request with all submission and respect that your Lordship's sanction and approval of such Pay and allowances as a Military Chaplain in the Honorable Company's Service may be deemed justly entitled to.

Trichinopoly
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I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
Signed Charles Ball

Extract

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Extract of Military Auditor Generals Retrenchments from the Disburse-ments of Mr. Wm. Hawkins Paymaster of Trichinopoly &c. for the Month of July 1798

Division Staff

	Pagodas	Fans	Cash
Chaplain Charles Ball drawn Salary and House Rent as ff. abstract for June	150	35	"
Admitted only the Salary of 1950 Pagodas ff. Annum in lieu of all Charges whatever	145	35	"
The difference overdrawn is Retrenched	5	"	"
Ditto — Do. draws Salary House Rent and Travelling Batta as ff. abstract for May	164	92	60
Ditto — Do. draws Gratuity Half Batta and House Rent for June and Salary for July as ff. Abstract	189	50	60
Pagodas	353	143	40
Admitted only Salary at 1750 Pagodas ff. Annum for the above period in lieu of all Charges whatever	290	70	"
The difference overdrawn is Retrenched	63	73	40
Ditto — Do. draws Salary and House Rent from 3. February to the 30th. April at 1750 Pags. ff. Annum as ff. abstract amounting to	430	114	8
Admitted only the Salary from the 24th. February 1798 the date Mr. Ball being appointed by G. O.	314	82	66
And the Difference Over drawn is Retrenched	116	31	22
Pagodas	126	30	62

A true Extract

Signed Wm. Hawkins
Paymaster

Chaplain

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Chaplain Charles Ball being—
unacquainted with the precise forms and regulations
of Office waited on the Military Paymaster General—
(Mr. Roebuck) and the Military Sub Secretary
(Mr. Parry) in Order that his Bills might be made
out without error or mistake by whose directions House
Rent and Travelling Batta were included and which
he humbly hopes the Right Honorable the President
in Council will be pleased to allow as joining his—
Station at Trichinopoly was attended with great—
expence and from the want of Quarters being obliged
to rent a house at 12 Pagodas pr. Month.—

Chaplain Charles Ball being—
informed by Mr. Parry that he could not give him
an Order for the payment of Salary previously to
the period of his Appointment by Government—
without the sanction of the Honorable the Governor
he therefore waited on and obtained the leave of Lieut.
Genual Harris for receiving his Salary from the—
time of his arrival at Madras the 3d of February
—as his Appointment was given him by the—
Honble

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Honorable Court of Directors in England May 1797 and
his arrival in India not till February 1798 after so long
an elapse of time from a tedious Voyage and loss of all
emoluments he trusts the Right Honorable the President
in Council under that consideration will indulge —
him with his Salary from the time of his arrival —
understanding no restrictions were made by the Honble
Court of Directors in their Regulations of Chaplains on
the Coast anno 1796 – against the allowance of half
Batta and Gratuity to Military Chaplains and which
had been drawn before that period he considered —
himself entitled to such payment but made no charge
till after he had obtained the leave of Lieutenant —
General Harris and by whose order he sent in a letter to
Government to that purpose — As Half Batta Gratuity
House Rent and Travelling Batta are established —
allowances and are granted to every commissioned and
even warrant Officer in the Honorable Company's Service
Charles Ball as Military Chaplain grounds his —
Claim on general usage and rests on the determination of
the

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The Right Honorable the President in Council for leave to receive the whole or only part of the above charges in future and for not refunding such as he has already received by the authority of the late Honorable the President in Council and under the circumstances herein represented.—

To Humphry Skardon Esqr.

Paymaster —— Vellore

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th. September 1798 respecting the Retrenchments Ordered to be made by me from May 1797 to April 1798.—

In consequence of a letter of which the accompanying is a Copy I continued to receive such Sums as were regularly drawn for me in the Monthly abstracts of the 2d. Regiment of Cavalry conceiving that I was authorized so to do — Led away by this conviction and judging that I had a right to the Monies so received I availed myself of having them

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them and appropriates it to Obtaining a Lieutenancy in the 19th Dragoons the situation in which I now stand.—

It is peculiary hard upon me to find at this period that I was not Authorized to receive those Sums but situated as I am and being entirely Misinformed I hope you will have the goodness to lay my Case favorably before Government stating my submission to their Orders but my Total inability to refund such a Sum of Money which has already been expended and that should they not be pleased to exempt me from this heavy burden the Result of Misinformation and to which every individual in my situation is liable that they will give their sanction for having as long a period allowed me as possible to pay the Sum Entered to be Retrenched.—

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

(Signed) Henry. Mason

A true Copy (Signed) J. H. Skardon
Pay-master

A true Copy (Signed) P. Bruse
Asst. M. A. Gl.

To

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To Captain Sherriff

Commanding 2d Regiment Cavalry

Sir

Your letter of the 17th Instant has been laid before The Commander in Chief who desires that Cornet Mason may be permitted to join the 19th Regiment of Dragoons agreeably to the Orders he received from the Commanding Officer of that Corps.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Fort S.t George

20th. March 1797

/Signed/ Barry Close

Dep.y Adj.t Gen.l of the Army

P. S. Cornet Mason is to continue on the Strength of the 2d Regiment until further Orders, and returned Absent on leave from Government

/Signed/ B. C.

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. H. S.

Dep.y

A true Copy

/Signed/ P. Bruce

Asst. Ad.t

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel G. R. Hart

Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's Forces

Fort S. George

Sir.

In answer to your letter of the 17th October to Lieutenant Ellis acting Paymaster of the 29th. Light Dragoons whereby you require that Eight pence per Diem should be Stopped from the pay of every Man of the Regiment when on board of Ship I beg leave to observe that this Appears to me to be a mistake as it is in opposition to the kings Warrant and Regulations since their pay was increased from 25th. May 1797 and contrary to the Order forwarded to the Regiment by their Agents (Messrs. Collyers) which stated that only Five Pence per diem were to be Stopped from each Non Commissioned Officer Trumpeter and private Man and moreover it is by the particular desire of the Agents of the Honorable the East India Company that Five Pence per Man per diem should be withheld in the War Office for Six Months and which

Sum

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was actually to be issued to the said (Companys)
Agents upon the Receipt of the Embarkation Returns
at the War Office.—

The Extra Stoppage (ordered in
this Country) of Three Pence a day (which is a consider-
-able Sum to a Dragoon) has caused great —
dissatisfaction amongst them but I have quieted
them for the present by promising to represent
the Business at Home in case it cannot be taken —
Cognizance of by the Government of this Country.—

In Consequence of this unexpected —
Extra Stoppage the Men are considerably indebted
to their Captains (my own Troop upwards of Eighty
Pounds Ster.g for Linen and other Necessaries furnished
to them.—

Enclosed is an Extract of our Agents
Letter with Regard to the Stoppage in question it is
addressed to Mr. Paterson who was at that time —
Paymaster of the Regiment.—

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I therefore request that you will do me the favour to lay the Contents of this before the Auditor General who will I trust be pleased to submit the same to Government for their Consideration.—

I have the honor to be
Wallajabad
November 15th 1798.

&c &c

(Signed) George Gordon
Lieut. Colonel 29th
(Light) Dragoons

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

The Honorable Basil Cochrane
Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 2d Inst to Lieutenant Robert Ellis Paymaster of the 29th (Light) Dragoons stating that you cannot credit the Regiment for Horse Allowances previous to its being mounted and the sanction of Government obtained I beg leave to remark that when a Regiment of Dragoons is dismounted in England

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England or in the West Indies &c / both of which situations
the 29th. Light Dragoons have experienced of late / all
Horse allowances Continue to be paid and in the present
instance I trust the Government of this Country will
be pleased to grant them to us it is no fault of ours
that we are not mounted and when we shall
Receive an Order for that purpose the Officers will
be better enabled to purchase Horses for themselves by
the assistance of the Horse Allowance from the Day
of their landing in this Country altho at the same time
I much doubt whether every One will there have it
in his power to buy proper Charges on account of
the enormous Prices asked for them as well as for
every necessary Article of living in this Presidency
May I therefore request that you
will have the Goodness to lay our Claim before
the Auditor General that he may submit the
same to Government which I trust he will be
kind enough to do. ——

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Wallajabad

November 15th. 1798.

I have the honor to be

Sr. Sr.

Signed George Gordon

Lieut. Col. 29th. Light Dragoons

A true Copy

(Signed) P. Bruce

Extract of a Letter from Messrs. Nathaniel and George Colleyer Agents of the 29th. Light Dragoons to Mr. Paterson Surgeon and Paymaster of the Regiment dated

Lisle Street.

London May 26th. 1798

The Men are to be accounted with from day of embarkation for the period of their Voyage at the following Rates Viz.t

Sey.ts 1/ Corporal 1/2 1/2 Trumpt.rs 1/2 and Private Men 10. 5d a day being stopped in the Pay Office on account of their being found Provisions on Ship board by the authority of the Kings Warrant and Regulations since their pay was encreased from 25th. May 1797.

Enclosed is a Duplicate of our Letters to

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to you of 20th. March and remain with very good wish.—

Sir &c.

(Signed) Nathaniel & Geo. Collyer

Mr. Paterson Surgeon
of 29th. Light Dragoons

A true Extract

(Signed) George Gordon
Lt. & Adt. 29th. Light Dragoons

A true Copy.

(Signed) D. Bruce
Mjr. & A.G.

Mr. Arnold Memor.

The Board approve the suggestion of the Military Auditor General for carrying to a separate head the several charges incurred for the present Military preparations; and it is Resolved that he be authorized to include the whole under the head of suspence account.—

The Amount Advanced by the Paymaster with the Nizam's Detachment on account of the French prisoners should certainly be debited to Bengal Presidency but as he has no head in his account for that purpose Ordered that he draw a bill upon the General Treasury for the Amount in favor of the Military Paymaster General and that the amount when transferred be accordingly

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accordingly carried to that head in the Books of this —
Presidency. —

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

Resolutions of Government in Council.

Dated 20th November 1798

From the Medical Board — intimating that it was in consequence of their not having been informed that the Commander in Chief had nominated one of his Majestys Assistant Surgeons to the Station at Poonamalee that they had recommended another person — neither have they been officially informed of the appointment of Mr. Thomas as a Surgeon on this establishment and of his being put in charge of the french prisoners — Enclosing three papers regarding the interference of Dr. Ewart with Mr. Briggs and the other Surgeons in the Honorable Company's Service on Ceylon and requesting to have the decision of Govt. on the subject. —

The Commander in Chief is requested to direct that the Medical Board may be furnished with Copies of such General Orders as may relate to their Department by the Adjutant General. —

Medical Board

9th November 1798

Copies of the General Orders issued by Government and the Commander in Chief relative to the Medical Department not having been lately transmitted to the Office of the Medical Board we have been led into an Error in Recommending the Station of Poonamallee to be filled up after the Commander in Chief had been pleased to select one of his Majesty's Assistant Surgeons to perform the duty from the same cause We are not officially acquainted

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As the Government of Ceylon has been made an independent Government by his Majesty and as the whole Civil and Military authority derived from this Government has been formally transferred to Mr. North, it is impossible for the Governor in Council to interfere with any regulations which he may deem it advisable to establish: and after the publication of Mr. North's powers on the island of Ceylon it was acquainted with Mr. William Thomas having been appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this establishment or of his being put in charge of the French Prisoners of War.

We have received two Letters from Mr. John Briggs Head Surgeon at Ceylon with several enclosures regarding his Majesty's appointment of Doctor Ewart to be Physician general and Inspector of Hospitals on the Island of Ceylon together with Copy of a circular letter which Dr. Ewart has in consequence addressed to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons not only of the Kings but of the Company's Service on the Island without any communication with the Head Surgeon Dr.

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extremly irregular in it Mr. Briggs to appeal from the Orders of the Government under which he became placed through any Channel but that of the Government itself

As soon as Mr. North may have communi= =cated his arrangements for the regulation supply of the Medical Departments on Ceylon: the necessary comma= =nication will be made to the Medical Board, and it is in the mean while ordered that there shall be no interference on their part with the esta= =blishments on Ceylon without orders from the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

Doctor Briggs having requested our opinion on the subject we think it our duty to lay the whole before Government being a circumstance altogether new and possibly involving a question of much importance

We are unacquainted with the Nature or extent of Doctor Ewarts appointment but cannot for a moment suppose it is meant to overturn and supercede the existing regulations of the Service which must inevitably be the case if the Company's Surgeons who are more immediately under our orders and act under a particular Medical System which Regulates their internal detail of duty their supplies and allowances are to receive orders from

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from Doctor Evans independent
of us.—
The General Staff Officers
of both Services being perfectly
distinct no orders can with pro-
-priety be issued to the Company's
Surgeons but thro' the Medium
of their own Head Surgeon
and it is evident that confusion
and perplexity must ensue
if they are subject to the pro-
-baps contradictory orders of
two Superiors.—

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician general

A. Raine
Chief Surgeon

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

To

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To James Anderson Esq.r
Physician General &c.a Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose for your information Extract of General Orders issued by the Commander in Chief in India respecting Doctor Ewarts medical appointment as well as an order issued on the same subject by our new Kings Governor on the Island of Ceylon also Copy of an Official Letter from Doctor Ewart to all the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons on the Island of Ceylon attached to Kings Corps and Company's Native Corps and stations on this Island Dr. Ewart has never done me the honor of a communication on any Medical subject since his arrival — I am therefore at a loss how to act — and do therefore Request Gentlemen You will do me the honor of your Official advice on this subject for my own part I consider Dr. Ewarts appointment confined Solely to the King's Troops in India. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed John Briggs
Head Surgeon K.s T.s
Island of Ceylon

Columbo
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G. O. By the Honorable the Governor

His Majesty's having been pleased to appoint Dr John Ewart to be Physician General and Inspector of Hospitals on the Island of Ceylon by Commission bearing date the 8th of January 1798 this Appointment is notified to the Army serving in Ceylon all Medical Reports from Garrisons and Corps must be regularly made to Dr Ewart as Physician General and his Orders on all points of Medical Regulations and duty are to be obeyed.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor.

Signed P. A. Agnew
Adjt Genl on Establishment

A true Copy
Signed J. Briggs

A true Copy
Signed A. Conolly
Surgn Medical Board

Head

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Head Quarters

Columbo 4th. August 1798

G O.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint Dr. Ewart M. D. Physician and Inspector General of Hospitals on the Island of Ceylon and to authorize his calling upon the Surgeons and Medical Staff attached to the Kings Forces in the Company's Territories to make regular Reports and returns to him the Commander in Chief is pleased to direct that the several Regimental Surgeons of the Kings Forces under his Command do Report to Dr. Ewart according to the accompanying Form on the 1st. of every Month the State of the Sick under their care respectively and that they Pay Strict observance to such Rules as he may think it advisable to adopt and communicate to them for the better regulation of Regimental Hospitals. The above Reports are to be addressed to Dr. Ewart. Mn. D. Physician and Inspector General of Hospitals on the Island of Ceylon.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
25th. August 1798

Signed Waller Cliffe
Adjutant Genl. By order of Lieut. General Harris

Signed Keith Young
A Depy Genl.

By

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By Order of Brigr. General De Meuron—

Head Quarters

Columbo Ceylon Sept. 1798

This order only Appears in the Orderly Books of the Kings Troops—

Signed J. Briggs

A true Copy

Signed W. Conolly

Surg. 1st. B.

Mr. John Orr

Assistant Surgeon of

Bengal Artillery

Sir

Conceiving it impossible that the practice of Military Hospitals can be properly conducted unless the Surgeons keep accurate journals of each case, and a Minute examination of those journals being the only means of my fulfilling the duties imposed upon me I have to desire the strict observance of the following directions relative to this subject— On the first admission of each Patient into the Regimental Hospital his case must be entered at length in the journals— In order as much as possible to unite brevity

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brevity with precision it will be found convenient in drawing out each case to state first the actual symptoms and appearances of the disease when the Patient is first seen; secondly the condition of the pulse skin and tongue and of the most material natural functions such as the thirst appitite and state of the bowels whenever at least the disease is of a general nature; and in the last place to give a history of the commencement and progress of the disease and of the causes to which it is ascribed. As the latter part of the case must in general be liable to some degree of inaccuracy from its being taken on report and as the first part rests on the sure ground of observation it is of material consequence to keep the two separate and distinct.

The prescriptions together with regular reports of the effects of the Medicines administred as well as of every material change of Symptoms are to follow the description of the disease a seperate page of the journal being allotted for each case — when there is occasion as

it

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as it will frequently happen to carry forward the
reports of a particular case to a new page or to a
future Monthly Number of the journals a reference
must be made at the bottom of the last page to
the next one in continuation — As many sheets of
paper as will serve for one Month should be
sewed together for a journal book in such a form
as may be enclosed in a packet and sent by
post and the same must be forwarded to me —
Monthly —

Besides the above journals or case-books
you are required to make out a regular or —
General Return of your sick stating the follow-
-ing circumstances, Viz.t — The time and place
of their being taken ill, the Names and discriptions
of the patients their disease together with the date
and particular manner of their termination whether
in health or otherwise — Inclosed is a form for —
such

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such a register which is meant to serve as an —
Index to the case books and must be sent to me
along with these Monthly — You are likewise to
enter under the head of miscellaneous observations
the most remarkable occurrences which have struck
you as influencing the health or Sickness of the —
Troops as well as whatever may appear to You likely
to be useful to the service in particular or may —
tend to the improvement of the practice of Physic
and Surgery in General — After signing the above
you are to present the same to the Commanding —
Officer of your Corps for his signature provided he
shall be satisfied with your general conduct towards
the sick under your care —

It is particularly recommended to
You to endeavour to discover by dissection the cause of
every disease which may prove fatal under your —
charge and you are requested to annex an account of
the

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the appearances found on opening the body of the
diseases to the history of his case and treatment—

The keeping of such full and—
particular journals may at first sight seem very
troublesome to those who have not been in the habit
of it but in fact the whole can easily be done—
during the period spent in visiting each Patient
it will be found to require no more time than—
the attentive practitioner will always think it—
necessary to devote to the consideration of the case
under his examination and I have positive—
instructions to enjoin a strict compliance with
this Regulations—

As a general Report or abstract
of the Returns made to me is to be published annually
it will afford me a sincere pleasure to have frequent
opportunities of pointing out those Surgeons and
Assistant Surgeons who shall appear to have executed
their duty with the great diligence and ability as—
proper

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proper objects of approbation and preferment

Besides the journals and Register, I desire you will also transmit to me a Monthly Return of the Stock of Medicines and Surgical Instruments you have in your possession

I am &c

/Signed/ J. Ewart

Physician & Inspector General

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. Briggs

A true Copy

/Signed/ V. Conolly

Secy. to Govt.

Columbo the 17th October 1798

Form of a Table to be annexed to each Monthly Register shewing the Numbers of each disease with the proportional quantity of Cures Reliefs &c &c

Diseases	Numbers	Cured	Relieved	Not Better	Transferred to another Hospital	Invalided and sent Home	Dead	Remaining
Fever	11	9	"	2	"	"	"	2
Flux	13	8	5	"	"	"	"	5
Hernia	5	4	"	1	"	"	"	1
Liver	16	13	2	"	"	"	1	1
Venereal	7	5	1	"	1	"	"	1
Hepatites	3	3	"	"	"	"	"	"
Rheumatism	9	8	"	1	"	"	"	1
Ulcers	5	"	5	"	"	"	"	5
Dysentery	4	3	"	"	"	"	1	"
Totals	73	53	13	4	1	"	2	16

Effective Strength of the Regiment or Corps—

When

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When undertaken
taken ill

Patients Names

Date of Entry

Disease

When discharged
Cured

Returned

No. of Bottles

Transferred to another Surgeon

Invalided for home

Dead

Remaining

Miscellaneous
Observations

To James Anderson Esq.r
Physician General &c &c. Member of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to enclose you a copy of a letter
this day received from two Medical Gentlemen of the Madras Es-
Establishment on the subject of Dr. Ewarts giving them Orders
I cannot help observing that I think Dr. Ewart has
acted rather indelicately in giving Orders to the Medical
Gentlemen

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Gentlemen on this Island immediately connected with the Madras Government without informing me of his intentions — who is now appointed at the Head of the Medical Department on this Island by orders of the Madras Government. I have to request you will do me honor of a Reply to this as well as my letter of Yesterdays date as early as possible

I am

&c &c

(Signed) John Briggs
M.D. Head Surgeon
&c &c &c Island of Ceylon

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A true Copy

(Signed) C. Conolly
Secy Med. Board

To John Briggs
Head Surgeon &c &c &c
Island of Ceylon

Sir,

We take the liberty of informing you, that we have received instructions from Doctor Ewart in his Official capacity as Physician General respecting the Regulation of European and Native Hospitals — By those instructions we are positively ordered to keep regular daily Journals of the state of every Patient in our respective Hospitals — which are to be forwarded to him Monthly together with the usual Returns

and

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and a Monthly account of the Stock of Medicines and
Surgical Instruments in our profession — as we conceive this
to be an infringement of the authority of the Physician
General and the Members of the Medical Board of the
Madras Establishment to which we belong and of the
Head Surgeon upon this Island by them appointed as
their representative we request you will have the goodness to
inform us in what manner we are to act upon this occasion
as we conceive Dr. Evans's appointment extends only to
the Medical Charge of his Majesty's Troops and
Hospitals with regard to regular daily Journals being
kept of Sick Patients — Now who are well acquainted
from long experience with the practice of this Country
must be convinced that it is absolutely impracticable — as
they not only Studiously conceal the causes of their Complaints
from European Surgeons — but will not even take any
Medicines, but those prescribed to them by their own
Native Physicians — two of whom, from this well known
circumstance are appointed by our Government to every
Regiment — We may observe also that there is no Hospital
Establishment allowed for Native Troops — nor if there
was

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was would they consent to be victualled Cloathed, or otherwise
treated except in conformity to the Tents and prejudices of
their respective Casts — which circumstance alone must —
effectually preclude the possibility of that order and regula-
rity which is requisite to carry on the Plan prescribed by
Dr. Ewart —

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Pointde Gall
October 23. 1798

(Signed) James Barber Surgeon
W. Yeats Assistant Surgeon

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Briggs

A true Copy
Signed N. Conolly
Secy to M. B.

The President proposes that a Committee
consisting of the Major General Sydenham Lieutenant —
Colonel Close Mr. Nathl. Edward Kindersley the Town
Major and the Master Attendant be appointed for
the purpose of drawing out Regulations for the Militia
which it is the intention of the Board to embody —

The President proposes that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of drawing out regulations for the Militia Corps proposed to be embodied

Agreed

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Ordered accordingly

Agreed to and ordered accordingly

" Clive

" Geo: Harris

"

" Ed Saunderson

Andrew Barclay Esqr

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Diary

Sent a letter to Major Doveton entered

21st To the Commandant at Pyacottah

in MB No. 87 enclosing translate of a letter from the Governa General to Tippoo Sultaun, communicating to him Admiral Nelson's victory over the French, transmitting at the same time to him the original to be forwarded to Tippoo—

23d Sent the following Letters—

To The Right Honorable The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord

In compliance with the directions contained in your Lordship's letter of the 20th July last we had the honor of transmitting to you on the 8th Instant the copy of a minute delivered in by the Commander in Chief, at this Presidency — containing the plan proposed by him for enabling a

Lr. Bengal enclosing the Report of a Committee of the Military Board regarding the provision of Draft and Carriage Cattle, with returns of the Camp equipage in Store at this Presidency: the Military Board are employed in framing a report on the state of the Forts in the Carnatic a proportion of Camp equipage equal to half the quantity already in Store, had been ordered.

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23. a large portion of the army on the coast to be in constant readiness to move against an enemy on a sudden emergency.

As connected with that plan we have now the honor of submitting to your Lordship in Council copy of a letter from our Military Board containing the report of a committee of that Board upon the most eligible mode of providing draft and carriage cattle; with returns of the camp equipage and ordnance at present in Store at this Presidency.

We are concerned that our Military Board are not at present possessed of sufficient material to make a complete report upon the actual state of the several Fortresses and garrisons of the Carnatic; but we have judged it consonant with your Lordship's intentions to call for such a report upon this subject, as they may be able to prepare from the Documents now before them, leaving a more accurate account to be prepared from

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23d from the materials, which they may receive in consequence of their orders for that purpose—

Looking to the probable immediate expenditure of a considerable portion of our camp-equipage, we have judged it adviseable to order the provision of a proportion equal to one half the quantity now in Store, which will be found equally usefull to the public Service whether the present plan for supplying the whole Army with tents on the Company's account, or whether the system for the officers supplying themselves may ultimately be introduced—

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
22d November 1798.

(Signd) Clive & Council

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident at
Hyderabad

To the Resident at Hyderabad no recruits are to be received from the disbanded Corps at Hyderabad if they will not enter into our Service on any other condition than that we take a proportion of Native Commissioned Officers along with them—say number of Recruits that

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of

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23. of your letter dated the 5th Instant to which an earlier answer would have been given but that His Lordship was desirous of waiting the result of a reference which had previously been made by the Commander in Chief to Colonel Roberts upon the subject of recruiting from the disbanded party at Hyderabad—

short of 3000 may however be latterly into our service if they will be contented with our admitting a moderate number of non commissioning officers. His plan however is not to interfere with the raising of an extra Battalion at Masulipatam

As it appears by your letter and by Colonel Roberts's reply, that the success of the measure is likely to depend upon the admission of a considerable number of native officers into the Company's service, the question has undergone much serious consideration; and I am in consequence directed to inform you that the Governor in Council is impressed so much with the inexpediency of receiving any native commissioned officers with their Corps into the service, that he is determined to forego the advantage of recruiting if it depends upon this condition

If however any considerable number

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23. number of recruits could be obtained by the admission of a moderate number of noncommissioned officers into the service, the objections of the Governor in Council are not so forcible as to deter him from raising — recruits upon these terms; if therefore this measure should be practicable his Lordship in Council requests that you will endeavour in concert with Colonel Roberts to raise any number of recruits short of three thousand for the service of this Presidency and authority will accordingly be granted to Colonel Roberts for forming one corps upon the additionals of the Coast Battalions now at Hydrabad —

This arrangement is not intended to interfere with the raising the extra battalion at Masulipatam, of which you were informed in my letter of the 10th Instant and I am directed still to request that the four hundred men may, if practicable, be sent to Masulipatam to serve as a foundation for the extra corps at that place — I have the honor to be

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20th November 1798.

Sign'd J. Webbe Secy to G.

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To Colonel George Roberts

commanding the Detachment

at Hydrabad

Sir

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having received from the Commander in Chief your letter of the 9th Instant to the Adjutant General directs me to refer you to the inclosed copy of a letter of this date to the Resident at Hydrabad for his Lordships opinion and determination against the admission of any native commissioned officers into the Companys service from the corps lately disbanded at Hydrabad, but, if it should be possible for you to raise any usefull number of recruits by the admission of a moderate Proportion of non-commissioned native Officers with their rank, the Governor in Council grants you authority to raise three thousand men for the service of this presidency and to form one

To Lieut Colonel Roberts enclosing to him a Copy of the Letter written to the Resident at Hyderabad regarding the entertaining of Recruits from the disbanded Corps with additional instructions on that subject

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23. additionals of the Coast battalions now at Hydrabad—

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I am
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant
Signed J Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

To. Major General Bridges
Commanding the Northern Division
at
Masulipatam

Sir.

To the Officer Commanding Northern Division. regret expressed at his having received any cause of dissatisfaction from Captain Kirkpatrick Government however hope that he will be fully satisfied with the explanation given by that officer, and that he will make allowances for the critical situation in which Captain Kirkpatrick was placed, and for the anxiety he must have in consequence been labouring under—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 9th instant and to express his Lordship's concern that you should have had any cause for dissatisfaction in the manner of Capt.n Kirkpatrick's communications to you, but as his Lordship in Council has since been furnished with copy of that officer's explanation to you of the 12th instant, he trusts, that you will have been satisfied of his intentions towards you, and that you will have made sufficient allowance for the anxiety, under which he must have written upon an event of so much political

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political importance as the suppression of the
french party in the Deckan—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

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Signed I Webbe
Secy to Govt

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c &c Members of the
Military Board.

To the Military Board their communications regarding the quantity of Rice and paddy to be laid up in Store at Hirtnaghurry, Vellore and Arnee approved of. The Storekeepers at those places to hasten out the Paddy. a supply of Grain equal to six months expenditure for the whole Cavalry to be laid up in equal proportions in Hirtnaghurry Arnee Shinkerydroog and Ayaottah. They are required to send in as correct a report as they can compile from them present knowledge of the state of the Crops—Fortifications. Engagements to be entered into with the present Contractor for the supply of Grain to furnish an additional number equal to the amount of forty thousand pags agreeably to the existing terms of his Contract. Bills of Extraordinaries drawn upon and returned in consequence of their recommendation and additional advance of 130,000 Pags has been

Gentlemen;

We have received your several Letters of the 10th 17th 14th & 16th instant with their respective enclosures

We approve the grounds upon which you have calculated the quantity of rice and paddy to be laid in at Hirtnaghurry, Vellore; and Arnee; and desire that the Storekeepers at those places may be directed to begin beating out the paddy without loss of time making a weekly report to your Board for our information of the quantity

on hand—

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In regard to the grain we desire that a supply equal to six months consumption for the whole cavalry may be laid in at Chittagong, Arnee, Shenkerdroog and Ryacottah in equal proportions; and that you will give such directions as you may judge necessary for the preservation of it untill it may be required for the public service.

We have transmitted to the Governor General in Council your several reports dated and carriage-cattle, camp equipage and tents according to his Lordships request, but as he is desirous of receiving with the least possible delay a report upon the present actual state of the several fortresses and garrisons, we direct that you compile it from the materials now in in your possession, leaving a more accurate account to be prepared from the document, which you may hereafter receive in consequence of your late orders—

In respect to the camp equipage we think it advisable in order to save delay,

that

been made to the agents for Bullocks. Their suggestions regarding the Forts of Chittagong and Vellore approved of, and to be carried into execution; towards which a part of the chief Engineer's newly authorized establishment is to be employed. The several advances and Payments recommended by the Military Board have been authorized. - a Bill from the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore for Pagodas 10,585-10- sanctioned. Copies of two letters from the Barrack Master at this Residency transmitted—

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23. that immediate engagements should be concluded with the present contractor for supplying upon the terms of the existing contract Rents to the amount of forty thousand pagodas in such proportions as you may think requisite for the public service; but in conformity with the general instructions of the Court of Directors, we desire that advertisement may be published inviting proposals of contract for furnishing such further quantity of camp equipage as may be wanted upon the expiration of the present contract—

The Register of bills received from the paymaster of extraordinaries is herewith returned with our decision

With a view to accelerate the provision of draft and carriage-cattle we approve the additional advance recommended by the principal agent, and have accordingly authorized the payment of one hundred & thirty thousand (1,30,000) pagodas to Major Dallas on that

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that account

We approve the suggestion for constructing two gates with draw-bridges in the lower fort of Chittagherry; and for opening a second gate in the fort of Vellore; we desire in consequence that orders may be given for the execution of these works, with as much expedition and caution as the nature of them requires

Having authorized the Chief Engineer to increase his establishment of artificers, we have thought it expedient to direct, that a part of them should be employed in executing these works; and we ordered that the construction of the second gate way at Vellour should be entrusted to Captain Lieutenant Wood

We have authorized payment of the several bills and advances recommended by you; we have also authorized the Military Auditor General to pass for payment a bill of the garrison Storekeeper at Vellour amounting to Pagodas

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23. 10585. 10 for Laying in Store at that place by
immediate order: 200 garces of paddy

We enclose copies of two letters from
the Barrack Master at the Presidency, and desire
that orders may be issued in consequence, for
such of the repairs as you may deem necessary

We are
Sir
Your
Fort St George
22d November 1798

[Signed] Clive
&c Council

To Major General Lydenham
Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General the Paymaster with the Nizam's detachment to draw a Bill on the Treasury here in favour of the Paymaster General for the amount advanced by him to the Bengal troops all disbursements on account of the present preparations for hostilities to be brought under the head of suspence account Rent and Stationary discontinued to the Chaplain of this Garrison and its dependencies by order from the Court of Directors Lieut! Mason to liquidate the Retrenchment against him by monthly payments of thirty

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of
your letters dated 21 Instant

The money advanced by the Paymaster
with the Nizams detachment should be debited
to the Presidency of Bengal: that as he has
no Head for that purpose in his books, the
Governor in Council authorizes him to draw a Bill

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Officers of 29.th Dragoons. Sundry Payments and advances authorized - The authority granted to the Chief Engineer for entertaining an additional number of artificers. communicated. Lieutenant Wilson of the 19.th Dragoons to be allowed to purchase two chargers from that Regiment and to pay for them by instalments, at the rate of twelve Pagodas per month

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bill for the amount upon the Treasury of the Presidency in favor of the Military Paymaster General -

The Governor in Council entirely approves your suggestion for carrying to a separate head to the several charges incurred for the present military preparations and authorizes you to include the whole under the head of "Suspense account" -

As the Honorable Court of Directors have been pleased to discontinue in their last dispatches the House rent and diet money which had been granted to the Chaplains of the Presidency, the Governor in Council conceives it to be their intention that the Chaplains of all descriptions should be confined to the Salary fixed for them respectively by the Court and therefore feels himself under the necessity of directing that no Military Chaplain may be permitted

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To be permitted to draw more than the Salary of Seventeen hundred and fifty (1750) pagodas per annum.

The Governor in Council cannot consent that Lieutenant Mason should be permitted to draw double Subsistence or allowances under the circumstances in which he has been placed; but in consideration of the explanations offered by that Officer, his Lordship permits him to liquidate the retrenchment at the rate of thirty pagodas per month or such further sum as he may be able to afford.

As there is no immediate intention of mounting his Majesty's 2d Dragoons, the Officers of that Regiment cannot be permitted to draw horse allowance.

The Governor in Council desires that you will authorize payment of the following bills and advances

Payment