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The entries made in pencil on the margin in the volume were made with the help of the papers in the bundle at the time of the weeding and destruction of Records.

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23.

Payment of fifty (50) pagodas to Captain Peter Dallas for the contruction of barracks at Mellore -

The enclosed bills of Lieutenant Colonel Chapands and Lieutenant Fotheringham for work executed at Trichinopoly, Tanjore and Ryacottah, the former amounting to one thousand eight eighty pagodas fifteen Fanams and nine cash (1080. 15. 9) the latter ninety three pagodas, twenty nine Fanams and fifty three cash (93. 29. 53) -

An advance of one Lack and thirty thousand (130,000) pagodas to the principal agent for draft and carriage cattle, being the whole amount of the advance to be made for the additional forty thousand cattle to be provided for the public service

The inclosed bill amounting to one hundred and eighty six pagoda forty one fanams and sixty cash - (186. 41. 60) for constructing temporary

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23.

Temporary stables for his Majesty's 19th. Dragoons

An advance of one thousand pags.

to the agent of supplies on account of the provision

of two hundred doolies—

The inclosed Bill of the garrison

Storekeeper at Vellour amounting to ten thousand

five hundred and eighty five pagodas, ten fanams

(10,585.10) for grain laid in Store at that garrison by

the immediate orders of the Governor in Council

I have the Honor to inclose for your

information and guidance copy of a letter from the

Chief Engineer with copy of the permission which

has been granted for the increase of the artificers in

his department

In consideration of the particular—

circumstances, under which Lieutenant Wilson of his

Majesty's 19th. Dragoons is stated to have lost his

regimental horses, the Governor in Council has—

permitted him to purchase two chargers from that

Regiment at the regulated price to be paid by

instalments

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23 instalments of 12 pagodas per month —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

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Signed I Webbe
Secy to Govt

To Major General Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir,

To the Chief Engineer informing him to what extent his estimates has been complied with: and directing that the establishment he has been authorized to entertain may be employed in assisting to execute the proposed alterations on the Forts of Chingleput and Vellore. Captain Wood to be employed in superintending the construction of the new intended gate at Vellore

In answer to your letter of the 14th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes you to entertain the establishment of artificers you have recommended except the Lascine and gunnien coolies, Syrangs, tindals and Lascars, which will reduce the monthly establishment from pagodas 1282.37 to pags 402.9 —

As the Governor in Council has authorized the construction of two new gate ways to the lower fort of Chingleput and the opening a

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a second gate to the Fort of Vellore he conceives that these men may be usefully employed in these works and accordingly desires that you will issue the necessary directions for this purpose—

In regard to the other establishment of draftsmen, Writers &c. amounting to Pagode 149.36. per month the Governor in Council considers it premature to incur this expence—

The Governor in Council desires that Captain Lieut.t Wood may be employed in constructing the new intended gate at Vellore—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
Sign.d J Webbe
Sec.y to Govt

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To Major General Sydenham
Lieut.t Colonel Close
Mr. Nathaniel Edward Hindersley
Captain Alexander Grant &
Mr. George Jaswell
Gentlemen

The Right Honorable the

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To Major General Lyendam Asst Adjt Genl Close. Mr A. C. Kindersley Captain A. Grant and the J. Saunders constituting them a Committee to frame Regulations for the proposed corps of Militia—

Governor in Council deeming it expedient at this time to form a body of Militia to be composed of the Honorable Company's Civil Servants and of the European inhabitants of Madras and its environs, and being desirous of availing himself of your experience and information in establishing the regulations under which such a corps should be embodied, directs me to acquaint you that he has been pleased to appoint you a Committee for this purpose—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

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Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in Mlt B Nos 88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98—

From Military Paymaster General — From Mr Roebuck—enclosing copy of a letter from Mr M.c Dowall intimating his appointment as Deputy Secretary to the Government of Ceylon—

From Ditto—enclosing an Estimate

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of Cash required for the expence of the ensuing month.

From Mr. Surgeon Norman at Chicacolepaka

From Mr. Surgeon Norman requesting the usual medical allowance as being in charge of 1st Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry

To the Military Board

To the Military Board they are called upon to report the cause of the deficiency in the Tumbrils and ammunition in Colonel Roberts' Detachment, as stated in a letter from him to the Resident at Hydrabad dated 25th September 1798.

To the Medical Board

To the Medical Board enclosing to them List of medicines received at Amboyna from Bengal.

To the Officer Commanding Southern Division

To Major General Floyd he is authorized, if no particular objection occurs to him, to grant Mons.r Grandeoin permission to proceed to Karical. Copy of the Nabobs letter regarding the repairs of Trichinopoly transmitted

To the Late Chief at Pulicat

To Mr. Gilbraith. an increase can be made to his allowances. The Commanding Officer

23d Officer of Pulicat has been directed to permit the removal of the Dutch Records to a place of greater security than they at present appear to be in —

To Captain Godfrey - enclosing to him a copy of a letter from the late Governor of Pulicat and directing him to remove the Dutch Records to a securer place than they are at present in —

To the Commandant at Pulicat

To Mr. Lionel Place,

To Mr. Place - government cannot avail themselves of his services, till he has entirely acquitted himself, of the Duties entrusted to him in the Jaghire —

To Major General Lydenham - referring for his examination the Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the ensuing month —

To Military Auditor General

To Messrs. Barlow Richards - Spencer Palmer and Kirkpatrick forwarding copies of — " Intelligence from the Mysore Country —

To the Secretaries at Bengal Bombay Malabar Commissioners Residents at Hyderabad & Poonah —

Substance of two letters to the Nabob —

Sent two letters to the Nabob entered in C.C. Nos. 157-158, the former thanking him for his punctuality in paying his November List - informing him that the Commandant at Connatore had — " anticipated his orders for the cutting down of Palmiras, in consequence

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23d inconsequence of his people having delayed to execute them; thanking him for his ready concurrence in promising assistance in carrying on the repairs of Cheddinopoly Fort. Complaint of his Amildar at Gonallum having interfered with the Recruiting of the Company's Regiments and having insulted a Jemidar employed on that duty. Communicated to him. Information given him of the depredations committed by some of his people in the ceded districts. The Letter enclosing to him a Letter from the Governor General, regarding admiral Nelson's Victory—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor President
Lieutenant General Harris
Ernst William Kilkofield Esqr
Edward Saunders Esqr absent indisposed

Friday
23d November

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved—

Commander in Chiefs minute, containing different details and arrangements concerning the assembling of the troops—

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute—

The following arrangement seems necessary to enable the troops in Cantonment to assemble with promptitude, when ordered to encamp—

Hrs

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His Majesty's 73d. Regiment and

the Meuron Regiment, with the exception

of 200 of this Corps to remain in Vellore,

to be furnished with Tents, Carriage, Lascars,

Dooly's and Dooly Bearers —

A Detail of One Subidar,

one Jemidar, four Havildars and 60 Rank and

File from Captain Hadow's Companies at Vellore

to relieve the Company of the 1st. Battalion 6th

Regiment at Chundernagherry — Captain Hadow

with the remainder of his Companies to march

to Amboor — on their arrival there the 1st. Battn

6th. Regiment to march to Vellore. The

Company of this Battalion at Chundernagherry

to proceed direct to Vellore also, immediately on being

relieved

Major Cuppage to continue in

Command of Amboor until further Orders.

Captain

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Captain Hall with the Party of the

1st European Regiment under his charge at

Poonamallee to be ordered to Arnee —

In the readiest mode of assembling

the Troops, it is proposed that they shall en-

camp in the first instance in two Divisions —

The Corps to the Westward at Wallajah Nugger

and those to the Eastward at Wallajahbad. In

this idea, it may be advisable to place the 4th

Western Corps consisting of the 25th Regiment

Dragoons, and 1st and 2d Regiments Native

Cavalry, the Detachment of the 1st Battalion

of Artillery under Lieutenant Col. Saxon this —

Majesty's 12th Regt the Detachment of the Seventy-

Regiment mentioned above, and the 2d 1st 5th Regt

the 1st Battn 6th Regiment and the 2d Battn 17th

Regt under the Orders of Colonel Aston, so as to

allow of his quickly encamping them at

Wallajah Nugger on receiving Orders for the purpose —

The

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The Eastern Corps may be quickly assembled at Wallajahbad at any time by Orders from Head Quarters — The two Boats ordered from the Presidency to Arcot have arrived there and Lt Col C Pater is instructed to get them manned properly so as to be in readiness for the use of the Troops should the Palar fill. The Nabob however may be requested to direct his Manager at Arcot to have Basket Boats in readiness as usual, at the neighbouring ford — —

/ Signed / G: Harris —

November 23d 1798 —

Resolutions

Resolved that the several recommendations of the Commander in Chief be adopted, and that the General be requested to issue such orders as he may in consequence deem necessary to Col Aston and the Officers commanding the Western Corps —

Resolved, that orders be sent to the Military Board for providing the whole of the western Corps with bamboo Coolys, dooleys, dooley bearers, and Lascars —

Resolved that orders be sent to the Garrision Storekeeper at Vellore for victualling the troops as soon as they may assemble — —

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The President is requested to address his Highness the Nabob upon the subject of the basket boats at Arcot.

Clive

Geo. Hilario

Hallofield

Compd

G. Strachey.

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Diary.

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Sent the following Letter

To Mr. J. H. Skardon

Paymaster at Vellore

Sir,

As the 25th Regiment Dragoons and 1st and 2d Regiments Native Cavalry, the — " — Detachment of the 1st Battalion Artillery under Lieutenant Colonel Sasson, H. M. 12th Regiment the part of the Swiss Regiment at Vellore with the exception of 200 Non Commissioned, Rank and File who are to remain in the Garrison and the 2d Battalion 5th Regiment the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment and the 2d Battalion 12th Regiment may be ordered to encamp at Wallajahnugger under Colonel Aston at a very short Notice, I have to signify the orders of Government that should this Force

move

To the Paymaster at Vellore informing him that a considerable force is likely to be shortly assembled at Wallajahnugger and desiring him in that case to victual the European part of it agreeably to the existing Regulations.

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move out of Cantonment you will exercise the European part of it until further orders agreeably to the regulations under that head published on the 19th July 1797: making the necessary arrangements for that purpose

I am &c.

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(signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

24th

Received and Lent the following Letters entered in MB 4to 99. 100. 101. 102.

From the widow of the late Lieutenant Jones

From Mrs. Jones stating her claims to partake of the benefit of Lord Clives Bounty and soliciting to have the pension paid to her at Calcutta; enclosing different papers in support of her claim.

From the Town Major

From Captain A. Grant recommending the widow of the late Lieutenant Van Sluhel to the favorable attention of Government and proposing that she should be allowed to draw one Rupee per diem for her support.

From

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From the Military Paymaster General

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

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham enclosing to him for his examination an additional estimate of Cash for the current expences.

Sent the following Letter to the — Military Board.

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen.

To the Military Board intimating to them the great anxiety of Government to have the Stores and ammunition — appertaining to the Battering Train now at Vellore despatched for that place as expeditiously as possible; and with this view authorizing them to employ all the Carriage now in the Service and to hire such an additional quantity as they may judge necessary.

As the whole of the battering guns have now reached their destination, the Right Honble the Governor in Council is extremely — anxious that the whole of the Stores and — ammunition necessary for completing the — equipment and for forming the magazine should be forwarded to Vellore by the 20.th of next month; his Lordship in Council therefore desires that you will employ the whole of the Carriages, now in

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the Service for this purpose and authorizes you,
if it should be necessary, to hire carriage for
the accomplishment of this object, which his
Lordship in Council now considers of the most
serious importance —

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

26th

Sent the following Letter to Mr.
Brounker —

To. Mr. John Brouncker
One of the Prize agents for the Captors of
Malaca

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the
12th Instant I am directed to inform you,
that the Right Honble the Governor in Council
has ordered 8 per Cent bonds of this Government
for S.r Pag.da 54,717.11.40. to be drawn in favor
of the prize agents for the Captors of Malacca,
which will be delivered upon your application
at the Treasury —

To Mr. Brounker informing them that 8 per Cent Bonds will be granted on his application for the amount advanced by the Agents for the Captors of Malacca on account of the public Service —

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I herewith return to you the — original powers from His Majesty's Ships Orpheus and Resistance appointing you one of their agents for the Captors of Malacca—

I am &c.

(signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

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Sent the undermentioned letters — viz.
entered in M.B. Nos. 103. 104. 105.

To Captain Lieutenant Wood — viz.

To Captain Lieutenant Wood of the Engineers.

informing him that the application contained in his letter of the 28th of October cannot be — complied with further, than in admitting of Batta for his Lascars, while he was employed at the two Stations of Arnee and Vellore.

To Mr. Hugh Cleghorn transmitting

To the Secretary to the Government at — Ceylon.

to him a Copy of the Honble Company's Cypher No. 11.

To Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing to

To the Resident at Hyderabad.

him a copy of the letter that has been written to General Bridges in consequence of his (the Resident's) letter of the 7th and 13th Instant

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Received and Sent the following Letters entered in MB. Nos. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113.

From the Secretary to the Bengal Government

From Mr. Barlow enclosing a letter to be transmitted to the Governor of the Mauritius claiming the surrender of different Natives of this Coast, who were captured on board of the — Raymond and carried to that Island.

From the Sub Secretary to the Bengal Government

From Mr. Stracey enclosing Copy of a letter from the Supreme Government to the — Resident at Hydrabad.

From the Sub Secretary to the Bengal Government.

From Mr. Stracey enclosing a letter from the Supreme Government to Admiral — Rainier.

From the Commandant at Ayacottah.

From Major Doveton mentioning that he has forwarded the Governor General's letter to Tippoo Sultaun.

From the Commandant at Chengleput.

From Lieutenant Colonel St. John requesting permission to visit the Presidency.

From

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From the adjutant General.

From Colonel Close, containing the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that Brevet Captain Logan ——, be promoted to the rank of Captain —— Lieutenant vice Prescott deceased

From the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops.

From Colonel Hart stating difficulties that had occurred in settling the accounts of the 29th Dragoons and requesting the decision of Government on the subject enclosing different papers in elucidation of his Letter

To the Secretary to the Bengal Government

To Mr. Barlow transmitting a letter from His Highness the Nabob to the —— Governor General

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Ernst William Fallofield Esqr

Edward Saunders Esqr absent indisposed

Tuesday the 27th November

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive.

Governor in Council &c &c &c.

My Lord,

1st

A Committee of our Board having been appointed to Survey the Rice and Salt provisions

Incloses the Muster & Bore Rolls of the Ships from Bengal and reporting on the badquality of the Rice which had been sent from thence reporting on

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on the state of the Grounds &c in and about Fort St. George and requesting to be furnished with a list of the Bomb proofs 500 Casks of Salt provisions sent from Bengal — reported to be in a good State — Reporting on different Packages of Gunny Bags.

Provisions lately received at this Presidency from Bengal by the Ships Charlotte, Peggy, and Surprize, We do ourselves the honor to submit for your Lordships information the following substance of their Report thereon Viz.t —

"That upon a particular examination
"and comparison of the Rice with the sealed
"Musters or samples sent from Bengal it is
"found, that the Moggy Rice received by the
"Princess Charlotte is new of a good quality and
"equal to Muster, but that the Backergunge
"Rice received by that Ship and by the Peggy
"and Surprize, although equal to the Samples
"sent, is of an inferior quality and in general
"so old as to be scarcely fit at present for the
"use of the Troops and consequently can not be
"expected to keep long in a serviceable state.
"That in order to be provided with the means of
"judging of the age and quality of the Rice, which
"has been imported, the attendance of several
respectable

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"respectable Native Merchants of the Black
"Town was required, who all agree in opinion
"that the Backergunge Rice is from two to
"three years old and say that the market price
"of such Rice at Madras comparatively with
"new Rice is as follows"

"New Rice Backergunge ---- 70 Pags. ℔ Garce
"of two years old ---------- 64 -"- "-
"Of 2½ Ditto ---------- 62 -"- "-
"Of 3 Ditto ---------- 60 -"- "-

"That such being the actual state of
"the Rice, it was thought necessary, that
"samples should be taken indiscriminately -
"from about one hundred Bags, which would
"be found to entirely agree with the Samples
"but of a very inferior quality to the Imagge
"Rice and from its age and appearance -
"little calculated to keep long in a state fit
"for use or even at present to give satisfaction
"to the Troops" As no doubt it was intended

that

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that the newest and best common Rice to be procured should be sent from Bengal for the public Store at this Presidency, We deem it — " expedient to report the state of that already — " arrived to your Lordship and to forward the accompanying Samples thereof with a view — " towards the necessary communication being made on the subject to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council -

P We also enclose copies of the accounts Current of the quantities received from the Ships before mentioned in order that the Captain of the Surprize may be called upon to make good the damaged Rice stated to have been damaged on — " board amounting to sixty nine (69) Bags; and — " that the Commander of the Charlotte may account for the deficiency, which he has stated to have been occasioned by 248 bags of the eleven — " thousand mentioned in the Invoice having been — " detained at Calcutta -

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3d. The Store Rooms in the Department of the Garrison Storekeeper having been particularly examined it is found that a large building called Plummers Granary situated about 1200 Yards to the northward of the Fort and near the Sea side is in good condition well calculated for the Storing and preservation of the articles usually deposited therein and will contain about 30000 Bags of Rice that he has rented adjoining thereto six (6) Bankssalls for the purpose of containing a part of the Rice the Salt Provisions and the Gunnies received from Bengal, all which, are dry, and well suited to the purposes, for which they have been hired.

4th. That two long thatched Sheds on the North Esplanade, containing Carts Water Casks and Staves are in tolerable repair, but being insufficient to afford Cover to all the Articles of that description, it is recommended that a third Shed of the same Kind

and

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and dimensions be erected parallel to the others—

5th That a large empty Godown under the Mayor's Court House, which has been many years attached to the Store Keeper's Department is unfit for any other purpose than to hold Casks of Liquor being entirely excluded from a free circulation of air;

And that nine Godowns under the North Curtain of the Fort are damp from the want of free admission of air and not calculated for keeping any articles of a perishable nature—

6th The Right Honble the President in Council having on the Representation of our Board last year concurred in opinion that a considerable quantity of the Garrison Store of Provisions ought to be secured within the Fort, —

We are induced to request that orders may be given to the several Departments to furnish, on the requisition of our Board, a List of all the Bomb proofs or other Godowns attached to each respectively under the Ramparts or other parts of the Fortifications

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in order that we may be enabled to inspect and to recommend such a distribution of the whole to Government as may be calculated for the general purposes of the Service and in particular for effecting the object of storing a proportion of Rice and other Provisions within the Fort; a measure which it is conceived ought not on any account to be delayed, and for which purpose we beg leave to suggest the expediency of our being furnished with a Copy of the Proceedings of a former Committee on the Bombproofs &c composed of Messrs. George Parry and James Taylor which will no doubt be of considerable utility in forming an arrangement on the present occasion—

7th

An inspection having been generally made of the 500 Casks of Salt provisions sent from Bengal by the Princess Charlotte, it appears as well from such inspection as from the Report of the Garrison Store Keeper that the Casks are in good Condition and the Provisions fit for use—

8th

A Survey of the Gunnies sent from Bengal having also been taken, they are found to be good of the Kind but too thin for Bullock Bags unless doubled in which state they will answer the purposes of the Service—

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9th. An examination having likewise been made of 7500 Northern Gunny Bullock Bags provided by the Garrison Storekeeper they are stated to be of the common Kind of Gunny procurable from that Quarter but such as ought not to be used to carry Rice with the Army, if better can be found, though they may be useful in transporting Grain from one Garrison to another. The 12000 Bengal Gunny Bags stated by the Garrison Storekeeper to have been furnished by him to make up the number of 10,000 Bullock bags ordered by our Board having failed of getting the whole of Northern Gunny are reported to be new and good of the Kind and when doubled and fresh sewed are preferable for carrying Rice to the single Bag made of Northern Gunny, although this last is as good as can be procured on an Emergency and at a short Notice. We have the honor to be

&c &c

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/signed/ George Harris
Patrick Ross
William Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
BJ. Close

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D.r Account Current of the Honble Company's

1798			Bags	Md.
September 4th	To Backergunge Rice as per Invoice	6840 Containing	13692	
	To moogy Rice do	4154 do	8308	
		11000	22000	
	To Salt Provisions as per Bill of Lading as follows			
	@ 336 ℔ Cask		Casks	
	@ 360 ℔ do		36	
	@ 180 ℔ do		364	
			100	
	To Corrall Plank as per do		500	
			123	

NB The Captain of the Charlotte says that of the 11,000 Bags mentioned in the Invoice 248 were detained at Calcutta, which reduces the deficiency to 3/4 ℔ cent—

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Sundry Articles received ex Ship Charlotte Captain Geo Kelso from Bengal Co.

1798 October 25.	By Backergunge Rice	6099 Double 4826 Single	Weighing Nett 1261 M.	3 Bengal M.
	By Do Transhipped to Osterly	285 Double at 2 M. Bag	570	3 Bengal M.
	By Do damaged	16 Single 6846	Weighing Nett 25. 58	13,211. 50
	Moogy Rice	231 Single 2006 Double	Weighing Nett 4532. 20	3 Bengal M.
	Do transhipped to Osterly	1725 Double at 2 M. Bag	3450.	
		3962		7582. 20
	By deficiency about	192	at 5 p. Cent	1206. 12
		11,000		22000.

By Salt Provisions		Casks 500
		500
By Small Plank unserviceable on Board Ship		123

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[Signed] James Bruce
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy [Signed] Fred: Pierce
Secy to Mily Board

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Dr. Account Current of the Honble Company's Rice received pr. Ship Peggy Captain William Fleming from Bengal Cr.

1798 Sepr. 4th	To Backergunge Rice as pr. Invoice Containing	Dr. Bags 6000	Bl. Md. 12,000	1798 Octr. 23	By Backergunge rice in good Condition 83 Sinl. 5906 Doul. } weighing Nett	11,774	30
					By Do. damaged by Surf 9 Sinl. 2 Doul. } Do.	17	8
					6000	11,791	38
					By deficiency about @ 1¾ pr. cent	208	44
					Total	12000	

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Fort St. George
E. E.

pr. signed James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

Military Board Office
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Attest Copy
signed Fred. Pierce
Secy Mily Board

Dr. Account Current of the Honble Company's Sundry Articles received ℔ Ship Surprize Captain Patrick Campbell from Bengal

1798 Sept.	4	To Backergunge Rice as ℔ Invoice	Dr. Bags 3000.	Containing	Bd. Mds. 6000	1798 July	2	By Backergunge Rice in good Condition weighing Nett	D. Bags 2823	B. Md. th 5565 8
								By Do damaged by Surf	108 Do	207 37
								By Do Do on board Ship	69 Do	119 18
									3000	5891 63
								By Deficiency above at 1 3/4 ℔ Cent		108 19
		Total			6000			Total		6000
		To Gunnys as ℔ Invoice			Bales 50			By Gunnys received		Bales 50 or 10,000 Pieces

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E. E. ℔
Military Board Office
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(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Store Keeper

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

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Minute thereon

Resolved that an extract of the foregoing Letter respecting the Rice received from Bengal be transmitted to the Supreme Government.

Resolved that the Supreme Government be requested not to send any further Supplies of the Bachergunge Rice for the use of this Presidency, and that they be further requested to direct that care be taken, that the Rice, which may in future be consigned to this Government from Bengal, be in a State perfectly serviceable.

Read the following letter from the Commandant at Malacca.

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The Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Commandant at Malacca, stating the pecuniary embarrassments they experience at that place with several other particulars - requests an increase of his own allowance -

I take the opportunity offering by the Asia Captain Mr. Innes, who will touch at Anjengo on his way to Bombay, to state to you the situation of this Garrison with respect to Money and provisions, of both, which we stand in much need:

The Troops are now in arrears from the 1st of August last and we have only Three thousand Dollars remaining this day in the Treasury, and our monthly receipts from the Revenue is only four thousand and Ninety Dollars so that on the 1st day of November next the whole amount of Cash in the Treasury will be only seven thousand and Ninety Dollars a sum barely sufficient to pay the Troops

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half a months Pay and on the first of —— December, we shall not have more than sufficient to pay them above one third of a months Pay—

Independent of the arrears due to the Garrison, there is a large sum due some time past to the Europeans for half — mounting for the year 1797 the Rolls for this half mounting have been received here from Madras some time and we are not able to discharge them—

Every article required by the Soldiers is extravagantly dearin this place, in particular Shoes and Cloth; for the former they pay one Dollar for a pair, that can be brought at Madras for five fanams; these circumstances, My Lord, make the situation of the Soldiers in this Garrison very unpleasant and with truth

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I can venture to say is the cause of much sickness
the sick in our European Hospital has seldom
exceeded Twenty five; on the 1st of last September
there were Twenty Eight patients in the Hospital,
and on the 1st. day of this month they had
encreased to Fifty two, most of the cases Fluxes
and Fevers, which the Surgeons of the Garrison,
as well as myself, are of opinion are brought on by the want of Shoes and other comforts, which subject them to the wet and damp, so great at this season of the year, and nothing can more strongly confirm this opinion than the continued good state of health of the Native Troops, who have only sixteen in the Hospital -

One of our Barracks, which contains two Companies of the 2d Regiment Europeans is uncommonly wet and Damp, which from the disproportioned number of sick in these Companies compared with the other

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corps, / induces us to believe their situation is very unhealthy: I have therefore with the advice of the Surgeon determined on removing to an airy dry place which was formerly a Store House The expence attending the preparing this place for the reception of the Troops will be trifling; not, I hope, exceeding one Hundred Dollars; The Engineer is now at work upon it and if your Lordship is so good as to admit the charges, he may make, I shall be well pleased; otherwise I shall with much chearfulness bear the expence myself, rather than see the health and constitution of the Soldiers suffer by remaining in their present Barrack I have made application to General Brathwaite for a supply of Stores for the Division of his Regiment here and similar application has been made to General Nixon to supply that part of his Regiment here with stores, and I hope we shall speedily receive some.

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I shall now beg leave to state to you that the arrack now in Store is not more than sufficient for two Months, and that we have not Salt Provisions for a longer period. The arrack would have been out before this but the Commissary of Grain and Provisions was fortunate enough to procure a few Leagures the beginning of last month which I authorised him to purchase for the use of the Troops, which measure I hope will meet your Lordship's approbation -

During the time Lieutenant Colonel Campbell Commanded here, the Bridge between the Fort and Malacca Town was in such a State of decay that it was found necessary to take it down and build a new one, to defray the expences of which a Tax was laid on the Fish brought to market, which produces a Revenue of about 120 Dollars per Month - The Bridge is nearly finished and I believe the Revenue arising from the Tax for the

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three ensuing Months will defray every charge on
that head. This tax by no means felt by the ——
Fishermen or other Inhabitants of the place but
on the contrary it can be proved that the Fish
are now in greater plenty brought to the Market
and as cheap as they were before the Tax was
put on that article for now the Fishermen are
prohibited from disposing of their Fish at any
other place, than the Public Market and in
former times they disposed of them wherever
they found it most convenient or advantageous
as this is unquestionably the case I beg leave
to submit to your Lordship the idea of ——
continuing the Tax in Fish as at present and
carrying the Revenue arising from it to the
Company's account — In time of the Dutch
Government many other duties and taxes were
levied, which have not been noticed since the
English have been in possession of the place;

these

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these taxes brought in a handsome Revenue and —"—
are well worth attending to with your —"—
Lordships permission; I shall at a future period
submit them to your consideration the short
stay of the Asia which will sail this Evening
will not admit of my mentioning them just
now.

I shall now take the liberty to
trouble your Lordship with a detail of my
own personal situation in Command of this
Garrison and I trust in doing it I shall be
acquitted of any idea of avarice or self—"—
-advantage, which is far from my thoughts:-
the inconveniences I labour under can be —"—
vouched for by Colonel Campbell my predecessor
and many other Officers, who have been —"—
Stationed here; that the Officer Commanding at
this Station and under the present circumstances
and allowances must unavoidably be considerably

out

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out of pocket are facts well Known to any one —
the allowances made to the Commanding Officer
for a Table and Servants so liberal and what —
would be thought in most situations extravagant
yet it is not by any means adequate to the —
expences attending the Commanding Officer for
a Table and Servants suitable to his Station
the truth of which I have too sensibly experienced
in the short time I have Commanded here —
The Public Houses in this place do not afford
that accommodation, that can be wished for
by Gentlemen in the Sea line, Consequently
few reside in them but look for an Invitation
and Reception under the Commanding Officers
Roof and I trust none can say of me or my
predecessors they have in vain sought a —
Hospitable reception there — The numerous
Shipping coming here, and under these circumstan-
-ces, subject us to expences far more far beyond

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the limits of my allowances, which including my Pay, Batta and every other allowance, only amounts to Four hundred and Ninety Pagodas P Month This, my Lord, I hope will be thought a subject worthy your Lordships Consideration; to me it is of the greatest moment having a large family to provide for, and I take the liberty to solicit the favor of your Lordship to add such increase to my allowance, as you may deem proper and I hope it will not be thought unreasonable my request to have one Hundred and twenty Pagodas per month added to my present allowance for a Table and Servants, which I am assure you and prove to your Lordship is a Sum barely equal to the expences I am at under those heads.

I shall not trouble your Lordship further but rest under the hope that you will be pleased to grant us a speedy supply of Money, Arrack & Provisions.

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I have the honor to be with the
greatest respect -

&c &c

/signed/ Ald.r Taylor

Major Com.g Malacca

Malacca
8th. October 1798

minute thereon

Resolved, that an extract of Major
Taylor's letter stating the urgent wants of his
Garrison be transmitted to Bengal and that
in Consideration of Bengal being at this Season
of the Year the most speedy channel of commu-
=nication with Malacca the Supreme Govern-
=ment be requested to forward to that place
supplies of money Rice, Arrack, Salt Provisions,
Tobacco, Chillies, Turmerick and Garlic, as
also a supply of Shoes -

'the Board resolve to withdraw a part of the European Force stationed at Malacca and to request the Supreme Government to give directions to the Commander of the Vessel, which may be engaged to carry Stores to Malacca to convey three European Companies from thence to the Coast -

As the present Military Force at
Malacca appears to be greater than what from
our decided Superiority at Sea is likely to be
necessary for the protection and security of the
Place and as a diminution of that Garrison,

will

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while it increases considerably our Strength in the Carnatic will necessarily diminish the — heavy demands for Money and Stores now — required there, It is resolved to request, that the Supreme Government will employ the Vessels which may be engaged to proceed to Malacca with the supplies of Stores &c. immediately — wanted, to afterwards convey from thence to the Coast three complete Companies of Europeans.

Resolved that the following Letter be sent to Major Taylor

To Major A Taylor
Commanding at Malacca

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th of October and to inform you, that in Consequence of your representation of the wants of your Garrison

the

To the Commandant at Malacca Informing him that the Supreme Government have been requested to send supplies of Money &c. to Malacca. Intimating to him the determination of the Government to withdraw three European Companies from Malacca Mentioning several other particulars in reply to this letter of 8th of October

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the Supreme Government have been requested to send You a supply of money together with supplies of Rice, arrack, Salt Provisions, Tobacco, Chillies Turmeric and Garlick as also a supply of Stores -

As the present Force at Malacca is more considerable than what will probably be required for the protection and security of the place, the Right Honble the President in Council has come to the determination of withdrawing from thence three Companies of Europeans, and I am accordingly directed to — desire that you will with the least publick delay embark them on the Vessels by which You will receive the supplies of provisions &c. from Bengal; Instructions will be given by the Supreme Government to the Commander to convey them immediately to the Coast, you are — required to be particularly careful to have the Companies perfectly complete and to select

those

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those that are the best calculated for field
Service —

& to the Supplies of Rice, Arrack
and Salt Provisions, which will be forwarded
to you, will probably after those three Companies
are withdrawn considerably exceed the ordinary
rate of the expenditure of your Garrison; Sam,
in this case directed to desire, that you will —
appropriate for your own use a quantity of
those Articles equal to the average consumption
of eighteen Months and that the Surplus may
be set apart for the Troops at the Eastern —
Islands — and you will adopt the same Method
in respect to the Tobacco and the other Articles
of Sepoys Provisions, in case the quantities you
may receive of them admit of it; You will be
careful to transmit to the Right Honble the
President in Council a List of the Provisions you
may have been enabled to set apart for the
Moluccas, and you will also Notify whether or
not —

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not there is a probability that you will have it in
your power to forward them by any casual opportune-
-ties, that may offer for that quarter; Should any
such in the mean while occur You are authorized,
if you see no particular objection, to take advantage
of them, being careful to settle the freights on the
most favorable terms, you can, for the Company.

In consideration of what you have
mentioned regarding the necessity of changing
the Barracks of the two Companies of the 2d Regi-
-ment, the Right Honble the President in Council
is pleased to sanction the expence, which you state,
as being likely to be, in consequence, incurred
The Right Honble the Governor in
Council regrets that he can not decide on your
request for an increase to your allowances till
such time, as an answer is received to the
reference, that has been made to the Honble the
Court of Directors on applications of a similar

nature

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Nature from your predecessors in the command
of Malacca.

As it appears that no inconvenience
has been felt by the inhabitants of Malacca
in consequence of the Duty levied there on
Fish the Right Honble the Governor in Council
approves of your suggestion and for the present
authorizes you to continue it - But he would
defer passing any decision on the other duties
and taxes mentioned in your letter till such
time as he receives the report you promise to
transmit, in order that he may be more fully
enabled to form an opinion as to the propriety
of establishing them -

Sam.
&c &c.

Fort S. George
3d December 1798

(signed) J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt.

The Commander in Chief lays before
the Board the following Memorandum -

Memorandum

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Memorandum

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief. Proposing different arrangements in respect to the Staff of Colonel Roberts Detachment

The Commander in Chief is induced to submit the following subject to the consideration of Government at the request of Colonel Roberts, who has lately represented the inconvenience he suffers, from want of a sufficient complement of Staff to a corps of such strength as that, which he at present commands.

He has stated that the duties of his Brigade Major and Quarter Master of Brigade, though particularly severe previous to the junction of the Bengal Battalions have yet materially encreased since the junction took place and with a view that the duties of this Detachment which is composed of Details from different Presidencies may be properly regulated and his orders circulated with the necessary dispatch he is desirous that his Force should be so arranged

That

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that the details from Bengal should form one Brigade and those of this Establishment another. Each Brigade to have, as usual, a Brigade Major and Quarter Master of Brigade and that the — " General Staff duty should be conducted by a Deputy a gutant General and a Deputy Quarter Master General, which by such Arrangement would be the only additional appointments required, the Bengal Troops having already their full complement of Brigade Staff —

When the Commander in Chief — " adverts to the strength of Colonel Roberts — " Detachment and the necessity for its being — " efficiently arranged for any service that may occur in a situation so distant from the Coast he is induced to offer his opinion that the — " request of this Officer should be complied with —

If Government approve he would recommend that Major of Brigade Cosby be — "

appointed

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appointed Deputy adjutant General to the Troops serving with the Nizam, Brigades — Quarter Master Read Deputy Quarter master General —

Lieutenant James Grant to be Adjutant and Quarter Master to the 7th. Regiment, vice Read, Lieutenants Vernon and Grant holding the Regimental appointment of Adjutant and Quarter Master to act respectively as Major of Brigade and Quarter Master of Brigade and to serve as such without any addition of Pay and allowances —

The Commander in Chief imagines that no arrangement has yet taken place with the Nizam to limit the expence of Colonel Roberts's Detachment and in any event would hope that no objection will be made on the

part

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part of His Highness to a small addition of expendi-
-ture, which appears requisite to put the Troops
serving in his Territories on a proper efficient state for
Service

Captain Malcolm having vacated the
situation of Persian Translator to Colonel Roberts's
Detachment, the Commander in Chief recommends
that Lieutenant Stainforth Johnstone be nominated
to this appointment a situation which he filled
with Colonel Roberts when this Officer formerly
Commanded a Detachment of Coast Troops at Hydra-
-bad-

Lieutenant Charles Forein to do duty
and receive pay as Deputy Judge Advocate to the
Troops serving with the Nizam during the absence
of Captain Malcolm from the Detachment-

Resolved that in consequence of the — "
Resolution thereon foregoing Memorandum the following Letter be sent to
the Resident at Hydrabad-

To

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To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident at

Hydrabad.

Sir.

I am directed to acquaint you that a representation has been received by the Commander in Chief from Colonel Roberts upon the inconvenience he suffers from the insufficiency of the Staff at present attached to the Corps under his Command.

He has stated, that the duties of his Brigade Major and Quarter Master of Brigade, though particularly severe previous to the junction of the Bengal Battalions, have yet materially increased since the junction took place; and with a view, that the duties of the Detachment, should be properly regulated, and his orders circulated with the necessary despatch; he has requested that the force under his Command might be devided into two Brigades, each Brigade to have as usual a Major and Quarter Master

of

To the Resident at Hydrabad stating to him the necessity of making an augmentation in the Staff of Colonel Roberts Detachment, agreeably to Colonel Roberts letter on that subject and desiring him to communicate the circumstance to the Nizam, detailing also the nature of the augmentation and enclosing an estimate of the expence, that will be incurred in consequence of it incurred.

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of Brigade, and that the general Staff duty should be
conducted by a Deputy adjutant General and Deputy
Quarter Master General.

When the Governor in Council adverts
to the strength of Colonel Roberts's Detachment
and the necessity of its being efficiently arranged for
any service, which may occur in a situation so distant
from the Seat of Government he is clearly of opinion
that the request of this Officer should be complied
with and trusts, that no objection can arise from
the small additional expence which the arrangement
will produce.

His Lordship in Council has accordingly
been pleased to appoint Major of Brigade Cosby to be
Deputy adjutant General, and Brigade Quarter
Master Read to be Deputy Quarter Master General
to the Detachment serving with His Highness the
Nizam

Lieutenants Vernon and Grant holding
the Regimental appointment of adjutant and Quarter
Master will act respectively as Major of Brigade and
Quarter

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Quarter Master of Brigade; and will serve as such without any increase of pay or allowance.

I enclose a Statement of the additional expence to be incurred by this Arrangement; and am directed to desire, that you will take an early opportunity of explaining to His Highness the Nizam the necessity of the appointments, which the Governor in Council has been induced to make

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt

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Additional Expence to be occasioned by the proposed Arrangement of Staff for Colonel Roberts's Detachment

At present with the Detachment
2 Majors of Brigade
1 Quarter Master Brigade
2 Adjutants and Quarter Masters
Total 5.

Approved

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Proposed for the

Detachment — 1 Major of Brigade

1 Quarter Master and Adjutant
to act as Major of Brigade.

1 Quarter Master and Adjutant
to act as Quarter Master of —"—
Brigade

1 Quarter Master of Brigade

1 Deputy Adjutant General

1 Deputy Quarter Master General

Total — 6

Increase of Expence pr Month.

Difference between Pay and allowance of Major of Brigade and Deputy Adjutant General — 163. 4. 4.65.

Pay and allowance to a Deputy Quarter Master General — 212. 6. 4.65.

Total — 375. 11. 10.

The President lays before the Board the following Memorandum delivered in by Major Dallas.

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Memorandum of Major Dallas containing a proposal to have rice conveyed on Carts instead of Bullocks in the Field.

The Government seem inclined to give a favourable to whatever may be proposed as an improvement in Army equipments & I am indeed from a positive Knowledge of the great and unaccountable waste of Grain in the Field on all former occasions by damage or Theft to propose, what appears to me a most effectual Method for preventing either, which is that a Carriage shall be employed instead of Carriage Bullocks for transporting it with the Army and should Government think proper to give the Plan a trial let a chest be made of common sheathing Boards or an empty wine Chest equal to contain four Bullocks there can be a little doubt of their conveying it with a certainty of its not getting wet or decreasing in any way, provided the Chest is properly made neither is it liable to be plundered by being right open as Gomey Bags

Sun 720 / 10 Bullocks

constantly

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constantly are, nor can Carts stray from the Road into
Jungle as Bullocks do because each Cart has its driver
by its side whereas the Drivers of Cattle moving
in large Droves can not remain but on their flanks
consequently when the front of perhaps only 1000 —
Bullocks come to a piece of water, two thirds of them
get into it so as to wet their loads before it is found
to be too deep or that the Drivers can possibly turn
them; the consequence of this is the ruin of at least —
half their Grain; this never can happen to Carts which
must always move on one or two tracks made for
them by the Bunnum, who with some attention —
Masters in front will take care to lead the column
so as to prevent damage to the River; in fact was —
this precaution not taken the Bullocks could not —
draw their Load into Water and Mud deep —
enough to trust it, neither does their laying down
when not attended to injure what is on the Cart. —
another benefit, this mode of conveyance would

Save

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have, in case any of the Enemy's straggling Horse
should fall in with a line of Carts not defended at
the time they can not disperse and drive them different
ways as they do Bullocks into the Jungle nor could
they scatter the Grain in the short time they usually
do by cutting open the Bags but should the country
ever happen to be so open as to admit of their
driving them off, the wheel tracts can always be
distinguished and followed for their recovery, besides
these advantages, on a calculation it will be found
that the difference of expence may be an object; for
instance 1000 Carts will carry 10,000 Bags of Rice
with 4000 Bullocks, the hire of which monthly is
8962 Pagodas and the expence of the Chief exceed
1/2 Pagodas say 2, Pagodas 2000, whereas the hire of
10,000 Carriage Bullocks with Mastrees amounts to
16,500 Pagodas and their Bags at the Company's rate
40 Pagodas £100 to 4000 besides their constant

removal

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renewal — If you think my argument in favor of Carts (which can be proved in one day) aided by the vast diminution of expence and a saving of at least one third of the Grain (a great object) is worthy of the attention of Government, you can submit the above for their consideration; arguments may be and against wheld Carriage as not calculated to follow an army a cross Country however there may be considered futile because an Army made roads wherever it goes and that which serves on Carts the rest can follow on

The Copy from which this is taken is very incorrect and in many places unintelligible
J.

forming a kind of ramade for the security of the other kinds of Carriage against horse -

Signed Tho.s Dallas -

Madras
28th November 1798

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the plan proposed by Major Dallas for carrying Grain on the field on Carts instead of Bullocks be submitted to the Military Board for their opinion; and that, if they see no particular objection to the ___ measure

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Measure, they be directed to take steps towards procuring the requisite number of Casts.

The President lays before the Board the following draft of a letter to the Nabob — entered also in C.C. N° 154

To His Highness the Nabob
Omdut ul Omrah &c &c &c

May it please your highness

I have the honor to inform your Highness that circumstances render it expedient that the Passage of the River Palar at Arcot should be rendered at present as practicable, as possible; for this purpose large boats have been transported from the Presidency, and I request that immediate and positive directions may be sent to your Amildar of that place for providing and keeping in readiness for immediate

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To the Nabob requesting him to send as immediate and positive orders to his Amildar at Arcot to have in readiness as many Basket Boats as possible for immediate use.

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use as many bastiet boats as possible.

I have the honor to be

&c &c.

(signed) Clive &c.

Council

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Read the following letter from

the Military Auditor General -

To

The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord

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In reply to Mr. Secretary

Report of Military auditor General respecting an additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month.

Webbs letter of the 24th Instant accompanying

An Additional Estimate of Cash required by

the Military Paymaster General for the —

Current Month amounting to Thirty two —

Thousand five hundred and Nineteen — —

Pagodas

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Pagodas nine fanams and thirty nine Cash

/Pagodas 3259. 9. 39./ I have the honor to

report as follows

The additional estimate of the

Military Paymaster at the Presidency for

Pagodas 9404, Comprehended in the foregoing

Sums, is admissable with the exception of

Pagodas 400 on account of Lieutenant Colonel

Orr for erecting temporary Stables at

Vellour, the latter having been already estimated

for and passed as stated in my report of the

13th Instant

Mr. Paymaster Hawkins's

additional Estimate for Pagodas 15000, is

unobjectionable being authorized by Mr.

Secretary Webbe's letter of the 7th Instant

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on account of Grain and Provision Stores, ordered

to be laid in by the Garrison Storekeeper at

Tanjore

The remainder of the Military " —

Paymasters Generals Additional Estimate Viz.t

Pagodas 8115 " Q. 39. may I presume &c. "

admitted, this sum being required for the "

purpose of discharging bills drawn on them

by the Grain Agents of the 19th and 25th " "

Dragoons 1st 3d and 4th Regiments, Native

Cavalry, on account of their respective "

employs.

The Total amount payable

from the Treasury at the Presidency on

this additional Estimate of the Military

Paymaster

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Paymaster General is Pagodas 32119-9-39 ——

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
27th November 1798

I have the honor to be with
Great Respect
Sir &c.
(signed) H Sydenham
Mily Auditor Genl

Cash ordered to be issued from the Treasury on the above account

Ordered that the Sum of Thirty two Thousand one hundred and Nineteen Pagodas Nine Fanams and Thirty Nine Cash (32119-9-39) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his additional Estimate entered in his Letter of the 24th Instant.

Captain Alexander Orr recommended to Command the Corps of Guides

The Commander in Chief ——
recommends that Captain Alexander Orr be appointed to Command the Corps of Guides (Vice)

Boulton

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Read also in Bengal.

Resolution thereon

Agreed to and ordered accordingly.

Mrs. Mary Young, Widow of the late

Mrs Young and Mrs Jones permitted to participate in Lord Clives Bounty Fund.

Lieutenant Colonel Young, and Mrs Frances Jones Widow of the late Lieutenant Jones, having transmitted to the Board the necessary certificates to entitle them to the benefit of Lord Clive's Bounty Fund, are accordingly admitted, the usual Oaths being previously Administered.

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The Supreme Government requested to permit Mrs Jones to draw her pension in Bengal

In consequence of a request to that effect from Mrs Jones, the Supreme Government have been requested to permit her to draw her Pension in Bengal.

" Clive

Geo Harris

" E H Stracheys

Compd

G Strachey

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Diary

27th Received the following Letters

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the Honor to transmit your

From the Barrack Master at Trichinopoly enclosing a detailed Statement of his disbursements on account of temporary Barracks at Puttoor

Lordship a detailed account of my disbursements for the temporary Barracks which I was directed by the Military Board to build at Puttoor

They consist of two ranges, the dimensions of each range being inserted in the opposite Column of the account. the whole is built of Brick and Chunam from the foundation, the Doors and windows of Teason wood, and the roof covered with flat Tyles and Pan Tyles over these

In the progress of the building, I found it difficult to counteract the numerous impositions and evasions of the Servants of the Circar, and without the aid and influence of Major General Lloyd I never could have succeeded

I have endeavoured to the utmost of my power to fulfill the intentions of Government in charging me with the erection of these Buildings, and I trust that your Lordship will, when they are regularly reported on, have every reason to be satisfied with the execution, as well as with the faithful application of the public money with which I was entrusted

I have the honor to be &c &c

Sign'd C. Macaulay

B. M. G.

Trichinopoly
15th November 1798

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Account Particular of Disbursements for the Depot Barracks built at Puttoor by Captain Colin Macaulay

			Star Pags	Brit Stand Cash	Star Pags	Brit Stand Cash
25780,34	Thick Bricks	at 1 Pagoda P 1000			258	1 "
119509	Large Tiles	at 18 Inches P Stand P 100			71	21 .
44738	Flat Tiles	at 10 Do Do			14	27 9
2558/8	Parye of Chunam	at 15 Parye P Pagoda			170	7 .
3285	Parye of River Sand	at 120 Do P Do			27	11 6
930	Seers of Jaggery	at 1/4 Stand P Seer			"	105/12
64	Coconut Nos	at 1 3/4 Pagoda each			112	. "
	Country Timbers for the use of the 12 Large Double Doors 36 Windows 757 Pins for Leaving the Saddle, and for the Arm Rack for 920 Stands				64	. "
252	Bamboos of the 7 Sort and 1/2 of the 4th Sort				56	. "
10,187.	Large Iron nails Weighing 5 20 16 at 2 1/4 Stand P 16				"	130 5
22,253	Small Iron nails	at 1/4 D P D			"	27 1 3
	Hinges and Hook Hooks and Eyes &c for the Doors & Windows 46 8 16 @ 2 1/4 Stand P 16				"	105 "
210	Sticks for Beating Chunam				4	20 "
4	Bamboo Sieves for the use of Chunam				"	12 18
2	Large Tubs for Keeping Jaggery water				1	15 .
1.	Parye for measuring Chunam and Sand				1	" "
	Country Twine and Cotton Rope for the use of the Bricklayers & Carpenters &c				"	17 12
	Stones for Beating Chunam & for Keeping under the Beams				2	20 "
	Paid for Coconut leaves small Bamboos with Sean Rope & Coconut String for making Pandal for the use of the material and working people				8	26 18
22	Rattan Baskets				"	15 "
375	Ropes				"	37 12
	Paid for Sawing Door Frames and Planks				4	16 "
	Paid for making 12 Door Frames				2	4 6
2	Seers of Lid for Perpendiculeur				"	6 "
2 3/4	Seers of Iron				"	4 3
	Charcoal and Paddy husk				"	1 20 .
	Water Potts & Mondays &c					
	Paid for Bricklayers Carpenters Coolies Smiths Stone Cutters Sawyers Coolies Women & Boys from 1 to 30 June being Fanl 16 2 0 3/16 @ 29 Fanl P Pagoda		9	8 .		
	Paid for Bricklayers Carpenters Smiths Stone Cutters Sawyers Coolies Women & boys from 1 to 31 July being Fanl 1846 1/2 @ 28 7/8 Fan P Pagoda		56	26 5		
	Paid for Bricklayers Carpenters Sawyers Coolies Women & boys from 1 to 31 August being Fanl 1925 1/2 @ 29 1/8 Fan P Pagoda		63	27 9		
	Paid for Bricklayers Carpenters Sawyers Coolies Women & boys from 1 to 30 Sept being Fanl 1584 1/4 @ 29 3/4 Fan P Pagoda		66	2 21		
	Paid for Bricklayers carpenters Sawyers Coolies Women and boys from 1 to 31 October being Fanl 255 @ 30 Fanl P Pagoda		53	7 12		
	Paid for Carpenters and Sawyers from 1 to 14 November being Fanl 65 is		2	5 18	257	92 11
	Servants wages half a monthly in May 98		7/10	1 12		
	Ditto Do	for June	11	14 11		
	Ditto Do	for July	11	14 17		
	Ditto Do	for August	11	14 17		
	Ditto Do	for Sept	11	14 17		
	Ditto Do	for October	11	14 12	61	66 4
	A Superintending Servant for 6 months @ 15 Pagodas P month				90	" "
	4135 3/4 Inchinopoly Fanl @ 29 1/8 Fanl P Pagoda				1203	4135 18
		Grand Total Pagodas			140	5 18
					1343	5 18

Inchinopoly
15 November 1798

Signed C Macaulay Barr Master Genl

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Dimensions of the Sepoy Barrack St. built at Pullore

	Feet	Inches
Depth of the foundation	2	"
Breadth of Do	2	"
Heighth of the wall from the floor	9	6
Breadth of the wall from the floor	1	6
Length of each Barrack in the clear	225	"
Breadth of Do in the clear	15	"
Height of Doors	6	"
Breadth of Do	3	9
Height of Windows	4	"
Breadth of Do	3	"
Double Doors in each Barrack Pairs 6		
Windows and Shutters in each Barrack Do 18		
Iron Racks in each Barrack for 160 Stands		
for Hanging the Saddles Pins 757		

Signed C Macaulay
Barrs Mas St D

A true Copy
Signed G Buchan
Actg Subsey

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Lieutenant Colonel Close

Asjutant General of the Army

Sir,

From the officer commanding the Northern Division of the Army - enclosing two bills and different papers relating to travelling charges that have been made by Samuel Row late Vakeel, in consequence of his being summoned as an evidence on the General Court Martial ordered on the two Subidars -

I have to request of you to lay the accompanying papers before the Commander in Chief, as they respect the demand of Samuel Row late Vakeel in the Service on being summoned to attend as an Evidence on the General Court Martial ordered on the two Subidars -

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signed Tho. Bridges

Masulipatam
22d November 1798

To Major General Thomas Bridges
Commanding the Northern division of the Army.

Sir, Masulipatam

Enclosed I have the honor to furnish you with a copy of the letter from Major General William Lydenham Military Auditor General on

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27 on the subject of the Bill transmitted him by me on account of Imaulroa for the Trial of the 2 Subidars at Hydrabad—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Masulipatam
27 November 1798

Signed Wm. Gordon
Paym.r

P.S. I have the pleasure to send you the two Bills—

Mr. William Gordon
Paymaster
Masulipatam

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 9th instant with the enclosed bills and as it will not be in my power to pass them without the sanction of Government, I would recommend that they be either transmitted for that purpose direct thro' Major General Bridges, or that they be sent to the Paymaster of Extraordinaries, accompanied with such explanations or documents as may be found necessary in support of the charges contained therein, in order that

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27 that they may undergo the audit prescribed by the Regulations for Contingent or Extraordinary charges.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c

Signed Wm Sydenham
Mg Aud. Genl

A true Copy

Signed W. Gordon
Payms.

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
17th November 1798.

The Honorable Company Dr.

To my own expence from 16th Sept. to 30th do.	12	—
To 5 do. & Pallankeen boys from Ellore to Guntoor	6	—
2 Cavidy Coolies 1 peon & 1 Mashalgie	3	—
Madras Pags Twenty One	21	—

Masulipatam
1st October 1798

Signed Fermilrow

I certify that Fermilrow was
Summoned as a Witness to attend
a General Depy Court Martial
as above

Signed J. W. Sheppey
D. A. A. K.

The

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The Honorable Company Dr

Mr. & C

To my own expence from 1st to 31st of October 98 — 15 — 24 —

To Do & Pallankeen bearers from Masulipatam to Hydrabad and for returning to Masulipatam from Do for two times inclusive at three and half Pagodas per each — 28 — " — "

To 2 Cavidy Coolies 1 Peon & one Marshaljee from Do Do — 14 — " — "

Madras Pagodas fifty seven & twenty four fan — 57 — 24 —

Masulipatam 1st November 1798

Signd Termalrow

I certify that Tremulrow was summoned to attend a General Sepoy Court Martial as above

Signd J. W. Shippey D.A.A.K.

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

My Lord.

I have the Honour to inform your Lordship

on the Governor of ...timating his ...ing appointed Mr ... Dowall deputy ...etary to the Government ...Ceylon, and Mr ... Garrison Paymaster ...the Room of Mr ... Dowall

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Lordship in Counal that I have appointed John
Mc. Dowall Esqr. of your Establishment and
Paymaster General of the Forces in this Island to
the Office of Deputy Secretary to the Government. The
Office of Paymaster will remain united with that
of Commissary of Grain and Provisions in the
Person of Mr. Atkinson.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Columbo
5th November 1798

Signed Frederic North

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
President and Governor in Council

From the Attorney General giving his opinion on the papers which had been submitted to him respecting the apology to be made by Mr. Caillaud to the Superior Council of Pondicherry, and respecting the succession to Mde. Collins Estate.

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships commands of the 2d Instant I have perused the several papers enclosed in Major General Brathwaites letter of the 19th September and have the honor to submit it to you as my opinion that the apology of Mr. Caillaud to the Superior Court of Pondicherry should be made in their Chamber of Deliberations where

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27 where it was his intention to have made it on the 27th

June, conceiving it to have been your Lordships resolution

in Council that it should be made in the manner

originally intended—

I have also perused the letter from

Mr. Taylor in regard to the exception taken to a Monsr.

Gerards sitting as a Judge in the Suit depending in

the Superior Council relative to the succession to the

late Mr. de Collins estate, together with Mr. Caillauds

opinion that the Court at Pondicherry is not competent

to decide upon it as Mr. Caillaud has not assigned

the reason on which this opinion is founded. I can only

conjecture that it arises from the want of a sufficient

number of impartial Judges. By the ordnance of 1667.

Title 24 article 25. where a Court consists of five

members only, as that at Pondicherry, the exception

to a Judge may be tried by three, and no less a

number. But by the Regulations of this Government

of 30th May 1797 the four members under the President

are directed to sit alternately three months each

in the Chaultry court. which reduces the Superior

Council

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27 Council to sour, and as it is probable that Mr Gerard and Mr Collin (by whom the objection is brought) are at present included in this number. I conceive, as neither is competent to the question; that the Member presiding in the Choultry Court should be called to the Superior Council, and be replaced by either of these Gentlemen, until the exception to Mr Gerard and the cause itself be ultimately decided - or if the effects of Madame Collin are not of a perishable nature the question may be over until it becomes the regular turn of Mr Gerard or of Mr Collin to officiate in the choultry, or again Mr Taylor, as holding, in the absence of the Commandant, the place of the French administrators, may I think under the 3 Particle of the Edict of August 1784 complete the number of Judges required by the Ordinance by the appointment of any Advocate or other notable, to be a temporary member -

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

Fort St George
12th November 1798.

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27.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Government of the 14th instant, with enclosures, and of Mr Secretary Webbe's letter under date the 15th instant.

2d In consequence of the orders of Government for carrying into execution, under certain precautions, the proposed reform of the Fortification of Dindigul, we recommend that an advance of Pagodas 3478.4.14, equal to one third of the Estimate for the purpose, be accordingly made to Lieutenant De Havilland on that account.

3d The enclosed Bill from Lieutenant Colonel Frapaud of Engineers, amounting to Pagodas 118.31.12. for repairs executed under his superintendence at Tichinopoly, being supported by the

From the Military Board recommending an advance on account of the reform proposed in the Fortifications of Dindigul. Enclosing a Bill from Col.l Frapaud for repairs executed under him at Tichinopoly of which payment is recommended. Recommend an advance on account of the construction of temporary Guard Rooms at Chittagong &c

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27th

The prescribed Certificate. We recommend that payment of the Bill be accordingly authorized

4th

We beg leave to recommend that, on account of the construction of some temporary Guard Rooms upon the Hill of Thulnaghurry, the Sum of Pagodas 80. 18. 78 being the amount of one third of the Estimate, may be advanced to Lieutenant Rotheringham of Engineers—

We have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Signed George Harris

Patrick Ross

W. Sydenham

Jn. Richardson

Wm. Close

Fort St. George
20th November 1798

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government of

Fort St. George

From the Asst Secretary at Bengal - enclosing copies of different letters regarding the spirits furnished by Messrs. Lambert & Ross for the use of the Residency of Fort St. George—

Sir

The Military Board having been

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27 been called upon for the information requested by
your letter of the 21st September, regarding the Spirits
furnished by Messrs Lambert & Ross for the use of
the Presidency of Fort St George, I now transmit to
you, by direction of the Right Honorable the
Governor General in Council, copies of the several
Papers received from the Military Board in reply

I am

Sir

Your &c

Signed L. Hook

Sub Secy

Fort William
5th of November 1798

To Lieutenant Hook

Subsecretary to Government

Sir.

In consequence of your letter and
Enclosures of the 15th Instant, Messrs Lambert &
Ross were called on for Invoices of the Rum
shipped by them on the Honorable Company's
Ship Henry Dundas for Fort St George; and the
accompanying are copies of their answer under
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20th November 1798

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May last, and the account of Rum which accompanied it; that as the original account had been before the Military Board on the 21st May, when a copy of it was also sent up, for the information of Government, Messrs Lambert & Ross were again called on for the Invoice; in reply to which, a letter, under date 27th Instant, of which the accompanying is a copy, has been received from them. I am therefore directed to request, you will submit the papers to the Right Honorable the Governor General, with intimation that no regular Invoice of the Rum have been received in this office; but that the Military Board conceive Messrs Lambert & Ross's account of the Rum shipped on the Henry Dundas, with the additional intimation of the Price Viz. Sa Rs 1 40 P Gallon deliverable on the Beach at Madras, the Freight and insurance being borne by the Company, as specified in the Statement sent up with my Letter of the 23d October 1797 and approved by Government

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2d Government on the 27th of the same month, will afford the information required by the Government at Madras—

Mty Bd Office
the 29th October 1798

I have the Honor to be &c
(Signd) Isaac Humphrys
Secy Mty Board

To Captain Isaac Humphrys
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

We have just had the Honour to receive your letter of the 24th Instant desiring to be furnished with the Invoice of the Rum Shipped by us on the Honorable Company's Ship Henry Dundas for Fort St. George—

On the 4th of May last, we did ourselves the Honr to transmit you an account of the Rum shipped Copy of which account with that of our letter of that date, we now beg leave to enclose—

We have the Honor to be &c
(Signd) Lambert Ross &Co.

Calcutta
26th October 1798. A true Copy
Signd Isaac Humphrys Secy Mty Bd

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To Captain Isaac Humphrys

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir.

We have had the hono to receive your letter of yesterdays date, and are sorry it is not at present in our power to give you a more particular account of the Rum sent to Madras on the Honorable Companys Ship Henry Dundas, than that which accompanied our letter to you of the 14th. of May last:- which account contained the numbers and Gauges of every cask that was shipped—

We are aware that the Numbers do not run in a regular series which was owing to some of the Casks having been injured in the sloops on which they were sent down to the Ships and, therefore, returned:- as well as from the whole lading of one sloop being sent back from the ship, as stated in our letter of the 14th May- We received a letter from

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27th From our correspondent at Madras; of the 24th June last. which says— "It will be some time before the "damaged and bad Casks can be repaired,— but the "whole number. 307 have been received from the Ship"

We wrote our agent to repair or replace any casks that might be found damaged or otherwise defective— The Casks were in general of a large size, and this therefore probable, that to replace such as were found defective, he may have been obliged to substitute Casks of a smaller size; which would, of consequence, increase the number of casks delivered to the Government at Madras; though the quantity of Spirits must necessarily fall short of that shipped here, in all that it lost by Leakage and wastage—

Our agent has informed us generally that the Spirits have been found equal to Muster, and consequently received by the Honorable Company; but he has not yet furnished us with account of either the number of Casks or quantity of

Spirits

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24th Spirits delivered.- but we are in daily expectation of such an account; and the moment we receive it, shall send you a Copy, for the information of the Board

We have the Honor to be &c.

Calcutta
27th October 1798

Signed Lambert Ross &c.

a true Copy

Signed Isaac Humphrys
Secy M.B.

To Isaac Humphrys Esqr.
Secretary to the
Military Board

Sir,

We beg leave to enclose you an account of 307 Casks of Rum containing 45,867 Gallons which, conformably to your directions, we have shipped on the Ship Henry Dundas - in part of our Contract with the Honorable Company, for the Supply of Rum for the Presidency of Fort St. George -

One of the Sloops on which we

sent

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sent down apart of the Rum. after having followed the Ship from Kedgree to Saugor and after having lost all her anchors was obliged to return, without being able to deliver the Rum which makes the quantity shipped short of what we had prepared and sent off. by 9505 Gallons. and which we shall have ready to deliver, whenever any other Ship may be appointed to receive it no endeavours on our part have been wanting to get the whole put on Board which would have been effected, could the Ship have taken it all on board at Kedgree.

We beg to inform you, that Mr. Innes will attend on our part at Madras to see the Rum delivered to that Government.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Calcutta
14th May 1798

Signed Lambert Ross &Co

A true Copy
Signed Isaac Humphrys
Secy to Mny Bd

Copy

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Copy

Account of 307 Casks of Rum. shipped for Madras on the Honorable Company's Ship Henry Dundas account our Contract with the Honorable Company—

N°		Gallons		Gallons		Gallons		Gallons
	1	176	31	180	61	152	91	131
	2	157	32	156	62	132	92	180
	3	151	33	130	63	126	93	154
	4	183	34	181	64	134	94	127
	5	170	35	181	65	142	95	169
	6	125	36	141	66	120	96	130
	7	145	37	149	67	141	97	120
	8	157	38	130	68	145	98	155
	9	170	39	121	69	170	99	168
	10	132	1566	40	138	1537	70	126
	11	124		41	140		71	125
	12	149		42	166		72	127
	13	144		43	155		73	120
	14	159		44	121		74	164
	15	177		45	123		75	167
	16	186		46	122		76	182
	17	175		47	154		77	120
	18	156		48	127		78	149
	19	150		49	175		79	124
	20	169	1589	50	165	1448	80	145
	21	135		51	176		81	139
	22	128		52	185		82	170
	23	139		53	186		83	144
	24	135		54	171		84	180
	25	134		55	128		85	122
	26	130		56	152		86	181
	27	120		57	156		87	135
	28	184		58	133		88	180
	29	180		59	187		89	145
	30	183	1468	60	175	1649	90	139
		over 4623.			over 9257			over 13596

91	131	1356	
92	180		
93	154		
94	127		
95	169		
96	130		
97	120		
98	155		
99	168		
100	132	1306	
101	120		
102	168		
103	127		
104	125		
105	139		
106	143		
107	129		
108	128		
109	132		
110	154	1365	
111	124		
112	125		
113	139		
114	157		
115	164		
116	159		
117	162		
118	156		
119	164		
120	162	1532	
	over 17998		

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	Gallons			Gallons			Gallons			Gallons		
No	121	169	17999	151	166	22856	185	162	27485	264	163	31747
	122	165		152	165		186	164		265	167	
	123	159		156	165		187	165		266	144	
	124	170		157	163		188	168		267	126	
	125	170		158	162		189	161		268	178	
	126	175		161	167		190	165		269	138	
	127	166		162	167		241	169		270	144	
	128	164		163	163		242	160		271	143	
	129	167		164	162		243	126		273	161	
	130	162	1667	165	164	1638	244	120	1560	274	160	1524
	131	167		166	165		245	162		275	167	
	132	168		167	169		246	164		276	154	
	133	168		168	170		247	165		277	145	
	134	168		169	169		248	128		278	143	
	135	167		170	161		249	136		279	178	
	136	167		171	166		250	136		280	129	
	137	170		172	165		251	126		281	120	
	138	169		173	159		252	126		282	154	
	139	166		174	167		253	163		283	136	
	140	169	1679	175	160	1651	254	129	1495	284	170	1496
	141	166		176	165		255	127		285	157	
	142	166		177	143		256	136		286	162	
	143	164		178	141		257	126		287	155	
	144	170		179	143		258	167		288	164	
	145	166		180	143		259	131		289	166	
	146											
	147	171		181	145		260	133		290	157	
	148	169		182	145		261	141		291	149	
	149	170		183	160		262	129		292	159	
	150	169	1511	184	155	1340	263	157	1267	293	153	1412
			over 27856			over 27485			over 31747			over 36179

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	Gallons		Gallons		Gallons		
N° 294	148	36179	326	141	40135	357 160	44027
295	130		327	128		358 122	
296	120		328	124		359 120	
297	127		329	120		360 130	
298	126		330	130		361 124	
299	125		331	163		362 109	
300	123		332	143		363 160	
301	125		333	125		364 158	
302	130		334	109		365 159	
303	131	1285	335	128	1311	366 130	1381
304	129		336	130		367 123	
305	129		337	141		368 190	
306	123		338	149		369 126	439
308	147		339	140		Total 15417 Gallons	
309	147		340	130		Rum contained in	
300	150		341	147		307 Casks	
310	126		342	133			
312	147		343	143			
313	176		344	129			
314	165	1439	345	141	1586		
315	133		346	147			
316	126		348	148			
317	150		349	148			
319	161		350	146			
320	130		352	132			
321	127		353	126			
322	123		354	121			
323	130		355	127			
324	152	1232	356	120	1195		

over 40135 over 44027

Calcutta 14th May 1798

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Sign'd Lambert Ross & Co.

(A true Copy)

(Sign'd) Isaac Humphrys

Sub Lieut. R.N.B.

(True Copies)

(Sign'd) L Hook

Subtech

Lieut

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27th Sent the following letter to Bengal

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

My Lord,

To the Government of Bengal transmitting the Military Board's Report on the Rice recently received from Bengal - a request made that no more Buckergunge Rice may be sent round to the Coast -

We lose no time in submitting to the consideration of your Lordship in Council extract of a letter from our Military Board bearing a Report upon the Rice received from Bengal on the Ships Surprize, Charlotte and Peggy, and as the whole of the Buckergunge Rice appears by this examination to be in a state totally unfit for the purposes for which it was intended we beg leave to request that means may be taken for preventing the further expectation of Rice of this quality for our use, and that in the future supply of this article which your Lordship in Council may consign to us, care may be taken that the Rice should be in a state perfectly serviceable -

We have the honor to be
My Lord &c &c
Signed Clive &c.
Council

Fort St George
25th November 1798

To

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27th

To the Military Aud.r General

Sent a letter to Major General Lydenham entered in MB N.o 114 transmitting to him certificates entitling the Widow of Colonel Younge and of Lieutenant Jones to partake of the benefit of Lord Clives Bounty Funds and directing him to furnish Government with the necessary certificate to enable Mrs Jones to draw her Pension in Bengal—

Received and sent the following letters entered in MB Nos 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127 128. 129.

From the Commandant at Sincomale.

From Colonel Champagne enclosing a plan and estimate of the value of two Bungalos which he had found it necessary to give up for the accomodation of the Sick of the 80th Regiment—

From the Paymaster at Vellore.

From Mr. W.H. Marden the orders sent to him to have provisions in readiness at Wallajahnaggur shall be complied with. he requests to be instructed as to the disposal of the provisions laid up in Store at Wallajahbad—

From

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From the Commandant at Ganjam — 97

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton enclosing a letter from Captain Johnston of the Engineers regarding the decayed state of the Bridges belonging to the Fort of Ganjam; and requesting that orders may be given for repairing them —

From Major General Floyd enclosing an estimate of repairs required by the Fort Godowns at Trichinopoly —

From Major General Floyd Commanding Southern Division — F — S —

From Captain Godfrey stating his objections to permitting the Dutch Records to be carried out of the Fort of Pulicat —

From the Commandant at Pulicat

From Lieutenant Colonel Dupont requesting to know from whom he is to draw the prison batta allowed to a prisoner confined on suspicion of murder at Cuddalore amounting to two fanams per diem —

From the Commandant at Cuddalore — F —

From Lieutenant Joseph Knowles requesting to be permitted to draw the allowance of a Sergeant Major and an adjutants allowance for Stationary, during the time of his being employed to act as Adjutant —

From Lieut. Knowles 1st Bn 3d Regt at Palamcotah — 1st —

From

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From Lieut.t Hathway 2d Batt.n of Artillery

From Lieutenant Hathway stating that he has acquired a thorough knowledge of the Malabar language; and requesting the favorable attention of Government on that account —

From the Commandant at Chingleput

From Lieutenant Colonel St. John stating that the Malay Prisoners confined at Chingleput are much distressed from the want of clothing; and proposing to supply them in the same manner as was done in the preceding year —

From the Commandant at Madura

From Lieutenant Colonel Oram giving information of his having apprehended the Sufildar of Sampelore, in consequence of the orders he had received to that effect from Mr. Jackson —

From Captn. Norris of the Engineers

From Captain Norris requesting to be permitted to withdraw the application he had made for leave to return to Europe. Stating that he had received orders from Colonel Champagné to return immediately to Trincomalé; and requesting the Chief Engineer to give him such an authority for remaining on the Coast as will screen him from incurring the displeasure of Colonel Champagné

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24 or of the Governor of Ceylon—

From Mr McDowall intimating

From Mr John McDowall

his having been appointed Deputy Secretary to the Government of Ceylon, and his having delivered over charge of the pay department to Mr Atkinson—

From Mr Palmer acknowledging the

From the Resident at Poonah

receipt of the intelligence transmitted to him on the 4th ultimo—

From the Commissioners at Calicut

From the Commissioners at Calicut—

acknowledging the receipt of the intelligence transmitted to them on the 4th ultimo—

To Mr Roebuck informing him

To the Military Paymaster General

that the Sum of Pagodas 32—119—9—39 will be advanced to him from the Genl Treasury on his application—

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Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Fort St George

From the Resident at Hydrabad transmitting three copies of correspondence regarding the drafts proposed to be made from Col. Robert Kyd to assist in forming the Bendra Battalion—

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information

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information of the Honorable Board a copy of a letter addressed to me by Colonel Roberts with the Enclosure therein referred to, and of my answer to the same —

I have the honor to be

Hyderabad
18th November 1798

&c &c

(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resd

Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident &c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to inclose you a Copy of a letter I yesterday received from the Adjutant General and could wish to know if you have any objection to the draffts therein mentioned being made from the four Madras Battalion of this Detachment — as the Commander in Chief seems very desirous that 300 or 400 Men should be drafted from these Corps for the formation of the new Extra Battalion, and as they have more than that number of supernumeraries and will I imagine be very soon able to supply their places

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21 places with good Recruits. I conceive the corps here would suffer no material injury from so small a proportion of draft being made from them.

I have the honor to be &c.

Camp
18th November 1798

(Signed) Geo: Roberts
Colonel

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst

To Colonel Roberts

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose orders by Government under date the 9th Instant.

As the late measure of forming the Extra Corps has occasioned considerable promotion in the Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Ranks in the Native Line of the Service, the Commander in Chief was desirous, that the corps serving with the detachment under your command should have their share in this promotion, and has with this view recommended the arrangements which appears in the

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the Government order for giving the Drafts for the 3d extra Battalion—

You will observe that no Privates have been drafted from any of the corps with yours but as this is of much consequence, that the 3d Extra Battalion should be expeditiously formed, it would essentially forward the service if a draft of 3 or 400 Privates could be conveniently spared for it from the four Coast Battalions serving with you, the Commander in Chief has therefore desired me to express his wish to know your sentiments on this subject, and to say that he is very sanguine in the hope he entertains of being able to obtain this valuable recruit for the 3d Extra Battalion from your Detachment, and particularly so when he considers that you will have the means of supplying the temporary deficiency in your numbers, which will be occasioned by this draft, with good Recruits and Men already expert in the use of their arms from Mons.r Pirons late corps But least

weakening

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...ucatening the Coast Battalions under your Command even by the Number of Privates above mentioned might appear objectionable on political grounds, the Secretary of Government will write to the Resident at Hydrabad on this subject who will no doubt facilitate the object of the proposed draft as far as circumstances will conveniently permit. Should you find however on Communicating with the Resident that the measure of drafting the Privates is judged to be objectionable it will be desirable that any Recruits you have been or may be able to enlist for corps in the Carnatic in consequence of former orders should accompany the Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned for the 3d Extra Battalion to Masulipatam. These Non-Commissioned Officers and any men that may accompany them are to march without arms & accoutrements.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed B. J. Close
Adj. Genl of the Army

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A true Copy
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Res.

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Colonel G. Roberts

Commanding the Hyderabad Detachmt

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, enclosing copy of a letter from the Adjutant General on the subject of Draffts from the four Battalions composing the Madras detachment

If the whole of the Subsidiary Troops under your Command exceeded six thousand Firelocks (which the Company is bound by the new subsidiary Treaty to keep up constantly for the service of this) I can state no objection whatever could lay against an immediate compliance with the wishes of the Commander in Chief - It appearing however from your last monthly Return that your whole Force rather falls short of than exceeds the required number (unless indeed the Sepoy Recruits be included) it becomes necessary before I can assent to the proposed measure that the Nizams inclinations

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inclinations should be consulted. This shall accordingly be done without delay, and in such terms as I may judge best calculated to obtain His Highness's assent. I will take care to make it known to you in due time the result of my application —

I have the honor to be &c

Hyderabad
28th November 1798.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resd

a true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resd

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Hyderabad enclosing copies of letters that have passed between him and Colonel Roberts regarding the necessity of keeping up by every possible means the harmony at present subsisting between our troops & the subjects of His Highness the Nizam

Sir.

Herewith enclose for the information of the Honorable Board copy of a letter addressed by me to Colonel Roberts, and of his answer to the same —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resd
Col

Hyderabad
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Colonel G. Roberts

Commanding the Hyderabad detachment

Sir.

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council considering it of the highest consequence that every practicable precaution should be taken to maintain invariably the most perfect harmony and good understanding between the Honorable Company's Troops serving with his Highness the Nizam and the subjects of this state at large, has directed me to recommend this important object to your serious and unremitted attention.

For the above desirable purpose I have it in Command from his Lordship to signify to you his expectation that you will take effectual measures to prevent any such irregularities or misconduct in the Officers, or Men under your Command, as might tend to create distrust or — jealousy; that you will impress upon them by every means in your power the propriety of

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of conducting themselves on all occasions with the utmost degree of mildness towards the natives in general, and the public officers of this Government in particular; with marked respect and deference to both his Highness and his Ministers, a prompt obedience to whose orders, conformably to the tenour of the late subsidiary treaty, must invariably be manifested—

I cannot conclude this address without expressing my firm persuasion founded on long experience of no one being better qualified than yourself to give full effect to those wishes which the Right Honorable the Governor General in his anxiety for the mutual welfare of both Governments, and for the due preservation of the interests committed to his charge, has judged proper to communicate to you through me—

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick Res.t

Hyderabad
17th November 98.

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

Capt.n

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Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident &c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date the purport of which I shall publish to the Troops, and use every means in my power to prevent any irregularities or misconduct in the Officers or Men under my Command as well as to maintain a perfect harmony and good understanding between the Honorable Company's Troops, and the Subjects of his Highness the Nizam

I have the honor to be &c

Signed Geo: Roberts

Col

Camp
19th November 1798

a true Copy

Signed I. A Kirkpatrick

Res.t

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

We have the honor of acquainting your Lordship that in consequence of the receipt of

From the Military Board intimating that the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore had neglected to transmit the necessary Report on the two hundred garce of Paddy purchased by order of Government Enclosing an account of expence

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expences incurred in erecting temporary Stabling for the sickly horses of 4th Regiment N. B. Enclosing a list of the houses at Chittoor that had been destroyed in order to prepare for enlarging the lower Fort of that place: and recommending payment of the amount Enclosing a Bill from the Gun Carriage & Contractors. of which payment is recommended—

of letters from Government bearing date the 22d. instant. the requisite communications have taken place for carrying into effect the instructions contained therein—

2d. On the subject of the two hundred (200) Garces of Paddy which Government are pleased to notice as having been stored under their —" immediate orders by the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore, and for which payment of Pagodas 10,585.. 10—" has been authorized. we feel it our duty to state. for your Lordships information. that the Storekeeper has not forwarded any Survey Report on such Grain, according to the practice which has hitherto been observed throughout the Service on like occasions, previous to its being lodged in Store, and brought upon the Books, and Returns of his department: although he was called upon by us. under date the 9th Instant. in consequence of a similar —" omission in regard to Paddy also ordered by Government to be stored at Arnee: the receipt of which letter, he has not even acknowledged

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28 3d

We enclose an account of expences which has been incurred in erecting temporary Stabling for the Sick, and weakly Horses of the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry, and — recommend that the same, amounting to Pagodas 60-1-40- be passed for payment

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Lieutenant Colonel Read having transmitted to our Board the accompanying List of Inhabitants of Kistnaghery with the value of the property of each annexed to whom it will be necessary to make a compensation for their Houses, which it appears must be destroyed for the purpose of enlarging the lower Fort of that Place: We accordingly recommend that the disbursement of the amount thereof, Viz.t 294½ Rupees, be authorized on that account

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We do ourselves the honor to forward a Bill of the Gun Carriage &c. Contractors for articles which have been provided

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28th provided by them: and approved upon Survey by a Committee of our Board: and recommend that the same, amounting to Pagodas 1978 3/4 be accordingly discharged

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Sign'd George Harris
Patrick Ross
Will.m Sydenham
Jn.o Richardson
B.J. Close

Fort St. George
27th November 1798.

Received and sent the following letters entered in MB No.s 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137.

From Lieutenant Colonel Oram. from the Commandant at Madura.

intimating that the bad state of his health will place him under the necessity of returning to the Coast. he will however stop at Ramnad to meet the Committee about to assemble there. From

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From the Resident at Hydrabad. 28th

From Captain Kirkpatrick B
expresses his satisfaction at the arrangement which
has been made with respect to Captain Mackenzie
he shall investigate the subject of the exchange
with the least possible delay —

From the Officer Commanding in the Vizeyapatam District.

From Lieutenant Colonel Wood-
intimating that the disturbances in the Sautoor
Zemindary are quelled. and enclosing copy of a
letter from Mr. Collector Webb to that effect —

From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Barlow. acknowledging
the receipt by the Camboden. of the copies of the
dispatches in the Military. Political and Secret
departments. transmitted by this Government. to
the Court of directors - Requests to have a copy
of Lord Clives Minute of the 19th. of October.

From His Excellency Admiral Rainier

From Admiral Rainier. - his orders
left no alternative to Captain Clarke in
regard to the destination of the Virginie he
has received information of Commodore —
Blanket being about to sail for this Country.

From

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From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr Barlow enclosing a letter for Admiral Rainier with a desire that it may be forwarded immediately to the care of the Commissioners in the Malabar Coast

To Mr Rickards transmitting a letter from the Supreme Government for admiral Rainier to his care

To the Secretary at Bombay.

To Lieutenant Colonel St John

To the Commandant at Chengleput

granting his request for permission to return to the Presidency

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Received the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad

Josiah Webbe Esq

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

From the Resident at Hyderabad enclosing copies of correspondence between them and Colonel Roberts respecting the proposed drafts from the four Coast Battalions of N. I.

I herewith enclose for the information of the Honorable Board, copy of a letter of this date from Colonel Roberts, on the subject of the proposed drafts from the four Battalions

of

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Dy. of Coast Native Infantry under his Commang.
and of my answer to the same

Hyderabad
19th November 1798

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resr.

Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I herewith have the pleasure to enclose you a present state of the Detachment which including Havildars, considerably exceeds the six thousand Sepoys stipulated by the Subsidiary Treaty with his Highness the Nizam. I should therefore be glad to know if you approve of my immediately drafting from these Corps for the new Battalion or would have me wait till you have consulted the inclination of his Highness on the subject.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signd Geo Roberts
Colonel

Camp
19th November 1798

A true Copy
Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resr

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Present State

Present for duty Rank and File including Naigues only	Sick Present Rank & File including Naigues only	Sick absent Rank & File including Naigues only	On Command Rank & File including Naigues only	On Leave Rank & File including Naigues only	Not Joined Supernumeraries Rank & File including Naigues only	Rank & File including Naigues only	Grand Total
5259	113	62	192	8	9	454	6097

NB. Agreeable to the form of Returns directed to be observed, Havildars are not brought under the Head of Rank and File, though armed in the like manner with the Naigues and Sepoys, the Number of Havildars belonging to the six Battalions amount to 312, which if included as Firelocks, makes the Grand Total ———————— 6409

Signed G. Roberts
Col Comy

A true Copy
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick Res.

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Colonel G. Roberts

commanding the Hydrabad Detachm.t

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date enclosing a present state of the Troops under your command —

It appearing therefrom that you can furnish the four hundred draffs required by the Government of Fort St. George without touching in the smallest degree upon our — Subsidiary Engagements with this state. I assent most readily to your making the necessary — arrangements to that effect without delay. As my application however to the Durbar on this subject, has been actually made, it may be proper to delay the departure — of the drafted men, until I receive an answer from the Minister, the purport of which shall be immediately — communicated to you —

I have

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Hyderabad
19th November 98.

Have the honor to be &c
Signed J A Kirkpatrick
Resd

A true Copy
Signed J A Kirkpatrick
Resd

Sent the following letter to the
Military Board

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

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that if any of the European corps or details destined for field service have not been furnished with tents lascars or carriage they may be equipped therewith immediately

The part of the Regiment Dec Meuron at Vellour with the exception of two hundred men to remain in the garrison: the 25th Regiment Dragoons

To the Military Board
Such European Corps or details destined for field service as have not been equipped with Tents &c &c are to be furnished therewith immediately
The different arrangements that have been made with respect to a portion of the army at Wallajahnagar communicated orders given regarding Bamboo Coolies, dooley Bearers &c

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29th Dragoons, the 1st and 2d Regiment Native Cavalry. the detachment of 1st Battalion Artillery under Lieutenant Colonel Saxon. His Majestys 12th Regt. the 2d Bn. 5th Regt 1 Bn 6th Regt and the 2d Bn. 12th Regt Native Infantry have been placed under the orders of Colonel Aslon so as to allow of his encamping them at Wallajahnaggur on receiving orders for the purpose—

The Corps at the Mount Wallajahbad Poonamally Tripassore Vellout the Presidency; Pondicherry and Chemundalum will be assembled by an order from Head Quarters—

As it is expedient that the whole of the western corps should enabled to take the field immediately the Governm in Counil desires that the whole may be furnished with bambo and the European part of it with dooleys and dooley bearers—

As it may also become necessary to move the Eastern corps upon a short

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29 short notice. I am directed to desire that the whole may likewise be furnished immediately with Bamboo Coolies and the European Corps and details with their proportion of doolies and dooley bearers

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

Fort St George
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Received and sent the following letters entered in Mil B. Nos 138. 139. 140. 141.

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Lydenham intimating that Captain Colin Campbell has requested permission to visit the Presidency for one month.

From the Committee appointed to superintend the Repair of the Black Town Wall

From the Committee appointed to superintend and conduct the Repairs of the Black Town Wall, mentioning that the Nabob has not yet paid his Subscription towards repairing the Black Town Wall, and requesting the interference of Government several Natives in the Black Town

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29th Town have not yet paid their subscriptions

To the Deputy Paymr. General to the Kings Troops

To Lieutenant Colonel Hart Government cannot depart from the lately established scales of pay as communicated to them from Home in behalf of the 29th dragoons

To the Chief Engineer

To Major General Ross directing him to repair the Town Majors Quarter

Published the following Government Advertisement

Fort St George 29th November 98

Government Advertisement

Government Advertisement threatening to send to Europe the European Inhabitants at Madras (not in the service of the Company, and who have not already sent in their names) who do not report themselves to the Town Major by the 10th of December

Whereas the European inhabitants resident in Madras have not conformed to the orders contained in the advertisement of the 8th instant for sending in their names to the office of the Town Major, and whereas it is expedient that the said order should be obeyed without further delay, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council hereby orders and directs all European inhabitants

of

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29. of the town of Madras and of all places within ten miles thereof (excepting those in the service of his Majesty or of the East India Company) to make returns to the Town Major on or before the tenth of december next according to the forms already published—

And the Right Honorable the Governor in Council being determined to enforce a strict obedience to this present order. Hereby gives notice to all Europeans not in the service of his Majesty or of the East India Company residing within the aforesaid limits. that all such persons as shall omit to deliver a return to the Town Major in the manner prescribed by this order on or before the tenth of december next, shall, if found in India after that period, be liable to forfeit the Company's protection and be sent to Europe

By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

Signed J Webbe Secy to Govt

Rec'd

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Received and sent the the undermentioned letters entered in Mis Nos 142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150—

From the Officer Commanding at Madura

From Captain Kay, intimating that Lieutenant Colonel Oram has set out for Ramnad, and that the command of Madura has in the mean time devolved on him—

From the Residential Hydrabad

From Captain Kirkpatrick— mentioning that he has received the information communicated to him by Government of Lieutenant Dallas being about to proceed to Hydrabad for the purchase of horses, and giving assurances of his affording him all the assistance in his power—

From the Resident at Hydrabad

From Captain Kirkpatrick— acknowledging the receipt of Governments letter of the 14th instant—

To the Military Paymaster Genl

From Mr Roebuck, enclosing an additional estimate of cash for the expenses of the current month—

From—

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From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Lyden ham enclosing copy of the certificate entitling the Widow of the late Lieutenant Jones to participate in Lord Clives Bounty Fund - annexing thereto a certificate that her pension has not been drawn on the Coast -

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lyden ham - referring to his examination an additional estimate of cash for the current expences -

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Divisio

To Major General Floyd - Captain Prescott, Commissary of Stores at Trichinopaly, to proceed to the Presidency, and Captain Fennel to act in his room -

To the Garrison Storekeepr

To Mr. Brodie - desiring him to retail to the inhabitants of Madras a quantity of Rice not exceeding five Garce each day, at such rate as will guard the Company against any loss upon it -

To Mess.rs Barlow Rickards Palmer Kirkpatrick and the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast

To Mess.rs Barlow Rickards Palmer Kirkpatrick, and the Commissioners on the

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The Malabar Coast enclosing to them copies of the latest intelligence received from the Mysore Country—

Received the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad—

J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

I herewith enclose for the information of the Honorable Board Copy of a letter of yesterdays date from Colonel Roberts and of the Enclosures therein referred to, together with Copy of my answer to the same—

I have the Honor

&c &c

Signed J. A Kirkpatrick

Res.t

From Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick enclosing copies of correspondence between him & Colonel Roberts respecting an augmentation of Staff to the Hydrabad detachment, and respecting the Payment of the Bengal troops belonging to it—

Hyderabad
22d November 98

Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident &c &c &c

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the

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3d the receipt of your letter of yesterday, accompanied by an Extract from the resolutions of the Supreme Government respecting the Staff hitherto attached to the Bengal Troops at this place. Having addressed the Commander in Chief on the Coast on the subject of the Staff to this detachment, a copy of which letter I have the honor to enclose for your information, I could wish Captain Gerrard to continue to act as Brigade Major till I get the Commander in Chiefs reply.

As no one has been appointed Persian Interpreter to this detachment in the room of Captain Malcolm appointed your assistant in case you consider his latter appointment supersedes his former one, I should suppose Captain Campbell will continue to hold that of Persian Interpreter, for which office I understand he is so well qualified that I cannot help expressing my satisfaction at it. I thought it necessary to address Mr Cherry, the Paym.r

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Paymaster to know if he thought any difficulties would arise in his paying the Bengal Troops.

His reply I have the pleasure of enclosing—

As there is no agent with the Bengal Troops for the Bullock department I should suppose the whole of the Public bullocks ought to be immediately put under Lieutenant Goldsworthy who holds that appointment from the Madras Government—

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signd George Roberts
Lt Col

Camp
21 November 1798

a true Copy
Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst

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

Sir,

It has long been my intention to address you on the subject of the deficiency of Staff Officers with the detachment under my Command,—

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30th Command. but at the time we marched from the
Honorable Company's Territories the object and
nature of the employment of the Forces in the
Quarter, not being determinate. and supposing
it might be only of a temporary existance, I did
not for these reasons choose to trouble you before
upon this subject. though the duties of my
detachment even before the junction of the Bengal
Troops have borne with particular Severity. on
both the Brigade Majr. and Brigade Quarter
Master attached to me, both of whom, I have
on several occasions been obliged to employ, in
conducting a variety of duties unconnected with
their respective situations. and which they have
at all times most readily performed, without
ever receiving any additional allowances. But
as the detachment is now increased to that
Magnitude as to attach to it more the
respectability of an army than a mere
Detachment to give that efficiency which I
think

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think under present circumstances it merits. I beg to submit to you a plan, which should it meet with your approbation I propose to adopt. that of forming the three Regiments into two Brigades, the one to consist of the Bengal Troops and the other of the Coast Troops. and as the former have already the necessary proportion of Staff officers allotted to it, I could wish to propose a Deputy Adjutant General and a Deputy Quarter Master General to the whole, but as I am unwilling that any unnecessary expence should be incurred by an arrangement of this kind, but with a view of putting both Brigades upon as equal a footing as circumstances will permit, the appointments of Brigade Major and Brigade Quarter Master will of course become necessary, may be filled by the Regimental Adjutants and Quarter Masters of the two Madras Regiments, the choice of whom may be appointed to act in the former situation and the other in the latter

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Should this arrangement meet with your approbation, I beg leave to recommend Captain Cosby for the appointment of Deputy Adjutant General to the detachment, and Captain Read for the Deputy Quarter Master Generals - as the characters and services of both these officers, are very well known to you, it renders it unnecessary I should repeat the merit due to both -

I have the honor to be &c

Camp at Bangelagur
30th October 1798

Signed Geo: Roberts
Col

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

Colonel George Roberts
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment

Sir,

I have this moment been honored with your letter of this date giving cover to an Extract from the Resolution of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in the Military Department of the 3d November, and desiring to know

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30th Know whether I think any difficulties can arise in my paying the Bengal Troops now at Hydrabad. in reply I beg leave to inform you that I do not think any difficulties will occur in my paying them but at the same time I must observe to you that my present Office Establishment is scarcely adequate to the duties of Paymaster to the Madras Detachment consequently an addition to the Office Establishment will be required to conduct the business

I have the honor to be &c

Camp
21 November 1798

Signed P. Cherry
Payr.

A true Copy

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resr.

Colonel George Roberts
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date enclosing Copy of a letter from you to the Commander in Chief of the Coast Troops and of one from the Paymaster of your Detachment to you

With regard to the expediency of

Captn

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30th Captain Gerrards continuing to act as Brigade Major until you receive an answer from the Commander in Chief you are of course the best judge. but if it is thereby meant that he should continue also to draw the allowances annexed to that Office, a reference to the Resolutions of the Supreme Government which I transmitted to you yesterday, will shew this to be inadmissible—

The spirit of those Resolutions will on the other hand I imagine fully justify Captain Campbell's retaining the appointment of Persian Interpreter, if actually vacant by Captain Malcolm's nomination as my assistant, a question however, which I do not conceive myself warranted to decide upon—

I am glad to learn from Mr Paymaster Cherry's letter to you that no difficulty is likely to occur in his paying the Bengal Detachment. the required addition to that Gentleman's Office Establishment for the purpose in question, is a point that will of course remain for the consideration of the Government of Fort St. George

The whole of the Draft and Carriage Cattle

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30th Cattle with the Bengal Detachment must of course be immediately put under Lieutenant Goldsworthy the Officer appointed to that charge by the Madras Government —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Resr

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Resr

Hyderabad
21st November 1798

December 1st

Received the following letter from the Officer Commanding the Nizams detachment —

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From the Officer commanding the Nizams detachment enclosing copies of correspondence between him and the Resident at Hydrabad respecting the rate of exchange to be established in his Detachment, and the discharging the Bullocks and Servants attached to the department of the Commissary of Grain —

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant with the inclosures that accompanied it and herewith transmit you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council Copies of the correspondence between the Resident and myself on the subject of the Grain Department an rate of Exchange — I have the honor to be &c &c

Camp near Hydrabad
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(Signed) George Roberts
Col.
Captain

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To Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident &c. &c. &c.

Sir.

Inclosed I have the honor of transmitting you a copy of a letter I yesterday received from the Secretary to the Madras Government, relative to the Carriage of Grain for the use of the Detachment, and the settling the Exchange for the Payment of the Madras Troops

Respecting the former I conceive Keeping up an establishment of Bullock Servants &c. for that Department, would be burdening the Honorable Company with a very considerable and at least for the present, unnecessary Expence; as the Bazars here are abundantly supplied with all Kinds of Grain, Incase of the Detachment moving it might be supplied with Grain by Banjarries, who with proper encouragement, would I imagine be always ready to accompany it.

As the settling the Exchange for the Payment of the Madras Troops, is left to your decision I should be glad to know at what rate you wish it, should in future be fixed, and if at the rate of 365 Rs. P. 100 Star Pagodas as the Detachment was formerly paid, whether the difference is to be

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be made up to the Troops for the months they have already been paid since entering his Highness's Territories to put them on an equality with the Bengal Troops; the Madras Troops having hither to received the rupees at the rate of 350 only; which occasioned a considerable loss and some discontent among the Sepoys.

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

Camp
19th November 1798.

(Signed) George Roberts
Colonel

Colonel G. Roberts
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment

Sir,

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Adverting to the tenour of the 3d Paragraph of the Secretary's letter, and agreeing perfectly with you in thinking that the Department of Grain Commissary is a very unnecessary one, (at present at least) in the Detachment

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The Government of Fort St. George having judged proper to leave the fixing of the Exchange to me. I authorize you to cause it to be issued henceforward to the Troops under your Command at the old rate of three hundred and sixty five Rupees to the hundred Star Pagodas, which puts both officers and men on a perfect footing in point of pay and Regimental allowances with the officers and men of the Bengal Detachment

I request at the same time you will cause it to be thoroughly explained to the Madras Troops that this high and favourable rate of exchange is to be considered as an indulgence which it may not perhaps suit Government at all times to

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be made up to the Troops for the months they have already been paid since entering his Highness's Territories to put them on an equality with the Bengal Troops; the Madras Troops having hither to received the rupees at the rate of 350 only; which occasioned a considerable loss and some discontent among the Sepoys.

I have the honor to be

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I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

Hydrabad 19th November 1798

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7—

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal enclosing a letter to be transmitted to his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon—

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division

From Major General Bridges. mentioning that the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment shall be dispatched to Wallajahbad as soon as possible—

From Lieut Col. Brown

From Lieutenant Colonel Brown enclosing Statements of wet provisions that had been laid up in store at Dindigul by his directions in consequence of secret orders to that effect from Mr Lushington at that time private Secretary to the

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1st the Governor requests that Government will authorize the Garrison Storekeeper of Dindigul to admit those provisions in his Books, and to authorize Mr. Colleeto Hurdis to reimburse himself in the sum he advanced in the purchase of them

To the Military Board transmitting

To the Military Board to them a Memorandum delivered in by Major Dallas, suggesting a plan for carrying Grain in the field on Carts instead of Bullocks. desiring them in the event of their approving of it to take the necessary steps towards procuring the proposed number of Carts

To Mr. Barlow transmitting a

To the Secretary at Bengal letter from the Nabob to the Supreme Government

To Captain Grant complying

To the Town Major with his application to have one Rupee per diem granted to the widow of the late Lieutenant Van Slakel

To the Medical Board desiring

To the Medical Board them to submit to Government the Medical arrangement that may appear necessary for an Army of not less than

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1st than fourteen thousand men, in the field.

From the Offices Commg. at Ryacottah 2d Received the undermentioned letter from Major Doveton entered in Mil. No 8. intimating that two camel hircarrahs have passed Ryacottah, carrying Kerreetahs for the Governor General, the Governor of this Presidency, and for the Nabob—

3d Sent the following letter to Bengal.

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

To Bengal requesting that a supply of money and provisions may be sent to Malacca - intimating the intention of this Government to withdraw from thence three Companies of Europeans and requesting that the Vessel which is engaged to carry the different supplies for that Garrison may be directed to proceed afterwards to the Coast

My Lord,

Under the present necessity for drawing together the greatest possible force, we had withdrawn previous to the arrival of his Excellency Mr. North a portion of our troops from the island of Ceylon—

The same necessity and consideration of the severity which our foreign conquests must derive from our naval superiority induce us to think it advisable that a part of the garrison

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3d garrison should be recalled from Malacca: this measure will augment our force in the Carnatic, and diminish the supplies of Stores and money, which are required from hence for the troops now stationed there—

A late application from the Commanding Officer at that place for a supply of money Arrack and Stores requires that immediate relief should be sent to the troops: and we should immediately engage freight for this service if we did not believe that it could be done with more expedition and convenience from Bengal—

We had the means of immediately engaging a vessel, we understand that she could not be expected to arrive in less than two months but that a vessel dispatched from Bengal at this season may effect the passage in fifteen or twenty days—

We therefore beg leave to inclose an extract of a letter from Major Taylor, commanding at Malacca; and to request that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to send a supply of Money

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money Salt provisions. arrack Garlick Chillies. "
Turmeric. Tobacco and shoes for the garrison

We also beg leave to recommend that the ship which may be engaged for this purpose, should be employed in bringing to the Coast. three complete companies of Europeans from Malacca

Though such a vessel would carry a greater quantity of provisions and stores than might be required for Malacca upon the " proposed reduction of the garrison, yet we beg leave to suggest that the surplus might be reserved, and forwarded as occasions might " occur for the use of the troops at the Molucca Islands.

If your Lordship should be pleased to adopt our suggestion we calculate that the supplies will reach Malacca by the end of January, and that the three companies may be expected to arrive here early in March; but otherwise we fear

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3d there must be considerable delay in furnishing them with the supplies of which they appear to stand in great need—

We have the honor to be
&c &c

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Signed Clive
&c Council

Received and sent the following Letters entered in MB No. 9-10-11-12-13-

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate of cash required by the Paymaster at Madura—

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck annexing copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Madura with its enclosure, respecting a demand that had been made on him by Major Chapaud for one third of the estimated expences for repairing the Fortifications of Dindigul requesting the decision of Government on that subject

From Lieut Col. Campbell

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell requesting

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3d requesting the Secretary to Government to sign an accompanying Bill for pay and allowances due to him –

From Sappermaul Merchant at Pulicat

From Sappermaul Merchant at Pulicat complaining of Captain Godfrey's treatment of him –

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General. enclosing for his examination an additional estimate of cash required by the Paymaster at Madura –

4th Received and sent the following letters entered in Mil Nos 14. 15. 16. 17 –

From the Military Auditor General –

From Major General Lyden ham: reporting on the additional estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Madura –

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Wm Barlow – enclosing a letter to be forwarded to the Commandant at Malacca; as also an extract of the letter written to him –

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Barlow transmitting to him a letter from his Highness the Nabob to the Governor General –

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To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham

informing him that the Town Major has been permitted to draw an allowance of one Rupee per diem, on account of the Widow of the late Lieutenant Van Slabel

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor - President

Lieutenant General Harris
Ernst William Talloqfield Esqr.
Edward Saunders Esqr.
absent indisposed

Tuesday
4th December 1798

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved

Read the following letters from Bengal

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal stating different heads on which they desire to be informed, the actual state of the Garrisons and Fortresses throughout the Coast, the present state of the Military Establishment &c.

On the 20th July we requested the Honorable the Governor in Council to furnish us, with all practicable dispatch, with a plan for enabling a large portion of the Army of Fort St. George to be in constant readiness to move against an enemy on a sudden emergency —

2d

We likewise requested the Governor in Council to transmit to us a report on the state of the Frontier Garrisons and Fortresses of the Carnatic specifying also such improvements and repairs as might be necessary for placing them in a respectable posture of defence; together with a Statement of the present condition of the Stores and Magazines of grain and other provisions, and of your Field and battering trains of Artillery —

3d

In our letter of the 10th August to

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to the Governor in Council we expressed our expectations that we should receive from him with as much dispatch as the nature of the subject would admit such further advices as might enable us in concert with him to frame a permanent system for the correction of those defects in the Military establishment of Fort St. George which induced him to apprehend that an attack from Tippoo Sultaun might be expected, before our army could be in a condition to meet him for the purpose of defending the Carnatic—

4th Your Lordship in Council will perceive the necessity of framing without delay the proposed plan for enabling a large portion of your army to move at all times on the shortest notice either for the purposes of offence or defence, and we now request you will favor us with your sentiments on this important subject as early as circumstances may admit—

5th We are also anxious that your

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your Lordship in Council should furnish us — immediately with the most accurate Statement which can be prepared from the information now in your possession of the present condition of your Frontier Fortresses and Garrisons, of the Stores of the Magazines of grain, and other provisions, and of your Field and battering Trains —

6th We request also that the Report on the improvements and repairs which may be necessary to place your Frontier Fortresses in a respectable state of defence may be transmitted to us as soon as it can be compleated —

We have the honor to be —

Fort William
the 5th November 1798.

Signed Mornington
Alured Clarke
P Speke
W Cowper

Resolved to inform the Supreme Government that a Minute of the Commander in Chief, containing a plan for enabling Lord

Remarks thereon

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large portion of our Army to be in constant
readiness to move on any sudden emergency was
transmitted to them, previous to the receipt of the
foregoing letter—

Resolved to transmit immediately
to Bengal the Statement received from the
Military Board of the quantity and condition,
of the Grain and other Provisions in store, in
the different Forts and Fortresses under this
Presidency—

Resolved to inform the Supreme
Government that the Military Board have
been ordered to prepare immediately, a Report
of the present state of the several Fortifications
on the Carnatic from such materials as they may
be in actual possession of—

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

From Bengal blaming strongly the Conduct of Majr General Stuart and of Lieut. Colonel Close, and desiring if they persevere in the like in future, that both of them be sent to England

My Lords,

We

Our Secretary has laid before
us

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as your Secretary's letter to him of the 1st of June with the Proceedings of the Honorable the Governor in Council on the subject of Major General Geils letter of the 23d of May—

2d.

We trust that the Admonition of the Governor in Council in his orders to Major General Geils of the 25th of May, has been productive of the desired effect. If however you should not be satisfied that Major General Geils has relinquished all Correspondence or Communication with the Artillery connected in any respect with the late Mutiny, or if you should be of opinion that in consequence of his past Conduct the allowing him to continue on the Coast is likely to effect the Subordination and discipline of the Artillery Corps or of the Army at large, We direct that he be sent to England by the first Ship which may proceed from your Presidency to Europe—

3d.

The Conduct of Lieutenant Cookeley as stated in the Papers is highly reprehensible and

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and if he should again Commit any similar
offence we desire that he also may be suspended the
Service and sent to Europe—

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

Fort William
5th. of November 1798.

(Signed) Mornington
Alured Clarke
P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

Minute thereon

Resolved that the thanks of the
Board be given to the Supreme Government for
the discretionary power they have been pleased to
grant with respect to Major General Gells, of which
the Board shall not hesitate to avail themselves
should circumstances render it necessary—

Read the following letter from the
Secretary at Bengal—

To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to the Government at
Fort St. George

From the Secretary at Bengal
directing that a Copy of the
Honorable Company's Cypher
No. 11. be transmitted to his
Excellency the Governor of Ceylon.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable
the

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the Governor General in Council to request you will express his wish to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that he will order a Copy of the Honorable Company's Cypher No 11 to be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon—

Fort William
the 10th November 1798

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

Minute thereon

Resolved that in compliance with the desire of the Supreme Government a Copy of the Honorable Company's Cypher No. 11. be dispatched to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon—

Resolved to inform the Supreme Government that there is reason to apprehend that a Copy of the above Cypher was lost at the time Lieut Colonel Hart's indisposition compelled him to Embark for Europe

Resolved to inform the Supreme Government, for their consideration that Lieutenant General Harris has communicated to the Board circumstances which lead them to apprehend that a copy of the above cypher has been lost— The copy in question was made for the use of Major General Medows during last war, and afterwards delivered to the care of Lieutenant Colonel George Hart, —

amongst

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amongst whose papers it was supposed to have remained: when Colonel Hart's sudden indisposition compelled him to embark for Europe: but it was not found there by the gentlemen who took charge of them —

The above information was disclosed by Colonel Hart the moment he discovered what had happened —

Read the following letters from Bengal —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George

From Bengal the Supreme Government cannot at present dispatch the Bombay Frigate or Resolution as a convoy to the Osterly, while employed to convey the French prisoners from Madras to England it is however recommended to this Government to take advantage of any casual convoy that may chance to offer for the Cape or for Europe —

My Lord,

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 18th ultimo regarding the disposal of the French Prisoners —

2 As the Osterly is likely to remain on the hands of the Company, we are of opinion that it would be very desirable to employ her in conveying the French Prisoners to England, provided that any ship of

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of force could be spared to escort her

3d We are concerned that circumstances do not admit of our detaching either the Bombay Frigate or the Nonsuch on that service. We have determined to dispatch the former Ship to join the Admiral, considering it of the greatest importance that every practicable addition should be made to his force at this critical period; and with regard to the Nonsuch, as she is entertained for the express purpose of protecting the Trade of this Port, and as a duty is levied here for defraying the expence of her equipment, we deem ourselves pledged to the Merchants not to employ her on any other Service.

4th It does not appear to us that it would be advisable to send the Orderly with the Prisoners under the Convoy of the homeward bound Ships to be dispatched from hence in January, as it might protract the voyage, or possibly endanger the safety of those Ships.

5th We entertain great doubts also whether

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whether the Osterly could be dispatched, with so great a number of Prisoners by herself, without considerable risk of attempts being made by the Prisoners to possess themselves of the Ship—

6th If in the course of the season any of his Majestys Ships should proceed to the Cape or to Europe, we would recommend you to avail yourselves of the opportunity of embarking the Prisoners on the Osterly: or (if she should be previously disposed of,) on any other Vessel placing the Vessel so employed under the Convoy of his Majestys Ship, and taking out all the Guns excepting one for making Signals, and all the small arms and offensive weapons excepting such as the Captain and officers may be certain of commanding in case of Mutiny or of any disturbance amongst the Prisoners—

7th If there should appear to your Lordship no probability of your being able to send the Osterly to Europe under the protection of a Ship of Force during this season, it will remain with

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with you to determine on the expediency of Arming and dispatching her to join the Admiral under our instructions of this date —

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed Mornington
Alured Clarke
P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

Fort William
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Minute thereon

The Board regret that the Supreme Government are unable to relieve this Presidency of the French prisoners at present confined here; but as the Supreme Government must be sufficiently aware of the very serious consequences that may result from such a number of Prisoners being allowed to remain at Madras, in the event of a war breaking out in the Carnatic, the Board entertain no doubt but what the earliest opportunity will be taken to remove them —

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal: intimating that the Supreme Government have armed different ships and sent orders to Bombay for the adoption of a similar measure under that Presidency; in order to watch the motions of the enemy at the Red Sea, and for the protection of the Malabar Coast. this Government are desired to equip any ships that they may chance to find likely to answer the proposed purpose -

Deeming it of essential importance that every practicable addition should be made with all possible dispatch to the Naval force of his Excellency Admiral Rainier, for the purpose of enabling him to watch the motions of the Enemy in the Red Sea, and also to protect the Coast of Malabar during the ensuing monsoon; we resolved to arm the Honorable Company's Ships Earl Howe and Princess Charlotte, and the Country ship The Cornwallis and we shall dispatch them, together with the Bombay Frigate, to the Coast of Malabar, where the Commanders of the respective ships will be directed to place themselves under the orders of his Excellency -

2. With the same view we directed the Government of Bombay to arm with all possible

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possible expedition one of the Honorable Company's
Ships now at that Presidency, and also as many
Country ships as it may be in their power to equip
taking the Admirals advice as to the best mode
of equipping them—

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We did not think it necessary
to send similar instructions at the same time
to your Lordship in Council, being doubtful how
far it would be practicable for you at this season
to afford the Admiral any assistance. If however
it should be in your power to arm any ships
which you may think likely to be serviceable
to the Admiral, we request that you will give
orders for their being equipped and dispatched to
join his Excellency with all practicable expedition—

We have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your faithful humble Servants
Signed Mornington
Alured Clarke
P. Speke
W. Cowper

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Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved to inform the Supreme Government that however much the Board are inclined to afford his Excellency Admiral Rainier every assistance in their power, they are concerned to say that the aid which may be expected from this Presidency on the plan suggested in the letter of the 6th of October last, from the Secretary to the Supreme Government, is very immaterial; as there are at present only two Carronades in the Arsenal—

Resolved that in consequence of the foregoing letter from the Supreme Government the following letter be dispatched to his Excellency the Admiral—

To His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier

Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies

Sir.

To the Admiral Government regret that the assistance they have it in their power to afford him, is very immaterial—

We have the honor to inform your Excellency that we have received instructions from

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from the Supreme Government to afford you all the assistance which may be in the power of this Presidency by supplying such of the Company's ships with Carronades instead of their own light guns, or in any other mode which may be — practicable for us —

Your Excellency is aware that at this season of the year there are no ships at our disposal; and we are concerned to acquaint you that upon an examination of our arsenal we have only found two carronades —

although we have felt it our duty to address your Excellency upon this subject, we have done so more to assure you of our — cordial desire to meet your wishes and those of the Supreme Government, than from the hope of being able to afford you any immediate assistance

We think it necessary however to suggest that the Osterby is yet unemployed and at our disposal; and shall be happy to

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make such use of her, as your Excellency may deem advantageous to the public service.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed Clive

&c. Council

Fort St. George
5th December 1798.

Read the following letters from his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

From the Governor of Ceylon intimating that tho' he has authorized Dr. Ewart to call for Reports from all the Surgeons of the Honble Company's Troops on Ceylon, it is however his intention to transmit them afterwards to this Government.

My Lord,

Dr. Ewart in virtue of his appointment of Physician General and Inspector of Hospitals in the Island of Ceylon has thought that the interest of the service required him to call for Reports from the Surgeons of the Honorable Company's Troops stationed on this Island.

This requisition which Dr. Ewart judged himself authorized to make in consequence of His Majesty's Commission and the orders of the Commander in Chief is likely to be reluctantly complied with

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with by the Surgeons of the Troops of your Presidency -

It is my most anxious desire to cultivate the most perfect understanding with your Lordship and to carry into effect whatever System your Lordship in Council may desire to establish for the Interior Management and Economy of the Troops of your Presidency -

4thly. I have ordered the Surgeons of the Honorable Company's Troops Stationed in my Government to deliver to Dr. Ewart the Reports required by him I shall yet feel myself bound to order Dr. Ewart to transmit such Reports with his observations upon them to me that I may have the Honor of submitting their merits to your Lordship in Council -

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

[Signed] Frederic North

Colombo
28th. October 1798

Minute thereon

Resolved to inform his Excellency that the Board should feel much concern if any part

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part of the Officers of this Establishment, under his Excellency's authority thought of shewing any — reluctance in obeying his orders such Remarks and Instructions have however been conveyed to the Medical Board of this Presidency on the subject of the reference made to them respecting the Reports required by Dr. Ewart, as will leave the Board hope no doubt of the necessity of implicit acquiescence in such Medical arrangements as his Excellency may judge necessary to make—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Governor of Ceylon requesting to be informed of the highest rate of allowances granted to any Medical Servant under this Presidency.

His Majesty's has been pleased to name Dr. John Ewart Physician General and Inspector General of Hospitals on the Island of Ceylon authorizing me at the same time to give him his Pay and allowances at the highest rate that is paid to any of the Company's Medical Servants—

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Servants - as I am uncertain of the exact amount of the Salaries referred to I will request your Lordship in Council to inform me of the highest rate of Pay and allowances granted to the first Medical Servants of your Establishment -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Frederic North

Colombo
2d November 1798

Minute thereon

Resolved to inform his Excellency that the highest rate of pay granted to any Medical Gentleman under this Presidency is a Salary of five thousand Pagodas pr Annum with an allowance of twenty Pagodas per month for House Rent -

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

From the Governor of Ceylon enclosing List of Medical Stores required for the Establishment of a General Dispensary on Ceylon with a request that the quantity wanted may be forwarded from this Presidency -

My Lord.

Having been instructed by the Court of Directors to apply to your Presidency for such Medical Stores as may be necessary for the supply of the Military on this Island I take the liberty

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liberty of enclosing to your Lordship in Council an Invoice of all that Doctor Ewart the Physician General and Inspector of Hospitals thinks necessary for that supply —

The great delay uncertainty and expence which are inevitable in the transport of small quantities at a time by sea from Madras to Colombo and which in more than one instance have been severely felt here have induced him to demand a sufficient supply to establish a general Dispensary for the Consumption of the Island. I am sure that your Lordship in Council will see the advantage of this proposal and concur with readiness in an arrangement at once Conducive to the Health of the Troops and the economy of the Company's Money —

The Doctor also wishes that a List of such Medical Stores as may be received at your Presidency may be sent to me for his use

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Signed Frederic North

Colombo
8th November 1798.

Resolved

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Minute thereon

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Resolved to inform his Excellency that the list of Medicines required for the Establishment of a General Dispensary on the Island of Ceylon has been transmitted to the Medical Board. with orders that as great a proportion as can be spared from the public Stores of this Presidency be forwarded to Colombo. by one Conveyance (if possible) -

Resolved to inform his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon that he will find it the most convenient and most eligible plan to transmit in his Despatches to the Honorable Court of Directors regular Indents for such Medical Stores as he may in future require for Ceylon -

Resolved at the same time to suggest to Mr. North that the most eligible mode he can adopt for procuring such Medical Stores as he may in future require for the Island of Ceylon. will be to inclose regular and official Indents for them in his dispatches to the Honorable Court of Directors, agreeably to the practice observed at the three Presidencies -

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Governor of Ceylon - Enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Atkinson, respecting the best mode of raising the Credit of the Bills on the Paymaster General -

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose to your Lordship in Council the copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Atkinson acting Military Paymaster, respecting

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respecting the means of raising the Credit of his — Official Bills on Madras.

It is a subject of great importance to the service of Government in this Island, and therefore I am fully persuaded that your Lordship in Council will give it that consideration which it merits For were the means suggested for raising the Credit of official Bills from hence on Madras adopted such Sums of Money might probably be procured here as would save me from the painful necessity of urging the Supreme Government for — supplies of specie —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Frederic North

Colombo
12th November 1798

His Excellency the Honble Frederic North
Governor of Ceylon

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 6th instant: desiring my opinion on the means to be adopted to raise the credit of my official Bills on Madras.

For

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For your information I beg leave to state that in the month of March 1797 General Boyle addressed a letter to the Government of Madras representing the low state of the Treasury and the distress which the Troops upon the Island labored under in consequence and I believe he also states that from the circumstance of the bills drawn by Mr. Mac Donall on the Military Paymaster General not being paid in Cash but by bills drawn upon the Supreme Government at an unfavorable exchange which could not be negotiated without sustaining considerable loss few Individuals would pay money into the treasury at Columbo by means of remittance —

In reply to the General's representation Mr. Secretary Webbe in his letter of the 22nd April informed him that Government had come to the resolution of the state of the Treasury at Madras would not admit of the bills being paid in Cash when they became due, that they would allow a premium on the Bengal bills equal to

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to the discount of the day which I believe was about 7 ½ Cent. but the exchange between Madras and Bengal having of late considerably encreased and the Government of Madras having been under the necessity of granting bills on Bengal for money paid into the treasury at the rate of 410 Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas: at the same time Mr. Mac Donalls bill drawn upon the Military Paymaster General were paid by bills on Bengal at the rate of 385 Rupees per 100 Pagodas the person holding those bills was subjected to a considerable loss-

The only mode to be adopted to raise the Credit of my official bills and to induce Individuals to pay money into the treasury is to request the Government of Madras will in future allow a further premium on their bills drawn on Bengal equal to the discount of the day-

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed D. W. Atkinson
Actg Paymt.

Resolved

Columbo
8th November 1798

A true Copy
Signed W. Boyd
Sags. Secty to Govt

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Minute thereon

Resolved to inform his Excellency that in consequence of the high rate of exchange between this Presidency and Bengal the Board are anxious to avoid granting any more Bills at present on the Supreme Government, to whose consideration the subject has been referred. In the mean while however the Board will endeavor to afford every assistance in their power to his Excellency.

Resolved to suggest to his Excellency that as all direct communication between the subordinate departments on Ceylon and those of this Presidency must now cease, it will be better that all Bills be in future drawn by his Excellency on the Board; and that a weekly Register of the Bills which may have been thus granted be transmitted to the Board, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for the liquidation of them.

Resolved to suggest to his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon that it will be better that all Bills which may in future be drawn on this Presidency from Ceylon be granted immediately by his Excellency on the Board and that a weekly Register of the Bills which may be thus granted be transmitted to this Government.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board containing different particulars regarding the Manufacture of Gun Powder begging at the same time that his Majesty's Board of Ordnance may be consulted on the subject and be requested to communicate all the information regarding it they may be possessed of. The Board request that application be made to England for different article of Store for the proving of powder and for the preparing of it in this Country. Enclose a Bill from the Agent of supplies amounting to Pags. 2011.6.10 of which they recommend the payment. Enclose an Indent from D.o for an advance of Pagodas 1723.10.62. for the making up of accoutrements which they recommend may be complied with. Enclose an Indent from the principal agent for Bullocks for Pagodas 13,000 required by him for the use of his department for the present month which they recommend may be complied with.

Major General Sydenham the Senior Officer of Artillery having laid before our Board a paper respecting the manufacture and proof of Gun powder adopted in England; which paper states that the proof of Cannon Powder is ascertained by means of brass 8 Inch land Mortars charged with two Ounces of Powder. and a solid Iron ball weighing about 67 or 67½ lbs which is to be projected 14.5 Feet as the Medium to constitute the Powder fit for His Majestys Service and the small grained Powder for Musquetry proved from a Carbine fixed on a Stand with 1½ Drachms of powder and a steel ball nearly 3/4 ths of an ounce in weight which ought to penetrate through Elm boards ½ an inch thick. and concurring in opinion with that Officer that it may be very satisfactory to know from the best authority what is the actual mode of proof for both Kinds

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Kinds of Powder in England, We beg leave to submit to your Lordship the expediency of applying by the next Dispatch to the Court of Directors on the subject, requesting that they will obtain from His Majesty's Board of Ordnance a particular detail of the Methods used at the Kings Powder Works in England in preparing, and combining the several Ingredients for making Gunpowder, as well as for ascertaining the quality, and strength of the different Kinds of Powder Manufactured there, or by Merchants, and that if the proof of Cannon or large grained, powder, should, as has been stated in the abovementioned paper, be made by means of common Brass 8 inch Land Mortars twelve of the cast Iron balls used on the occasion may be obtained, and sent out to this Presidency, together with two Carbines properly fixed on Stands, each having 12 Hard Balls such as are used for the proof of Musquet Powder in England Should any Eprouvettes of a new construction, or other invention, have been lately introduced at Home

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Home for ascertaining the quality of Gun Powder, it will be adviseable, that a certain number of them (at least six) should be sent out at the same time, with a particular discription of their use, and effects — If to these were added two large Iron Cylinders for — preparing Charcoal, we should have the means in this Country, having the same materials of making as good Gunpowder as in any part of the World; It has been generally understood that Charcoal made of light woods, is fitter for the purpose of making Gun Powder than that made from heavier woods, but it is contended by the most able Chymists of modern time that all wood of which Charcoal is made, is a like fit for that purpose, provided it is prepared by means of Iron Cylinders, a circumstance, which renders it the more necessary that the same method of burning the wood should be pursued in this Country, where hitherto, a considerable difference has been experienced in the quality of Charcoal, prepared in the common manner from different woods, the Powder made of Charcoal from the Ricinus Americanus or

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or Palma Christi exceeding considerably in strength, that made from other substances, although each kind has been prepared with equal care, and attention -

2d

The accompanying List of Stores which have been provided by the Agent of Supply upon extraordinary Indents, being supported by the requisite Vouchers, We recommend that the balance due on the amount thereof. Vz: Pagodas 2011.. 6.. 10. be discharged accordingly -

3.

The applications from different Corps for accoutrements having rendered it necessary to direct an extraordinary Indent for articles of that description to be made upon the Agent of Supply, and the urgency of the demand being such as appears to us to warrant a deviation from the Regulations in regard to advances of Cash on similar occasions, we are induced to recommend that payment on that account of Pagodas 1723.. 10.. 62 - be authorized to Mr. Webb upon

the

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The enclosed Indent—

4th The Principal agent for Draft and Carriage Cattle, having furnished our Board with an Indent for Cash, amounting to Pagodas 13000, which is required for his department for the present month of November, we do ourselves the honor to forward the same herewith, and to recommend that the advance be accordingly authorized—

We have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Signed Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jn Richardson
By Order.

Fort St. George
23d November 1798.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the application recommended in the foregoing letter respecting the manufacture and proof of Gun Powder shall be made to the Honorable Court of Directors by the earliest dispatch—

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By 6 Cosc.

Fort St. George
23d November 1798.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord

1st

In compliance with the directions signified in Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 14th August last, we do ourselves the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council the accompanying Statement of the quantity, and present condition, of Grain, and other Provisions, in Store at the several Forts, and Posts, under this Presidency, which Statement is compiled from the latest Returns -

2d

In pursuance also of the — instructions contained in the letter from Government bearing date the 29th of the same month; We have the honor to state that a supply of Gun powder will be required in the course of the season from Bengal, to the extent of Lbs. 360,000 - or Six thousand 60lbs Barrels -

3d

It having been found by Major

From Ditto Enclosing Statement of the quantity and condition of Grain and other provisions in Store in the several Forts & Posts, under this Presidency stating the quantity of Gun Powder that is likely to be required for the consumption of the ensuing year. Stating that they have approved of General Floyds suggestions — respecting the removal of the Grain belonging to the 19th Dragoons & the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry from Trichinopoly to the Center Division & that they have given the necessary directions on the subject. suggesting that the remainder of the Grain which is to be furnished by Contract to the 19th Dragoons & 3d Regiment of Cavalry shall be conveyed by the contractors to Shenkerry-drong instead of Trichinopoly Enclosing copy of a letter from the Storekeeper at Vellore stating the difficulties he had met with in procuring the quantity of Rice ordered to be laid up in Store at that Garrison. Submitting for the consideration of Government a plan & Estimate for the construction of two Boats on the Cavery Enclosing two Bills from Colonel Kapaud of which payment is recommended -

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Major General Floyd. in consequence of directions
signified to him for selling off in the most advantageous
mode the Gram belonging to His Majestys 19th Dragoons
and 3d. Regiment Cavalry. that on account of the
small demand for that article it is impracticable
to dispose of it but at a very considerable loss: and
that Officer having suggested to us the expediency
of forwarding to the Center Division. by means
of Bullocks ordered to join the Army from the Southern
Countries. as large a proportion of that Gram as the
Bullocks are equal to carry, which appearing to
Us under present circumstances, to be a measure
highly desireable. as tending to obviate the necessity
of purchasing the whole of the quantity of that Grain
lately ordered to be laid in at Arnee. We have
accordingly instructed General Floyd to avail himself
of such opportunity to forward a quantity of
Gram to that Station. appropriating to the purpose.
the Gunney Bags in Store at Trichinopoly and
Tanjore. and; in consequence. beg leave to recommend

That

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that we may be authorized to direct the replacing of those Gunnies, when occasion may require—

4th

A considerable proportion of the Annual supply of Gram for the 19th Dragoons and 3d Regiment Native Cavalry, being still due from the Contractor; and it being provided in the Contract that any part of such supply shall be delivered wherever it may become requisite, a suitable allowance being made by our Board for the Carriage thereof in proportion to the increase, or decrease, of distance from the place for which the Contract was made; and it appearing to us that such quantity of Gram being delivered at Sankerydroog would be attended with the double advantage of disposing usefully of a proportion of Gram which must probably be otherwise lost to the Service, and of saving the expence of Storing so large a quantity, as recently ordered to be provided at that Station,

We

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We are accordingly induced to state the circumstance
for the consideration of Government

5th We have likewise the honor
of forwarding for your Lordships consideration
the accompanying Copy of a letter addressed to us
by the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore, in —
consequence of our late instructions to him for
providing and storing a certain quantity of
Paddy, or Rice, at that Station —

6th Conformably to the orders of —
Government communicated in their letter of the 8th
August last, we do ourselves the honor to submit
the enclosed Plan, and Estimate, for the construction
of two Boats connected together by Timbers and a
Platform, which have been laid before our Board by
the Chief Engineer, as preferable to the Plan proposed
by Lieutenant De Haviland for the River Cawery;
a Boat of such Construction, and Dimensions, being
capable of transporting at once half a Battalion
of Infantry with the advantage of drawing —
when

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Resolutions thereon

The Board entirely approve the suggestion of the Military Board respecting the removal of the Gram in Store at Trichinopoly, as well as of their suggestion respecting the delivery at Sankeridroog instead of Trichinopoly, of the remainder of the Gram to be provided by contract for the 19th Dragoons and 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry, and accordingly desire that the Military Board do issue the necessary orders

Resolved to lay before the Supreme Government conformably to their Secretary's letter of the 6th of August last. the Statement transmitted by the Military Board of the quantity of Gunpowder required at this Presidency for the consumption of the ensuing year—

In consideration of the difficulty that there appears to be in procuring the quantity of Rice ordered to be laid up in Store at Vellore; it is Resolved that the spare Bullocks in the Service shall be employed in conveying

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a sufficient quantity of that article from the Stores of the Presidency: and that the Military Board shall be directed to give the necessary orders on that subject_

The Board approve of the plan that has been submitted to them for constructing two Boats, to be employed on the branches of the Cavery: and desire that the Military Board may send the necessary directions to the Engineer at Trichinopoly to have them in readiness as expeditiously as possible_

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

From the Military Board giving an explanation as required, regarding the difficulties that had occurred in the march of the Detachment sent to Hydrabad, and enclosing an abstract of their proceedings regarding the equipment of it_

My Lord,

1st Having attentively considered the paragraph of the letter from Government under date the 2d Instant, in which it is mentioned, that "the "Supreme Government have been induced to think "that a delay, which it was possible to have

avoided

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"avoided has taken place in the equipment and
"march of the Hydrabad Detachment under Colonel
"Roberts, particularly in the insufficiency of Bullock
"a deficiency in the Camp Equipage for the Staff
"Line, and in the very defective state of the Guns,
"and Sumbrils, which had only arrived at Begoara
"on the 19th September, and of the latter of which
"one was in so unserviceable a condition that
"it could not be brought away from Guntoor;"
and expressing "their desire that particular
"enquiry may be made into those circumstances,
"and that the Board will report whether there
"has been any neglect in the subordinate Officers
"to whom the execution of their Orders of the
"3d. August last may have been intrusted
"by the Board;" together with a letter from
Government dated 22d. November enclosing Copy
of a letter from Colonel Roberts to the Resident
at Hydrabad, and desiring "that Our Board
"would report the causes of the deficiency
therein

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"wherein stated as the Tumbrils, and Ammunition
"supplied the Detachment." We deem it necessary
to submit for the satisfaction of Government the
accompanying Detail abstracted from our Records
of the measures adopted by us, together with
the several Communications that passed between
this Board, and different Officers, and Departments
in consequence of the orders before mentioned

2d. In respect to the insufficiency of
Bullocks noticed in the letter of Government under
date the 2d November as one of the imputed causes
of delay, we beg leave to state, that as by the
Regulations of the Service, the Garrison Storekeepers
at Masulipatam, and Trincombadoh, were bound to
provide Bullocks on Indents from the different
Corps and Departments, composing the Detachment,
under Colonel Roberts, and as general instructions
were sent by our Board to the Commanding
Officers of both Stations to equip such Corps,

and

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and Departments, without loss of time, the mode of procedure observed by us on this occasion was conformable to established practice, which had been always found equal to meet such demands, nor could we suppose that any deficiency had arisen in this instance, not having received in the course of the preparation any intimation to that effect -

3d That in regard to a deficiency in the Camp Equipage for the Staff Line, we have to remark, that as in June last but a small proportion of Camp Equipage remained in Store at Masulipatam, a letter was dispatched to Mr. Bowie, the Contractor, under date the 15th of that month, directing him to make up, and forward to the above Station, the following Tents of different discriptions, namely -

Tents	Field Officers	6
Do.	Officers	31
Do.	Private	120
Do.	Necessary	11

and

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and that exclusive of this supply. Camp Equipage amounting to -

Tents. Field Officers ___ 5.
Do. ___ Officers ___ 22
Do. ___ Private ___ 50
Do. ___ Bell ___ 30
Do. Necessary ___ 11.

was likewise forwarded in June last to Masulipatam from the Presidency on the Henry Dundas, and arrived there in the course of the ensuing month. But as the Tents ordered to be supplied by the Contractor were agreeably to his Contract, to be forwarded by sea, and the winds at that season were adverse, it happened that no part of them were delivered into Store by the time that Colonel Roberts's detachment was ordered to be equipped: in order however, that the Tents indented for by that Officer for the Staff line, might be furnished with the least possible delay, the Contractor was immediately -

directed

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directed to send the number required to Masulipatam by land, or the quickest mode that could be devised. We therefore trust that in respect to this article it will appear to Government that we have been attentively, and provident: and that nothing was omitted to prevent the Service being impeded by any demand for Camp Equipage that could be expected on the principal Magazine to the Northward

4th That with respect to the defective condition of the Guns, and Sumbrils, from Innecondah, stated to have only arrived at Bezoara on the 19th September, and of the latter of which one was in so unserviceable a condition that it could not be brought away from Guntoor, We have to observe that, in determining on the allotment of the Field Train for the Detachments, we were governed by a reference to the Returns at Masulipatam, and Innecondah, for the

Month

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month of June (the latest at that period in the Board office) in which the number directed to be prepared were stated to be Serviceable— That the orders of our Board for their being got in readiness were dispatched on the 4th August immediately after receiving the directions of Government. and that it further appears by a letter from the Officer Commanding at Innecondah, referred to in the accompanying Detail, that the — proportion of the above Field Train ordered to be prepared at that Station Viz! Four 6 Pounders with their Tumbrils. Ammunition. and Stores, were with the exception of some articles of — ammunition which had been indented for at Masulipatam. reported completely equipped for Field Service—

5th That on the subject of the Money Tumbril found defective, we can only observe that a Serviceable Ammunition Tumbril was ordered as usual for that purpose from — Masulipatam

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Masulipatam, of which discription there were
fourteen returned serviceable in Store at that
Station, and that upon its having been found
defective on an inspection which took place after
its arrival at Bezoara, it was ordered to be
immediately replaced by a new one; although from
the defect being in the Box only, it appeared to
us that no serious inconvenience could have
resulted from its being retained in use, as that
defect might have been effectually repaired by
means of the Artificers of the Detachment. That
although from the circumstances before stated, we
could not foresee that the Gun Carriages and
Sumbrils from Innecondah would have been so
soon reported in want of essential repair, yet,
this shews, that after receiving the report of their
State from Bezoara, We lost no time in causing
them to be replaced with the like number of
serviceable Carriages &c. from the Arsenal of
Fort St. George by the earliest Sea Conveyance.—
That

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That on this article, we think it but justice to observe, that as the above Carriages and Sumbrils from Innecondah, though long at that Station, had been examined and reported serviceable by the last Annual Committee of Survey held in the month of April 1798. it might have been difficult to discover their internal defects until they had undergone the test of a march of some length, through deep Roads, which test, they appear to have undergone between Innecondah and Bezoarah. That in regard to the points specified in the last letter from Government dated 22d November. We conceived that in equipping Colonel Roberts's Detachment with the established proportion of Ammunition, and Stores, with the Field Train, and with Corps for Field Service, we had done every thing which our Instructions required, those instructions not having expressed any destination for the Detachment—but that so soon as we understood by a dispatch from Colonel

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Colonel Roberts under date 13th September that it was on the eve of proceeding on distant Service, we with the same promptitude which we hope will appear to have marked our other measures for furthering the equipment, gave immediate — directions for its being completed with a suitable Magazine for such a destination, urging the utmost exertions to be used in accomplishing that object

6th "

At now only remains for us to advert "whether there has been any neglect in the "Subordinate Officers to whom the execution of the "orders of Government of the 3d August may "have been intrusted by our Board." by observing that we cannot impute blame to any Individual on that score. For although the space which elapsed between the period of the appointment of the Commissary of Stores, and that of his joining the Detachment, appears to have been considerable, yet as time was necessary to allow of his being relieved by a proper Officer

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Officer from his charge of the principal ___ Magazine in the Northern Division. and his Services. under the circumstances which occurred seem to have been essential to the ultimate equipment of the Detachment from Masulipatam the Magazine having been completed. and conducted to Hydrabad under his immediate charge, - We scarcely imagine that the public Service has been inconvenienced by the delay in his joining Colonel Roberts, at the same time We cannot help observing, that it appears singular that he should not have found means to report himself to the Officer Commanding the Detachment by the 13th September. at which period. it would seem, Colonel Roberts had not heard from him —

We have the honor to be
Sir &c
Signed Patrick Ross
W. Lydenham
Jr. Richardson
B. Close
Capts.

Fort St. George
30th November 1798

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Captain F. Pierce

Secretary to the

Military Board

Sir,

Immediately on receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant. I dispatched people to the neighbouring districts and places from whence supplies of Grain are usually procured, in order to ascertain the prices and quantity of Paddy, or Rice, to be disposed of: by their Reports I find that the two hundred Garce of Paddy, lately purchased by order of Government has drained the markets, not more than three, or four Garce of Paddy, and no Rice, being procurable. I shall however exert myself to the utmost to bring in whatever quantity I can hear of, and shall occasionally report progress but I am apprehensive the backwardness of the Monsoon will cause the Inhabitants to keep up their Grain for at least a month; when the —

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Sumbah Crop is cut which will be in all —
January. Paddy will be cheaper and easily
procured. Should your Board find it necessary
to throw Rice into this Place, I recommend
(as best calculated for keeping) that Bengal
Rice be sent, in preference to any procurable
in the Country. Be pleased to inform your Board
that I have safely lodged in the Granary the two
hundred Garce of Paddy ordered by Government
to be purchased.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Vellore
26th November 1798

Signed J. H. Hardon
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy

Signed Fred. Pierce
Secy. to Bd.

Abstract

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Abstract of the Proceedings of the Military Board at Fort St. George relative to the Equipment of Colonel Roberts's Detachment—

The Secretary to Government communi-
-cates in a letter to the Military Board under date the 7th of August 1798 - the intentions of Government to form a Body of about 4,000 Native Troops in the neighbourhood of Ennacondah in the Guntoor Circar; names the Corps intended to compose the above - Detachment; and signifies the wishes of Government that, in order to its being put in a state of complete equipment for Field Service, the necessary orders may be immediately issued for furnishing it with a Field Train, Military Stores, and Camp Equipage - The Secretary to Government also informs the Board of the appointment of Lieutenant — Michael Beauman, as Commissary of Stores, and of Mr. Peter Cherry, as Paymaster to the — Detachment—

At

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Special Meeting
August 4th

At this Meeting it was Resolved that the Field Train for the above force should consist of 2 Brass 12, and 8 Brass 6 lbr. Guns. Complete with the usual proportion of Ammunition, and Stores; also that one Spare 12, and two Spare 6 lbr Carriages, should be attached.

The necessary instructions were in consequence transmitted, in Letters of this date, to the Officers Commanding at Masulipatam, and Innacondah, to direct the immediate equipment for Field Service of 2 Brass 12, and 6 Brass 6 lbr. Guns complete with the usual proportion of Ammunition, and Stores also of one Spare 12, and two Spare 6 lbr Carriages, for the purpose of moving from the former Station

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Station with Major Hawley's Company
of Artillery on its proceeding to the
Guntoor Circar, and of 4 Brass 6 lbrs
at the latter station, in order to be
attached to the detail of Troops to be
assembled in the neighbourhood thereof—

Orders were at the same
time despatched to Colonel Roberts —
Commanding in the Guntoor Circar, to
adopt the necessary measures for
ascertaining if the Arms of the 11th Regt
were in a State fit for Field Service
directing him to transmit the Proceedings
of the Committee which might be
assembled to survey the Arms to the
Office of the Military Board, together
with Indents upon the Arsenal of
Fort St. George for such Articles as
might be found wanting for the
complete equipment of the Regiment
for

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for Field Service. And it having appeared on a reference to the Returns from Masulipatam and Innacondah, that an additional number of Lents. would be required to be forwarded from the former to the latter Station. the necessary orders for that purpose were accordingly given, and the Officer Commanding Innacondah was at the same time appriz'd of such order, and directed to prepare the Camp Equipage in Store without loss of time for Field Service, and to provide the necessary proportion of Lascars, and Carriage. The Board lay a letter of this date, further reported to Government the Directions which they had given in consequence of their orders of the 3.d 6.th August. The Secretary addresses a letter to Major General Bridges, informing

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informing him that 2000 Stand of new Muskets would be immediately forwarded to Masulipatam -

Meeting 13th August

Read letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe under date 9th August. acknowledging the receipt of the Boards letter of the 4th and informing the Board that Government approved the orders which they had issued in regard to the Field Train, and Arms. of the Detachment about to assemble at Guntoor -

Meeting 20th August.

Read letter from Major General Bridges to the Secretary, dated 9th August. acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 4th instant and transmitting letter from Commanding Officer 1st Battn 11th Regiment with Indent for Arms for that Corps -

Read

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Meeting 20th August.

Read letter from the Officer Commanding Innaconda to the Secretary, dated 10th August, informing of his having been under the necessity of indenting upon Masulipatam for several articles of ammunition to Complete the four Brass 6 lbrs ordered to be prepared for Field Service at Innaconda, adding that in every other respect these Guns were completely equipped for Field Service, and further requesting him to assure the Board that no time will be lost in completing the proportion of Tents ordered from that Garrison with Lascars, and Carriage -

Read letter from the Commanding Officer of the 2d Bn 1st Regt dated 10th August transmitting Survey Report on the Arms, and accoutrements, of his Corps, with Indent for new Arms and Accoutrements -

Resolved that the Indent be passed for Compliance at the Arsenal -

Read

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Meeting 23 August. Read letter from the Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam dated 13th August forwarding List of Camp Equipage despatched to Innacondah.

Meeting 3d September Read letter from the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion 11th Regiment to the Secretary dated 25th August, informing that from the dispersed State of the Battalion, he had not been able to survey the Arms agreably to the prescribed Form: transmitting Survey, report on the Arms of that part of the Battalion which was Collected, together with Indent for Articles wanting to complete it for Service, and further stating that Survey Reports and Indents for the remainder should be forwarded so soon as the Companies joined the Battalion.

Read

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Meeting 6th September

Read letter from the Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions dated 30th August transmitting Indents for Camp Equipage, Sheasure, Tumbril &c. for the use of his Department—

Resolved that the Indents be passed for compliance at Masulipatam—

Meeting 10th September

Read letter from Major General Bruyes dated 29th August transmitting Survey Report on Camp Equipage repaired at Masulipatam, of which 10 Private Tents in a thorough state of repair had been sent to Innaconda for the use of 11th Regiment

Read

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Meeting 13th September

Read letter from the Commissary of Provisions, dated 7th September, transmitting Indents for articles required in the Provision Department—

Resolved that the Indent be passed for compliance at the Arsenal—

Read letter from Colonel Roberts dated 7th September, forwarding Indents for Camp Equipage &c for the equipment of the Staff of the Detachment then forming at Guntoor which he requests may be ordered to be immediately supplied from Masulipatam—

Resolved that after the necessary Corrections shall have been made, the Indent be passed for compliance at Masulipatam—

Read

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Meeting
17th September

Read letter from the Officer Commanding Innaconda dated 7th September transmitting Survey Report on Camp Equipage received from Masulipatam, and Angole.

Meeting
20th September

Read letter from the Officer Commanding Innaconda dated 8th September, reporting that, in consequence of some of the Tents received there for the use of the 11th Regiment being deficient in Guynies, and there being none in Store, he had ordered the Commissary of Supply to make up the requisite number for the Tents, as also some Ammunition, and Store Guynies for the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment, and expressing his hope that the Board will approve his having done so, as the exigency of the Service would not admit of the delay of a reference to them —

Read letter from Major

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General Bridges dated 13.th September
transmitting Indent from Major
Mowly, reporting at the same time
that that Officer had been previously
supplied with every thing which
the Regulations admitted —

Resolved that the Indent
be passed for compliance at —
Masulipatam —

Meeting
24.th September

Read letter from Colonel
Robert. dated 13.th September. —
transmitting a letter to him of the
same date from the Officer Commanding
the artillery with the Detachment
then at Bezoara, stating, that he
understands the Detachment will
march in the course of a few days
on distant service enclosing a
Return of the Ordnance, and
ammunition, under his charge,
and adding that should any
expenditure

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expenditure occur he had no means of replacing it which return Colonel Roberts forwards to the Board; and takes occasion to observe that no Deputy Commissary had yet joined, or to his Knowledge been appointed, nor was the Detachment furnished with any Depot. or Magazine, but merely with the line equipment—

Read letter from Major General Bridges, dated 15th. September transmitting Survey Report on Camp Equipage repaired, or Repairs executed to Field Pieces, and Return of Tumbrils in Store—

26th September The Secretary informs the Sent Contractor that Major General Bridges had been authorized to indent upon him for the proportion of Tents required for the Service of Colonel Roberts's Detachment, and

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and directs that no time be lost
in complying with such Indent -

The Secretary on the same
day signified the above authority
to Major General Bridges: furnished
him with a List of Articles deemed
requisite to form a Magazine of
Military Stores for the Detachment,
desiring that every exertion might
be used in completing, and forwarding
them to the Detachment, and
informed him that a number of
Tumbrils to replace old ones —
ordered to be converted into —
ammunition Boxes, would be
sent from the Presidency —

Read letter from the
Commissary of Provisions dated
15th September, requesting the
Secretary to ascertain from
the Board how he is to be
Supplied

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supplied with Rice for the use of the Detachment—

Resolved that he be informed in reply, that he must indent upon the Commissary of Grain with the Detachment for such quantity of Rice as may be required for the purpose of victualling the European Troops—

Read letter from the Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam dated 17th. September, forwarding List of Camp Equipage, and Stores dispatched to Bezoara for the use of the Paymasters Department with the Detachment Commanded by Colonel Roberts—

Read letter from Colonel Roberts, dated 18th. September transmitting Indents on the Commissary

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Meeting 27th September

Commissary at Masulipatam for Camp Equipage for the use of the Persian Interpreter, and Head Quarter Line, of the Detachment under his Command—

Read letter from Colonel Roberts dated 19th September transmitting Survey Reports on Ordnance, and ammunition Stores received from Trincomalee, shewing that they were defective, one of the Tumbril having been left at Guntoor on account of bad Wheels, and requesting that they might be replaced by others fit for Field Service—

Read letter from the Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam. dated 21st Septr transmitting List of Camp Equipage

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Equipage and Lascars sent to Bejoara for the use of the General Staff of the Detachment Commanded by Colonel Roberts, with a N.B. that 7 Private and 3 Necessary Tents, wanting to complete the Indents. were not in Store—

29th. September— The Secretary forwarded to Major General Bridges List of Stores about to be forwarded by Sea to Masulipatam, together with 4-6 lbr. Guns with Carriages Limbers. Tumbrils &c. Complete for Service / ammunition excepting intended to replace those with Colonel Roberts Detachment. reported unserviceable, and by which the requisite proportion of Shot was to be forwarded from Masulipatam, in lieu of

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of a former quantity supplied from Innaconda. and stated to be damaged-

The above circumstances were also communicated to Colonel Robert. who was directed to send the unserviceable Guns to Masulipatam-

Meeting 1st October

Read letter from Major General Bridges. dated 22d September, transmitting Indents from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser. and Haliburton. which he had. to save time ordered to be complied with. although they ought to have been forwarded to the Military Board-

Read letter from Colonel Roberts. dated Abrampatam 25th Sept. transmitting Survey Report on the Money Tumbril received from Masulipatam, the Box of which was found unserviceable. and the Locks bad. which latter the Paymaster had replaced-

Resolved that the Commissary of

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of Stores at the Arsenal be directed to send to Masulipatam with the Guns &c already ordered for that Station a Money Tumbril &c to the State of which the Board desire particular attention may be paid, and that information thereof, be given to Colonel Roberts.

3d October. The Secretary informs Colonel Roberts that a new Treasure Tumbril would be forwarded from the Presidency to Masulipatam for the Service of the Detachment.

Meeting 4th October

Read letter from the Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam dated 26th September forwarding list of Stores dispatched on that day for the use of Colonel Roberts Detachment.

Meeting 11th 1/6 October.

Read letter from Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple, dated 25th Sept.r transmitting

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transmitting Survey Report on Camp Equipage received from Ennaeondah. also present State of Arms. and accoutrements- many Repairable. and a large proportion unserviceable-

23 October. The Secretary signifies to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the army the desire of the Board that the 6 Brass 6 lbr Guns. with Carriages. and Limbers. complete. lately received from Bengal. with an equal number of the Tumbrills recently sent from Fort St. George. should be dispatched from Masulipatam to Colonel Roberts Detachment for the purpose of replacing six condemned 6 lbrs left at Hydrabad by the Ellore Detachment-

Meeting 29th October Read letter from the Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam, dated 2d. October transmitting — Indent

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Indent on Fort St. George for articles to complete the Stores ordered for Colonel Robertś Detachment

NB Great part of these Stores had previously been dispatched by Sea to Masulipatam

Meeting 1st November

Read letter from Colonel Robert. dated Bourgnagur 19th October stating many of the Tents of the Detachment to be in want of repair and requesting to know, no Commissary of Stores having joined the Detachment, by whom the Repairs are to be executed

Meeting 5th November

Read letter from Major General Bridges. dated 28th October, reporting the departure from Masulipatam of Lieutenant Beaumont with the Guns and Stores, Tents excepted, directed in the Secretary's Letter

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Letter of the 29th September to be sent to Hydrabad. transmitting Survey Repat on Camp Equipage just received from the Contractor

the requisite proportion of as formerly ordered, he Stalls shall be forwarded with the which all expedition to Hydrabad,

together with the 6 lbr Brass Guns directed to be sent

thither in the Secretarys letter of the 23d October

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Signd Fred. Pierce
Secy M.B.

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing Report shall be transmitted to the Supreme Government

Minute thereon

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord.

1st In conformity with the Instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 14th

From Ditto give it as their opinion that the most advantageous mode of procuring Tents is by Contract. give it as their opinion drawn from Statements No 1 & 2 that it's a saving to the Company to them to Furnish their Officers with Camp Equipage while in the Field instead of granting them Field Allowance

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of August last desiring the sentiments of our
Board "whether any improvement can be made in
"the provision of Camp Equipage, and how far
"constant Tent allowance to the Officers would be
"of advantage in the movement of the Army; and
"if recommended by us a Table of Rates to accompany
"our Report. with the monthly encreasing of the
"Expence of such Establishment." and also with the
further explanation contained in the letter from
Government under date the 29th of the same
month "that in calculating the expence of Tent
"allowance our Board would extend it to the
"whole of the officers Kings and Company's now
"serving with the different Regiments under this
"Presidency" We have the Honor to report on the
foregoing points as follows—

In regard to the first Question, "whether
"any Improvements can be made in the provision
"of Camp Equipage" We are of opinion, that the

mode

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mode of Supply by Contract is the most eligible that can be adopted.— The present Contract was — entered into for a period of three years. and has been executed in a manner to give general satisfaction and as it expires on the month of July 1799. admits of being either extended, or of Government calling in fresh proposals for a further term.— It may be proper to observe that Rents under the existing Contract have been furnished 10 per Cent cheaper than the former average prices charged for the same articles. and from having been executed in the Northern Circars, have been made of the best materials—

With respect to the second Question "how far Rent allowance to all the Officers Kings and Company's Serving under this Presidency — would be of advantage in the movement of the Army" we are of opinion. that such object would doubtless be promoted by giving constant Rent allowance to the Officers. taking it for granted that means may be fallen upon to ensure their being

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being always provided with Tents. Lascars
and Carriage. in the established proportion.
for this reason, that on all occasions of
preparations for Field Service. the Public
would have less to provide - But whether the
granting of constant Tent allowance to the
Officers would tend to render the Troops more
efficient under the general circumstances of war
appears to admit of a Question - If the endeavor
of Government to keep the Officers constantly
supplied with Camp Equipage and the means
of carrying it in the Field be considered as likely
to fail, it cannot but be evident that the
Service would be greatly assisted by an
arrangement which promises in any respect to
afford them that accommodation so essential
in such a situation, to their health and
comfort - But supposing on the other hand,
that there should not be serious grounds

for

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for such an apprehension. yet as the preservation
of the health of the Officers is of great consequence
connected with the success of the Troops. it becomes
a matter for consideration whether under the
Casualties of Service the resources of individuals
can be expected to equal those of the Public for —
keeping them constantly supplied: But however
important this object it must be remembered,
that war is to be viewed as a state of exigency.
and want. and that as every point of accommodation
towards Officers must yield to the necessity of
subsisting the Troops. which may demand the
whole of the public Carriage with the Army.
it may appear only proper that Individuals
should be prepared to meet that difficulty to
which they are evidently exposed. The expediency.
and even practicability. of being provided
against such exigency has been demonstrated
on a former occasion. as will be seen by a
reference

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reference to the Regulations published by Marquis Cornwallis on the 31st. May 1791. and at subsequent periods when the Army was in the Mysore Country. by which Individual Officers were at the expence of providing, carrying and pitching their own Tents, and Commanding Officers of Native Corps also engaged to provide, carry, and pitch the Tents for their Men, and likewise to provide Carriage for the Regimental Stores in every situation. The rates at which the Officers were then paid are as follows—

Lieutenant Colonel	per month	41 Pagodas
Major	Do	33d Do
Captain	Do	27 Do
Subaltern	Do	11 Do

Besides which, the following Officers were allowed monthly, the additional sums placed opposite to their designations on account of office Tents—

Adjutant

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Adjutant General - per month - 25 Pagodas

Quarter Master General - - - Do - - 21 - do

Chief Engineer - - - - - Do - - 21 - do

Secretaries to Commander in Chief - - - - - } - Do - - 21 - do

Surgeon General - - - Do - - 21 - do

Paymaster - - - Do - - 21 - Do

Persian Interpreter - - Do - - 21 - Do

Brigade Major - - - Do - - 8 - Do

One hundred and Twenty Pagodas monthly were allowed to Officers Commanding corps of Native Infantry, and one hundred Pagodas per month to Officers Commanding corps of Native Cavalry, for providing and pitching Tents for their Serjeants, for the Natives of those Corps, for an Hospital Tent, and for the Carriage of the Regimental Stores, - which Sums having afterwards proved to be inadequate to the expence, and risque, which - attended the undertaking, and it being the - -

avowed

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avowed object of the Regulation, that no Officer should be subjected to loss or inconvenience on account of his readiness to assist the Service, that allowance was augmented to the Commanding Officers of Native Infantry Corps, from One hundred and twenty to two hundred Pagodas per month, and to the Commanding Officers of Native Cavalry Corps, from one hundred to one hundred and sixty five Pagodas per month. The Commander in Chief trusting that upon an allowance thought so ample, every probability of loss to those who might engage in it would be removed, and that, with the means of providing so well for the convenience of the Corps, and for the Carriage of the public Stores, all Officers who could procure Carriage, would be desirous of engaging.

It was further expressed that the Regulations then laid down, were only to be in force during the War, unless continued longer in the same form, or otherwise, by the Government of

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of Fort St. George. with this exception. that should the War terminate at any period within Six months from that date. the allowances would be continued for three months after the return of the Corps respectively. to Garrison. or Cantonment. to which was added that as it was the intention of the Commander in Chief that those Regulations should be optional. Officers Commanding Corps were to report to the Adjutant General for — themselves. and Corps. whether. or not. they were inclined to enter upon the proposed arrangement, and from what date. and that Individuals not doing duty with Corps. were to report for themselves.

In consequence of this proposition, the Officers with very few exceptions, engaged to provide. carry and pitch their own Tents. and the Commanding Officers of Native Corps. the Tents of their respective Corps. upon

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the Terms specified, and it is also necessary to state, that as the above arrangement was introduced when the Army was in the Field, the Tents then in use were continued to Individuals and Corps without any charge being made against them on that account, but when supplied afterwards with Tents from the Public Stores, in consequence of not being able to provide them by their own means, they were ordered to be paid for at a fair price to be determined by the Military Board, which price, was afterwards directed to be the same as charged to the Company, by the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency, and for Tents not new when delivered, they were charged at half the first cost.

It must be evident, that the arrangement thus introduced by Lord Cornwallis, under the exigencies of Service in the Field, was productive of much public convenience, at the same time we cannot but be sensible, that granting constant Tent allowance to all the Officers

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Officers serving under this Presidency, would be still more effectual towards facilitating the assembling and movement of the Army: it appears however by the accompanying Statement No 1. calculated on the number of Officers taken from the Returns of the 30th april 1798. that Tent allowance to that number of Officers for one year agreeably to the present rates would be Pagodas 2,27,184. —

We conceive it to be almost entirely impracticable to ascertain the sums which may be fairly set off against the above amount, from the difficulty of forming any average calculation of the annual expence of Camp Equipage, and the proportion thereof that may be applied to the Officers taken from any given period, owing to the impossibility of ascertaining what proportion of such period would be peace and what portion War, but are induced to exhibit the accompanying Comparative Statement, No 2. which

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which may probably serve to throw some light upon the subject. The result of this Statement will shew that after deducting the probable Annual expence of making up Tents averaged on two years Peace, and two years War, with a proportion of Carriage and Lascars, the annual additional Expence that would be occasioned by granting constant Tent allowance to the whole of the Officers, Kings and Company's, under this Presidency, may be estimated at Pagodas 159,324 - an Expence which we are fearful the public Finances would scarcely bear, especially when it is considered, that being incurred for the express purpose of enabling the Officers to be at all times prepared with Camp Equipage and Carriage for Field Service, subject to periodical Musters, it cannot be expected to relieve Government from the charge of building Quarters, Keeping them in repair, or paying House Rent, in the same Cases as now allowed; and under this impression of the Plan, we do not

feel

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feel ourselves warranted to recommend its adoption - as however the proposition made to the Officers by Lord Cornwallis for providing — carrying, and pitching their own Tents, and the Tent of their respective Corps. was attended with beneficial consequences to the public Service we think it our duty to submit whether a similar plan may not be resorted to on all occasions when the Army shall be ordered to take the Field —

We have the honor to be,
&c &c

Signed Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham
Jr Richardson
B. Close

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Statement

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Statement No 1 shewing the Sont allowance for one month, and one year, to the Effective Officers, Surgeons, and Assistant Surgeons serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George, as they stood on the 30th April 1798.

			P ♂ C	P ♂ C
	Kings Troops			
2	Colonel	at £1 each	82 - -	
11	Lieutenant Colonels	41	451 - -	
15	Majors	33	495 - -	
65	Captains & Capt.ns Lieutenants	21	1365 - -	
181	Brevet Captains & Subalterns	14	2534 - -	
10	Surgeons	21	210	
78	Assistant Surgeons	14	252 - -	
302				
		Total Pr. month		5389 - -
	Companys Troops			
12	Colonel	41	492	
33	Lieutenant Colonels	41	1353	
33	Majors	33	1089	
156	Captains & Capt.ns Lieutenant	21	3276	
407	Brevet Capt.ns & Subalterns	14	5692	
5	Head Surgeons	33	165	
38	Regimental Surgeons	21	798	
48	Assistant Surgeons	14	672	
732				
		Total Pr. month		13543 - -
		Pagodas		18932 - -
		Total Pr. annum Pagodas		227184 - -

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Signd Fred Pierce
Sec.y to Bd

Expence

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No 9

Expence of Tent allowance to the whole of the Kings and Companys Officers under this Presidency for one year. Contrasted with one years expence of making. and repairing. Officers Tents and furnishing them with Lascars and Carriage. according to the present system. Formed on an Average of two years War, and two years Peace -

The Number of Officers taken from the Returns on the 30th april 1798.

Tent allowance to the Honorable Company's Officers pr. annum		162.516.
Ditto . . . . Ditto to the Kings		64.668.
From which may be deducted		
Average annual Expence of making. and repairing. Tents. taken from two years War. and two years peace. Viz' 1790- 1791- 1792. 1793- one third of which expence may upon an Average Calculation apply to the Officers. & 2/3 to the Non Commissioned. and Private - ——.		74.778
One third of which gives the expence incurred on account of the Officers amounting to		24926.
Carriage of Tents for the Honble Company's Officers supposing the whole to be under Canvas one year in Four - - - - -		28.760
Ditto for the Kings Officers in the same proportion - — - —— - - - -		10.174
although giving Constant Tent allowance to the whole of the Officers will not conveniently admit of any Reduction in the fixed Establishment of Lascars. it may yet operate to render the encrease of this Body of Men in time of War less considerable than has hitherto been found necessary. on this ground. an annual saving in the expence of Lascars of about 4000 pagodas may be reckoned upon - ———		4000
		67.860
Total amount increase by granting constant Tent allowance to the whole of the Officers - - ——— - - - - - - - - - - - -		Pags - - 159.324

NB. The above Sums for making. and repairing. Tents & c &c deducted from the Tent — allowance. shews the probable annual difference between the present system. and the expence to be incurred by granting Tent allowance to the whole of the Officers under this Presidency -

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Signed Fred. Pierce
Secy M & B.

Resolved

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Resolved that the foregoing Report on the expediency of granting Tent allowance to the Officers of the Coast Army shall be transmitted to the Supreme Government for their consideration. In the meanwhile the Board resolve that no change shall be made in the present mode of supplying the Army with camp equipage till the decision of the Supreme Government is received.

The Board proceed to read and pass their Resolutions on the following letter from the Medical Board.

Resolutions of Government in Council. 4th December 1798

Medical Board 26th November 1798

Lieut. James Barter and Edward Mackay Surgeons having requested permission to exchange Stations. we see no objection to it and recommend that Mr. Barter may be appointed to

From the Medical Board containing different recommendations affecting Mr. Barter and Mr. Mackay. and suggesting the expediency of the Surgeons of the Bengal Artillery and Marine Battalion at Masulipatam making monthly returns to the Head Surgeon in the Circars.

Approved

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to the 3d. Regiment Native
Infantry and Mr. MacKay to
the 5th. Regiment Native
Infantry—

We recommend that
a General Order may be
published for the Surgeons of
the Bengal Artillery and
Marine Battalion doing
duty in the Garrison of
Masulipatam to make
regular monthly returns
to the Head Surgeons
in the Circars—

Ordered

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General

" W. Kaine
Chief Surgeon

By order of the Right Honble
the President in Council—
Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General enclosing copy of a letter from Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops requesting to know whether or not the Recruits who had embarked to join the 52d 71. 72d Regiments in India are entitled on being drafted into other Regiments to a Bounty of three Guineas that has been demanded for them —

I have the Honor to inclose copy of a letter under date the 24th Instant from the Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's Troops and request your Lordship will be pleased to decide whether the Recruits mentioned therein who Embarked for India to join the 52d 71 & 72d Regiments are entitled to Bounty on being drafted to other Regiments in consequence of those for which they were originally designed having embarked for Europe previous to their arrival —

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I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signed W. Sydenham
Mg and Genl

To

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To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

Demands having been made upon me for Bounty of 3 Guineas to the Recruits lately Drafted from the 52d 71st and 72d Regiments into His Majesty's 25th Dragoons the 12th and 74th Foot I request you will be pleased to inform me whether or not this charge will be admitted in the Distributions of the respective Corps—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed G. V. Hart
D.f Paym.r Gen.l to His
Majesty's Forces &c
Madras—

Kings Pay Office
Madras the 24th November 1798

A true Copy
Signed P. Bruce
a/Sist.t Mr. and Gen.l

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Recruits who Embarked to join his Majesty's 52d 71st & 72d Regts in

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in India shall be entitled to Bounty on being
drafted into other Regiments –

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

My Lord

From Ditto Enclosing Copies of papers received from the Resident at Hydrabad and the Paymr. at Masulipatam regarding the Families of all Persons party that may chance to be left at Conjiva amongst which is a list of the pay that was drawn by the Europeans of the late disbanded Corps while in the Service of the Nizam –

I have the Honor to lay before your Lordship in Council Copy of a letter from Mr. Paymaster Gordon dated 26th ultimo with Copies of the Enclosures to which it refers, and beg leave to request your Lordships instructions on the subject –

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signd W Sydenham
Mgaur. Genl.

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
3d December 1798.

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

Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to forward
for

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You a Copy of a letter and a Roll of French Officers and other Europeans which I have this day received from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Resident at Hydrabad and have to request your instructions on the subject

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Masulipatam
26th November 1798.

Signed W. Gordon
Paymaster.

a true Copy
Signed J Brunton
D.A.G.

William Gordon Esqr:
Paymaster

Masulipatam

Sir

As I understand that the payment of whatever Military may be stationed at Coringa in your Department, permit me to request you will have the goodness if possible to make some arrangements for issuing a certain

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certain monthly allowance to such Families of the French Officers and Serjeants proceeding to Bengal on board the Bombay Frigate, as may unavoidably be left behind at that Port—

In the hope that you may see no material objection to complying with my request in the first instance without waiting the result of a reference to Madras, which will of course finally determine the point, I beg leave to enclose a list of the Officers and Serjeants in question, with a Table of their respective allowances when in his Highness the Nizams service; and though I cannot take upon me to say to what extent these may be continued to them by the Supreme Government, yet as there can be little doubt of some provision being made for them until they can be otherwise disposed of, you may, I imagine without any risk, issue to such of the Families as may be left at Coringa a monthly subsistence equivalent to one third or at least one fourth of the sum standing opposite to the names of those whom they may respectively belong to—

Permit me to request the favor of a few lines in answer to this letter and an account in due time of the steps which you may eventually think proper to take, to give effect to the present application

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick Actg

Hyderabad
22d November 1798.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Gordon Pay.r

A true Copy
(Signed) J Brunton Dy Mr and Genl

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Roll of French and other Europeans late of the Party Commanded by M.r Perin, under the charge of Major Dalrymple with the monthly Pay received by each —

		Pay for Month Rup.s
	General in Chief	
1	Perin	
	Commandants	
	Custane	300
	Meranville	250
	Schmitte	311
	Guillaume Reignier	250
	Jorin	250
	Proguis	250
	Salanave	250
	Pardivel	250
	Reigneraine	300
	Christopher	250
	Farrier	250
	Sjouive	200
	Durup	190
	Louis Couder	200
	Durand	350
	Camirde	200
	Le Fellier	250
	Juyon	125
	Molinstrom	125
	Pletner	125
21	Pepin	
	Adjutants	
	Gerge	100
	Printemps	125
	Privellee	100
	Mathorin	100
	Malaigne	100
	Lemorien	100
	Meiaz	100
8	Nichola Delempre	100

	Serjeants Majors	
	Borck	45
	Andre Maitre	31
	Willet	60
	auguste Reignier	60
	Jean Hublet	50
	Gillard	80
7	Le Beatie	80
	Serjeants	
	Chatellier	40
	Jean J. Desguste	45
	Paris	40
	Pierre Campagne	35
	Cadet	35
	Antoinne	40
	Le Bovelle	40
	Paul	30
	Francois Neuvelle	40
	Andre Winter	45
	Parise	35
	Chartier	35
	Satanas	30
	Grillee	35
	Chappe	30
	Jauction	40
	Jean Pierre	35
	Colas deau	30
	Jacques	30
	Lebourne	35
	Simon	30
	Dupuis	30
	Pouchar	40
	Miller	40
	La Charte	40
	Cacement	50
	Raison	40

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Bilot (German) ——— 50
29 Laats (Do) ——— 40

Cannoniers

Mercke ——— 28
Mikel ——— 30
Jerchelle ——— 25
Ruel ——— 25
Peine ——— 25
Hormail ——— 35
Lucas ——— 25
Boulin ——— 30
Marley ——— 25
Las ——— 25
George ——— 30
Roger ——— 40
Balin ——— 40
Martin ——— 27
Gonsale Portuguese ——— 35
Manuel Ferdinand ——— 25
Manuel alphonze ——— 25
Joseph Vicents ——— 25
Jose Antone ——— 25
Jose Joachin ——— 25
Jovent Laurence ——— 25
Manuel Alves ——— 25

Serjeants

Francisco Joze ——— 25
Juan Perez ——— 25

Marchal des Logis

Meunier ——— 70
Le Blanc ——— 50
Reculleu ——— 30

Carcanna or Ordnance
Chefs. Depart.

Heron ——— 350
Balandreau ——— 350
3 Jandree ——— 150

Orpeure (Goldsmith)
1 Jenby ——— 50

Mrs. de Masque

1 Lavillen ——— 250

Surgeons

Baugle ——— 200
Jauvel ——— 200
3 Jugment ——— 100

101 Total Europeans

Half Caste of Pondicherry
and other places

Serjeants Major

Loiseau aine ——— 30
Abel ——— 40

Tambour Majors

Rabelo ——— 35
Adolphe ——— 30
Laurence ——— 25

Musician

Limosin ——— 60
Davot ——— 50

Cannoniers

Jacobs ——— 25
Suguer ——— 20
Tillois ——— 25
Magne ——— 25
Lovison ——— 20

Miguel ——— 30
Lover Pelot ——— 35
Joachim ——— 60
Honore ——— 25

Serjeants

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Serjeants

Pelozeo ——— 30

Alexis Tardevit - - 50

Daniel ——— 30

Adjutant

Fanthome ——— 100

21 Indians - — ———

Total Rupees 10,507

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick

Resr

A true copy

(Signed) W. Gordon

Paym.r

A true copy

(Signed) J. Brunton

Dy Mr Gen.l

Resolved

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a Minute thereon

Resolved that the Paymaster at Masulipatam be authorized to pay the French families at Coringa at the rates recommended by the Resident at Hydrabad, and to draw a Bill on the Treasury in favor of the Paymaster General for the amount, in order that it may be afterwards adjusted with the Supreme Government

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Ditto Enclosing copy of a letter from Majr Brunton, offering his services in the field

At the particular request of Major Brunton Deputy Military Auditor General. I have the Honor to enclose a Letter addressed by him to your Lordship in Council, expressing his anxious desire to be employed in the immediate Line of his profession should the Army be assembled for Field Service

Altho I highly applaud the motives by which Major Brunton has been actuated. I regret that I cannot promote his wishes

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wishes on this occasion feeling it a duty to the public Service, as well as to the Office I hold, to say, that he cannot be spared without subjecting both to material inconvenience, his assistance, tho valuable at all times, being particularly necessary at a period when the Business of my Department is likely to be considerably increased

I have the honor to be

with great Respect

&c &c &c

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
4th December 1798.

Signed W. Sydenham
Mr and Genl

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
President and Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord

Notwithstanding the Honorable the Court of Directors have been recently pleased by a paragraph of one of their General letters to this Government to signify that they consider me from my

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my official situation, as altogether exempt from the performance of Military duty, with the utmost deference and respect for their opinion — permit me to express to you My Lord, my anxious desire to be employed in the immediate line of my profession, with the troops now under warning for field service in the manner the Commander in Chief may be pleased to deem my humble services most useful —

Circumstanced as I am, My Lord, I cannot in justice to myself, and those immediately dependent upon me prefer a resignation of my situation; I shall therefore indulge the hope, that if the Military Auditor General offers no material opposition to my wishes, that your Lordship will be pleased to permit me to take the field, without prejudice in any respect to my appointment of Deputy Military Auditor General — I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed J Brunton
Dy M A G

&c

Military Auditor Genl's
Office Fort St. George
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Minute thereon

The Board are fully sensible of the Zeal which animates Major Brunton to offer his services in the field: but judging that they are likely to be more urgently required in his present Station. They are unable to comply with his request. The Board desire that Major Brunton may continue to render that assistance in the Office of Audit which has already procured him from the Honorable Court of Directors so substantial a mark of their approbation—

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

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

From the Deputy Paymr General to the Kings Troops Enclosing two bills of Exchange drawn by the Paymaster of 29th dragoons in favor of the Honorable the East India Company for arrears due to be paid here to that regiment which were due to them before they became a charge to the Company in India

My Lord

In conformity to the directions of your Honorable Board under date the 11th Inst.

I have

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I have the honor of transmitting herewith the accompanying Bills received by me this day from the Commandeng Officer of His Majestys 29th Regiment of light Dragoons. one set in Quadruplicate for £ 2290. 11. 8 p. being the amount ordered by your Lordships in Council to be advanced to that Corps on account of arrears stated to be due from the 25th March to the 24th September 1798. on leaving England. or before the Regiment is considered here to have become a charge in India to the Honble Company. The other set in Quadruplicate also in for £ 458. 6 7 advanced on the same account to a Detachment of that Corps whilst at Bombay on their Voyage to this Presidency

The Bills are drawn upon the Agent of the Regiment as directed signed by the Paymaster for whom Lieutenant Colonel Gordon the Commanding Officer together with

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with the Major and all the Captains of the ——
Regiment present having Troops are responsible, as
will appear by the accompanying Bond sent to
me by Lieutenant Colonel Gordon which as well as
a Copy of his letter enclosing it. I have also the
honor of transmitting herewith, and beg to be
informed if the transaction which appears to me
perfectly correct meets with your Lordships ——
approbation, in order that I may be authorized to
Complete the payment as directed by your Honorable
Board

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) G. V. Hart
D.t Pay.r Gen.l to His Majestys
Forces &c. Madras

His Majestys Pay Office
Madras the 28th November 1798.

Colonel G. V. Hart
Deputy Paymaster General to His Majestys Forces

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Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing a
Bond for the Paymaster (Lieutenant Robert Ellis)
of

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of the 29th Light Dragoons, and at the same time Two Drafts in Quadruplicate for the Sums lent to the Regiment on account of arrears due to it previous to its becoming chargeable to the Government of this Country - The Drafts enclosed which I trust will be received are signed by the Paymaster as our better Indemnification can be given by the Regiment; one amounts to £ 229. 11. 8½ and the other to £ 458. 6. 8 both - drawn upon Messrs Colleges Agents to the Regiment and in favor of the Honorable the Court of Directors of the East India Company -

I have the Honor to be

Wallajabad
26th November 1798

Signed George Gordon
Lt Col. 29th Light Drags

A true Copy

Signed J. V. Hart
D.P. A.G. &c

Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved to inform the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops that the Board are perfectly satisfied with the security that has been given by the officers of the 29th Dragoons and with the Bills which have been drawn on account of Money advanced to the Regiment for the adjustment of arrears due before it became chargeable to the Company

Read the following letter from the Offier Commanding in the Ceded District

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governa in Council

Fort St. George

From the Offier Commanding the Ceded districts enclosing proposals Nos 1.2 & 3 from different Banjarries for supplying Grain to our Army in the event of its taking the field

My Lord,

Having pursuant of Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 14th Instant had a free communication with the Banjarries and required their principals to enter into specific engagements for supplying the army with grain and provisions

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provisions, and as occasion may require for employing their people as carriers only, I have the satisfaction of layeing them before you with translations.

The two first of the enclosures are the proposals of Lachy Ram, and Nagapa Chetty, the two head Benjarries, who supplied the Army last war, wherein your Lordship will please to observe they offer to procure different casts of people, coming generally as purveyors, under three denominations.- The first is composed of coorchiwars who commonly deal in salt, and waddawars or tank diggers, who will be employed as carriers with the Army, or in removing grain from one garrison to another and may be paid in money or kind. The second is composed of Gentoos and Mussulmans, who will hire as monthly servants, to be employed as the service may require, and paid in Money. The third is entirely composed of the people called Binjarries whose sole occupation is

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is the dealing in grain upon their own account and who find constant employ in supplying districts with that article where it is scarce from others where it abounds. large towns and Armies. The great use of these people seems to have been little known or valued by the English, till last war, the success of which may be greatly ascribed to their having been employed.

My communications with them having induced one Muneapa to come forward with proposals for furnishing a few gun bullocks, I likewise forward them, accompanied by a translation No 9. for your Lordships consideration.

Judging it adviseable to encourage competition in the business of supply, as the means of speedily collecting people, and procuring them on the lowest terms, I have written to some in other parts of the country, inviting them to make their offers and shall hereafter communicate the result.

The numbers that according to the

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The proposals Nos 1. 2 and 3. may be collected in the course of the first. second. and third months from the date of the engagements entered into with the Binjarries. and others. are as follows_

In the 1st month

Carriage equal to . . .	3000 loads
Hired bullocks — — —	3000
Dealers in Grain &c . .	9000
Gun bullocks	500
Total	15500

In the 2d month

Carriage — — —	8000
Hirelings — — —	6000
Dealers — — —	18500
Draft — — —	500
Total	33000

In the 3d Month

Carriage — — —	13000
Hirelings — — —	8000
Dealers — — —	29000
Draft — — —	500
Total	50500

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As these offers hold out a prospect of supply that enabling the Army to act with vigor, would be very important, your Lordship will naturally expect me to say what dependance I think may be placed on the ability of the people who have made them. I shall state the circumstances which may facilitate, or impede their exertions -

The Linjarries and other itinerant merchants, being principally inhabitants of the interior parts of the peninsula, on account of the supplies they require from the coast, and the constant demand for their services with the Armies of the native powers, the numbers of them procurable, depend much on the intended plan of operations for if the army enter Mysore by Hoogly or Rykota, reduce the northern districts, and cover them by taking an advanced position, or advancing to Seringapatam we may not only secure most of the Linjarries in the

northern

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northern polliams. Colar. Hoskota. Bangalore. Ballapoor. Mudgery and Serra chut acquire the same range for them. they had last War. Your operation must necessarily be confined to a single narrow tract. whether north or south of the Cavery. the number of them it will be possible to collect will be limited in some measure. to the inhabitants below the gaut.

The communications that have now been made with the Cinjarries. indicating the intention of government. and the period for which they are constantly looking out. they instantly become the subject of their correspondence. and will be considered by our neighbors. as the signal for preparations of the same kind. for which reasons the number procurable depends also in a certain degree. on the time that government may take to determine on coming to an agreement with them. The Cinjarries themselves being sensible of this. have expressed their anxiety to be speedily favored with

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with an answer to their proposals. No doubt that proceeds from a wish to be employed, but it is likewise from a desire that no time may be lost in entertaining all that are on this side of the gauts, and in securing as many of those above them as possible, before they enter into Tippoo's service.

Having no authentic information of the specific terms on which they serve, I utterly cannot judge of them sufficiently, but I may be permitted to observe, that if they appear on a comparison to be rather high the excess may be considered as conducive to the great object in view, for their numbers, and exertions, last war were evidently the effects of the extraordinary encouragement that was given them, and the consequence may be admitted in support of the liberal policy that was then adopted.

The Sinjarries themselves seem confident of their being able to perform their Engagement

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engagements in the extent and in the time they propose and concluding from experience. I have no doubt, that with the advantages of being speedily employed a wide range for collection, and due encouragement, they would prove their ability: but under contrary circumstances. I would limit my expectation to their procuring half the supplies they offer within the given periods. and apprehend they might never be able to furnish the whole if their range were necessarily confined to the Carnatic. It may however be determined from the estimated consumption of our own army: whether half they engage for would not be sufficient. and thence the route it should take. the use and the necessity for allies in a war with Mysore.

They leave to inform your Lordship in the event of directing that engagements be speedily entered into with the Sinjarries of my not expecting to have at the end of this month more

I have

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than 17 or 18,000 pagodas in my treasury which is barely sufficient for the ordinary demands upon it and defraying the expence of fortifications and other contingencies —

It may be proper to inform your Lordship that I took the occasion which offered a few days ago of writing the Military board on the subject of supply. to transmit a copy of the enclosures. Nos 1 & 3 as I apprehended they might be of use in expediting the intended arrangements —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Baramahl
23d November 1798

Signed Alexr Read
Superintendent & Lt Col
Ceded Districts

Proposals of Lachy Ram Choudry of the Binjarries to Lieutenant Colonel Read for supplying the army with Provisions —

I Lalla Jey Curran Lachy Ram
made

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make the following proposals for supplying the Army with Grain and Provisions_

Carriage

1st Article_ I will undertake to carry Rice, Paddy, Grain or Raggy with the Army or any detachment or from one place to another at the Rate of 3 Silver fanams per 100 Companys Seers of 72 Rupees weight. or 4 ¾ Ct. of Rice 7 ¾ Ct. of Paddy 6 ¾ Ct. Grain or Raggy every Gow 4 Cosd. or 10 English miles_

But if circumstances require that the Army, or the Detachment escorting my people halt oftener than 1 day in 4 I require half a fanam more than the above rate for every hundred Seers as Batta that is should the distance be 15 marches and the Army halt 4 times, no Batta will be required, but if it halt 5 times, one days Batta must be allowed_

3d Article. Every Binjarry who agrees to serve on the above terms, and brings 50 Bullocks

must

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must be presented with a Turban worth 1 Pagoda,
every one who brings 100 Bullocks a Turban or
something else worth 2 Pagodas from the Sirkar
and others in proportion to the number of Bullocks
they may bring for the Service.

4th. Article. The Binjarries must assemble at
Kistnaghery where I will keep an Agent to entertain
and muster them, and they must be furnished there
with Passports, Cowle Flags, and Guards the same
as last war.

5th. Article. I will engage to procure the
following number of people or Bullocks who
will serve on these terms.

In 15 Days	1000
In 8 Days more	1000 more
In 8 Days more	1000 more
In the 2d. Month	5000 more
In the 3d. month	5000 more
Total in three months	13000 and

after that as many as it may be possible
to

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to procure

6th article Those being Loads of 100 Sears

the Quantities of Grain for which I engage to procure

Carriage are as follows—

	Garce.	Sears
In 15 Days	20 —	4000
In 8 Days more	20 —	4000
In 8 Days more	20 —	4000
Total in the 1st month	62 —	12000
In the 2d month	104 —	800
In the 3d month	104 —	800
Total in three months	270 —	4000

provided that I received due encouragement and protection

Hired Bullocks

7th article I further engage to procure

hired Bullocks on the following terms— They shall

carry 6 Company's Markalls or 72 Sears of

Rice, Grain or Raggy or 7 Markalls of Paddy

8th article. Every 10 Bullocks shall have

2 Drivers and every 100 a Sirdar—

9th art.

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9th Article — The allowance for every Bullock shall be 1½ Pagodas and if furnished with Saddles, Pads, Girths and Gunnies 5 Fanams more, the pay of every Maistry 5 Pagodas

10th article — Only 8 of every 10 Bullocks must be loaded on account that 2 spare ones are required to every 8—

11th Article — At mustering, an advance of 3 Pagodas must be made for every Bullock and half a pagoda deducted from their monthly allowance till the whole be recovered—

12th Article — When these advances are made, I will take the Bonds of Individuals give my obligation to the Sirkar for their Personal appearance and in Default thereof will be answerable for the amount.

13th article — My Roosum or Fee is 1 fanam per bullock—

14th Article — I engage to procure on these Terms

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Terms the following Numbers —

In the 1st month — — — 2000 Bullocks

In the 2d month — — — 2000

In the 3d month — — — 1000

Total in three months — 5000. and after

that as many as can be procured —

Dealers in Grain and Provisions

15th Article I will likewise engage to collect Merchants, Dealers, or Shop Keepers who will follow the Camp with Grain, Provisions, &c on their own account, on Condition that 1 Pagoda be advanced for every Bullock I shall be afterwards collected every succeeding month —

16th Article On these advances being made I will take the Bond of every individual and give the Sirkar mine for their Personal — appearance, and in Default thereof bind myself to

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to be answerable for the amount -

17th Article My Ransom or Fee of these people is 1 Pice and Half a Seer of Grain per Bullock every Trip -

18th Article On these Terms I engage to collect the following Numbers -

In the 1st month	7000
In the 2d month	7000
In the 3d month	7000
Total in three months	21000

and after that as many as may be required, or it may be possible to procure -

Abstract

My Engagement is to furnish Carriage -

equal to	13000 Loads
Hired Bullocks	5000
Dealers	21000
Total in 3 months	39000

in the Performance whereof I will not fail, but will endeavor

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endeavor to procure many more.

Given under my hand at Singery

the 28th November 1798.

Signd Lalla Jy. Curran

Lachy Ram

True Translate

Signd A. Read

Proposals of Nagapa Shetty Benjarry Inhabitant of Colar to Lieutenant Colonel Read for supplying the Army with Provisions.

I Nagapa Shetty Inhabitant of Colar make the following Proposals for supplying the Army with Grain and Provisions.

Hired Bullock

1st Article. I engage hired Bullocks on the following terms: they shall carry 6 Company's Markals or 72 Seers of Rice, grain or Raggy

or

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on the Marks of Paddy—

2d article Every 10 Bullocks shall have

3 drivers and every hundred, one Maistry.

3d article The allowance for every Bullock

shall be 1/2 Pagoda and if furnished with saddles,

pads, girths, and gunnies 5 fanams more. The pay

of every Maistry 5 Pagodas.

4th article Only 8 of every 10 bullocks must

be loaded on account that two spare ones are

required to every 8—

5th article At Mustering an advance of

3 Pagodas must be made for every bullock and

half a Pagoda deducted from their monthly

allowances till the whole the recovered—

6th Article When the advances are made

I will take the bonds of individuals, give my

obligation to the Sirkar for their Personal

appearance, and in Default thereof will be

answerable

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answerable for the amount

7th Article — My Ransom or Fee is 1 Pagoda per

Cullock

8th Article — I engage to procure on these terms

the following numbers

On the 1st month ——— 1000 Bullocks

On the 2d month ——— 1000 more

On the 3d month ——— 1000 more

Total in three months 3000 and after

that as many as can be procured

Dealers in Grain and Provisions

9th Article — I will likewise engage to collect merchants dealers or Shop Keepers who will follow the camp with grain provisions &c on their own account on condition that 1 Pagoda be advanced for every bullock Half of which shall be afterwards collected every succeeding month

10th Art.e

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10.th Article - On these advances being made I will take the Bond of every individual and give the Sirkar mine of a their personal appearance and in default thereof bind myself to be answerable

11.th Article - My Allowance or Fee of these people is one Pice and half a Bear of grain every trip -

12.th Article - On these terms I engage to collect the following numbers

In the 1.st Month	2000
In the 2.d month	2500
In the 3.d month	3500

Total in three months 8000 and after that as many as may be required & it may be possible to procure -

Abstract

My Engagement is to furnish

Hired Bullocks	3000
Dealers	8000

Total in three months 11000 in performance whereof I will not fail but will endeavor to procure

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procure many more

Given under my hand at Trippatore
the 21st November 1798

(Signed) Nagapa Chetty
Binjarry

True Translate

(Signed) A Read

Proposals of Muneapa Bullock Maistry to
Lieutenant Colonel Read for furnishing Bullocks
for the Army

1st Article I Muneapa Bullock Maistry Inhabitant
of Cauverypauk engage to procure Guri Bullocks
for the Army with a Driver to every Pair, and
a Maistry to every 50_

2d article The allowance to every Driver shall
be 5 Pagodas and the Pay of every Maistry 2 Pagodas
per month_

3d article My Fee is 3 Silver Fanams per
Bullock 1 of which I keep as my own Perquisite
and the other two I give to the person who shall
be

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be my Security

4th An advance of 3 Pagodas must be made for every Bullock 1 of which shall be deducted every month from their monthly allowance, until the whole be collected

5th Article - At whatever time Orders may be given to procure Bullocks on these Terms, an advance must be made of 250 Pagodas and I will engage to furnish in 15 days from that date 250 Bullocks, and if 250 more be required after that I will furnish them in the same manner

6th Article - These 500 being collected I will then signify whether I shall be able to furnish any more, and how many on the same terms

7th Article - all the Bullocks I shall furnish being my own property, and the Drivers my Servants I will settle all matters with them myself and be answerable for them -

8th Article - Lachy Ram shall be given as my Security -

9th Art.

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9th Article These are the Articles of my agreement. I promise to perform the same. and approve myself worthy of the Trust reposed in me

Given under my hand at
Thistnagerry the 18th November 1798.

Signd Muneapa Maistry
Inhabitant of Canveypaunk

True Translate

Signd A Read

Resolutions thereon

Resolved to inform Lieutenant Colonel Read. that as Government have already authorized the entertaining of the full number of draft and Carriage Bullocks, it will be unnecessary to engage any of the Conchypuram or Waddawars

Resolved to inform Colonel Read that it is the wish of the Board that every encouragement should be given to the Benjarries for dealers in Grain on their own accounts; and it is directed that fifty thousand Rupees shall be

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transmitted to him to be divided amongst them in such proportions as he may judge necessary, to secure their services —

Resolved to inform Colonel

Read that an arrangement has been made by the Resident at Hydrabad with a principal Binjarry of that place, by which fifty thousand Rupees are to be advanced to him on account, and security given that they shall be paid back in the event of his assistance not being required — and it is resolved that it be recommended to Colonel —

Read that a similar arrangement, by which the Company are secured from the risk of incurring any loss, be if possible concluded by him with the Binjarries of his districts But he is at the same time authorized if such an arrangement should be found — impracticable, to make the necessary advances to the Binjarries, upon any terms —

Read the following letter from the Collector of the 2d division of the Vizagapatam district —

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Collector of the 2d division of the Vizagapatam district reporting the result of his enquiry regarding the subject of a letter written to the Supreme Government by Rajah Ragojee Bhoosla—

I had the honor duly to receive your Lordships commands by letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe under date the 3d. ultimo to afford the fullest information relative to the subjects of a letter from Rajah Ragojee Bhoonsla to the Supreme Government received on the 28th. August last and of two Papers delivered in by the Rajahs Vakeel Bijesember Pundet. both dated the 27th July last. But the time it required to make the necessary Inquiries respecting Circumstances of which though advanced as matters of Fact scarcely the feeblest Traces could be discovered, added to my solicitude to bring before your Lordship nothing that might not be considered as the most authentic Information in respect to these matters have unavoidably protracted my

Reply

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reply to so late a Period. which I therefore hope will meet with your Lordships indulgence—

Rajah Ragogee Bhoonslah

having in his letter to the Supreme Government complained that the Zemindar of Vizianagrum (one of the Zemindaries of the Division of Country under my charge) had assisted Shawn Sunder a Relation of the Zemindar of Khoordah a County appertaining to the Rajahs Territories) with a Body of Troops in order to excite disturbances in his Dominions, and his Vakeel (Bissember Pundit) having also delivered in a paper dated the 27th July last purporting that Shawn Sunder had conducted this Body of Troops as far as Chicacole on their march towards Khoordah, it is to these particulars as of the most serious and important nature, considering the Treaties of Friendship and alliance subsisting between the English Government and the Mahratta States that I have directed my utmost attention,

in

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in order to ascertain if they were grounded in truth or otherwise.

For this purpose I instituted the most deligent Inquiry whether such a Person as Shawn Sunder had been at Vizianagrum or in any part of the Vizagapatam District about the time mentioned, before or since, and Secondly whether he had received any assistance of Troops from the Zemindar of Vizianagrum, or any others, and proceeded with them toward the Khoorda Country, and the following I have the honor to lay before your Lordship as the result of my Inquiries on both these points.

Shawn Sunder, a natural Son of Veerkishwar Doss, left his own Country about Nineteen years ago, terrified as it said, by the putting to death of two of his Brothers by order of his Father, and apprehensive of suffering the same fate himself, and carried with his Family to Vizianagrum where he obtained from

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From the late Zemindar Vizeriam Rauze a Command of 300 mens with an Establishment of Five hundred Rupees a month advantages which determining with the life of that Zemindar in the year 1794 he removed with his second wife from Vizianagrum and he took himself to Golgoondah (the Southermost Hill Zemindary in this Division. and adjoining to the Masulipatam Districts) to the Zemindar of which he had shortly before contracted his Daughter in Marriage. where he has resided ever since coming generally twice a year to Vizianagrum to visit his Elder wife who resides to this present time at Dummoo. a small Village in the Suburbs of that Town and I find he paid his usual visit in the month of June last bringing with him a Retinue of not more than Ten Persons and returned to Golgoondah after a stay of a few days neither receiving any assistance of Troops nor proceeding with them through Chicacole Coward the

Pd Choorda

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Khoorda Country —

I indulge a hope that this detail will remove from your Lordships mind every doubt that any act repugnant to the Treaties — subsisting between our Government, and the Mahratta States has taken place, on the part of Shawn Sunder since Shaw had charge of the affairs of this Division, and operate to Rajah Rajogee Bhoonslahs own Conviction, that not the most distant intention even on the part of Shawn Sunder, or any other person in this district has been entertained, hostile to the peace of his Highness's Country, the preservation of which, at the same time that I am fully persuaded it was the sole object which the Rajah himself had in view by these Communications to the Supreme Government, I cannot avoid imputing, so much misstatement to other motives by some about him adverting to the particulars, and I shall add extraordinary Contents of the second of the Papers delivered in by Bissenbur Pundit concerning which

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which I shall now beg leave to offer my
sentiments to your Lordship —

I have ventured to apply to this
Memoir the Epithet of extraordinary. and I shall
hardly be thought in so doing to have overstepped
the Bounds of Truth or Propriety when I add that
it contains nothing less than a positive and
unqualified claim to the Sycepour (or Jaypour) Zemindary
which has been uniformly considered a part of the
Company's possessions from the time they obtained
the Grant of the Northern Circars to the present
hour — The slightest inspection of the Map will
convince your Lordship of the peculiar importance
of this Possession which at the same time that it
forms so noble a Barrier to this District towards
the Mahratta State of Berar (under Rajah —
Ragogee Bhoosla) to the north westward. is no
less necessary to the successful administration
of its Revenue since as this Zemindary embraces
nearly the whole of the great Ridge of Mountains
at the foot of which the several Hill Zemindaries
are

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are situated were not the proprietor thereof unequivocally and avowedly on the Interests of our Government, as well as subject to its authority. these which form no inconsiderable part of the District, would be rendered of very little advantage, and frequently require little more to induce the Hill Zemindars to withhold the Payment of their Tributes, than to hold out to them a safe Retreat for their Families which the Jaypour Country abundantly affords.

To the Assertions with which this Paper sets out Viz.t "That the Zemindary of Jeypour (why Bisbee should be joined with it, which is a distinct Country indisputably belonging to the Rajah Ragogee Bhoosla to the west of Jaypour, unless for the sake of perplexing the subject I cannot conjecture) is a Dependance of the Rudlimpour "District, and has always been subject to his (Rajah "Ragogee Bhoosla) Vakeel authority." I shall venture to substitute as more agreeable to Fact, that it has been invariably <u>been</u> considered a part of

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of the Chicacole Circar, and at no former time, any more than at present, as far as can be discovered subject to the authority of Rajah Ragogee Bhoosla either immediately or delegated; positions which I find supported by the following facts Viz.t that it paid a Tribute of Twelve thousand Rupees a year, to the Aumildar of Chicacole as long as the Mahomedan Goverment prevailed in the Circars, and that it afterwards settled for its Summabundy, which was increased to thirty three thousand Rupees, with the Zemindary of Vizianagrum, under which it was permitted to remain till the year 1794/5. when it was brought under the immediate authority of Government and its tribute lowered and fixed at Twenty five thousand Rupees - partly on a principle of attaching firmly to its Interests a Zemindar occupying so important a Frontier situation, and partly as a reward of the exemplary Conduct of the present occupant (Ramchenderdoo) during the late troubles in the District as well as in

compensation

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compensation of the Diminution of Revenue, estimated at about three Thousand Rupees a year, occasioned by the abolition of the Duty on Cotton passing from the Mahratta Territories through this Country into this District. which was made an article of this Cowle: It will hardly be necessary in further invalidation of Rajah Ragogee Bhoosla's Claim to this Country to adduce the authorities of Major Rennell and Mr. Grant. by the former of whom the Saypour Country is delineated as a part of the British possessions as is expressly spoken of by the latter as a Dependance of the Chicacole Circar. the particulars subsequently detailed in the paper delivered in by Bissumber Pundit. I may observe do not appear well calculated to support the Rajah's claim: If the Saypour Country as asserted had been always subject to his authority in the person of his Aumil, upon what principle could the English interfere in appointing its Zemindar, or the Rajah so long sit quiet under such an Encroachment upon his authority. for it is full Twenty years ago since Ramchenderdoo the present

Zemindar

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Zemindar (who is the person meant by the appellation of Soonder Doo's Cousin) succeeded his Father Vickeram Doo in the Zemindary of Jeypoor: the paper delivered in by Bissember Pundit is so far right in the assertion that Soonder Doo's Father was the "Rightful Zemindar of Jeypoor," as he was the Eldest Son of his Father Peddah Koostnah Doo, whom at his decease (which happened in the year 1745) he actually succeeded but was deposed by the principal people of the County (in consequence as it is said of the oppressiveness of his Manage= =ment) in about two years after, and his younger Brother Vickeram Doo. acknowledged as Zemindar in his stead. since which time the Zemindary has continued in the younger Branch of the Family, Koostnah Doo the Elder Brother (and Soonder Doo's Father) was not however left without a competent maintenance, and Soonder Doo himself so late as the year 1790/1 was put in possession (by the Vizianagrum Zemindar to whom, as I have before mentioned, Jaypour was immediately tributary) of Singapooram and Ragguddah two

Purgunnahs

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Purgunnahs of that Zemindary which he held till the year 1795. when in consequence of having in Person led a Party of troops to the assistance of the refractory Zemindar of Polundah. whose Fort of Veregollum the Companys troops were then laying siege to. it was deemed necessary. in support of the authority of ~~the~~ Government to expel him from them upon which he sought an asylum in the Neighbouring Territories belonging to Rajah Ragogee Bhoosla. and by late account was then remaining there.

Before I conclude this subject I think it necessary to mention that Ramchendra Doo is in possession of a Grant (under the seal of Bimbajee Uncle to Rajah Ragogee Bhoosla. and who was then Rajah of the Ruttenpour Division of the Berar Kingdom (of Colabady a Purgunnah of the Bisler Zemindary which was bestowed upon his Father Vickeram Doo. in 1776. It would appear that Vickeram Doo had afforded the Bisler Zemindar considerable assistance in quelling a revolt in his Country and received this Purgunnah (the same

Seeing

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being voluntarily relinquished by the Bister Zemindar in his favor and transferred by the Superior authority of Ruttenpoor to his possession as a reward for his services. I was careful to enquire whether to this Grant was annexed any condition of troops or Personal service, as in that case there might have been some ground for Rajah Rayogee Bhooslahs assertion that the Zemindar himself had been subject to the authority of his Aumil. though not the smallest inference could be drawn from it. that the Sypour Zemindary is a Dependance of the Ruttenpour District. Ramchendra Deo however assures me this is not the case the Grant being unqualified and expressing no such Condition. The annual Revenue of the Purgunnah is about 7000 Rupees. and it still remains in possession of the Saypour Zemindar.

The foregoing particulars I beg leave to lay before your Lordship as the — result of an Investigation which I have — endeavored

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endeavored to conduct with the care and attention that were suited to the importance of the subject. and I feel no hesitation in bringing it to a Conclusion to assure your Lordship. that I am not able to discover the slightest ground of the assertions contained in the Paper delivered in by Bissumber Pundit. that the Jaypour Zemindary is a Dependency of the Ruttenpour district. and that the Zemindar thereof has always been subject to Rajah Ragoojee Bhoosla authority. although the most incontrovertible facts do certainly appear in demonstration of the Country. How it has happened that a Complaint for which I think I am warranted in saying no real cause has been afforded. and a claim. the foregoing discussion of which has proved to be so little calculated to stand the test of investigation. should have been brought upon the Tapis. I shall take the liberty of submitting to your Lordship the following conjecture.

The Ambition of the Vizianagrum Zemindars at a period not very Remote is a matter

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matter so generally admitted that I shall only mention as an instance of the extent to which their views aspired, that in the year 1777 Sitteram Rauze who then took the lead in the affairs of the Zemindary (and the same person who with a view to the Tranquility of this District, is still I must think very judiciously retained at the Presidency) kept two Battalions of Sepoys stationed on the Confines of the Combamet District where the Nizams Dominions join the Southwestern part of the Masulipatam District; from which it was Conjectured that nothing less was aimed at than the extending their authority over the whole of the Northern Circars under the auspices of that Power: the Reduction of their influence was accordingly suggested upon principles of sound policy several years ago, and the necessity for it appearing in a very strong point of view in consequence of the opposition made to the authority of Government by the Zemindar — Vizieram Rauze in the year 1794. it was —

determined

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determined after his death with this view to separate from the Vizianagrum Zemindary all the Hill — Territories. and render them immediately subordinate to Government: these composing nearly one third of the Zemindary the Loss of them was dreaded as a fatal blow to its Grandeur by all the adherents of the Family who retaining even after Vizeram Rauzes dealt a considerable influence over the Hill Countries this circumstance, added to that of the Rightful proprietor keeping at the same time, from an unfortunate misconception of the favorable intentions of Government toward them, altogether a loof rendered the carrying into Execution the orders of Government, of the difficulty of which Task, I may be allowed to speak, since it has engaged four years of my closest attention, proved a work of extreme difficulty, and would have been attended with nearly insurmountable obstacles had not the Zemindar of Jaypour — Ramchendra Deo, the importance of whose County with respect to the Hill Zemindaries I have adverted

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adverted to in a former part of this letter took the most decided part. from the very beginning in support of the authority of Government. and his Dewan Jaggernaut Pauker a native of uncommon Capacity thrown the weight of his utmost Exertions into the same Scale. The Vizianagrum Family. whose hope was the Hill Countries might prove unmanage=able under the immediate hands of Government.- and revert to their authority. not without reason therefore impute no inconsiderable share of their disappointment to the Zemindar of Jaypour and his Dewan. and in their consequent Resentment may I apprehend be traced the Origin of both the Complaint and Claim exhibited on the part of Rajah Ragogee Bhoosla to the Supreme Government. an opinion which I am led to entertain as well from what I have had the honor to state to your Lordship as above as from the following Circumstance—

In the month of April last Hurrah Manseroy Mazumdar of Cattack a part of his Highness Rajah Ragogee Bhooslahs Dominions

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In the month of April last Hurrah Mansevoy Mazumdar of Cattack. a part of his Highness Rajah Ragogee Bhooslahs Dominions

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provided, in order that the Engineers stores may be moved agreeably to the orders that have been given expeditiously from the Presidency requesting that Colonel Read may be directed to provide Bamboos sufficient for the construction of 30 or 40 Scaling Ladders stating his intention to send on the Mulatoay Brig for such further materials as he may require to Complete his Department

Commands of the 14th Instant authorizing me to entertain an Establishment of Artificers for Field Service, limiting the monthly Expence to Pagodas 602-4-

Since then your Lordship in Council having considered it of the most serious importance that the whole of the Stores and ammunition necessary for completing the Equipment and for forming the Magazine should be forwarded to Vellore by the 20th of next month; renders it a Duty incumbent on me to state to your Lordship that without Carriage and a certain proportion of Store Lascars, the Engineers Stores for the intended service cannot leave the Residency.

I am therefore induced to submit to your Lordship the propriety of immediately providing the Carts Cattle, Lascars and Ropelewhs should move with the Stores, and as you disapprove of immediately entertaining the Gabion and Fascine makers, that Lieutenant Colonel Read be directed to provide Bamboos sufficient to make 30 or 40 Scaling Ladders. It being often difficult to procure them sufficiently large for that purpose, and they

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generally afterwards require time to season. The
Tent Lascars can only be required as the Tents are
delivered out. and the 200 working Lascars may wait
your pleasure, to acquire Experience under Lieutenant
Colonel Read. who reports a want of that description
of people. To aid whose Endeavours in the prosecution
of the public Service. I propose forwarding the Artificers
you have been pleased to authorize me to entertain,
the moment they are collected. And that nothing may
be wanting in the Engineers Department when
called for. I propose to Indent on the Military Board
to the extent required to complete it. that a timely
provision may be made for having the whole in
readiness.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed Patrick Ross
Chief Engr. &c &c

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Chief Engineer
be authorized to Indent on the Military Board
for the Carts and Cattle and to entertain the
Lascars and other people that may be necessary
for

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for moving the Engineer Stores —

Resolved also that the Chief Engineer be authorized to attend on the Military Board to the further extent that may be necessary for the completely equipping his Department —

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Read shall be directed to provide Bamboos — sufficient for the construction of one hundred Scaling Ladders —

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council

From the Resident at Hyderabad stating that he has finished the exchange for the Coast Troops at Hyderabad at the rate of 365 Rupees per 70 Pagodas stating that half a measure of Rice is allowed to the Bengal Sepoys grades when the Bazar price of that article exceeds the rate of 11 Fanams for 12 Seers and suggesting that a similar Indulgence should be extended to the Coast Sepoys serving in the Nizams dominions suggesting also in order to render the equalization between the Bengal and Coast Troops at Hyderabad complete that Tent allowance may be granted to the Officers of the Coast Army Enclosing copies of Correspondence that has passed between him and Colonel Roberts

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My Lord

Herewith enclose for the notice of your Lordship in Council copy of a Letter which I received yesterday from Colonel Roberts on the subject of the Exchange and of my answer to the same —

It appearing from the Tenour of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter to Colonel Roberts to be the wish of your Lordship in Council that I

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should proceed without loss of time to establish such a rate of Exchange for the Coast Troops as might put them on a footing of perfect equality with the Bengal Detachment, I have accordingly nearly I trust effected this desirable object by simply restoring the Exchange between Star Pagodas and Rupees to the old Rate of three hundred and sixty five per hundred - as will be seen by a reference to the enclosed Table of Pay and allowances which the Officers and Men of both Establishments are now equally in the receipt of here. The extra monthly allowance of Thirty four Rupees odd annas drawn by the Captain — Lieutenants and Subalterns on the Bengal Establishment is in consequence of an old Local Regulation which I understand to be of a temporary nature, its operation being expressly limited to such Officers of the Rank of Subalterns as were in the service in the year 1796; that is, at the period of the new Military Regulations in the advantages of which the Officers of that Establishment certainly participated very unequally with those of either Madras or Bombay -

If appearing that just that the

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the Coast troops should reap the benefit of the —"
Exchange now fixed for them from the day in which
the subsidy commenced that is from the period of their
arrival in his Highness the Nizams Territories I
accordingly beg leave to recommend their being
allowed to draw it from the 1st of October last.

In consequence of a Representation
made by me to the Supreme Government upon the
first arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Kyndman's —"
Detachment at Hydrabad, the late Governor General
was pleased to allow half a Seer of Rice a day gratis
to each Sepoy and public Follower, whenever the price
of that necessary of Life rose in the market above
the Company's rate of twelve Seers for Eleven Fanams
odd Cash: but as this has never been the case for
years past, the Bengal troops have of course derived
no benefit from the above Regulation; with a view
to that equalization which your Lordships in Council
is desirous of establishing between the allowances
of the Company's troops of the two Establishments
serving together here, it would certainly appear no
more than requisite that the same provisional —
allowance

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allowance of half a Seer of Rice a day gratis should be granted to the Madras Battalions also—

The above indulgence extended to the Madras Troops, nothing more would seem wanting to accomplish fully those liberal views your Lordship is intent upon, than the restoration to the Officers of the present Madras detachments of that which was enjoyed by those of the former one Serving in those Territories.— I mean Tent allowance, and if as assumed by many— a real, and by no means inconsiderable saving would thereby accrue to Government.

I can have little doubt of the wishes of the Officers at large on this point, meeting with a favorable consideration from your Lordship in Council

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

Hyderabad
20.th November 1798

Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident &c &c &c

Sir.

Enclosed I have the honor of transmitting

You

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you a copy of a letter I yesterday received from the Secretary to the Madras Government relative to the carriage of Grain for the use of the Detachment, and the settling the Exchange for the payment of the Madras Troops. Respecting the former I conceive keeping up an Establishment of Bullocks, servants &c. for that Detachment would be burthening the Honorable Company with a very considerable, and at least for the present, unnecessary expence, as the Bazars here are abundantly supplied with all kinds of Grain. In case of the Detachment moving it might be supplied with Grain by Bunjarries, who with proper Encouragement would I imagine be always ready to accompany it. As the settling the Exchange for the payment of the Madras Troops is left to your decision I should be glad to know at what rate you wish it should in future be issued, and if at the rate of 365 Rupees p.c% Star pagodas as the Detachment was formerly paid, whether the difference is to be made up to the Troops for the months they have already been paid since entering his Highness's Territories, to put them on an equality with

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with the Bengal Troops - the Madras Troops having hitherto received the Rupee at the rate of 350 only which occasioned a considerable loss and some discontent among the Sepoys -

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

Camp
19th November 1798.

a true Copy
(signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Res.

Major Kirkpatrick
Resident &c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose you a copy of a letter I received yesterday from Mr. Secretary Jackson accompanied by an Extract of one from the Military Board on the subject of the Tents for the Artillery Company serving with this Detachment wherein I am directed to obtain your sanction previous to their being provided - The Tents the Men are at present in are so very bad as scarcely to afford any shelter. I therefore think that on account of the Men's health that no time should be lost in providing them —

In the Extract of the Letter from the Military

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Military Board. in recommending the Tents to be provided on the spot. is said. the Prices not exceeding the established rate, by which I imagine is meant. the established rate on the Coast, which I believe is some what under 19 Star Pagodas p.r cent. a sum by what I can learn of Lieutenant Goldsworthy Paymaster, who twice made up Tents for the Company, it is not possible to provide them for every article required being so much dearer than on the Coast—

Camp near Hyderabad
27th October 1796.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signed Geo: Roberts

Major Kirkpatrick
Resident &c &c &c

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday with a copy of Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 23d ultimo and the Inclosures therein referred to—

The Commanding Officer of the —
Detachment being directed to embark previous to the

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the payment of any contingent charges. that they were indispensibly necessary for carrying on the public Service and according to the established rate of the Station, as I am unacquainted with any established rates in his Highness's Dominions. I could wish to receive some information on that head for my future guidance—

I am &c.

Camp near Hyderabad
27th October 1796.

(Signed) Geo: Roberts

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President &c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to inclose for the notice of your Lordship in Council copies of two letters which I have received from the Commanding Officer of the Ellore Detachment—

I conclude that the words according to the established rate of the Station in the Certificate hereafter to be annexed by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment to all contingent charges, were added by the Military Auditor General to my suggestion of the 17th of May 1794 for the purpose

&c

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Camp near Hyderabad
27th October 1796

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&c &c
Signd Geo: Roberts

Major Kirkpatrick
Resident &c &c &c

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I am &c.

Camp near Hyderabad
27th October 1796

(Signed) Geo: Roberts

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the hono to inclose for the notice of your Lordship in Council copies of two letters which I have received from the Commanding Officer of the Ellore Detachment—

I conclude that the words according to the established rate of the Station in the Certificate hereafter to be annexed by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment to all contingent charges. were added by the Military Auditor General to my — suggestion of the 17th of May 1794. for the purpose of

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of rendering it the more conformable to the existing Regulations of Government. which probably have fixed the prices to be charged for articles of supply at the different Stations of the army. But though this should be the case. I am afraid that circumstances will not admit of the same rule being so exactly applied to this Detachment as could be wished. were it indeed generally stationary at Hyderabad. there can be no doubt but a fixed Table of Rates might be framed for its use. notwithstanding the objection arising from the greater fluctuation in the Prices of commodities at this City, compared with what happens in the company's possessions. as the case stands. however. I apprehend there is a necessity for some alteration in the terms of the clause in question, instead of which may be substituted, should nothing more to the purpose occur, the words according to the actual local prices of the articles charged at the time of their being supplied —

In aid of this check, which however insufficient, is the best positive one that the nature

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nature of the case seems to allow of / it may be ordered should your Lordship in Council think proper that previous to the payment of any contingent charges exceeding a certain amount a copy of it / detailing the Prices of the several articles composing it / be transmitted for the Inspection of the Resident whose means of — Information will generally enable him to scrutinize the rates with sufficient strictness —

It might also occasionally conduce to economy / attention to which in the expence of the Detachment is become the more necessary as the late promotions among the Officers of it have caused a considerable increase of the fixed Disbursements / — where the Commanding Officer in cases admitting of the delay requisite for the purpose to communicate with the Resident respecting all material contingent charges previous to his authorizing them. Because it may sometimes happen that the necessity of them may be precluded by the circumstances confined to the Knowledge of the latter —

I have the Honor to be &c.

/ Signed W. Kirkpatrick

Hyderabad
28th. October 1798

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Commands conveyed in Mr. Secretary Jacksons letter of the 9th Instant desiring me to report my opinion upon the letters enclosed from the Resident at Hyderabad, on the subject of contingent charges that may be incurred in the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam: In consequence of which I beg leave to observe, that as it appears from Major Kirkpatricks letter, as well as that from the Commanding Officer of the Detachment that the rates of articles to be purchased in that country, are arbitrary and liable to constant fluctuation the alteration in the certificate to accompany all contingent charges, which has been suggested by the Resident seems to be the best that can be devised under the circumstance of the case, and I would therefore recommend its being adopted, as well as the additional check proposed at the same time, viz.

that

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That previous to the payment of contingent charges exceeding in amount the sum of 100 Pagodas a copy thereof detailing the prices of the several articles, be transmitted to the President for his Inspection and approval—

It appears also a very proper measure for the reasons assigned in Major Kirkpatrick's letter, that in cases admitting of delay, the Commanding Officer should be instructed to communicate with the President respecting all material contingent charges previous to their being authorized—

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

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17th November 1796.

Signed W. Sydenham
Mjr a. G.

To Lieut.t Colonel Roberts
&c &c &c

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit for your information and guidance a copy of a letter from the

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the President at Hydrabad relative to contingent charges to be incurred in the Detachment under your command together with a copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General on the same subject

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I am &c &c

Signed W. C. Jackson
Secy

To Lieut.t Colonel Roberts
&c &c

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you, that the Paymaster of the Detachment is hereafter to keep a Register of the prices of Grain, Sheep, and Salt sold in the Bazar in which he is to enter daily the prices from the Cutwalls report or as often as they fluctuate and after carefully comparing the monthly charges on account of Rice allowances and of the Victualling Department with the Register, he is to send a Copy of the latter bearing the Cutwall's Seal &c as at present, and signed by himself and countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Detachment to the Officer

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Officer of Audit with the Indents and Receipts of the several corps as vouchers for admitting the charge—

Sam Va. & Co

Signed W. C. Jackson
Secretary

Fort St. George
30th November 1798.

a true Copy

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst

Colonel J. Roberts
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the date, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe

Adverting to the tenour of the 3d. Paragraph of the Secretary's letter, and agreeing perfectly with you in thinking that the Department of Grain Commissary is a very unnecessary one / at present at least / in the Detachment under your command, I feel no hesitation in authorizing the immediate discharge of whatever Bullocks or Private Servants may belong

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belong to that Officers Department. should any such Establishment be in actual existence. The Commissaries duty will of course be thereby confined agreeably to the intention of the Government of Fort St. George / to the Agency for Draft and — Carriage Cattle —

The Government of Fort St. George having judged proper to leave the fixing of the Exchange to me. I authorize you to cause it to be issued henceforward to the Troops under your Command at the old rate of three hundred and Sixty five Rupees to the hundred Star Pagodas, which puts both officers and men on a perfect footing in point of Pay and Regimental — allowances. with the officers and men of the Bengal Detachment — I request at the same time you will cause it to be thoroughly explained to the Madras Troops that this high and favorable rate of Exchange is to be considered as an — indulgence which it may not perhaps suit Government at all times to continue to them —

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I shall recommend to the Government of Fort St. George that the benefit of the above Exchange be allowed to the Detachment under your Command from the day of its arrival in his Highness the Nizam's Territories. that is. from the 1st of October last -

I have the Honor to be &c

Hyderabad.
19th November 1798.

Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

A true Copy

Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resd

Pay)

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Pay and allowances of Officers and Men of the Artillery
required in Detail on Hyderabad Reserve according to the
Establishment of each established by Government
of the 4th Sept. sanctioned by His Lordship the Right Honble the Governor in Council

Pay.

Artillery Lascars

Rank	Pay	Batta	Total
Colonel	332 2 11	333 7 6	665 10 5
Lieutenant Colonel	273 12 -	273 12 -	547 8 -
Major	205 5 -	205 5 -	410 10 -
Captain in Command	136 14 -	136 14 -	273 12 -
Captain Lieutenant	68 7 -	68 7 -	136 14 -
Lieutenant & Adjutant	69 7 -	69 6 11	138 13 11
Surgeon	54 12 -	54 12 -	109 4 -
Assistant Surgeon	59 5 -	43 12 9	102 17 9
Commissary	54 12 -	23 11 6	78 3 6
Storekeeper	10 4 3	10 - 6	20 4 9
Serjeant Major	7 15 9	7 14 5	15 9 2
Quartermaster Serjeant	6 13 6	9 1 11	15 15 5
Serjeant	6 5 4	5 11 8	11 17 -

Pay and allowances of Officers and Men of the Artillery
required in Detail on Hyderabad Reserve according to the Establishment
of each established by Government
of the 4th Sept. sanctioned by His Lordship the Right Honble the Governor in Council

Pay.

Bengal Artillery Lascars

Rank	Pay	Batta	Total
Colonel	332 2 11	333 7 6	665 10 5
Lieutenant Colonel	273 12 -	273 12 -	547 8 -
Major	205 5 -	205 5 -	410 10 -
Captain in Command	136 14 -	136 13 11	273 12 11
Captain Lieutenant	68 7 -	69 6 11	138 13 11
Lieutenant & Adjutant	69 7 -	69 6 11	138 13 11
Surgeon	54 12 -	54 12 -	109 4 -
Assistant Surgeon	59 5 -	43 12 9	102 17 9
Commissary	54 12 -	23 11 6	78 3 6
Storekeeper	10 4 3	10 - 6	20 4 9
Serjeant Major	7 15 9	7 14 5	15 9 2
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required in Detail on Hyderabad Reserve according to the Establishment
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Pay.

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved to inform the Resident at Hydrabad that the Board approve of the arrangement he has made with respect to the exchange and desire that the Troops may have the advantage of the favorable rate at which it is established from the 1st of October last, the period of their entering the Territories of his Highness the Nizam. It is however to be understood that this rate of exchange is to be only considered as temporary and liable to be altered whenever circumstances may render any alteration necessary.

Resolved to inform the Resident that agreeably to a standing regulation in the Service, the Sepoys are entitled to Rations Free from the Public Stores at the rate of 70 Pagodas per Garce, which it exceeds that price in the Bazars and it is Resolved to recommend to the Resident that this Regulation be equally applied to the Bengal Troops belonging to the Detachment

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at Hydrabad if he sees no particular objection to the Measure.

Resolved to inform the Resident of making Tent Allowance Gerad to all the Officers of the Coast Army is of too much importance to be decided upon by this Board, without the concurrence of the Supreme Government to whose consideration it has been Submitted.

Resolved to inform the Resident that the authority he has granted to Colonel Roberts for discharging the extra Bullocks and Servants in the Department of Commissary of Grain and for confining that Officer to the agency for draught and Carriage Cattle is perfectly consonant with the wishes of Government.

Read the following letter from the Nabob (entered also in C. C. 9th 160.)

Translation

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

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive Governor of Fort S.t George.

Dated 30.th November 1798

Recived Do. Do. Do.

From the Nabob offering to assist Government with Horse and Camels, in case they should be required.

Some time ago your Lordships applied to me for Elephants for the purpose of conveying Guns to Vellore and I furnished them, should your Lordship be in want of Horses and Camels you will be pleased to signify the Same, for it is my first object to assist the affairs of my friends the Company in every respect.

What can I write more?

A true translation

Signed A. Falconar
Offg Ft to Govr.

P. S. Written in the Nabobs own Writing.

I am ready even with my Life to assist my friends

The

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Minute thereon

The President is requested to reply to the foregoing letter from His Highness the Nabob — The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Memorandum —

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In July last I had occasion to converse with Lieutenant Colonel Read on the then state of the Western line of Frontier, and the measures which might be found necessary to put some of the posts in a better posture of Defence and Amongst other points to take his sentiments on the practicability of establishing a series of Signals from Ryacotta our most Western Station, to the Presidency, and in other directions, for the purpose of conveying intelligence of the Numbers and motions of the Enemy in time of Hostility and in consequence of these communications I have lately had the pleasure of receiving the accompanying Packets

Commander in Chiefs Minute lays before the Board a plan and Survey that has been made by Lieutenant Thomas Sydenham with a view to establish by means of signals, a regular intercourse between the Presidency and the different Garrisons on our Coast, together with Colonel Reads remarks and recommendation on that Subject — Proposes that discretionary should be given to Colonel Read direct intelligence of any Circumstance that the Officer employed to Collect information may make of the Motions of any enemy that may come down for the invasion of the Carnatic — Proposes that an hundred additional men be taken from the 99th Dragoons for the purpose of being instructed in the Exercise

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[communications I have lately had the pleasure
of receiving] the accompanying [Packet from him
on the latter subject. containing a plan for e-
stablishing the signal Posts prepared by Lieutenant
Thomas Sydenham who at the suggestions of the
Lieutenant Colonel Read and with my concurrence
proceeded not long since to the Westward and
having inspected the Several Stations and explored
the tract of Country connected with the proposed
line of communication submitted the Sketch
alluded to illustrating it with a number of observations
from which it appears that he yet wishes to
ascertain a few points previous to the Subject
being ultimately decided on and as a System
of signals from the Westward if found to be
practicable may be viewed as promising to be
essentially useful in time of War, I propose
desiring Lieutenant Sydenham to prosecute
his experiments. and with this view could wish

him

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him to be authorized to indent on the public stores for any trifling materials he may require for the purpose.

Although the Plan is not yet brought to maturity, and the execution of it may be attended with difficulties, I have yet great pleasure in directing the attention of Government to the very masterly Manner in which this Officer has acquitted himself in the investigation of the Subject at large and the completion of the survey which he only undertook from motives of public advantage.

I have therefore to request the attention of the Board to an application from Lieutenant Colonel Read, whose situation becomes daily more important that he may be informed Sent of all material intelligence procured from the Northward by the Gentlemen employed in this line under Government. If it be judged proper to comply with his wishes in this respect

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respect, I would propose that he be directed on
the event of his receiving information sufficient
to certify him of Scipoos having moved for
the purpose of entering our Territory to give
intimation thereof to Colonel Acland, with the
view that on receiving such notice, he might
proceed to assemble the Troops placed under
his Orders.

I beg further to Submit to the Board
a distribution of the Detail of Artillery actually
in readiness in the Center Division. Shewing
that the full Strength without allowing one
Sixth for casualties, is sufficient only to man
the light Field Train Ordered for the Field:
and such being the case, I am indeed to re-
commend that an hundred more of the
Stoutest Men of the 29th Regiment Dragoons
may be instructed in the Gun exercise, and that
these with the Hundred formerly ordered may
be immediately equipped for the Field. The 29th
Dragoons

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Dragoons I am aware has been allotted to form part of the Garrison of Fort St. George however under the impression of the great necessity of augmenting the Artillery Corps and hopeful that some of the expected reinforcements from England may shortly arrive I prefer employing an increased Number of Five Pagoons as above supplying their place of necessary by a part of the Kings Regiments Dragoons.

(Signed) Geo. Harris

To Lieutenant General Harris

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

Fort St. George

Sir,

In pursuance of your Commands I had the honor of addressing you on July last on several matters proposed for the defence of the districts under my Command, and on some of importance to the General Security One of them was the establishing Signals along the Frontier

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frontier and thence one or more lines of them to the Coast, for communicating intelligence of the Numbers and Motions of the Enemy in time of hostility.

Approving of the suggestion, you consulted Lieutenant Thomas Sydenham's proposal of undertaking a Survey for the purpose of ascertaining by what means it might be carried into effect and have in consequence the pleasure of submitting to your consideration that Officer's report upon the subject.

2 As therein stated he has confined his endeavors to the establishing a line of signals between Raykota the most advanced post on the frontier to the Presidency and found that can be done by means of sixteen Stations whose bearings and distances from one another he has laid down in the accompanying Sketch.

3 Having concluded from the prevailing opinion that intelligence might be communicated by fires at night and their Smoke by Day, he

Made

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Made as detailed in his report several experiments
to try their effects, by which it was found what matter
were practicable & sufficient distance in the Day
time, but that blue lights being seen very perfectly
they would answer extremely well at night - A
column of any colour distinguishable from the
objects behind it is all that is required for the
purpose and the Mind, encountering the smoke
from arising high enough to be visible Brig -
Sydenham, proposes to supply it to effect by sheets
of Canvas, stretched out between two posts and
hoisted up occasionally - There can be no doubt
that they will answer for a night within the
Limits of hazy horizons and much smaller
objects are discernible by the naked eye 16 &
or 17 Miles which are the greatest distances in
the lines proposed -

4 The Signals at Rydkota having
been returned in one Minute and forty seconds
it appears from the distance between those
places

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places that supposing sentries at the different
Stations to see alert intelligence may be conveyed at
the rate of 8 Miles in a Minute or 100 Miles in a
little more than 12 Minutes consequently that in
advice of the Enemy's having entered the country
at Ryakota might reach the Presidency which
is 180 Miles from it in 22 Minutes

5 The Total taking two days to travel
that distance and a recollection that the accounts
are received of the enemys plundering places on
the Sea Coast in 1780 where the first use had of
spies being seen in the Country, sufficiently proves
the importance of establishing signals or some
other means of conveying certain points of
intelligence as quickly as possible

6 Whatever plan be adopted I think
it should not be confined to a few lines and to
Military purposes only but extended over the
whole country in case of invasion to give the
Inhabitants timely intimation of approaching
danger

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danger that they may be fly with their Cattle to the Hills or other places of Security.

7 Should you however resolve to establish the Line of signals proposed by Mr. Agnew from Fort St. George to remain that three of this Battalion Commanded Captain Campbell and Brallia Kistnamah being garrisoned by the Rabobs People it will be necessary to obtain His Highnesses orders for leave to admit two people who may be sent to those Places for that purpose; Four other Stations are garrisoned by the Company and Mr. Sydenham seems to think it would be necessary to throw up small works at two or three more of them sufficient to keep out irregular Troops

8 I have not turned the means of carrying this plan into execution sufficiently in my mind to judge of the expence of it but I apprehend the utility of it considered it would be very inconsiderable — Mr. Sydenham was to make an estimate of it and I shall [illegible]

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with the experiments he proposed to make for
proving how columns of Canvas in place of
smoke would answer - being the Subject of
another communication he intends to favor me
with, when his official duties at the Presidency
might permit he may be able by this to give
you the desired information on the Subject -

I The General view I have taken
upon me to give of it, being merely introductory
I beg leave to recommend his report to your
perusal, for his method and observations are
justly entitled to your Notice, and his having
undertaken this survey without any emolu-
-ment and merely with the view of promoting
the public Service are proofs of a laudable
ambition that in my humble Opinion deserves
some acknowledgement from his Commander
in Chief -

10.th Intelligence being the main object
of this letter and in appearance of reciprocity with
Tippoo

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Sir/ I beg leave to suggest that if an Officer was appointed to proceed and inspect all the Passes from Damacherry Southward great — use might hereafter be found in it — It was from Major Watsons having inspected them just before the Monsoon that he was unable to decide on the practicability of the Moodgy Pass, by which the Army ascended the ghauts — Mr Sydenham intended returning for the purpose of surveying all the passes but as the duties of his Station will require his attendance at the Bandaring — In that case Captain Orr of the guides may have time for it and he might be happy to avail himself of the opportunity of acquiring local information so necessary to one in his line —

In case the Army is to take the field in a Month or two as reported, and no orders be yet given to the Officers employed in the intelligence department to that effect, I beg leave to state the great importance of speedily entertaining an additional number of Harcarahs under

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under some person Stationed in those districts
with directions to communicate every point
of information to me that may appear to be
of any consequence to their safety This is the
more necessary from the difficulty there is
in getting proper people for that Service and
the time it requires to qualify them for it.

I trust you will excuse the liberties
I have taken, and have the honor to be

26th Novr 1798

&c. &c.

(Signed) Alexr Read
Lieutenant Colo Commt.
Ceded Districts

Lieutenant Colonel Read

&c. &c.

Barahmahal

Sir,

1st Having completed my observations
and enquiries respecting the practicability of
establishing a line of Signals from the Frontier
to the Presidency, I take the earliest opportunity

of

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of communicating to you the result of
accompanied by a Sketch of the proposed
Stations to which are annexed such references
as may tend to elucidate the subject.—

2d In consequence of the directions which
I received from you previous to my departure
from Madras, I have personally confined
my observations to the establishment of a
Line of Communication for Fort St. George to
Ryttotah, and have endeavoured to fix upon
the most convenient direction by which that
object might be best accomplished.—

3d The Claim might be more
directly connected either by Vayagoy, Pholengar
and the West of the Pollams to the
Northward, or by Trinomalay, Changamah
and Tadeal to the Southward, but both
appear exceptionable from the few fortified
posts that occur in either Tract.—

4th I have therefore preferred adopting

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a more circuitous route by Chinglepet —
Wandewash Chilleput Coulasgum and the
Hill Forts in the Baramahal and I shall
now proceed to mention such particular
Stations in the direction as appear best calculated
for the purpose of expediting the communication
of intelligence from Hykolah to Madras —

5th On the supposition that Fort St.
George will be the primary Station I would
recommend the quarter seers Hill to be the
next in preference to St. Thomas's Mount
on account of the preceding Station no 6
being visible from the latter —

6th Stations

1st Station Quarter Seers Hill situated 3 Miles
S.W. of the Mount along Hill from which the
Church Flag Staff and part of the Works of
Fort St. George are discernible, and Vandeloor
to the S.W, is distinctly seen —

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2d Station. Vandelour a long low Hill with a good space on the Summit whence the whole range of Chellapatt Hills are plainly seen should these however be found too distant the Pollaveram Hill is well adapted for an intermidiate Station being nearly equidistant from Vandelour and Chinglepatt

3 Station. Chinglepatt Hill situated 1 Mile to the S.W. of the Fort of that Name

In case the Summit be found too confined to admit of the required Number of Signals some lower Hills to the Northward might be made use of and which are still near the Fort I understand that during the War of 1780 Captain Patterson the then Commandant of Chinglepatt established some signals on the Summit of the Sugar Hill by which he was constantly apprized of the Enemys Motions when in the Neighbourhood

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Neighbourhood.

The Carangooly Hill is very distinct as also the Pagoda and Tank at Madrantium.—

4th Station Carangooly 1/2 Mile to the N.W. of the old Fort, a low Hill but which lies in a favorable direction to connect Chingleputt and Wandewash the latter is very distinctly seen, but if on trial it is found to be too distant, the Alcheravan = -kum Hill might be used as an intermedi= =ate point from which both stations are plainly seen.—

5th Station Wandewash a long Hill the eastern extremity of which rises abruptly into a Peak. From the Lawny Houses in the Summit of this Peak the Chillapatt Hill is very distinct.—

6th Station Chillapatt Hill, a high Peak

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Peak situated a few hundred Yards to the
Northward of the Neerung Coram Village
and 1/2 a Mile in the same direction from the
Fort of Chellapuett. The Ships to the Eastward
is rigged and desfeuted, and of the remains
of a Stone Bazar nearly half way up
was repaired and Strengthened might be
rendered almost impracticable. The Summit
of the Peak would answer for one signal
Mount but others might easily be established
on the lower parts of the Hill.

Carnatiguan is very advantageously
seen and the great Space on this Mountain
renders it particularly convenient for the
display of signals.

7 Station. Carnatiguan, a high Mountain
a little in front of the great range of Hills which
Separate the Carnatic from the Northern parts of
the Baramahal.

The Foot of the Mountain is 6 Miles
from the Fort of Polore, which is garrisoned by a

Subadar

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Subidar and one Company of the Nabobs Troops

Detail of a Nague and Six Sepoys

as detached to the Hill Fort of Carnatiguer but

in general remains at the first Barrier - The

Pathway is overgrown with Grass and Briars

but the ascent is naturally very difficult and

fatigning - The Works are very extensive and

nearly encompass the Hill except towards the

Northward which part is inaccessible - There is a

small spaw on the Summit surrounded by

a Wall within which are the remains of some

Buildings and an old Mud Work on the

highest point where my Bearings and

observations were taken -

Trinomaly to the South East with

the celebrated Pagoda in the Pettah are distinctly

seen, and I should suppose that if a Station

was established on the Summit of the Hill

it would command an extensive view of the

Changamah Pass and of the open Country

beyond

beyond it.

This Pass in the event of future hostilities may be considered as the principal road from the Presidency to the Frontier and an adverting to the examples of former Wars We shall find it has been Chosen by Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun as the most favorable for entering the Carnatic

The advantages likely to result from early intelligence of the Enemy's approach into the most exposed part of the Carnatic will sufficiently point out the expediency of extending the Chain of communication to Trinomaly.

If this Hill is found too distant there will be no difficulty in connecting the Line by the Hills near Calishavauk.

Coulasgurr, lying nearly due North from Carriatagurr is distinctly seen, and the Works discernible without the assistance of a Glass, but as the distance is very great it may

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may be found necessary to have an intermidiate
Station on a large Saddle Hill 7 Miles N. of
Arnee.-

8th Station: Coulasgurr a high fortified Hill
1/2 Mile East of Huseinabad, and 7 Miles S.E. of
Vellore.-

The Garrison consists of a Hilledar and
two Companies of His Highness the Nabobs
Troops including the Party of Matchlockmen
stationed on the Rock The Works on the
Summit are extensive and in tolerable repair, and
as the Space included by them is barely sufficient
for the display of more than two Signals others
may be conveniently erected on the lower parts of
the Hill.-

The Buildings and Works on Sazanow
of the principal Hill Fort of Vellore are discernible
by the Naked Eye, and the succeeding Station
Poluondah is extremely distinct.-

9 Station,

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9th Station — Coleondah a high and extensive Hill 14 Miles to the Westward of Vellore and from its Summit the Works on Coulasgur are plainly seen. Amboor is scarcely Visible being nearly lost in the surrounding range of mountains, and I would therefore propose 10th Station. The Colodee Hill situated on the South Bank of the Palaur and about 8 Miles from Amboor, the Works and Buildings on which are distinctly seen.

I should recommend the Lines to be extended from thence to the Northward as far as Coulgur which commands a view of the Country near the Pignaig durgum Pass.

11th Station Amboor. a bluff Rock at the extremity of a range of Hills from the Summit of which the Pagoda and some Works on Malleau Jandurgum are discernible. It should be found that the space within the Walls of the upper Fort are not sufficiently extensive to admit

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admit of more than two Signals being displayed

Hydurnagur a Hill connected with, and Command-ing it
may be made use of—

13th Station — Malicanjandurgum a Hill
Fort situated on an extensive range of Mountains
which form the Western Boundary of the Vaniam-
=body Valley, leading from the Carnatic to the
Baramahal — The Garrison consists of a Jemedar
and 15 Malechoetmen who with the Inhabitants
of a small Village on the Hill beneath the Fort
cultivate a sufficient quantity of Grain for their own
subsistance without requiring any supplies from
the Lands below —

The Works are in bad repair and the
greater part in a ruinous state — the natural strength
of this Post renders most of those Works unnecessary
and is impossible except at the Gateway and one
part to the Northward From hence the Hill Fort
of Cangoondy is distinctly seen —

14th Station — Congoondy or fortified Rock in the
Rajah of Congoondy's district situated above the
Ghauts and Commanding a view of the Country
above

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above the Timanipell, Bommenhundah &
Mopped waddy Goodlully and Veragoo Passes all
which lead from the Baramahal into the
Mysore Country

The Hill of Makarauze gurry is an
full view from the Top of Congoondy, and these
eminences are particularly distinguishable
14th Station Makarauzegurry an extensive
Hill Fort the Works thereon lately dismantled
but in its present state a gateway is all that is
necessary to render it a tolerable post, The great
Space within the Walls is particularly well
calculated Signals and it is situated at a very
convenient distance from Thomagerry
on which are distinguishable with the Naked
Eye

It commands a view of the Passes
Passants into the Congoondy Country as also the
smaller Passes of Nollagoumbanore and
Madenum pelly leading from the Bara-
-mahal into the Boodicottah Valley

15th Station Thanagerry a Hill Fort of
considerable

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considerable strength which looks up the
Boodecottah Valley and within other directions
commands an extensive prospect of the adjacent
Country.

The Newly erected Line of Works on
the East Face of Rykotah forms the principal
feature in the view of that Towering Rock.

16th Station. Rykotah a Strong Hill Fort
situated immediately above the Ghauts and
within 200 yards of Rykotah Pass; which
the Guns on the East Face of the Pass and
newly constructed works command.

The distance from other places of
importance is as follows,

To Shangamah --- 68 Miles
Arnee 32
Total 100

To the Boundary -- 7
Bangalore -- 31
Seringapatam 72
Total 110

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To Hiongery ... 17
Tripatore ... 26 3/4
Vaniambady 14
... 12 3/4
Vellore ... 31 1/2
Madras ... 88
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This Hill commands a view of the Boundary for many miles and an extensive prospect of Jeypoor Country to the Westward while on the other quarter it looks into the Hironagary Tripatore and Paul Kode Valleys The Entrance of and the Country beyond the great Odeadurgum Pass are distinctly seen, but I humbly conceive it might be attended with considerable advantage to extend the Chain as far as Chinnoyendroog a Hill Fort situated near the principal roads that lead thro' this and the Baramahal Pass to the Mysore Country

I refer to the Sketch which accompanies this report it will appear that the proposed Line of Stations Comprehends a

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a Commanding View over the adjacent Country,
and that part of the Frontier situated near the
Pedinaigdurgum Timmampatt Bomanbindah,
Capidenaddy, Boodicottah, Rykottah Odeadurgum
and Rutnagherry Passes.—

8th Without recurring to the circumstances
of former Wars the situation of the Country,
above the latter Pass renders it probable that
in the event of an invasion of the Carnatic
the Enemys route will be as formerly by Ma-
=droog Dingarpettah and Changamah, and the
same local advantages may suggest it as the most
direct and convenient for the Marches four Armies

9th The open and defenceless state of the
Country between that part of the Frontier
and the Coast will naturally point it out as
the Seat where the progress of his predatory
incursions is least likely to be checked and the
circuitous Lines of communication from his
Capital to the Mugli Pass Northward, or the
Guzzelhatty to the Southward do not appear so

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will adapted to a plan of offensive operations
as lay the Route of Odiadurgum and Changamah

10th The earliest communication of the
Enemies advance in a quarter where the effects
of his hostile incursions will be most felt
is an object of no inconsiderable moment;
and whether we consider its Political advantages
as affording speedy intelligence of the most
interesting nature to the Head of Government
or the benefits likely to accrue from the means
of spreading general alarm thro' the whole
Country thro' confidence of whose Inhabitants
is always proportionate to the means provided
for their security yet should not be treated,
but as a subject that requires the most
serious attention.

11th Of the Stations which I have proposed
Chunroyendroog Rykotah Kisingerry Congoondy
and Amboor are fortified garrisoned and in
the charge of European officers Nuleconjan-
droog Coolargum and Carnatiguim are
fortified and Garrisoned by Hon. Highness's
Sepoy

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The Nabobs Troops Mahrattas &c might be made, at a trifling expence, tenable post, and Carangooly has been rendered secure by Mr. Law the Collector of the Jaghire

The Hill of Chinglepatt is in some measure protected by the Fort and the Vicinity of Vandelour and the quarter Sears to the Mountt and Madras, may make it less necessary to Fortify them— Besides the Natural difficulty of approach to Chilla= =patt, which, as I have before observed, might be rendered nearly impracticable by the repair of an old Barrier, the Pagoda of Nurringcoam situated at 120 Yards from the Base of the Rock and incompassed by high Walls, is of itself a very secure post, against the attacks of irregular Troops of sixteen Stations, therefore, these only, will require fortifying— Viz— Mandewash, Poloondah,

and

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and Colodee and a small espoined will wonder
them secure -

12th Having thus gone thro a particular
connected a Chain of Communication from the
Frontier to Madras, and annexed such observations
as I trust may in some degree Convey the
information which you are desirous of receiving
I shall now proceed to give you a short
account of a few experiments made on the Hill
Forts of Rytotah and Hungary; in order to
ascertain the most practicable Method of
effecting the proposed Communication -

13th It may be found necessary
employ Natives in communicating the
Signals from one Station to another, I have
endeavoured to adopt such, as being most
simple and best suited to their Comprehension
will consequently be least liable to mistakes

Signals 14th I found by repeated experiments, that
smoke produced from fires laid compleatly on
the ground, never rose to any considerable height
that

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but on the contrary were either dispersed by the Wind, or united into one Column and appeared as such at the distance of a few Miles - Therefore erected a furnace its demensions being in height 14 feet Length 12 feet and 4 in breadth The furnace was devided into two parts by a Grating one end of which being the Chamber on the other a Flue and Inverted Cone at the extremity of the Chamber, there was a small door by which it was filled and replenished with fuel, and when lighted served to admit a sufficient Quantity of Air to drive up the smoke thro' the inverted Cone or Chemney The fire was Composed of wet and dry straw, and altho it emitted a thick Column of Smoke yet the wind did not permit it to rise above 3 Feet Being thus disappointed in my expectations of producing a sufficient Volume of smoke from Common fuel - I had recourse to combustibles and on setting fire to a quantity of Blue light

light

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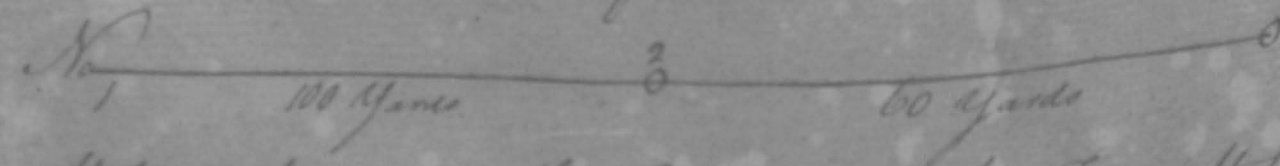
Eight Compositions of produced a thick Column of white smoke which was forced up to the height of 5 or 6 feet before the wind could disperse it — It continued to burn with equal Vivacity for a minute and 40 Seconds — I then tried a common Signal Blue light, which afforded a more brilliant and reflective light for the Space of one minute and 35 Seconds —

Having thus established some data on which I could found my experiments with tolerable accuracy I proceeded to Rybotah which is 12 ¾ Miles in a direct Line from Hangary — I planed three Pots of Combustible matter on the top of Rybotah at the following distances, and in a direction nearly perpendicular to the Line of Communication —



No 1 was placed on the Peak near the Flag Staff No 2 on the Southern extremity of the Rock —

Fired

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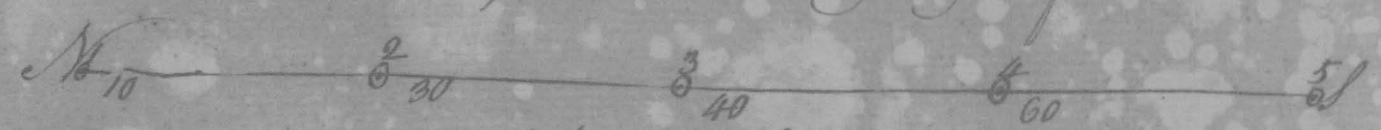
Five were placed on Hisingerry as follows —



and extending in a N and S direction.

Those were placed in the above manner, to determine at what distance it was possible to distinguish them from each other.

16th The fires on Rytotah were discovered with considerable difficulty from Hisingerry nor could the number be distinguished without the assistance of a Glass and I was informed by Mr Pasley, that the Sentry would not have perceived the Smokes, had he not previously been instructed to look out for them — In less than two Minutes the repeating smokes on Hisingerry were distinguished from Rytotah, but the number was indiscernible even with a Glass, as the whole Hill appeared covered with a vast cloud of smoke.

17th At night the same number of

Blue

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Blue lights were placed on each Hill and at similar distances from each other of fifty Seconds after the Lights on Ry Kolah were displayed the repeating ones were perceived on Hungerry and the Sentry counted the exact number with great ease I understand from Ensign Reilly that those on Ry Kolah were perceived with the same facility and removed the rapidly with which they were answered, is a sufficient testimony of the correctness of this report.

18th The following Day three smoke were made on Ry Kolah in the same situations as those on the preceding experiments and produced three Fires, Consisting of dry Straw wood Cinnamon Leaves and coal in the Center, and green Leaves about the

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I was informed that they were scarcely discernible
even with the assistance of a Glass, as the
smoke soon dispersed and could not be distin-
-guished from the surrounding Clouds — The
Fires that were lighted on Risingerry the
preceding day, having been found too near
each other it was deemed expedient to light
only three and to remove them to the distance
of 50 Yards a part of these one was made
of dry stove wood, another of wet straw and
green Bushes, and the third of dry straw — The
smoke produced from the two latter was then
and white, but the former burned with a
considerably fiery colour which may be attributed to
its combustible State, having been exposed more
than five years on the Summit of the Rock

of

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of the three mentiones one alone was discernible by the naked Eye from Ryakolah and the other two could only be distinguished with the assistance of a Glass.

19th Altho the above course of experiments has not been attended with that success which I had promised to myself on Hills where almost every object is visible by the Naked Eye, yet it is some satisfaction to know that the following important data has been clearly ascertained and defined —

Result 1st That it will be impossible to convey intelligence by smokes produced from Common fuel when the distance is 12 Miles in a direct Line.

2dly That smokes produced from combustible matter may be used for the purposes of communicating one front

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Intelligence

3d & 4 That Blue lights during the night

are well calculated to communicate as many

signals as the space on the different Hills

will allow.

20th A principal objection to the method

of communicating intelligence by smoke

from combustible matter, inclusive of the

difficulty of distinguishing them in the shortness

of their duration (not exceeding a minute and

a half) and when the negligence and inattention

of all descriptions of Natives who are left

to themselves, is considered, it will most

probably be found impracticable, to establish

the above method of communication, which

requires the utmost activity and intelligence

in the persons, who are to be employed in

conducting it:—

21st The consideration of these circumstances

obliged me to think of some other method of

establishing a communication by day, which

While

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while it possesses all the simplicity of the former, is not subject to the same inconvenience

22nd I considered that the end proposed by the use of smokes was to produce a sufficient column which might be discerned from one Station to another, and I have suggested the reasons which appear to render that impracticable; if therefore a Column is to be erected whose superficies may be encreased to such an extent, as to render it clearly perceptible at the distance required it is imagined that the object in view may be sufficiently attained.

23 I think the duties of my Station I have required my attendance at this Presidency I should be concerned to leave so important a subject in its present unfinished State, and am therefore extremely anxious to be completed at by such a series of experiments, as will determine the practicability of the method which I have proposed to substitute

for

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for smokes, and as the expence attending
this trial will be very trifling, I entertain
no doubt that the Commander in Chief will
accede to any recommendation you may be
induced to make towards my receiving such
assistance as will enable me to prosecute my
enquiries at Madras.-

24th Before I close my report I beg leave to
acknowledge the assistance which I have received
from Ensign Pasley, who accompanied me on my
Tour.-

I have the honor to Remain
&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho.s Sydenham
Lieutenant

Fort St. George
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List

3 Pairs of Dungaree (or other white Cloth) each
Pair to be 30 feet in length by 12 ...
6 Palmira Trees, as high as can Conveniently be
obtained.-
3 Pairs of Wood 13 feet in length
1 Country Rope 100 feet long or three Pairs of 35 feet
each in length.-
A quantity of large Nails to fix
the Crop Beam between the Palmiras &c.
2 Carpenters and 10 or 12 Lascars to assist in fixing the
Palmiras and to make the Signals-
- Monsters and Pachaws to fix the Palmiras.-
And (if possible) an intelligent non Commissioned
Officer from the 2d Bn. Artillery to inspect and the ordering
of the signals on the Quarter Star Hill.-
(Signed) T. Sydenham

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× also three Lanterns Pairs
to fix the Centers of the
Flags &c. &c.

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Distribution of Artillery to the following Field Train and the Stations.—

Strength of the 1st Battalion Arnee .....
Do. ..... Do. ... Do. ... Wallajabad .....
Do. of the 2d. ... Do. ... Mount .....
Total Present Strength of the Artillery at the above Stations .....

	Rank & File	1st Tindals	2d Tindals
2 ... 18 Pdrs Brass each at	10	1	1
8 ... 12 "	9	1	1
32 ... 6 "	7	1	1
4 ... 3 "	6	1	1
4 ... 5½ Inch Howitzers	5	1	1
			Total ....

Total Strength of the 2d Battalion Artillery at the Mount .....
Required from Arnee and Wallajabad .....
Total detail required for the above Field Train .....
Remains of the 1st Battalion Artillery at Arnee .....

N.B. Officers, Drums and Fifes Puckallies, and Beasties not
and Lascars Drill Sergeant, Drill Corporal Drum and
acting as Lieutenant of 1 of the 2d Battalion Artillery
2 Syrangs 1 First Tindal 1 Second Tindal 1 Beastie
Gunners 4 Matrosses 1 First Tindal and 33 Lascars of
Commattie not Included in the above.—

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Number that will remain after completing it at the Undermentioned

	Lieut.t Colonels	Majors	Captains	Capt.s Lieut.s	Lieuts	Lieut.ts Fireworks	Sergeants	Drums Fifes	Corporals	Gunners	Matrosses	Total Rank & File	Sergeants	1st Tindals	2d Tindals	Lascars	Total
	1	"	1	"	2	1	8	14	8	7	62	77	2	4	5	256	267
	"	1	1	"	"	1	4	1	4	5	35	44	1	2	2	57	62
	1	1	2	2	8	7	20	13	23	36	207	266	14	24	25	673	736
	2	2	4	2	10	9	32	28	35	48	304	387	17	30	32	986	1065
Lascars																	
28							1	"	4	4	12	18	1	2	2	56	61
20							4	"	6	12	54	80	3	4	4	160	171
16							16	"	19	22	196	237	10	16	18	512	556
16							2	"	2	4	22	32	2	4	4	64	74
16							2	"	4	6	10	30	1	4	4	64	73
16																	
							25	"	35	48	294	337	17	30	32	856	935
							20	13	23	36	207	266	14	24	25	673	736
	1	1	2	2	8	7	5	"	12	12	97	121	3	6	7	188	199
							25	13	35	48	304	387	17	30	32	856	935
							7	"	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	130	130

-Distributed to the above Parts of Ordnance Sergeant, Majors of Europeans
-Fife Majors of each Battalion included in the above; 8 Ensigns
-included in the above 1 Sergeant 2 Corporals 4 Gunners 15 Matrosses
-and 16 Lascars of the 1st Battalion and 4 Sergeants 1 Corporal 5
-the 2d Battalion Artillery having posted the Invaliding &

Signd, W. Sydenham
M. G.

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Resolutions thereon

The Board are fully sensible of the very great importance in a Country so much exposed as the Carnatic in times of hostility has constantly been, to the predatory excursions of flying Bodies of Horse, of being able to keep up by signals a regular, and rapid communication between the different Garrisons and the most remote outposts; and they have noticed with particular pleasure the Correct and very masterly Sketch that, with this view has been drawn up by Lieutenant Thomas Sydenham.

The Board are happy in the opportunity they have of expressing the sense they entertain of the promising abilities and rising merits of Lieutenant Sydenham, who with the most commendable Zeal to promote the Service to which he is attached at at his own individual expence entered upon and very nearly completed a Survey and Plan which when perfected promise

to

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to produce the most important National
benefits.—

Resolved that the Commander in
Chief be requested to authorize Lieutenant
Sydenham to indent on the public Stores, for
such materials as he may require in the
prosecution of his undertaking.—

Resolved that agreeably to the
Commander in Chief recommendation immediate
orders be given to the Commandants of
Ryacottah, Namcul and Congoondy to convey
direct intelligence to Colonel Read of any
credible accounts they may receive of the
advance of any body of the enemy, towards
the frontier - and it is ordered that if Colonel
Read shall have reason to believe that
an enemys advancing to invade the Carnatic
he shall give immediate information of it
to Colonel Acton, who has received instructions
to act, accordingly.—

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Resolved that the Commander
in Chief agreeably to his recommendation
shall be requested to give the necessary orders
to the Officer Commanding the 29th Dragoons
to have the men of that Regiment instructed
in the Gun Exercise.—

Read the following letter from the
Military Auditor General.—

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

My Lord,

Report of Military Auditor General respecting the Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for December.—

I Having examined the Estimate
of the Military Paymaster General for the
Month of December 1798 I have the honor
to report that the Sum of three Lacks
Nine thousand three hundred and twenty five
Pagodas, Ten fanams and Nine Cash
(Pagodas 3,09,325. 10. 9.) is required for the
Payment

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

From the General Treasury 209206. 5. 50

By Bills on the Military Paymaster General . . . } 100119 . 4. 39

Pagodas - 309325. 10. 9

2 In the examination of Mr. Paymaster General's Estimate, it appears that the Balance of Cash stated therein does not correspond with the Sum noted in his Abstract of Reciepts and Disbursements Dated 31st October and as the Amount if deducted from the former is less by One thousand and Ninety Pagodas (1090) than that reported in the latter this Sum has not been considered admissible, or included in the Gross Total above mentioned.—

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

(signed) W. Sydenham
M.A.G.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort S. George
28th November 1798.

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Ordered that an advance of two Lacks

Cash ordered to be issued from the Treasury on the above account.

Nine Thousand two hundred and six Pagodas Five Fanams and fifty Cash (Pags. 209206.5.50) be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his estimated Disbursements for the present Month.

The President lays before the Board the following letter from Tippoo Sultan together with his Lordship's answer (entered also in C.C. Nos. 161. 162.)

Translation of a Letter

From the Nabob Tippoo Sultan Bahadur

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

Dated 20th November } 1798
Received 3d December }

From Tippoo Sultaun informing his hearing of the report he had heard of our preparing for hostilities and requests to be informed of the particulars of it.

I have lately learnt from report that, in consequence of the representations of designing people Military preparations are going on: Now as to the truth or falsehood of this intelligence, I yet

yet confidently hope it is without foundation

Under the auspices of the most high,

the Conditions of the peace established between

us were founded upon the most solid basis

Notwithstanding the observation

of these Conditions - our daily encreasing

friendship and amity and an intercourse of

friendly Correspondence; - it is surely

impossible that these reports can be altogether

yet, being so prevalent they have excited my

surprize and I have accordingly communicated

the circumstance in this friendly Manner - I

trust you will afford me the Satisfaction

of writing me on the subject -

My only object is the observation

of my engagements and the encrease of our

friendship - and my constant aim is to

strengthen and consolidate that friendship

to the greatest possible degree

I transmit a letter addressed to

Lord

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Lord Mornington - let it be forwarded to Calcutta -

Continue to afford me the pleasure

of your friendly and exhilirating Letters -

What more should I add

A true translation

(Signd) A. Falconar
Pr. Tr. to Govt.

To Tippoo Sultaun

To Tippoo Sultaun acknowledging the receipt of his letter - Expressing a hope that matters will be so amicably arranged with him by negotiation -

I have had the honor to receive your

Letter of the 11th Jemmadyul Cavy and have

felt very great satisfaction in the Friendly

disposition which it carries towards the English

Government and in the Desire which you have

expressed to preserve the Harmony established

between the two States -

The causes of the Preparations

which you mention, have been fully explained

to your Highness in the letter from the Governor

General which I have already forwarded to your

through

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Through the means of Major Doucton, and I trust that your desire to preserve the Bonds of Friendship will have induced you to acquiesce in the Proposal of Lord Mornington — I have forwarded to his Lordship the letter from your Highness. and, as you are already informed of his desire to adjust all matters by — amicable negotiation I can have no doubt that the same Friendly disposition on your part will be cause of great — " — Satisfaction to him —

Consider me earnestly desirous of preserving the Relations of Peace and Friendship established between us. and continue to favor me with your letters —

What can I say more

Signed Clive

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The President also lays before the Board draft of a letter which he proposes sending to Tippoo Sultaun in consequence of the late advices from Constantinople - (entered also in Cons. No 163 -

To Tippoo Sultaun

To Tippoo Sultaun informing him of the declaration of War on the part of the Porte against the French nation -

Reflecting on the Friendly disposition which your Highness has professed towards the English Government, and upon the opinion which a Prince of your enlightened understanding must entertain of the baneful and insidious Arts of Intrigue which the French Nation have constantly employed for the Subversion of all established Government and Religion, I have been induced to inform you, that since my letter of Yesterdays date, I have received authentic advices of the Sublime Porte's having been forced to declare War against that Nation by the unprovoked and

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and unjust attack, which they have made upon the Turkish Dominions in Egypt while — professing to observe an alliance established upon an Intercourse of long Friendship — Your Highness will observe from the inclosed proclamation published at Constantinople on the 1st of September the first — Indignation of the Porte at the Perfidy and Injustice of the French, who of all European — Nations have been the most favored, and have derived the greatest advantages from its Connexion with the Turkish Empire. —

Continue to favor me with accounts of your Health and Prosperity that the Bonds of Friendship may be cemented between us —

What can I say more —

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Signed Clive

agreed

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Agreed to

Clive

Geo. Harris

Chs Dallas

Andw Barclay Esqr