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5th Diary

Read the following Letter from

The Governor of Ceylon

The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor &c Council

Fort St George

My Lord

Iwas this day honoured with

the Letter of your Lordships in Council of the

Date of the 8th of this month, in which your

mention your Intentions of sending the

Dutch Prisoners of War to Ceylon, upon which

that the Fortifications at Trincomalie may

be destroyed and the Remonstrance of

your Dutch Inhabitants against certain Clauses

belonging to a Repeal of this Master which

was last in the Council of Manaar.

as to the First Point, I can

only repeat what I have already said, that

I shall be happy to receive those Persons, & to

forward

Upon the Governor of Ceylon representation of his apprehension of their power to receive the Dutch Prisoners on the Island of Cochin, and the Fort of Trincomalee, with a view to their being given to the Commandant of Manaar & Jaffna to make enquiries regarding the Disposition of the Natives of the Island of Trincomalee.

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I forward your Lordships Instructions to be of granting them what Indulgence they may receive with safety, and of reducing the Expences of our Honourable Employers.

The second Subject is of so great a magnitude and embraces objects of such Importance to the Safety of the Islands, that I hope your Lordships Council will not object to my taking some small Time to deliberate upon it. I am fully conscious of the advantage of which any Increase of your army in the Carnatic must be, in the present Circumstances, and shall be always desirous to reduce the Military Force necessary for the Defence of the Islands, to as small a Body as possible under the same Idea that the glorious Victory of

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5th of Sir Horatio Nelson has occasioned the
suspicions, which I before entertained,
that this Island would be probably
attacked. I can not however help observing,
that the Forces here, are at present barely
sufficient for Garrison Duty, and could
scarcely bear Reduction in a Time of
profound Peace, and that the arrangement
proposed can not from its nature be
perfected in time to give you any early
addition to your army. -

In Consequence of which you
have written on this Point, I have
given orders to the Commandants of Jaffna
and Mannar to enquire after the Property
said to belong to the Travancore vessel.
& to cause it to be preserved for the owners.

I have the honor to be,
&c., &c.,
(Signed) Frederick North

Colombo
21st November 1798

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5th

Read the following letter from

Bombay

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Bombay — giving assurance that every assistance should be afforded from Panighaut to the Collector at Dindigul, in order to subdue the Banditti who are infesting that frontier

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th October and to advise that orders have been issued consigning Harrisonville to the Dindigul Collector & requesting him to render every practicable assistance being afforded from Panighaut to the Dindigul Collector in the view of reducing the Banditti who infest the Collectorship frontier

Bombay Castle
16th November 1798

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

(Signed) "Jonn Duncan
" J Stuart
" Jonn Rivett
" Williams Page

Recd

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5th Received and Read the following

Letters Entered in Mil B. Nos 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23

From the Madras Committee -

From the Committee appointed to frame Regulations for the proposed Corps of Militia

Suggesting different particulars regarding the Militia proposed to be embodied - mentioning the backwardness of the European Soldiers in the Coast Companys Service / in sending on their names to the Town Major, as formerly directed

From the Governor of Ceylon

From the Governor of Ceylon -

enclosing different particulars respecting the supply Bullocks to the King Troops on Ceylon

From Lieutenant Montgomery

From the agent for the purchase of Horses -

The Commission he received for the purchase of horses will be fully executed in a much shorter time than he at first expected - as further supply can be easily procured, if wanted - States the difficulty he experienced in procuring money - he has drawn a

Bills

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5th Bill on Government for ten Thousand Pagodas.

From the Commandant at Trincomalee

From Colonel Champagné - transmits dispatches which had arrived at Trincomalee from the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, for this Government.

From the Commandant at Manaar

From Captain Macleod - transmitting an account of his disbursements in procuring intelligence in the Months of July, august and September.

From the Commandant at Malacca.

From Major Taylor - states that great apprehensions are entertained regarding H. M. Ship the Resistance - incloses Copy of an account that had been received at Malacca concerning the loss of a ship, supposed to be the Resistance. -

Substance of a letter from the Malabs

Received a letter from the Malabs entered in C.C. N° 164 - stating that his People will be unable to prepare the Basket

7609 Fort St George 1st December 1798.

5 No Basket Boats required on the River Bolar -

Received the following Letter

from the Governor of Cuglore. -

To the Right Honourable Lord Clive

President in Council
Fort St George

My Lord

From the Governor of Cuglore inclosing a Letter from the Nabob. -

I take the liberty of inclosing to your Lordship in Council an answer to a Letter of pure civility which I have received from the Nabob of the Carnatic. I subjoin Copies of the Letter and of my answer, and request the Forgiveness of your Lordship in Council for any informality in not sending an English Translation. in that I supposed that any Persian Correspondence would be so little extensive, that I did not think myself authorized to take for that Purpose more than one Moonshee. We, I thought learned in

that

7610 Fort St George 1. December 1798

5th What Language, has but an indifferent

Knowledge of ours. —

You must naturally have in

your Offices so many Persons employed

in the Business of Translations What

I can see it will not put you to any

Inconvenience. —

Columbo
9th November 1798.

I have the Honour to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Frederick North.

Translation of Letter

From the "Honble Fredrick North Governor of Ceylon
To His "Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. &c.

Dated 8th November 1798.

Recd 5th — 5th —

After Compliments

The Polite and friendly favour which

your

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8th
your Highness out of your gracious goodness did
me the honor to address me, under date
12th September, informing me of the friendship
and cordiality which, for a series of years, +
subsisted between your Highness and my
father, and expressive of the satisfaction +
which you anticipated on my approaching
arrival to take charge of the Government
of Ceylon. – I had the honor to receive on
the 7th Instant in the most opportune and
happy moment, and it yielded me inexpressible
Satisfaction. –

distinct

The cheerful messenger arrived with your +
gracious favour And like the breeze of the +
morning refreshed the Garden of my heart.

May the almighty long preserve
your Highness with Magnificence and Splendor
on

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5th on the Musnud of Power & Dominion.

Although I have not had the happi-
ness of a personal interview with your
Highness - yet, confiding in the Sincerity
of your approved friendship, the intercourse
of the heart may be constantly kept open. -

Consider me constantly desirous o
of receiving the pleasing accounts of your
health, and favour me frequently with
your exhilirating letters - I regret extremely
that the distance of this Situation will
protract this receipt. -

What more, can I say at the present
time Sadat. -

May your Life & prosperity
be permanent

A True Translate

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pers. to Government

Sent

7613 Fort St George 11 December 1798.

5th Sent the following Letters
in Mils. Nos 24. 25. 26.

To Captain Norris directing him
to proceed immediately from Nagore to the
Presidency.

To Mr Roebuck informing
him that Pagodas 209. 206. 5. 50. will be
advanced to him from the General Treasury
on his application.

To messrs Barlow, Richards,
Spencer, Palmer and Kirkpatrick, &
enclosing Copies of the Latest Intelligence

6th Sent the following Letters

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

Sir, I have the honor to inform you
that according to the desire of your letter

To Captain John Norris of the Edgecumbe

To the military Paymaster General

To the Secretaries at Bengal & Bombay Commissioners at the Malabar Coast Residents at Poona & Hyderabad. –

To the Secretary at Bengal informing him that a Copy of the Cypher &c &c has been

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Com.ds sent to Ceylon – informing him of the same time that there is reason to apprehend that a Copy of this Cypher has been lost & requesting to have the opinion of the Supreme Government as to what ought to be done in Consequence

6th

Your Letter of the 10th ultimo & Copy of the Honble Company's Cypher No. 11 has been transmitted to his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon. –

I am directed to request you will inform the Governor in Council that Lieutenant General Harris has communicated to this Government circumstances from which there is reason to believe that a Copy of that cypher has been lost

The copy in question was made for the use of Major General Matthews during the last War, & was committed by him to his aide de Camp Colonel George Hart, upon the sudden indisposition and departure of Colonel Hart from this Country the Cypher is supposed to have remained among his papers, but was not discovered by

7615 Fort St George 1 December 1798

6th by the gentlemen who has received charge of his affairs, nor has been found since his return to India. —

This circumstance has been disclosed by Colonel Hart the moment he discovered it, and the Governor in Council requests it may be submitted to the consideration of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council. —

Agreeably to the request contained in your letter of the 12 ultimo I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Governor General in Council a copy of the Minute referred to in the 51st paragraph of the political paragraph of the letter of the 15th October last. —

I have also the honor to inform you that the letter for his Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier, which was inclosed in your

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6th your letter of the 11th ultimo was sent to the Secretary at Bombay, as there was sufficient reason to believe that his vessel may had sailed for that place.

Fort St George
5th December 1798.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
(Signed) J Webbe
Secretary to Govt

To Major General Sydenham
Military auditor General

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 27th 29th 30th ultimo 3d & 4th Instant

The Right Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to decide that the

the

To the Military auditor General The Recruits drafted from his majesty's 52d 71st and 72d Regiments are entitled to Bounty on entering into other Regiments Capt Cuppage Commanding to be permitted to visit the Peninsula for one month

Fort St George December 1798

Month - Captain Brunton's offer of his services in the field cannot be accepted as his services are more widely & peculiarly required in the office of Accountant and Deputation can be made from the rates of Batta & Subsistence entertained in this majesty's late Establishment regarding the Pay of the Field Army Establishment - on behalf of the 29th Regiment - Her Paymaster at Masulipatam to pay the Family formerly at Guntoor amounting to the rates specified on the List which has been transmitted by the Resident at Hyderabad, and to draw a Bill on the Treasury in favor of the Paymaster General for the amount - authority granted for the payment of Sundry Bills and Vouchers, as per Letter

His recruits who embarked to join his Majesty's 52d. 71st. and 72d. Regiments on India are entitled to Bounty on being drafted to other regiments -

His Lordship in Council presents Captain Colin Campbell to visit the Presidency on private business for the space of one month.

The Governor in Council is perfectly sensible of the zeal, which animates Major Brunton, to offer his services in the field; but his Lordship judges that those services will be more particularly useful to the public in the Station which he now fills, he trusts that Major Brunton will continue to render that assistance in the office of audit, which has proceeded from the Honble Court of Directors as a substantial mark of their approbation.

In

7618 Fort St George 2d December 1798

6th

I am answer to the reference contained in your letter of the 20th ultimo from the commanding officer of his majesty's 29th Dragoons, I am directed to acquaint you that the Governor in Council considers it of essential importance to admit no deviation from the construction which has been put upon the Kings warrant in India, and as the warrant specifies that 8d and not 5d per day are to be deducted from the pay of the troops, who may be subsisted at the public expence or on board ships, his Lordship in Council directs that that such deduction shall be made from the non commissioned and privates of the 29th Dragoons.

The Governor in Council directs that the paymasters at Musulipatam may be authorized to pay the French families at

7619 Fort St George 4th December 1798.

6th at Coringa at the rate recommended by the Resident at Hyderabad, Wto draw a bill for the amount on the Treasury in favor of the Military Paymaster General; with the Supreme Government.—

The Governor in Council desires that you will authorize payments of the following bills and advances.—

An advance of Three Thousand four hundred & twenty eight Pagodas four fanams, and fourteen Cash (3478: 4: 14.) to Lieutenant D. Haviland being one third of the estimated expence of repairs authorized at Dindigul.

The inclosed bill of Lieutenant Colonel Frazer amounting to one hundred and eighteen Pagodas thirty one fanams & four Cash (118: 31: 4.) for repairs

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Fort St George 11th December 1792.

6th Despatch Cypher'd at Trichenapoly.

An advance of eighty pagodas —

eighteen fanams, & twenty eight Cash / 80:

18: 28) to Lieutenant Tolbervinghaw being

one third of the authorized expences at —

Kistnaghurry. —

The undersigned list of Stores forwarded

by the agent of supply, the balance of which

amounts to two thousand one hundred

& seven pagodas one fanam one cash / 2011: 6: 10)

an advance upon the undersigned —

indent of one thousand seven hundred &

twenty three pagodas two fanams, and —

sixty two Cash / 1723: 10: 62) to the agent

of supply.

The undersigned extracts from the —

principal agent for ways & Carriage Cattle

amounting to thirteen thousand / 13,000 / —

Pagodas. —

Phl

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6th The inclosed account of expences for erecting temporary stables for the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry amounting to sixty pagodas one fanam one forty Each /60.1.40.

The inclosed list of Bullocks presented as Histinaghery for which compensation is to be granted amounting to two hundred and ninety four rupees Vizt Rups /294½

a bill of the gun carriage &c. constructed amounting to one thousand one hundred and seventy eight pagodas and three fanams /1178 3/4.

The inclosed List of Hackery charge of Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud amounting to two hundred and twenty four pagodas twenty five fanams and fifty eight Cash /274.25.58. for repairs at Tanjore

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

(Signed) J. Webbe
Deputy Paymaster

Fort St George
6th December 1798.

To

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Tow Stores 4th December 1798

6th

To Lieutenant General Harris

Principal Officer Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the 20th 23d 27th and 30th ultimo with the several enclosures.

We have transmitted to the Governor General in Council your report upon the recommendations therein with a request that provision may be made for the use of a better quality for the use of the troops.

We approve upon your suggestion for a revision of the Gabions and Bombproofs with a view to an approbation of them for the protection of the Garrison Stores, and have directed the Surveyor

To the Military Board. The different departments have been directed to furnish the Board with Lists of the different Gabions and Bomb Proofs a Copy of the proceedings of the late Committee appointed to inspect the Gabions transmitted. The suggestions of the Board respecting the Manufacture and proof of Gun Powder shall be attended to on the next dispatch to the Court of Directors. The Storekeeper at Fort St. George is required to comply with the directions of the Board. The subject of Tent allowance has been referred to the decision of the Supreme Government. The recommendations of the Board regarding the

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Fort St George 9th December 1778

the unfortunate delay & mis-
carriage of the
Expedition of the
Hyderabad Detach-
ment has also
been transmitted
to the Bengal
Government & appli-
cation has been
made to the Bengal
Government for the
quantity of Powder
required for the use
of this Presidency
in the Course of
the ensuing year.
The different Sug-
gestions of the
Board respecting
Gram appear to
the above Points
in the Service
to be employed
in conveying
Rice from the
Providency to
Vellore the Engineer
of Fisheries to
be directed to
Construct two
Boats according
to the plan laid
by the Board
before Government
authority has been
given for the
payment of the
several Bills &
advances recom-
mended by the
Board — The
several Papers
relating to the
Spirits furnished
by Mess.rs Lambert
& Reparez have
been omitted — The Chief
Engineer has been
authorized to
indent on the
Board for the
different arti-
cles he may
require towards
completing equipping
his Department —
The Garrison
Storekeeper has
been

several Departments to furnish the Cattle
your mention: we also ordered agreeably
to your request a copy of the proceedings
of the late committee appointed to inspect
the gadowns —

We shall make the application
you recommended by the earliest dispatch
to the Honble Court of Directors respecting
the manufacture and proof of Gunpowder.

We are unwilling to believe
that the neglect of the Storekeeper at
Vellore to comply with your directions
is intentional, but we observe you
will inform him that, if the explanation
he may offer of his conduct is not
satisfactory to your Board, we shall
not fail to mark it with our displeasure

We have transmitted for
the consideration of the Governor
Government the report of your Board

report

Fort St George 11th December 1798

Leave in Consequence of the temporary Scarcity of Rice, authorizing to retail to the Inhabitants of Madras a quantity not exceeding Five Garce Pary – at the rate of 70 Pagodas P. Garce. –

6th upon the expediency of establishing Contingent allowance to all the Officers under this Presidency, and Board it expedient to avoid any change until we may receive the decision of the Governor General in Council. –

We have also forwarded to his Lordship in Council your explanation of the supposed delay and dispute in the equipment of the Guntoor Detachment and trust that it will remove all impressions of that nature from the minds of the Supreme Government. –

We have applied to the Governor General in Council for the quantity of Gunpowder, which you state to be required for the use of this Presidency during the ensuing year. –

We

7625 Fort St George 11 December 1798

Sir

We entirely approve your arrangement for the removal of the grain in Store at Trichinopoly, as well as your suggestion for the delivery of the remainder of the Grain to be provided by contract for the 19th Dragoons and 3d Regiment Native Cavalry and accordingly desire that the orders, which are necessary, may be issued. —

As there appears to be so much difficulty in procuring the Store we think it right that the Spare Bullocks in the public service should be immediately employed in transporting to that place a sufficient quantity from the

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Fort St George 11 December 1798

6th

The Storeship at the Presidency, and
point what measures may be taken
for this purpose. —

We desire that means
may be sent to the Engineer at
Trichinopoly for constructing two boats
according to the plans which you have
now laid before us, one of the boats
to be employed upon each branch
of the river Cavery.

We have authorized
payment of the several bills &
advances, which you have recommended

We enclose for your
information the several papers
which have been received from Bengal
regarding the Spirits furnished by

Mssrs

7607 Fort St George 4th December 1798

4th Majors Lambert and Ross for the use of this Presidency in consequence of your application dated 12th September last.

We have authorized the Chief Engineer to indent upon your Board for the Carts & Cattle, which may be required to carry the Engineers Stores, and to the further extent that may be necessary for completing that Department for field Service.

In consequence of a temporary scarcity of rice in the neighbourhood of the Presidency we have ordered the garrison Storekeeper to supply the Troops at the Presidency, the Mount and Poonamallee with rice from the Stores at the usual rate of 70 Pagodas per garce, and to open Godowns for the retail sale of five garce per day to the inhabitants at such a price as

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Fort St George 11 December 1798

6th

The Stores at the Pondicherry, and
Covrt Thos Meaviers may be taken
for this purpose. —

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may be sent to the Engineer at
Trichinopoly for constructing two boats
according to the plan which you have
now laid before us, one of the boats
to be employed upon each branch
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6th as may indemnify the Company all charges included. —

Fort St George
6th December 1798.

We are
&c., &c.,

(Signed) Clive
Vice Counsel

7th Sent the following letter to Bengal

To the Right Honble The Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord

We have had the honor to receive your Lordships letters of the 5th and 14th ultimo —

We have already had the honor of transmitting to your Lordships in Council a Minute of the Commander in

to Bengal — The Report of the Prize Jury Board regarding the Comparative Expence of furnishing Officers with Camp Equipage or of granting them fixed allowances, harmonized — Endorsing a Statement of the Grain and other provisions now in the several Forts &c. under this Presidency — stating the Quantity of Gun Powder that will be required in the Course of the ensuing Season — Report approved that the Application which this

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Fort St George 11 December 1798

This Providency has on the present to Vice Admiral Rainier is very pressing. —

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your Lordships information a Letter in Chief containing a plan for enabling a large portion of our army to be in constant readiness to move against our enemy upon all sudden emergencies. —

We have also transmitted to your Lordships in Council a report of our Military Board upon the most eligible mode of providing draft and carriage cattle with the camp equipage and ordnance in store at this Providency.

We have now the honor of submitting to the consideration of your Lordships in Council a report of the Military Board at this Providency upon the subject of granting batt allowance to the officers of our army instead of providing them as heretofore with camp equipage at the

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7th The public charge, and we beg leave to request your determination whether upon a permanent plan the convenience of making that allowance general is sufficient to compensate the heavy increase which it will produce in our Military Establishment.

Upon this subject we beg leave to apprize your Lordship in Council that it is not our intention to make any change in the present mode of supplying our army with camp equipage until we may be favored with your sentiments

In further compliance with the directions of your Lordship in Council we have the honor to enclose a statement shewing the quantity and present condition

of

7631 Fort St George 7 December 1798

Yrs of grain and other provisions in store and
the several forts and ports under this
Presidency. —

We also take this occasion of
informing your Lordships in Council
according to the desire expressed in your
Sub Secretary's letter of the 6th of August
last that we shall in the course of the
ensuing year require from Bengal a
supply of Gun powder to the extent
of Lbs 3,60,000 or six thousand bbls
barrels

We have already informed your
Lordships in Council that you had ordered
a report to be prepared upon the
present state of the several forts &c
the Carriages from the inspector Generals
Mar

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Fort St George 5th December 1798

7th now before the Military Board, and we shall be mindful of losing no time in transmitting it to Bengal.

We beg leave to assure your Lordship that we shall be anxious to afford his Excellency the admiral all the assistance, of which this Presidency may be capable, but we are concerned to add that our means of doing so upon the plan suggested in your Secretary's letter of the 6th of October last is very immaterial, as our annual contains only two carronades.

Fort St George
5th December 1798

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

To

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To

To The Right Honble The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord

We have had the honor to

receive your Lordship's letters of the 5th and

14th ult.o

We beg leave to offer our

acknowledgments for the latitude which

your Lordship has been pleased to allow

us for the eventual disposal of Major

General Bird, and we shall not hesitate

to avail ourselves of it, if circumstances

should render such a measure necessary. —

We are concerned that your

Lordship in Council has not the means

of relieving us from the French prisoners

at

To Bengal. Thanking the supreme Government for having given to this Government a latitude in respect to the disposal of Genl Bird & suite. Regrets that the supreme Government should be unable to adopt any mode of disposing of the French prisoners of this presidency. —

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Fort St George 5th December 1798

Ext at present confined at Madras, but as you must be fully sensible of the very great inconvenience of their residence here in the event of war in the Carnatic, we have no doubt that you will take the earliest opportunity of enabling us to remove them.

Fort St George
5th December 1798

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

8th

Received the following Letter

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

From the Military Board, recommending different payments & Advances &c

My Lord,

I Having found it necessary towards the equipment of the Bullocking Train

7635 Fort St George 1. December 1798

8th Train, and its Magazine, to authorize an Indent for various Military Stores upon the Agent of Supply, the estimated amount whereof is about six Thousand /6000/ Pagodas, and the necessity for an immediate provision of those Articles being such as appears to Us to warrant a deviation from the established Regulation relative to advances of Cash, We accordingly recommend that an advance on that account of Pagodas 3062:32 :- be made to Mr. Webb upon the inclosed Indent.-

2nd We have the honor to lay before your Lordship the inclosed Bill of Colonel Gent for repairs made under his superintendence to the Smith's Shop in

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Fort St George 7th December 1798

From the Resident at Hydrabad - inclosing different Copies of Correspondence that had passed between him and the Paymaster of Masulipatam - regarding the Payment of the French Families who may be left at Guntoor. -

Fort St George
7th December 1798.

We have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most
obedient
humble Servants

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

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

We herewith transmit for the information of the Honorable Board copies of any correspondence with the Paymaster

8th in the Arrival of Fort St George, which Bill, being supported by the necessary Voucher, and amounting to Pagodas 154: 40: 1. - We recommend may be passed for payment. -

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Fort St George 1st December 1798

8th Paymasters at Masulipatam on the subject of a monthly allowance to the families of the officers and Sergeants of the late French Party, and on hopeful that the arrangement I have therein suggested may be approved of by his Lordship in Council. —

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

Hyderabad 1st December 1798.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

William Gordon Esqr
Paymaster at
Masulipatam

Sir

As I understand that the payment of whatever Military may be

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Fort St George 11 Diumber 1798

8th Stationed at Bourga is the nearest Depot and
permit me to request you will have the
Goodness if possible to make some
arrangements for issuing a certain monthly
Allowance to such Families of the Troops
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

Fort Stanwix 4th December 1798

4th allowances when in his Highness the
Nizam's Service, and though I cannot
take upon me to say to what extent
they may be continued to them by
the Superior Government, yet as there
can be little doubt of some provision
being made for them until they can
be otherwise disposed of, you may
Imagine without any more specific
to Send of their Families as many
be left at Coringa, a Monthly
Subsistance equivalent to one third,
or at least one fourth of the Sum
standing opposite to the name
of those whose they may respectively
belong to. —

Permit

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8th 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. —

Hyderabad
22d November 1798.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

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

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident at
Hyderabad

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under
date

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8th date 22d Instant, enclosing a list
of the officers, and Serjeants with
a Table of their allowances when on
his Highness the Nizam's Service - and
proposing "that until the orders of
"Government be received that I make a
"monthly payment of one third, or at
"least one fourth of the same standing
"as payable to the names of each"

I shall in compliance with
your desire immediately send orders
to my Vakeel at Sandoor to make
each of them from the 1st of next month,
a future monthly allowance of one
fourth, of the Amount under the
pleasure of Government is known. -
At the same time I take the liberty
of

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8th Suggesting that it would be more
convenient for me and should imagine
from the Situation of Coringa more
Comfortable for the families to reside
at Masulipatam for the obvious
reason they would be more Certain
of regular and Speedy Payments at the
place where I reside than at so great
a distance where I have only to
depend upon the Conduct of an Native
Vakeel. Were you Sir to Suggest
this to them they will no doubt
see the benefit of residing here

Masulipatam
26th November 1798.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

(Signed) Wm Gordon
Paymaster

A true Copy
(Signed) Jno A Kirkpatrick
Resident
Pdt

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Roll of French, and other Europeans late of the Party Commanded by Mr. Piron, under the charge of Major Dalrymple - with the Monthly Pay received by each.

		Pay P. Month R.s
	General in Chief	
1	Piron	
	Commandants	
	Gastaign	300
	Maranville	250
	Schasseldlle	311
	Guillaume Regnier	250
	Gaine	250
	Poquet	250
	Salanave	250
	Tardaville	250
	Regnier aîné	250
	Theodosphes	300
	Ferrier	250
	Séjourné	250
	Durufs	200
	Louis Condet	190
	Durand	200
	Fauvarde	250
	Le Tellier	200
	Guyon	250
	Malcrobran	125
	Bleau	125
21	Pipon	125
	Adjutants	
	Guyon	100
	Printemps	125
	Prudhi	100
	Mathurin	100
	Simonnie	100
	Munar	100
	Nicholas de Lamper	100
		100
8	Malaigne	
	Sergeants Majors	
	Brock	45
	André Mathe	31
	Millet	60
	augustin Regnier	60
	Jean Herbert	50
	Gaillard	80
1	Le Bouf	80

		Pay P. Month R.s
	Sergeants	
	Chatellier	40
	Jean L. Duguesclin	45
	Asia	40
	Pierre Champagne	35
	Cabit	35
	Antoinine	40
	Le Boudlle	40
	Paul	30
	Francois Neuville	40
	André Minter	45
	Parvis	35
	Chantier	35
	Satanas	30
	Grulle	35
	Chapsse	30
	Frantzon	40
	Jean Pierre	35
	Polardeau	30
	Jacques	30
	Lebourne	35
	Simon	30
	Despres	30
	Poudhar	40
	Miller	40
	Le Chartre	40
	Caumont	50
	Raison	40
	Billet (Germain)	50
29	Lacte (do.)	40
	Canonniers	
	Mathe	28
	Michel	30
	Giraudeau	25
	Rust	25
	Pierre	25
	Hommes	35
	Lucas	25
	Boulen	35
	Morlay	25
	Las	25
	Gurge	30

Roger

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	Roger	40	
	Balen	40	
	Martin	27	
	Gonsale (Portuguese)	35	
	Manuel Ferdinand	25	
	Manuel Alphonso	25	
	Joseph Vincente	25	
	Jose Antoni	25	
	Jose Joachim	25	
	Josuent Laurence	25	
	Francisco Sage	25	
	Juan Perez	25	
24	Manuel Alves	25	

Marshal des Logis.

	Mannier	70
	Le Blanc	50
3	Rwillon	36

Carcanna or ordonnance

Department.

Chefs.

	Hiron	350
3	Balandreau	350
	Gambre	150

Orfevre (Goldsmith)

1	Gunty	50

Mre de Mesoques

1	Laville	250

Surgeons

	Banzer	200
3	Teignard	200
101	Total European	100

Half Caste of Pondicherry and Mer Island.

Serjeants Major

	Louis de Faire	80
	Albert	60

Tambour Major

	Rabilo	35
	Adolpho	30
	Laurence	25

Musicien

	Lemoine	60
	Davot	40
	Carmonnier	25
	Jacob	20
	Lurgues	25
	Tellier	25
	Mugot	20
	Lemoine	30
	Miguel	35
	Louis Millot	60
	Loudon	25
	Honore	

Serjeants.

	Perez	80
	Alexis Ferdinel	50
	Etienne Ferdinel	50
	Daniel	30

Adjutant

2	Fanthome	100

Indians

Total Rupees 10 507

(Signed)

J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

Steve Copley

(Signed)

J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

William

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8.12

William Gordon Esqr

Paymaster at

Masulipatam

Sir

I am favoured with yours of the 26th Ultimo, and am much obliged by your ready Compliance with my Request respecting the Families of the Officers & Sergeants of the late French Party.

As Monsieur Piron, and his Officers will in all probability have embarked from Cuddalore before a Letter from me could reach them, you will oblige me by signifying in my name if you think proper to such of their Families as may be left behind, that it is necessary they should repair to Masulipatam

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Manifestation in order to enjoy the benefit of the arrangement which I suggested to you in my late letter. There can be no doubt I imagine of their availing themselves readily of such an intimation. —

I have the honor to be,

Hyderabad
1 December 1798.

&c &c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

To
Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Fort St George

From the Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Copies of

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information of

7647

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Disbursement Letter relating to the Difficulties which the Paymaster to the Coast Troops of the Nizams Subsidy Contingent was likely to meet with in obtaining Assistance as Paymaster to the Bengal Troops

Sir

I have the honor to be, by this day's Dawk of the Right Honble Board, Copy of my Letter of this date to the Secretary to the Supreme Government, and of the Enclosures therein referred to.

Hyderabad
28th November 1798.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

G. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Fort William

Sir

I herewith inclose for the notice of Government Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster to the Hyderabad Detachment, and of my answer to the same, and trust that in consideration

I

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8th of the obstacles which may shortly arise to Captain Kennie's stepping up the more speedy Communication with Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman's Detachment, the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council may be induced to sanction Captain Hennings's Continuation in the office of Paymaster to it, untill the objections offered by Mr. Cherry against taking immediate Charge cease in some way or other be obviated. -

Hyderabad
28th November 1798

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

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

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Captain James Achilles Kirkpatrick
Resident at the Court of
Hyderabad

Sir,

Notwithstanding the tenour of my letter of the 21st Instant in which I had the honor of appraising my readiness to take charge of the office of Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment not there forwarding any difficulties to prevent my discharging the duties attached to it, but on a more deliberate consideration of the subject and a closer inspection of the duties of the office, many obstacles have presented themselves which I could not at first be aware of— I beg leave to submit them to you, and so far to correct my letter before alluded to, as

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8th as to hope that I may still be at Liberty to re-
-cclude the Office. - Having received the Correspondence
of the Detachment orders of the 24th Instant upon
Captain Hennings's in order to inform myself
of the various duties attached to the Station
of Paymaster to that Detachment, I found it
would be necessary for me to Keep an regular
Correspondence with the different Public
Offices under the Presidency of Fort St George as
I have do under those of Fort St George, the
particulars of which are as follows - Viz. I
Kept a day Book - a Book of regular -
Disbursements - Duplicates Copies of which
are monthly transmitted to the Office of
the Military Paymaster General, a Book
of Contingent Disbursements and a
Book of accounts Current Copies of
which are also transmitted monthly to
the Office of the Military Paymaster
General.

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8th General Book containing report of arrears and Estimate of the Sums required to pay the troops. also abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements to Copies of which are Monthly transmitted to the offices both of the Military Paymaster General and Military auditor General. a Book of Statements as furnished monthly by all officers drawing cash either in Bills or abstracts. and a Letter Book, which includes Correspondence with the offices of the Military auditor General, Military Paymaster General, Paymasters of Extraordenaries, and the Military Board, also with all the different Collectors and Residents throughout Bengal Behar and Orde.

Independent of the responsibility that must attach itself to all Paymasterships and of the additional Wages that must accrue

7652 Fort St George 1st December 1798

8th Annexed to you from my being altogether unconversant of the Regulations of the Bengal Establishment, you will be considerate that their attention may pay to the Corresponding the above Detail and to the keeping a double Set of Accounts will be far more than upon my Issue not to prevent that necessary regularity in any other Department of Paymaster to the Madras Detachment, as is absolutely requisite - at least it must be obvious that an increase of Office Establishment adequate to the above duty is indispensibly necessary to prevent any falling in arrears - I would beg leave to have your Letter as Liberty to declare the appointment.

Camp
27th November 1798

I have the honor
&c
(Signed) Peter Chomley
Paymaster

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

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To
Peter Cherry Esqr.
Paymaster to the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir,

I have received your letter of
yesterday's date, and as I cannot take upon
me to decide on the Subject it treats of, I
shall lose no time in laying copies of it
before the Government of Bengal and
Fort St George, to the end that your
expectations of an eventual increase of Offic
Establishment may be taken into
consideration by the latter, and the n
requisite Measures be eventually a
also adopted by the former for t
transferring (if practicable) the charge
of the payment of the Bengal Detachments
here to the Deputy Paymaster of the
Bengal Troops on the Northern Circars.

I

7654 Fort St George 7 December 1798

8th In the mean while it will
be proper to immediately enquire that
the late acting Deputy Paymaster still
continues in charge of that office.

Hyderabad
28 November 98.

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

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

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

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Fort St George

From the Resident at Hyderabad intimating that he does not despair of being able to procure & consider number of Rangrits from the lately disbanded Corps and ordering copies of

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d ultimo

Wm Kirkpatrick

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Correspondence between him and Colonel Roberts on this Subject. —

8th Thought the Recruiting Service it here would no doubt have been materially facilitated by the admission of a small number of Commissioned Officers and upwards two or three of each Rank, yet I do not conceive of a considerable number of Recruits being also obtained by means of the Establishment which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has thought proper to entrust to Colonel Roberts of admitting a moderate proportion of Hindoos and Natives. —

I have the enclosed for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy of my Letter to Colonel Roberts on the foregoing Subject.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you for

7656 Fort St George 1st December 1798

Sir

For the information of the Honorable Board
that the four hundred Draught from the
four Battalions of Coast Infantry
required by your letter of the 10th Instant
left this seven days since for Masulipatam

Hydrabad
1st December 1798

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

Colonel G. Roberts
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment

Sir

I have to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing a
copy of one addressed to you by the Secretary
Noble.

Under the determination of
the

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To The Right Honble The Governor in Council

on the subject of your reference regarding the

admission of a few Subadars and Jemidars

for the purpose of favoring the recruiting

Service, it only remains for me to promote

that important object to your utmost by

availing myself of the latitude entrusted

to me by the Government of Fort St George,

for the admission of a certain number

of Non-Commissioned Officers, and which

I am hopeful may make you to obtain

a considerable number of good men, though

not so many of course as it would have

been in your power to procure, had it not

been deemed inexpedient by the Right

Honble the Governor in Council, to comply

with your recommendation on the above

subject

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8th Subject to its full extent. —

Hyderabad
1st December 1798. I have the honor to be
(Signed) J.A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

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

Received the following Letters noted
in Mr B. Nos 27. 28. 29. 30. —

From Colonel Wellesley

From Colonel Wellesley Enclosing
an application from Captain Mr Thomson for
the difference between half and full Batta
in consequence of his being in Charge of the
Recruits and Convalescents at Fort St George

From the Resident at Poona. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer
acknowledging Receipt of the Copies of
Intelligence transmitted to him on the 8th
Instant. —

From

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From the Commandant of Wallajahbad

8th From Lieutenant Colonel Shaw

Stating that the Garrison of Wallajahbad is likely to be shortly much distressed for Grain, and requesting that Supplies may be sent from the Presidency. —

From the agent of Dr Johnstuart M. D.

From the Honorable Board

Cochrane stating the considerable Loss that an agent to Dr Ewart, he was lately to incur by the Exchange lately established between this Presidency and Bengal and requesting that the amount of the Bill drawn by the Paymaster on the Island of Ceylon on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Dr Ewart may be discharged either in the Currency of the Place or by Bills on Bengal at the discount of the day. —

Received and sent the following Letters entered in Mis. B. N.o 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37.

From

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From the Military Paymaster General 8th

From Mr Roebuck Enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash for the Current Expences. –

From Dr – Dr – Endosing an additional Estimate of Cash for the Current Expences. –

To the agent for the purchase of Horses. –

To Lieutenant Montgomery desiring him to endeavour to extend his purchases for this Season to 500 Horses Communicating to him the Intention of Government if Circumstances should require it to employ a Seperate Corps of Cavalry in the Barramahl, and to reserve for that purpose the Money he has been authorized to purchase. He is in consequence to purchase fifty additional ones – He is to have the Command of this Corps on its return to the Presidency. –

To

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To the officer Commanding the Detach of Cavalry at the Presidency

8th To Captain A. Grant Communicating to him the wish of the Governor in Council to employ a small Corps of temporary Cavalry from the Men directed to be purchased for the Company's Sheds and desiring him to retain for this Service one hundred Troopers. He is to take Charge of this Corps until the return of Lieutenant H. Montgomery who will then command it. —

To the Chief Engineer

To Major General Ross. authorizing him to indent on the Military Board for the Carts. and Bullocks, and to entertain the Servants & people, that may be required to move the Engineer Stores — authority & given him to indent on the Military Board for whatever else he may require towards completely equipping his Department — Colonel Read has been directed

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8th Directed to prepare Barnacles for Scaling Ladders - Captain Norris has been directed to come to the Presidency. -

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Barlow transmitting a Certificate entitling Mr Jones to the benefit of Lord Clives Bounty, in order that she may, if no particular Objection occurs, be allowed to draw the Pension at Patna her present place of residence. -

To the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast. -

To Mr John Spencer Esq. -

Transmitting to their particular Care a Letter for his Excellency Admiral Rainier

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General. -

The

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Gd

The Right Honble Lord Clive

President & Governor in Council

of Fort St George

My Lord,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of yesterday's date, accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the preceding Month, amounting to one Thousand Pagodas (Pagodas 1000), I have the honor to report, that this sum is unobjectionable, being required for the purpose of making the advances directed in Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of the 22d. Ultimo to the agents for the Supply

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the Military Paymaster General's additional Estimate for Cash of 29th November

7664 Fort St George. December 1798

Sir

I have the honor to inclose for the supply of Military Stores at the Presidency

I have the honor to be with great

respect. -

Mil.y and Gen.l Office
Fort St George 1.st December 1798

Sir
Your
Most
Obed.t

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mil.y and Gen.l

Order of Council sent to the Clerk

of the Treasury

Order of Council
on the Military Department
Dated 8.th December 1798

order of Council in
Consequence of the
Military Paymasters
General's Letter of the
29.th instant

Ordered that an advance of one

Thousand Pagodas /1000 Pagodas/ be

made from the Treasury to the Military

Paymaster General on account of the

additional Estimate inclosed in his Letter

of the 29.th ultimo.

By order of the Right Hon.ble
the President in Council

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

Recorded

7665 Fort St George 9th December 1798.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Recieved a letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 165 Enclosing different Papers respecting a dispute that had arisen regarding of Allowances per Chittoor, & requesting the interference of the Governor towards the Adjustment of it

Recieved and Sent the following Letters entered in Mil. B. Nos 38. 39. 40. & 41.

From Captain Mc Leod &

From Captain Mc Leod.

requesting in the Event of the Army's taking the Field to be employed in the same processing of Intelligence in like Manner as in last War. –

To Mr Roebuck informing

To the Military Paymaster General

him that the Sum of Pagodas 1000 – will be advanced to him from the General Treasury on his application. –

To

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Fort St George 21 December 1798

To the Commandant 9th in the Ceded Districts

To Lieutenant Colonel Read,

Transmitting to him the Sum of Fifty Thousand Rupees

To the Military auditor General

To Major General Sydenham

Enclosing Estimates of Cattle required by the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency and the Paymaster at Innacondah for his Examination.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent a Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 166 Thanking him for the loan of his Elephants & Thanking him for the offer he had made of horse & Camels - Requesting that he will give orders to his Cummeldars not to throw any obstacles in the way of collecting the Bullocks required for the Public Service. —

Sent

7667 Fort St George 11 December 1798

10th Send the following Letters

To Captain J.A. Kirkpatrick

Resident at

Hyderabad

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge

the receipt of your several letters of the

17th 18th 19th 20th 21st & 22nd ultimo

Stating the full conformity

of talking every precaution to guard

against any cause of jealousy or

disgust to the Nizam's Government

from the detachment under the

command of Colonel Roberts the

Governor in Council has in conformity

with the desire of the Supreme government

furnished that officer with particular

instructions

To the Resident at Hyderabad - approving of the arrangement respecting the Elephants, informing him in reply to his suggestion on this subject that the Board's troops are always allowed to draw Rice from the public Store - at the rate of 170 Rup. P. Garce - which it appears does not on the Nizam's approving of the authority he has granted to Colonel Roberts for discharging the Elephants Belonging to the Department of the Commissary of Grain. The Subject of making such allowance to the officers of the Board's army has been submitted to the Consideration of the Supreme Government.

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10th instructions of which I have the
honor to inclose a copy for your
information.

The Right Honble the Governor
in Council is sensible of your attention
to his wishes in fixing the rate of
exchange for the payment of the
Coast Troops serving at Hydrobad, and
he has in compliance with your
recommendation fixed the exchange
for the present at 365 a. R.s Pos pagodas
to commence from the 1st of October
the day on which the detachment
entered the territories of his Highness
the Nizam.

This

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10th

This arrangement his
Lordship in Council considers
temporary, and will expect a further
communication of your sentiments
if circumstances should hereafter
make any change advisable.

In regard to the 1/8th Star
of rice, which was provisionally
granted to the Bengal troops, I am
directed to acquaint you that those
is a standing regulation of this
government which provides that
wherever the price of rice may
upon scarcity star pagodas per garce,
it is allowed to the Sepoys at that
rate from the publick stores, and

The

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10th The expence defrayed by the Company, if Therefore the troops of the Detachment should require this extraordinary aid the Governor in Council is desirous that it may be afforded them according to this regulation, and as he has been furnished with the directions of the Supreme Government for relieving the Bengal troops at Hydrabad, in order that the whole subsidiary force may be composed of Coast troops, it will be expedient to apply the same regulation to the Bengal Sepoys, if no material inconvenience is likely to arise from its adoption, and if the measure should occur before they may

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10th may be retired

The Subject of making such
allowance generally to the officers of the
Coast army has been under the
serious consideration of the Governor
in Council; but he has not thought
himself at liberty to decide a question
of so much consequence without the
concurrence of the Governor General
in Council

Under this idea and the possibility
of a junction at no great distance of
the parliament, his Lordship in
Council is unwilling to adopt an
arrangement, which, if considered
partial, might be dissatisfactory to the
whole of the army, and, if made general
would

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10 It would cease to be considered an advantage was by the Officers of the Establishment at the same time therefore that he has determined to positively a decision on this point he is perfectly sensible of the situation of the Officer and of your wishes, and will avail himself of the earliest opportunity of reading attentively on the subject.

The authority which you have granted to Colonel Roberts for discharging the extra Cuddalore and Servants in the Department of Commissary of Grain, and for confining that Officer to the agency for draft and carriage Cattle is perfectly consonant with the wishes of the Governor in Council, and it will henceforth be accordingly regulated. —

The

76/3

Fort St George, December 1798

10th

The Sentiments of this
Government upon the State of the
Hydrabad establishment will have
been fully communicated to you
in my letter of the 27th Ultimo

Fort St George
9th December 1798

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

(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt

To Colonel George Roberts
Commanding the Detachment
at
Hydrabad

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 2d Ultimo
I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honble
the Governor in Council approves that the rate

of

To Colonel Roberts
signifying him that
Government have
confirmed the ar-
rangement made
by the Resident with
Respect to the Cshoongy
- Government
concur in his
opinion as to the
propriety of discharging
the Etha Bullooks &
Servants in the Subsist-
ment of the Commissary
of Grain.

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10th of Exchange for the Detachment should be r
fixed at 365 a. a.t P.s fo Pagoda. and doe ac =
cordingly authorize the Troops to be paid at
that rate from the 1. October last. This at
arrangement however is considered as temporary
and the Governor in Council assure you by
ajprize you that it will be alterd whenever
circumstances may render it expedient.

His Lordship in Council concurring
in your opinion of the unnecessary expence
of the Commissariat Department, have ordered
all charges for the Bullocks used severall
to be discontinued, and the superintendent
of Lieutenant Galaseworthy to be confined
to the agency for accots and Carriage &
Tables from the date of Captain Kirkpatrick

Letter

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10th Letter granting you authority for
this purpose: —

Fort St George
8th December 1798

Sam.l Gov.r &c.a

Signed J. Webbe
Secretary to Government

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

In my Letter of the 7th Instant
I had the honor to inform you
that Roberts upon the subject of the expenses
contingent charges and disputes of
Government with the detachment under
his command. —

a copy of that Officers reply
with

To the military auditor general — informing him of the arrangements that have been made with respect to the Exchange in the Nizams Detachment — Informing him also of the charges that have been made in the Department of the Commissary of Grain

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10th with the inclosures I have now the honor to transmit for your information, & am directed to inform you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has fixed the exchange to be observed in paying the detachment at 365 a. R. Pags as and that the troops are to be paid at that rate from the 1st October last, the day they became chargeable to his Highness the Nizam

This however his Lordship in Council considers a temporary arrangement, and will avail himself of the Resident's information to introduce any change, which may be judged advisable.

In regard to the disposition of

7677 Fort St George 8th December 1798.

To Lieutenant Colonel Read
Commanding in the Ceded Districts

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge

10th Do. of Commissary Agnew the Governor in Council approves that the troops should be supplied from the public markets, and that all extra buildings and Servants should be struck off from the date of Captain Hardwicke's letter authorizing Colonel Roberts to do so.

I have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Your most
obedt Servt
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to Government

Do Colonel Read. Every encouragement is to be afforded to the Commissariat in the purchase and carriage of Grain which the Government have directed 50000 Rupees to be transmitted to him. Government will not require the application of the Ceded Revenues or Peishcush are

7678 Fort St George 11 December 1798

I do acknowledge the receipt of your letter
Dated 23.d ultimo -

The Right Honble the Governor
in Council having already authorized
the entertainment of the following number
of draft and Carriage Cattle upon
hire, which are required for the
public service, therefore it is necessary
that you should engage any from the
Carnatic or Ceded Districts upon
the same terms. -

The Govt are, which the Honble
in Council hopes to derive from
the Bungaries as distant in grain
or their own account in the event
of war, induces him to direct that
every encouragement may be held
out

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Wt out to this description of people

At this period it is impossible

for the Governor in Council to fix any

Period to the route by which the ranges of the

Bearers is to be made, by which the ranges of the

Bungarries may be calculated, but in order

that the encouragement is to be held out

to them may be substantial his Lordship

has ordered the sum of fifty Pagodas

rupees to be forwarded to you. —

This Sum his Lordship in

Council authorizes you to advance to the

Bungaries on such occasions, as you

may judge necessary to secure their

Services, but at the same time I am

directed to apprize you that an arrange-

ment has been made by the Resident at

Hyderabad with a principal Bungarry of

of

Fort St George 4th December 1798

10th of that place, by which the Same Sum of
fifty thousand Rupees is to be advanced on account,
and Security has been given for the repayment
of it in the event of their not being employed.
By this means the advance may secure the
service of this people; but can become no
actual expence to the Company.

The Governor in Council recommends
that a similar arrangement should be concluded
by you, but authorizes you, if this should
be found impracticable, to make the
advance upon the terms required by the
Bengalees. —

I am &c.

Fort St George
4th December 1798

(Signed) J. Webbe

A true Copy

Recorded

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10th Received the following Letters entered in M.P. Nos 42.43.44.

From Mr Roberts - requesting to be informed of the amount of the Monthly Charges of the Travancore Battalion while acting under this Presidency.

From the Secretary at Bombay.

From Lieutenant Charles Dallas - he has very little prospect of soon being enabled to complete the number of Horses he has been commissioned to purchase. - He shall take steps for having a further supply in readiness in case they should be required by the Government

From Lieutenant Dallas of the Cavalry. -

From Mr Roebuck transmitting an additional Estimate of Cash. -

From the Military Paymaster General

Order

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16th of that place, by which the same sum of
fifty thousand Rupees is to be advanced on account,
and security has been given for the repayment
of it in the event of their not being employed.
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services of this people; but can become no
actual expence to the Company.

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that a similar arrangement should be concluded
by you, but authorizes you, if this should
be found impracticable, to make the
advance upon the terms required by the
Bengalrees. –

I am &c.

Fort St George
9th December 1798

(Signed) J. Webbe

Sec. to Government

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From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck transmitting an additional Estimate of Cash. -

Orders

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Order of Council

in the Military Department

Dated 10th December 1798

order of Council in Consequence of the Military Paymaster General's Letter of the 10th Instant.

Ordered that an advance of Sixteen thousand Seven hundred and thirty four Pagodas Sixteen Fanams and Seventy two Cash / 16,734-16-72) be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 10th Instant. —

By order &c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe

Sec.y to Govt.

Sent the following Letters entered in Mil.y No.s 45-46-47-48-49. 50. 51. 52-53, 54-55-56.

To the military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck - Informing

him

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10th Sent him that the Sum of Pags 16,734..16..72.. will be advanced to him from the General Treasury on his application. –

To the military Auditor General

To Major General Lyonsthorn – Informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 16734.16.72 has been issued to the Military Paymaster General

To the Committee for superintending the Repairs of the Black Town wall

To the Committee for superintending the Repairs of the Black Town Wall informing them that the Board has been required to pay the amount of his Subscription on account of the Repair of the Black Town Wall, & desiring to be furnished with a List of those Natives that have not yet paid their Subscriptions. –

To the officer Commanding at Pondicherry

To General Brathwaite, transmitting to him Copy of the Attorney General's opinion on the Subject of the papers he laid before Government

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10th Government in September last

To the Military Board -

To the Military Board - desiring

that the Store Keeper at Dindigul may be

directed to admit on his Books the Provisions

which have been laid in Store in that

Garrison by Colonel Brown, & that the

Collection may be re-imbursed in the

amount he has advanced to procure them -

Enclosing Estimate of Repairs required at

the Fort Godown at Trichinopoly - enclosing

Copy of a Letter from the Commanding Officer

at Ganjam - Enclosing Accounts transmitted

by the Barrack Master of the Southern

Division - stating the disbursements he

had made in erecting temporary Barracks

at Porto Nov. -

To the Collector

as Penultimary

To Mr A. Taylor Enclosing to him

Copy of the Attorney Generals Opinion respecting

the

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10th. The Apology of Mr. Caillaud - & the Estate of
Mr. Collins, & desiring him to carry into
Effect the Suggestions of Mr. Sullivan on
both Points. -

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow transmitting Copy
of a Letter received from Mr. Collector Webb
respecting Rajah Nagoge Bhoonslah's
Complaint for the Information of the
Supreme Government. -

To Lieutenant Colonel Orme permitting
him to return to the Presidency - if the "
State of his health renders it necessary. -

To Lieutenant Colonel Orme (at Bombay)

To Colonel G. U. Hart. - Informing him
that the Bills &c. which he had laid before
the Board, on account of the advances
made by this Government to the 29th. Dragoons
for arrears due to them - Services to this
Company chargeable to the Company, "
were

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops

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were perfectly satisfactory. —

To the Medical Board.

To the Medical Board — Endeavg

to procure a List of Medicines requisite for

the use of the Island of Ceylon — with

Directions that as great a proportion may

be sent as can with propriety be spared

from the Medical Store. —

To the Commandant at Cuddalore

To Lieutenant Colonel Dupont —

Informing him that two Fanams a day have

been granted to him on account of the Prisoners

confined at Cuddalore on suspicion of

Murder. —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham &c

directing him to authorize the payment

of two fanams a day to the Commandant

at Cuddalore on account of a Prisoner

confined there on suspicion of Murder

Received

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Recieved the following Letter

The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, the undermentioned copy of a letter addressed to me under date the 2d of October 1798, by Messrs Kindersley, Watts & Co, Attornies to the Executors of the late Captain Meadh, who acted as Paymaster, & Deputy Commissary of Stores & Provisions, and Muster Master to a Detachment which proceeded from Madras in the Month of January 1796 under the Command of Rear Admiral Rainier on an Expedition against the Molucca Islands. —

from the military auditor General Encloses copy of a letter from the attornies to the Executors of the late Captain Meadh who requests that some allowance may be granted to his Estate in consideration of his having acted for a considerable time as Paymaster Muster Master & Commissary of Provisions to the Troops on the Eastern Expedition Recommends that Captain's pay & full Batta with an allowance of 100 Pagodas per month be granted. —

although I am not in possession of any

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11th any specific order issued by the admiralty on the subject, I have no reason to doubt his having appointed Captain Meadows to act in two of the above capacities, his countersignature being affixed to almost the whole of the Vouchers on which Disbursements were made by that officer as Paymaster and Deputy Commissary, the duties of which he appears to have executed from the period of the departure of the Squadron from Madras, until the Month of November following [1796] when she returned to the Coast in a very bad state of health, bringing with him the Vouchers only on which he had made his payments with the view of preparing therefrom regular Lists of Accounts which his death however prevented him from accomplishing: — The

allowance

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11.th Attorneys to his Question have stated that great pains have been taken by them in perfecting the intentions of the deceased, and that a considerable expence have been incurred thereby, independent of those which the late Captain Meuth might have been put to at Amboyna, and that they have left it to me to recommend to your Lordships in Council what I conceive to be an adequate Salary, and allowance for the Establishment to the deceased, during the time he performed the duties of those appointments. —

3.d With respect to Salary, I can only judge by comparison and as Government have been pleased to grant on several occasions to officers similarly situated, the consolidated allowance of Captains Pay and Full Batta, it will probably appear to your Lordships

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11th Lorasthope That the same allowances may be

applied in the present instance. —

4 a greater difficulty occurs in stating

an office Establishment in the Department

of Paymaster and Deputy Commissary, because

I am altogether unacquainted with the number

and description of Servants, the Deputy

might have had in his employ at sundry

during the time he acted in those capacities;

I am however satisfied that making up a

regular state of Disbursements into two

distinct Departments from a Mass of

Vouchers indiscriminately thrown

together, as these were, must unavoidably

be attended with considerable labor and

trouble, giving therefore all due consider-

ation to the subject of the office Establishment

which

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It which it may be proper to allow, I beg
leave to submit whether the Pagodas 8 Month
in the Paymasters Department, and
forty in that of the Deputy Commissary of
Grain and Provisions will not be ample
for both purposes. —

5 Having no Document in my
possession / Muster Rolls above specified /
to warrant my giving an opinion on
the claims preferred by the Attorneys of
Captain Oswald, to allowance on his
Capacity of Muster Master, I can only add,
that as such an appointment formed
no part of the Staff or the Detachment,
the granting the before mentioned
Salary and allowances will probably
appear adequate under every circumstance
of the case. — I have the honor to be, with great
Respect — &c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Gen.l Gen.l
Major

Military Auditor
Generals office
Fort St George
10th December 1798

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11th

Major General Sydenham
Military auditor General

Sir,

By an attorney to the
Executors of Captain Thomas Meadh
late acting Paymaster to the Eastern
Expedition – on examining his accounts
find no charges are made by him for
Salaries or office Establishment, either
as Paymaster, Deputy Commissary, or
Master Master, which we have reason
to believe was owing to his not knowing
what Government might be pleased
eventually to grant him – and that
he intended making Application
when he arrived on the Coast, but was
prevented by subsequent afternoon –

We

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11th We beg leave to state that great pains have been taken in transcribing the accounts since the decease - and that a great expence must necessarily follow, otherwise of what Captain Welch may have paid to Writers at Amboyna. -

Nine Months Disbursements out of the ten which he paid the Troops, have been compiled and audited, and the 10th and last Month is now ready for closing, but we have left it open for reasons which will appear obvious to you, on your perusal of the subsequent Paragraph. -

May we therefore request you will have the goodness to address Government

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11th Government on the Subject - and as you
best know the Salaries and Offices
Establishment of Paymaster, Deputy
Commissary, and Muster Master to
the Eastern Expedition - We leave it
entirely to you to recommend what
in your Judgment may be
sufficient. -

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

Fort St George
2d October 1798

(Signed) Kindersley Watts & Co.
Attorneis for the
Executors of the late
Capt.n Thos. Munro Dec.

A true Copy
(Signed) D Bruce
Aff.t Mr a. Genl.

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11th Sent the following Letter

To His Excellency
The Honble Frederic North
Governor of Ceylon

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your several letters of the 28th October 2d 5th 8th 9th and 12th ultimo to which we shall now respectively reply.

We should certainly feel much concern, if any part of the essais of this establishment were under your Excellency's orders should discover a reluctance in obeying your orders, and so we look upon them to be completely transferred to your authority, during their service on the

To the Governor of Ceylon Intimating to him that such Instructions have been Conveyed to the Medical Board respecting the reference made to them on the Subject of the Reports required by Dr Ewart, as will, it is hoped, obviate all Delay in future in Complying with any Medical Arrangement that his Excellency may judge necessary — no Medical Servant under this Presidency has a larger Salary than 500 Pagodas Pannums with the addition of 20 Pagodas Pannums for House Rent — the List of Medical Stores required for the use of the Island of Ceylon has been transmitted to the Medical Board with orders for it's being complied with — to the utmost Point that the State of the Stores of this Presidency will admit of. It is suggested that the best mode of procuring the supplies that may on failure be wanted for the Island of Ceylon will be to transmit official Indents for them to the Court of Directors

It

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It is suggested that it would be better that his Excellency the Governor should in future draw all Bills of Exchange on the Government as there is one further communication between the Subordinate departments on Ceylon, and those under this Presidency – Vid it is at the same time suggested that a Weekly Register of the Bills thus granted be transmitted to Government. –

11th The Island we had expected a late occasion previous to the receipt of your Excellency's letter furnished our Medical Board with such remarks upon the subject of the reports which had been made to them as well as with the reports required by Dr Ewart relative to the Hospitals we trust have left them no doubt of the correct policy of implicit acquiescence in the arrangement which your Excellency may judge it advisable to adopt.

In compliance with your Excellency's request we have the honor to inform you that the highest rate of pay granted to the first Medical Officers and under this Presidency is a salary of five thousand Pagodas per annum and an allowance of twenty Pagodas per month for house rent. –

We

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11th We have furnished our Medical
Board with the List of Medicines required
for the establishment of a general dispensary
in the Islands of Ceylon, and have directed
them to transmit by our conveyance (if possible) to Colombo as great a proportion
as can be spared from the publick stores
under this Presidency

In regard to the future supplies of
Medical Stores for the use of the Islands, we
take the liberty of suggesting that the official
indents for that purpose should be
transmitted in your dispatches direct
to the Honble Court of Directors according to
the practice observed at the three Presidencies

Your Gentlemen's letter addressed to the
Board of the Customs has been forwarded
to

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N.o 12 to his Highness

We have paid particular attention to your request upon the subject of bills to be granted on this Presidency, and beg leave to assure you that we have the best disposition to accommodate your Highness's Government upon this point. —

The Explanation which you have received from Mr Atkinson is correct, as to the cause of the discount upon the Bills granted by us in the Supreme Government, but we beg leave to acquaint your Highness that the scarcity of Silver continueing to upon bills have raised the Exchange so high, that the Governor General in Council has thought it more advisable to send no specie than to keep up that rate

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11th rate of exchange. As the further issue therefore
of bills on Bengal, in lieu of those which you
may draw upon us / for we have not always
the means of answering them in cash) must
continue to raise the exchange between this
and the Presidency of Bengal we think it is a
subject for the consideration of the Supreme
Government.

Mean while you may rely upon our
endeavouring to afford your Excellency all the
assistance in our power, and we take this
opportunity of suggesting that, in all direct
communications between the Subordinate
Departments on Bengal and those at this
Presidency, most care, that bills to
be drawn in future may be drawn by
your Excellency upon ourselves, and that
we may be furnished with a weekly
Register

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11th register of the bills so granted that we may provide the best arrangement in our power for the liquidation of them. —

Fort St George
9th December 1798.

We have the honor to be,
Hon.ble Sir
Your most
(Signed) Clive
Hon.ble Council

To The Right Honble
The Earl of Mornington K. P.
Governor General in Council

Fort William

To Bengal Enclosing Copies of the orders of this Government respecting the approved delays and deficiencies that there turned to be in the equipment of the Hyderabad detachment together with the different Reports that had been received on that subject — Subjoining a variety of particulars on the same point. —

My Lord

1st

In our letter of the 25th October we had the honor to reply, as far as circumstances then in our Knowledge enabled us, to the letter of your Lordship in Council of the 31 of the same month upon the supposed delay in the equipment and

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11th and 12th of the Hyderabad Detachment.

2d Having however in conformity with your further directions of the 11th October and 2d Ultimo judged it incumbent on us to call upon the Military Board and Colonel Roberts for more specific information upon the principal causes, which appeared from the representations of the Letter to have obstructed the progress of the troops, we now do ourselves the honor to enclose copies of our orders for this purpose, and of the reports, which we have in consequence received. —

3d Referring your Lordship in Council to those papers and to our letter of the 25th October we trust that the explanations they contain will be found to answer the intention of the inquiry which you directed us to institute. —

with

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11th

With respect to the opinion which your Lordships in Council has required as to the precautions which were taken for insuring a supply of money at Mauritius, we beg leave to inform you that all the Collectors of that district had been ordered to send their surplus cash to that place, & that therefore by ordering the Paymaster at Mauritius to supply the Detachment with money, we issued the only order by which such a measure was at that time practicable, for your Lordships in Council pleasure - Observe on reference to our letter of the 3d August last that the pursand for military pay and allowances - on that day standing against the Treasury credited the amount in our

Possession

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11th Suspicion a difficulty which compelled us at that time to raise money by bills upon Bengal at the very high exchange of 410 a. Rs ₹ 100 Pagodas.

Upon the whole we see no cause to change the opinion which we have already given upon the Manner in which our orders have been executed, except perhaps that Lieutenant Beaumont the Deputy Commissary of Stores may have been dilatory in reporting himself to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, and upon this point the report of our Military Board is the fullest explanation which we can offer until we can have Lieutenant Beaumonts explanation which we shall immediately call upon him for

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your
(Signed) Clive
& Council

Fort St George
9th December 1798.

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Substance of a letter to the Naboab &c.

Sent a letter to the Naboab entered in C.C. No. 167. Transmitting to him a letter from the Governor of Ceylon - Remonstrating him that he has not yet paid his " Subscription on account of the Repairs of the Black Town Wall.

Sent the following letters entered in M.B. Nos. 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.

To the military auditor General

To Major General Sydenham directing him to permit the attachment appraising against Captain Lieutenant Wood on account of the Batta he drew for the Lascars who were employed under him while he was doing duty at the two Stations of Amee and Vellore.

To Do — Do — Do — Informing him that the allowance of a Serjeant Major has

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It has been granted to Lieutenant Knowles while he continues to act as Adjutant to the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment at Palamcottah. —

To the Commandant at Trincomalee

To Colonel Champagné Informing him that his Claim for a compensation for the two Bungalos he has found it necessary to give up for the Sick of the 80th Regiment must be referred to the decision of Mr North

To Lieutenant Jos: Knowles

To Lieutenant Knowles — acquainting him that he is permitted to draw the allowance of a Serjeant Major from the time of his being employed as acting adjutant at Palamcottah. —

To Lieutenant Kathway of the artillery

To Lieutenant Kathway — His Application for some recompence on account of the Knowledge he has acquired in the Malabar Language cannot be decided on till a reply is received

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11th

received to the reference which has been made
to the Court of Directors whether or not the
Condition allowed by them to the Civil &
Servants that have acquired a Knowledge
of the Native Languages, shall be equally
granted to the Military Establishment

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the army

To General Bridges — The Charges
contained in the two Bills transmitted
to Government on account of the Travelling
Charges of Samuel Row late Vakeel, amount
to too large a Sum to be admitted of, without
a further explanation in Support of them

To the Commandant at Pulicat.

To Captain Godfrey — Trans-
mitting to him a Petition that has been
preferred against him by a Native Inhabitant
of Pulicat. —

To

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To the Paymaster 11th at Vellore

To Mr Gordon - directing him to keep at Wallajahbad the Provisions he has laid up in Store there till further orders -

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Tuesday 11th December 1798

William Petrie ...

and

Ernst William Tallofsid Esquires

Minutes of last Consult=

taken read and approved

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 recommending different payments and advances, & recommending to the favorable notice of Government Mr Wilks endeavours to establish a new Rope Manufactory which after repeated trials had been found to answer the most sanguine expectations. —

1st We have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Wilks's Letter of the 29th ultimo, - and to report that the necessary instructions have been given to Cope in consequence. —

2nd We do ourselves the honor to enclose a Bill from Lieutenant Colonel Greene of Engineers, amounting to Pags 179.32.40. for Buildings constructed under his Direction in the Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot, which Bill being supported by the prescribed voucher, We recommend may be passed for payment. —

3rd

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3rd We also recommend that an advance of three hundred £300 Pagodas may be made to Captain Lieutenant Wood of Engineers on account of fascining a second Gate in the Fortifications of Vellore. –

4th The Agent of Supply having in a Letter to our Board on the subject of Rope prepared from the aloe Plant suggested the expediency of supplying Rope of that description in lieu of Europe Rope, and submitted a sample of it for the purpose of undergoing any trial that it might be thought proper by us to direct, we have in consequence caused a particular inspection, and trial, of that Rope to take place, from which it

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11th It is found that its appearance promises well, and that, it is at least equal, when new, to the best Europe Rope of the same size, in point of strength, sixteen of the Battering Guns having been mounted with it before it gave way, while Europe Rope of a larger kind failed, after it had been employed in mounting only four Guns - The only point which remains to be ascertained is its durability, and on this point, We can only state that part of a Coil which has been sent to us by Mr. Webb, and which he represents to have been fixed to the anchor of his Boat at Connore, and kept constantly under water for upwards of six Months past, appears to have undergone no other alteration

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Alexander Mann Esqre Resp[ec]t would
have done in the same situation.

We have also seen an
Extract of a Letter from Captain H
Malcolm of His Majesty's Ship Suffolk,
who says on the subject of Mr Webb's
rope that "there has not yet been
"sufficient time to judge how it
"stands the Weather and constant
"wear, but so far as he has tried
"it he thinks it as strong, if not more
"so, than Coir, and that it has the
"advantage of pliability" and concludes
"by telling his Correspondent "that
"when it has had a longer trial he
"will let him know his sentiments
"more fully"

In regard to the price
at which Mr Webb offers to supply
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Lord St Georges 11th December 1798.

Whether Mr Erskine would have done in the same situation.

We have also seen an Extract of a Letter from Captain H Malcolm of His Majesty's Ship Suffolk, who says on the subject of Mr Webb's hope that "there has not yet been "sufficient time to judge how it "stands the Weather and constant "wear, but so far as he has tried "it he thinks it as strong, if not more "so, than Coir, and that it has the "advantage of pliability" and concludes "by telling his Correspondent "that "when it has had a longer trial he "will let him know his sentiments "more fully"

In regard to the price at which Mr Webb offers to supply the

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The Company with this Rope, we have
to observe, that the medium prices of Europe
Cordage, taken on an average for three years
during the War in 1778, 1779, and 1780 – three
years of Peace 1784, 1785, 1786 – and three years
of the present War 1796, 1797, and 1798, have been
according to the accompanying Statement;
And, as the price proposed by Mr. Webb, Viz.t
Eleven Pagodas, per Cwt is rather less than
the selling price fixed by Government, or
Pagodas 11. 5. 50 per Cwt added to the
consideration that the Market price of
Rope is at this time considerably higher
on account of the scarcity of that article
for sale, we beg leave to submit whether if
Europe Rope cannot be obtained from the
Company's Marine Store, we should not
be

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be allowed to supply it at that rate so long
as our Board may find it necessary

As the introduction of the
Manufacture of Aloe Rope in this Country
may be of great convenience, and advantage,
to the public Service, and as every encourage-
ment given at the first commencement may
be the means of enabling Mr Webb to sell it
hereafter at reduced rates not exceeding the
price of Europe rope at the same periods
we have conceived, as an act of justice due
to the very commendable exertions which Mr
Webb has manifested on the occasion that the
subject should be thus brought to the
notice of Government

5th The accompanying Bills amounting
to Pagodas 579. 6. 39: for settling up the
monument of the late Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse
in

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in St Mary's Church, and for Repairs performed to the King's Barracks, to the Guard Room at the Wallajah, and St. George's Gates of Fort St George, and at the General Hospital, having been laid before us by Colonel Gent, together with the requisite voucher in support of each, We recommend that the Bills be discharged accordingly.

6th We have further the honor of enclosing two Bills for Tents delivered by the Contractor, which have been found in every respect fit for the Public Service on examination by a Committee of our Board, and accordingly recommend that such Bills, amounting to Pagodas 8297. 14. 32, be passed for payment

Fort St George
5 December 1798

We have the honor to be,
Sir, &c.
" Gl: Harris
" Patrick Ross
" W Sydenham
" Jn Richardson
" B Close

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Statement of the Medium Price of European bordage taken on an average for three years during the War in 1778, 1779 and 1780 – three years of Peace 1784, 1785, 1786, and three years of the present War 1796, 1797, and 1798. –

	Annos	Invoice price Medium of 3 years	Price Pd.	advance at 30 p.C.	Total.	Selling price Pgs. Cwt.
		Pd.	Pd.	Pd.	Pd.	Pgs.
bordage	1778	37	2			
	79	none				
	80	41	8			
		78 10	39 5	11 10	51 3	6 1822
	1784	36				
	85	32				
	86	29	1			
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N.B. The advance of 30 p.C. is what the Company have established for the sale of their bordage – but as it is in great demand and many Government have lately raised the selling price at 50 p.C. since which make 11 – 5 – 50 p.C but 6 cwt .. –

(Signed) Fr.D. Pearse
Sec.y Mil.y Board

Military Board
Office 5th December 1798.

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved to express the satisfaction of the Board at the meritorious endeavours of Mr. Nibb, to introduce a new manufacture of Rope and the Board will not fail to bring the subject under the notice of the Court of Directors. —

Resolved to authorize the Military Board in consideration of the favorable report of the different experiments that have been made of the above Rope, to receive such quantities of it from the agent of supply as they may require.

Resolved at the same time to approve the Military Board, that it is the intention of the Honorable the Court of Directors to send out as an article of trade, Yardage sufficient to supply the whole demand of this place.

Resolved

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Resolved that the payment of the several Bills and advances, recommended by the Military Board, be sanctioned.

Read the following Letter from the Medical Board. —

from the medical Board proposing for the consideration of Government a plan of medical arrangements for the troops in the field

Resolutions of Government in Council 2d January 1799

Medical Board 10th December 1798.

In compliance with the orders of the Right Honble the President in Council, communicated in Mr Secretary Wickes's Letter of the 1st Instant, we have the honor to submit to his consideration the accompanying Draft of a General Medical arrangement for an army in

ordered that the Medical Board be furnished with a copy of the regulations which the Board may finally determine to establish for the conduct of the medical Department in the field. —

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in the Field, founded
upon the Principle
of the regulations now
in force, which the
experience of some
years has proved to
answer, in every point
of view, more effectually
than the former system.
as by abolishing all
Contingent charges,
the offences are limited,
while every necessary
accommodation is
provided for the Sick
In proposing the
additional 20 Cash per
day for every effective
European borne on the
Strength

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Strength of the Regiment
that Returns you have
been guided by the
allowance drawn by
the Surgeons on the
Island of Ceylon and
upon foreign Service. -
The additional allowance
to Surgeons and Assistants
of Batt.n Corps are to
assisting, and indispensable
in adapting the Peace
establishment to Field
Service.

The Distt of Pondicherry
Carpentaria distances
from this Head Qr.
Quarters are at present
paid for by Government

Pondicherry

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under this denomina-
tion of absent Sick.
and we have proposed
that all such as are
unable to accompany
the army on its
moving be included -
to relieve the Regimental
Surgeons from an expence
which they could
ill afford, and as all
those men will join
the army when their
recovery the charges
to Government we
trust will not be
great. -

As some of the
Gentlemen whom we
wish

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wishd to employ one not
be called from distant
Stations, we shall
mention them now that
no time may be lost
on the event of the Field
arrangement being
carried into effect.

approved

we request however
it may be understood
that their nomination
shall not operate to
their prejudice, and
that they may have
the option of returning
to their present Stations
whenever their Services
on the Field can be
dispensed with, or
indulgence

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indulgence which has been granted to those serving at Ceylon and the Pastern Islands. —

approved

We recommend that Mr Alexander Anderson be appointed Head Surgeon to the army, with the usual Salary of that rank, and the Batta of Lieutenant Colonel.

approved

The appointment of his Secretary to be left to his own selection. —

approved

Messrs Charles Fleming and John Inglis Surgeons,

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Surgeons and Mates
Jeremiah Seaman,
William Ingledew,
Marduff Gardiner,
and John Grant,
Assistant Surgeons to
the Field Hospital Staff

Our Secretary
having represented
unto Us the
services in which
you have been employed
on this Service we
are highly gratified
to observe his good
opinion upon this occasion, and
as this we shall very
much regret his absence,
being sensible of the
loss we shall sustain,
his abilities and
attention

approved

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attention to the duties of his
station for many years having
given us the utmost
satisfaction, & is ready to
forward his wishes we do
occasions we comply with
Mr Conolly's request in
recommending him to be
appointed Surgeon to the
General Staff of the army

[Signed] Jas Anderson
Physician general

W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

Draft

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Draft of a general Medical arrangement for an Army in the Field.

A Head Surgeon to be appointed for the conduct and control of the medical Department, under whose immediate direction the charge of the General field Hospital shall be placed, wherever the Commander in Chief may find it necessary to establish one

The Head Surgeon shall visit the field Regimental Hospitals as often as his avocations will admit, and report the state of them to the Commander in Chief.

A Surgeon to be appointed to the General Staff of the army.

Two Surgeons four Assistants

Surgeons and Sub assistants to be appointed as

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To Duties Hospital Staff.

For a Assistant Surgeon to be appointed

Secretary to the Head Surgeon

An Assistant Surgeon to be appointed

Said Apothecary to take charge of the European

Medicines and Stores for the use of the Troops

army. all Indents from Regimental Surgeons shall be countersigned by the

Head Surgeon before they are complied

with. and the said Apothecary shall send

regular Returns of the expenditure of

Medicines to the Medical Storekeeper at

Madras.

The said Apothecary to be allowed a

Compound and a similar establishment of

Servants for compounding Medicines as

was heretofore allowed at the Dispensaries

of the General Hospitals, with Carriage for

his

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Sick Stores to be certified by the Head Surgeon.

As it may frequently happen

that the Hospital Staff may not be adequate to

the care of the Sick in the Field Hospital, The

Head Surgeon shall be authorized to call

for the Services of the Surgeons in the Line v

when necessary.

Shops and Tents shall be furnished

for the use of the Sick in the General Field

Hospitals by indent from the Head Surgeon on

the Commissary of Provisions at the rate

at which they are issued to the Troops.

When a patient shall be removed

from the Regimental to the General

Field Hospital he is no longer to be v

included in the daily returns for v

provisions, but Dry Rations at the rate v

of

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of 3. 30. per day, is to be drawn by the
Head Surgeon, with the usual daily Message
of 2. 40 in addition to which the Head
Surgeon or Surgeon in charge of a field
Hospital is to receive from the Regimental
Surgeons 4 fanams per man per day,
for which the Sick are to be furnished
with every necessary article of Europe and
Country Medicines usually agreeably to
the existing regulations.

When sick are sent from the army
to Surgeons not upon field allowance, who
receive no Supplies of Country Medicines,
the Regimental Surgeon is to pay 5 fanams
per day per man.

The Hospital Surgeons Bills to be
sent to the Paymasters of the army, and
deducted from the abstracts of the Regimental
Surgeons.

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The Head Surgeon to have in readiness
at the expence of Government, 400 Pallapee with an
establishment of Servants and Cooking Utensils,
for the proportion of 100 Men, agreeably to the
existing regulations, until the Commander in
Chief may find it expedient to establish a
General field Hospital, when no further
expence is to be incurred by Government
on this account.—

Whenever a General field Hospital
may be established, the Head Surgeon shall
be supplied with Country Medicines by
the Medical Storekeeper upon indent,
provided the charges do not exceed,
including every expence, the sum of twenty
Cash per man per day, for the number
of men for by the Surgeons of European
Corps.—

Surgeons

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Surgeons of European Regiments shall draw 20 Each, in addition to their present allowance, making in all one pagoda per day for every effective man borne on the Regimental Returns for the provision of the different articles furnished for the use of the Sick, agreeably to the existing regulations, and for contributing towards defraying the expences of the General & Field Hospitals. —

The Sick of European Regiments absent from their Corps when they marry & ordered to March, and not included in the number drawn for by their respective Surgeons. The Surgeon under whose charge they may be placed to draw for each

f. b
Man 5. 40. with the usual Hospital &

f. b
Stoppages of 2. 40.

Surgeons

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Surgeons of Native Infantry Regiments to indent on the Field Apothecary for Europe medicines, and to draw an allowance for Country Medicines & Servants, in proportion to the number under their charge, of five Pagodas per month for every 100 Men & including the European Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers. and for Battalions or Detachments of Native Infantry Regimentally, the Surgeon or Assistant in charge to draw the Allowance in proportion to the number. the Bills for which are to be countersigned by the Officer Commanding the Regiment Battalion or Detachment, who is to certify that the number thereon specified correspond to the effective Strength on the Returns. —

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An additional allowance of

10 Pagodas per month to be granted for each

Regiment of native Cavalry, for the Corps of

Pioneers and for the Lascars attached to each

Battalion of artillery.

For wounded Sepoys Gun Lascars

and Pioneers the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon

under whose charge they may be, to be allowed 3

Two and a half fanams per day - such charges

to be accompanied by Rolls descriptive of

the wounds certified by the Officer Commanding

The Duties to be undertaken the

charge of the Regimental Surgeons, but

all orders of the Head Surgeons to the

Regimental Surgeons respecting Duties to

be strictly obeyed. -

The Head Surgeons to the Armies

to make monthly Returns to the Medical

Board. -

Rescinded

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Resolved that the foregoing
arrangement proposed in the event of the
Minute thereon troops taking the field be reported to the
Military Board for their consideration
and report

Read the following letter from
his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon

To The Right Honble Lord Clive
President and Governor in Council
Madras

My Lord,

from the Governor of Ceylon - mentions that he has judged it adviseable to send to Fort George two Nobles and a Priest who had fled from the Court of Candy - stating that he has received application from a person residing at Palliadeva near Tanjore styling himself the son of the former King of Candy for a sufficient force to enable him to establish himself on his fathers throne who promises as the same time to give an return an annual tribute of

The Terms of family on which
I at present am, with the Court of Candy,
have made me think it necessary to order
the immediate Embarkation for Fort George
of two nobles & a Priest, who have fled
from

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of soft Lack of Rupees. Mr North puts little faith in the truth of his claims. he however suggests an idea of the important consequences that may be derived from a Publication of this Description

from Candy, in Consequence of the
Measures adopted by that Court, & have
since their arrival in our Settlements
given me Reason to fear that they
would create Disturbances in the Country
they have left, which might prove de-
trimental to the good Intelligence
now Subsisting between the two Govern-
ments. I therefore have taken the
Liberty of writing to Captain Davidson,
your Commandant at Tutacorin, &
requesting that He would procure and
keep them there on an allowance of
Five and Twenty Pagodas per month
between themselves and Domestics,
on account of this Government, till
the Pleasure of your Lordship in
Council, be made known to him

An

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An old man sent into the Hands
of an European Servant of mine the other
Day, by a native of this Place saying that
He had been sent to me by a Prince
named Bonnie Singa Maharaja,
son of a former King of Candy, & now
residing at Palkadoo near Tanjore.
The old man being translated from the
Malabar Language, proved to be a
Proposal to me to give him a sufficient
force to place him on the Throne of his
Father, and that He would in Return,
give our King an annual Tribute of
six Lacs of Rupees. As I had not the
smallest power to countenance such
Proposals, and as I never strongly
suspected that the whole was as a
fabrication of the Malabar Party at
Candy, in Hopes of embroiling me with
that Court, by which they are at
present

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present prosecuted, I have confined the
messenger, till I am convinced either of
the Truth or Falsehood of his mission, &
till I have pathomed the Intrigues, which
gave Rise to it. and I will request your
Lordship in Council to Communicate
to me such Intelligence as you may
procure concerning that Prince at
Palkadda, & if the policy exist to keep
him in the Tanjore Country, or at least,
on your side of the water, for the Malabar
and Cingalese Factions are at present
so violent at Candy that the arrival
here of a Chief might cause the greatest
Disturbance in the Island, & it will
by no means be improper, that the
Supreme Court should Know that you
have in your Possession so formidable
a

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a Rival to His present Greatness as a

Chief of the Malabars. —

Colombo
23d November 1798.

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

Alexander Skeen

Resolved That the allowances
recommended by his Excellency to the Persons
whom he has judged it necessary to banish
from the Island of Ceylon be paid to them,
agreeably to his request.

Resolved That the Resident at
Tanjore be directed to make strict enquiry
after the Person described in his Excellency's
for the
Letter, as residing in Tanjore Country. —

Read the following Letter from the
Governor of the Cape of Good Hope. —

Yours

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor & President &c

Fort St George

My Lord,

I have the honor to inclose a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Dundas respecting the Portuguese squadron - promising in compliance with the instructions he had received from home to send as expeditiously as possible to the Coast a reinforcement of troops under the command of Major General Baird.

On Sunday the 2nd instant the Albatross Brig of war, commanded by Captain Adam, arrived here with dispatches from England for Sir Hugh Christie General Dundas, and my Lord Mornington, as also for myself and Admiral Rainier.

The Albatross proceeded directly to her station off the Straights of Babelmandel, where she will probably fall in with the Leopard, Commodore Blanket, the Diomede Captain Ball, and the Orestes Captain Hyde,

and

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and if the moment shall be lost in
forwarding the dispatches for India,
as soon as the Sybyl or Frigate can be
got ready to convey them, which I hope will
be in a few days, but in the mean Time
I send the Answer of Bengal (which
happened fortunately to be still here,)
in order to make the first communica-
tion to you. I hope she will find Admiral
Rainier at Cuylon, where she is first
to touch, and where it will be considered
how to transmit her packets with
the greatest expedition and security.

I indeed have the honor
to send to you a Copy of Mr. Secretary
Dundas's letter to me, which is so e-
qual, that I have little to add upon
the

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The Subject of it. We must unquestionably
have the best reasons to rely upon
the intelligence which is the basis
of the present measure, and indeed
such is the frenzy of the French
government, that no extravagance
in their politics is sufficient to
warrant a disbelief of them. Otherwise
I confess, I should have some doubts
of their sincerely attempting to
execute the projects with which they
now threaten your part of the world.
If, however, they be pushing on towards
I am confident it will terminate
in disaster, and disgrace to them

In addition to the instructions
proceed by the Albatross, I shall direct

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to Madras as soon as possible, under the
command of Major General Baird, who has
been appointed by his Majesty (Major General
on the Staff of India) right Companies of the
81st Regiment and nine Companys of the
Scots Brigade, making 1590 rank and file
together with 205 draft from the 28th Regiment
of Dragoons, to be incorporated with the
other King's Regiments of Dragoons now
in India consisting in the whole to an
efficient force of 1795 rank and file, which
I flatter myself will be able to proceed from
hence in the first week of October. The
other three remaining Companys, that is to
say, the two of the 84th and three of the
Scots Brigade, you may expect as soon
as in our power to send them, so that
you will then have both regiments
entirely complete. —

&c

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As we have great difficulty in procuring Tonnage sufficient for the present Embarkation, I must beg leave to recommend to your Lordship, in the most earnest manner, Captain Gilbert Mitchell, Commanding the Princess of Wales, who came out here laden with Stores for this Colony, and was returning home on freight from hence, according to his Charter party, but at my persuasion, he has been induced to depart from his orders, and engage his Ship as a transport vessel for this occasion, on the assurance I have given him, of his being very strongly recommended to you for a Company's freight home, which I entreat to solicit for him, and to hope

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Lord St George 11th December 1798

hope that on the arrival of the importance
of the service he is now employed upon, and
his liberal behavior in undertaking it, you
will be so good as to assist for him. —

I have the honor to be, with
the highest esteem and regard.
Sir &c.

Castle of Good Hope
September 11th 1798

(Signed) Macartney

P.S. Since writing the above I have received
the regular returns from the Deputy adjutant
General which I send to you enclosed.

(Signed) M.

Earl of Macartney K. B.
per Sir &c.

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some other Native Princes were meditating
an attack on the British Possessions in
India, and that they had received a
promise of support and co-operation
from France, in whatever measure they
might undertake for this purpose – my
apprehensions on both these points
have been in a manner confirmed
by the Contents of your dispatch No. 32,
which reached me on the 14th Instant, and
by intelligence received from several
quarters respecting the destination
of the naval expedition, which sailed
from Toulon on the 19th Ultimo under
the Command of General Buonaparte –
This armament consisting of thirteen sail
of the line, and a considerable Number
of

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Fort Myrgo 11th December 1798

of smaller Ships of War and Transports,
on board of which near 30,000 land forces are
said to be embarked, is reported as you
will perceive by the inclosed papers, to have
proceeded to Egypt. I must here inform
your Lordship, that as soon as information
was received in this Country of the
preparations making at Toulon and the
other Ports of the Mediterranean, to fit out,
and send to Sea, a considerable expedition,
every effort was made to detach a British
Squadron into those Seas, and there is
reason to believe the force selected for this
purpose will have passed the Straights
nearly about the same time as the French
fleet sailed from Toulon - This force, tho' somewhat
inferior in number, is so decidedly
superior to that of the Enemy in every
other

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Their respect, that should the Enemy be
overtaken before they reach Alexandria
(the supposed Post of their destination)
the most sanguine prospect of success
may reasonably be entertained, but as
every prospect of this nature is liable
to disappointment, it is the duty
of His Majesty's confidential servants,
considering the magnitude of the objects
at Stake, to presume, and proceed upon
the supposition, that the Enemy has
reached Egypt without interruption,
and from their knowledge of the
interior workings of that Country, they
must in that case, look forward to
its probable and easy subjugation,
with

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we without the concurrence of the
Ottoman Porte, and more particularly
if undertaken with their concurrence, as
stated in the intelligence from Frankfort-
without dwelling at present on the
importance of that acquisition to the
future commercial and political
interests of France, I shall consider it
solely with a view to the object that
ambitious and implacable enemy has
now more immediately in contemplation,
namely, the destruction of our power
in India, by an attack upon the
British territories in that Quarter.

It is not necessary for the purpose
of this dispatch, to detail the different
means by which an army might possibly
be

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be transported from the Mediterranean
to India. All of them, I admit, are
replete with difficulties, and such
as cannot be overcome in some cases,
without exposing the army to
considerable risk and danger, in
their to great fatigues and loss of
time and of men, - but these are
considerations that will not parade
with the unprincipled dispurate
Government of France, or with the
adventurous speculative leader, and
the enthusiastic and deluded followers
of this Enterprize, and it therefore
appears necessary that every exertion
should be made to protect our Indian
Empire against the formidable danger
to which it may be exposed from the
world.

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united efforts of French arms, and of the native
Powers co-operating with them or hostilities
against us —

For this purpose measures will be
taken, or part by Ships to be detached from
this Country, and in part by detachments
from the Squadrons at the Cape and in
India, to station a competent naval force
at the entrance of the Red Sea and of the
Persian Gulph, in order to prevent any
Communication by sea between the French
in Egypt and the Continent of India, but in
addition to these precautions, your Lordship
I am persuaded, must be convinced of the
absolute necessity of reinforcing our army
in India by every means in our Power.

For the present situation of our forces
at

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Lord Glenvgo 11th December 1798

at home, and with the rebellion actually
unfortunately raging in Ireland, no
assistance whatever can be sent from
this Country - and all that can be
done, after maturely considering the re-
lative importance and the relative
Security of the different objects and Sus-
picions on which our forces are
now occupied abroad, is to make such
detachments from them, as the superior
importance and more imminent
danger of India, on the one hand, ap-
pear to require, and to can be
spared, on the other, from them at
different Quarters, without exposing
them, according to our present intelligence
and the best Judgment that can be

formed

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Fort St George 11th December 1798

Sir,

I am to desire you will lose no time in
the dispatch, which these despatches must
for the present occasion in their means
of defence, can be replaced.

Acting upon this principle and
conceiving that a reinforcement of
not less than 5000 disciplined and
seasoned troops should be landed in
India as soon as possible, His Majesty
has been pleased to signify his commands
that two efficient Regiments should
be sent from Gibraltar, three from
Portugal, and two from the Cape
of Good Hope, in addition to that
part of the 28th Light Dragoons, which
is to be forwarded to India, in
conformity to my dispatch of the
Instant. —

The

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The two regiments of Infantry which
his majesty has been pleased to set apart
to proceed from this coast on the 24th inst
the Sixth Brigade, and as it is of the u
almost importance that this service should
be effected with all possible expedition, I
shall send off these instructions by a
fast sailing Vessel, and immediately
on the receipt of them, your Lordship will
consult with the Officer commanding His
Majesty's naval forces on the Station,
and in concert with him, take the e
most effectual means of carrying them
into execution, by embarking the troops
on board such ships of War or other v
Vessels as may be at your disposal, v
or can be procured for this purpose,
and sending them under a proper
convoy

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convoy to the Presidency of Madras where they
are to be landed.

I am well aware that in calling upon
your Lordship to part with so considerable a
portion of your present Garrison, the remainder
will be very inadequate to what, in the opinion
of your Lordship and the best military Judges,
is necessary for the defence and preservation of
the Cape in case of hostilities attack - your
Lordship is so fully possessed of my sentiments
with respect to the importance of that
Settlement to the permanent and essential
interests of this Country in India, that I
nothing but the circumstances which appear
more immediately to threaten those
interests, could have induced me to submit
to His Majesty the expediency of measures
to the measure in question, and your
Lordship

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Lordship may rely on every effort being made
to replace the deficiency that must for a time
exist, as soon as consistently with a due
attention to the demands that now press
upon us at home, may be disposed of for distant foreign Service, &
and in the mean time I have a satisfaction
in observing to your Lordship that our
Naval force is so decidedly superior in
every quarter, and the season of the year
so favorable to its being employed and
appropriated in such a manner as to
blockade all the principal Ports of the
Enemy, whilst the only effort they have
here, or I trust will be able to make by
Sea, has taken so different a direction,
that I cannot but entertain a most sanguine
hope that no attempt from Europe can be
made

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made to interrupt the safety and tranquillity
which the Cape has enjoyed since it has
been placed under your Lordships Government

I feel that I should not do justice
to the Public, and to that Attachment,
in this very critical juncture, if I did not
represent to your Lordship, how very
desirable it must be that your Lordship
should continue to assist His Majesty for
some time longer with the benefit of
your zeal, experience, and abilities in
the Government in which you are now
placed. The maintenance of Peace and
a good understanding within the
Settlement, the continuance of the
progressive improvements, and the
obligations due to your Lordships upstanding
in

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in both these respects, must render the
Inhabitants of the Cape no less anxious than
His Majesty's Government at Home, that
your Lordship should remain there
you to hold this important Post at least
for the remainder of this year — Under
such circumstances, nothing but the
state of your health, I am satisfied, could
warrant the indication so very strongly
manifested by your Lordship to forsake
the Public Service — on every consideration,
public and private, I should regret your
being obliged to return to Europe on this
Ground, but should you find it necessary
your Lordship will of course leave the
Government in the hands of the Lieutenant Governor
General Dundas, until a proper successor
can be appointed and sent out from this
Country. I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Henry Dundas

Embarkation

Downing Street 18th June 1798.

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Embarkation Return of the Troops for India, Cape of Good Hope &c. September 1795

Corps	Field Officers	Captains	Subalterns	Staff	Surgeons	Quarter Masters	Adjutants	Paymasters	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank & File	Horses	Women	Children
18th Light Dragoons	"	1	3	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	205	7	7	28
84th Regiment	3	7	18	1	1	"	1	2	43	19	809	32	28	
Scotch Brigade	2	6	18	4	"	1	1	1	45	21	783	83	69	
Total	5	14	39	6	1	1	2	3	88	40	1795	122	104	

(Signed) Thomas Teale
D.A.G. Ld.

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To lie for Consideration

Ordered to lie for consideration

Read the following Letter from
His Highness the Nabob Jaffier Ally Cawn K.C.
No. 168.

Translation

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic Wallajahgur

To the Right Honble Lord Clive Governor of Madras

Dated 11th December 1798.

Rec'd 15th —

From the Nabob Letter
paid the amount in
full of his December
Rent.

By the blessing of God I have
paid to the Company the Sum of one Lak Star
Pagodas in full of the Rent of December 1798.
and Mr Secretary Webbe has given me a
Receipt for the Same — I have written this for
your Lordships Information

I Rest &c.

Mahomed Yusuf Ally Cawn

true Translation

(Signed) N Falconar

Pr Fr Colgan

Mr

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The Secretary reports to the Board that there are still due from the Nabob 13,500 Pagodas of the Heat abovementioned

The Secretary reports to the Board that there are still due from the Nabob 13,500 Pagodas of the Heat abovementioned for which no receipts have been granted by him. The President is requested to acknowledge the receipt of the foregoing Letter, and to explain their Intentions to his Highness.—

Resolved that in consequence of the apprehension that is entertained of a probable Scarcity of Grain in the Carnatic, from the failure of the Seasonal Rains, the following Letter be Dispatched to the Supreme Government.

To

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To the Right Honble
The Earl of Mornington K. P.
Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal by Pilot boat
Ann Lockhart
under this Presidency
in consequence of
a probable scarcity
of Rice and requesting
that every possible
assistance may
be sent from
Bengal

We are concerned to
inform your Lordship that owing to the very
scanty supplies of the periodical rains, which
have hitherto fallen, there is too much
reason to apprehend a considerable scarcity
of grain throughout the Carnatic. —

The actual scarcity
which has prevailed for some days past
in Madras and the neighbouring places,
has compelled us to dispose of from the
public

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publick Stores not only for the use of the
Troops, and Followers, but for the use of the
Inhabitants, who have no other means
of procuring Provisions in the ordinary

The quantity of Grain however in
the Company's Store is so entirely unequal
to this great Demand, that we have been
under the necessity of ordering from
Vellore and Arnee a part of the grain
which we had laid by at those places
for the eventual use of the Army: and
we are not without the most serious
apprehensions that if our Supplies do
not arrive within ten days from
the northern parts, the Inhabitants
of this place, will be reduced to the

most

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most distressing difficulties. —

From the inquiries which we have instituted, we have no reason to attribute this Scarcity to any artificial process, but to an absolute deficiency of grain in the place. —

We have already had the honor of stating to your Lordship in Council that in the event of hostilities with Tippoo Sultaun the supplies of Grain from Bengal could hardly be made too a great, but as the greatest part of our whole of our grain in Store at the Presidency and eventually at Vellore and Arnee will have been consumed before the army can march, we beg leave to request

That

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That extraordinary Pilots may be used
with the least possible delay to assist
us with the rice from Bengal.

We have the honor to
acquaint your Lordship in Council
that we have ordered the several Pil-
lotors in the Northern Circars to take
up whatever craft may be at the
several Northern ports, and to load
them with grain on the Company's
account with a view to provide as
expeditiously as possible for the Con-
sumption of the Presidency.

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12th December 1798

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

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Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

I have with reference to my

from the Resident at Tanjore - intimating his apprehensions of the failure of the Crops and of the scarcity of Grain in the Tanjore Country from the want of Rain intimating similar apprehensions regarding the Southern Countries

last Letter to you for the timely information of Government the entire failure to this time, of the Usual Supplies of Rain from the Monsoon of the present Season, and that the Rivers of the Tanjore Country have been for some - days without water - The Inhabitants - Supported their hopes of the Ensuing Thumba and Peshanum Crops till the Moon was at

the

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the fault, and if it have pleased Providence
to have afforded us Relief at that time, we
the greater part of the Grain might have
been saved — we have already to deplore the
loss of one Third of the Crops, and if it does
not rain in the course of five days it is
thought little more than one fourth will
be procured. —

I have made it my Business to
enquire into the probable Effects of this
remarkable drought and have the satisfaction
to learn that the Ear and Under Crops —
lately gathered with the addition of the
Smaller Grains which the Inhabitants will
yet Cultivate, is considered by the most
Experienced People in Tanjore, to be sufficient
with their other Stores of Grain of last
year

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Year to remove every dread of Famine - but
this Consolatory Circumstance Extends no
further than to the Tanjore Country, and
it is with pain I am yet to add, that the
Southern Countries may be liable to all
the Horror of this dire Calamity. -
A Letter from the Tinnevelly
Province of the 23d Instant informs me -
that there is not a drop of water in any
of the Tanks - I fear this misfortune Else
Exists in the Madura and Ramnad Countries
and that it becomes Expedient to take the
necessary precautions, should the drought
continue, for furnishing those supplies which
the neighbouring Countries cannot hope for
as usual from this Province. -
The Rajah regrets that the
war

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was not able to prepare the November List
by the day it was due. The monthly of
regular and punctual payments to the
Sepoys and Peshcawsing to the heavy arrears
they relinquished on being transferred
from the late Rajahs Service for present
Pay under the Rajahs Sirkar, We hope
will plead his Excuse. —

I have taken up 2400 Pagodas
of the Nizit for the Expence of the Commission
and hold the Nizit at the disposal of
Government. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Tanjore
28th November 1798.

(Signed) Benj. Torin
Resident

Rec'd

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Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing Minute thereon, & Letter be transmitted to the Supreme Government

The Commander in Chief laye before the Board the following Memorandum

Memorandum

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief proposing different Arrangements relating the Pioneer Corps. — — —

The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieutenants Wm. H. Connell and William Davis may be appointed to the Pioneers, and that the Detail of the Pioneer Corps — — — —

=Corps on the Coast Establishment lately augmented to an Establishment of 800 Privates be reduced to 600 Privates may be formed into eight Companies each of the following Strength viz.t

1 Serjeant
1 Lance
3 Havildars
3 Naigues
1 Tom Tom &
100 Privates Details to be also allowed

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allowed a Serjeant Major as now Effective

Staff -

Captain Lieutenant Hurtana after

Pioneers being next Senior officer to Captain

Dawes on the Corps, is desirous of returning

to the Coast, and as he is an active capable

officer, it is very desirable that he should

join the Corps, especially as Captain Dawes'

health is so much impaired that he may

probably be obliged to proceed to Europe by

the next Ships - If Government approve

therefore of recalling Captain Lieutenant

Hurtana, the Commander in Chief would

recommend that the Pioneers at Malacca,

amboyna, and Banda, where they are

not wanted, should accompany him to

the Coast, and that the appointment

of Brigade Major at amboyna now

held

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Ordered by that it appear should be conferred on
Lieutenant Boles now at Madura who is Provincial
Early well qualified for it - The Commander
in Chief also submits to the Board a Letter
from Colonel Roberts containing a
request that his Detachment may be annexed
on Establishment in the Engineer Department,
and also to with a few Pioneers which appears
to merit attention

True Copy
(Signed) J Webbe
Sec. to Government

Resolved that the arrangement
proposed by the Commander in Chief with respect
to the Corps of Pioneers be adopted, and that the
Commander in Chief be requested to give
the necessary orders for carrying it into effect

Resolution thereon

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The appointments and removals recommended in the Commander in Chief's Memorandum are approved, and ordered accordingly.

The President delivers in the following Minute. —

Lord Clives minute recommends that General Braithwaite be appointed to act at the Military Board, and the President of it in the absence of the Commander in Chief. —

Observing that Major General Braithwaite is at present employed and having great Confidence in his Knowledge and Exertion I am induced to think that any useful Services might be rendered by him at the Military Board. —

His long Experience in India, and his acquaintance with every Branch of the Service during the time he presided at that Board, together with the Equipments with

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which was made for the Siege of Pondicherry
under his own Superintendance, enable
General Braithwaite to give great Effect, and
arrangement to the Procedings of the
Military Board. — As this particular
Period the several Members of that Board
must unavoidably be occupied in a very
considerable Degree with the objects of
their respective Departments, while
the General Business must be
modified by the orders of Government,
and the applications of the Departments;
and this happens at a time when the
Urgency of the Service admits of no
Delay

The Commander in Chief
will be occupied in Consideration of the
best

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last Instantaneous, and will probably
be called upon to quit the Presidency
in a short time, and on a sudden
Warning, under either circumstance
I conceive that the appointment of
General Braithwaite will be
peculiarly useful, for during the
Continuance of the Commander in Chief
at the Presidency he may commit the
detail of his Equipment with perfect
confidence to General Braithwaite,
who will have no other occupation,
and in the Event of the Commander
in Chiefs Departure General
Braithwaite will be able to give
useful assistance by following up the
Plan, and arrangement of the
Equipment

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Equestrian to be now under the consideration of the Military Board.

For these Reasons I propose that Major General Braithwaite be appointed to a Seat at the Military Board, and to be Vice President during any absence of the Commander in Chief.

(Signed) Clive

11th Dec. 1798.

Resolved in compliance with the Resolutions thereon Proceeded to minute that Major General Braithwaite be appointed a member of the Military Board and to be Vice President during any absence of the Commander in Chief. —

Resolved that this appointment be not permanent nor considered to interfere with the General Braithwaite's general situation. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from the

President &c. of the Militia Committee

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Committee of the Militia submitting to the consideration of Government a plan for the formation of the proposed Corps of Militia. Together with a Memorandum regarding the Calcutta Militia

We do ourselves the Honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, the accompanying Extract from our Proceedings containing an arrangement for the formation of a Corps of Militia at this Presidency together with Draft of an advertisement which we command to be published for the purpose of assembling the different classes who are to compose that Body, to the end that they may be duly mustered and enrolled without loss of Time - and in order

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order that this may be accomplished at the time stated, we further recommend that the adjutants and Regulating Captains may be immediately appointed by an order of Government.

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
W. Sydenham
" B. V. Close
" A. Grant
" G. Towerle

Fort St George
11th December 1798.

Extract from Proceedings of the Militia Committee 10th December 1798

The Committee proceed to detail the following Regulations for forming into Companies the several Corps who are to compose

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Compose the Militia at this Presidency

1st That the Company Civil Servants

and the European Inhabitants

Company's Service, be formed into two

Companies, to be denominated the 1st 2nd

Companies, to be denominated the 1st 2nd

2nd Companies of Foot Militia

3rd That all the other European

Inhabitants of the Fort or Black Town not

comprized in the foregoing clause be

formed into three Companies to be denomina-

ted the 1st 2nd & 3rd Companies of European

Black Town Militia —

3rd That the remaining Inhabitants

of the Black Town shall compose one

Company, to be denominated the 1st Native

Company of Black Town Militia and to

be joined with the European Black Town

Militia —

4th

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4th That the Portuguese Inhabitants of the Black Town shall be formed into three companies to be denominated the 1st 2d and 3d Portuguese companies of Black Town Militia.—

5th That the 1st and 2d companies of Fort Militia shall each be composed of,

1 Major
1 Captain
2 Lieutenants
4 Serjeants
4 Corporals
1 Drummer
1 Fifer and
60 Privates, to be augmented on occasion may present.—and that these two companies shall be commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel

6th That the three European companies

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of Black Town Militia and the Bramin ...

Company shall each be composed of -

1 Captain

1 Lieutenant

4 Sergeants

4 Corporals

1 Drummer

1 Fifer and

60 Privates, to be augmented ...

as occasion may permit - and that three

four Companies shall be commanded by

a Major Commandant. -

7th That the three Companies of ...

Portuguese Black Town Militia shall ...

each be composed of -

1 Lieutenant

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1 Lieutenant

1 Ensign

4 Serjeants

4 Corporals

1 Drummer

1 Fifer &

60 Privates, to be augmented on

occasion may first. - and that these

Companies shall be commanded by a

Captain Commandant.

8th That an adjutant, a Serjeant

Major & a Drill Serjeant be nominated to the

Companies of Foot Militia. - The same

establishment of Staff to the European and

Armenian Companies of Black Town &

Militia, and a Serjeant Major and

Drill Serjeant to the Portuguese Companies

of

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of Black Town Militia - and that

a Regulating Captain be appointed

to superintend the whole & close the

the Black Town Militia. -

9th That Sir Thomas Strange be

Lieutenant Colonel of the Fort Militia,

Edward Saunders Esqr Major of the 1st

Company of the Fort Militia and E. W.

Tallofield Esqr Major of the 2d Company

of Fort Militia.

10th That George Taswell Esqr be

Major Commandant of the Black

Town Militia including the armenian

and Portuguese companies - and that

John De Faria Esqr be Captain of the

Portuguese

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Portuguese companies. -

11th That the Right Honorable the

Governor be Colonel of the Fort Militia, and

Colonel Commandant of the whole. -

12th That after the Formation of the

Fort Militia, the sentiments of the several

Gentlemen be taken, whether it would be

agreeable to them to serve occasionally on

Horseback, and that such of them as prove

willing to do so, shall be formed into a

Troop of Dragoons, under such Regulations

as may be deemed expedient. -

13th That with the view to form

as soon as possible the several Companies

Government be requested to furnish an

advertisement

1784 Fort St George 11th December

Advertisement to the following effect

Whereas the Security and

Defence of this Presidency requires that the

Corps of Militia composed of the Honorable

Company's Civil Servants and other Inhabi-

tants of the Fort and Black Town be

should be re-established and embodied

under such regulations as the Right

Honorable the Governor in Council

shall direct. His Lordship in Council

relying on the loyalty and public

Spirit of the Inhabitants in general

hereby requires all the European,

Armenian, and Portuguese Inhabitants

of the Fort, Black Town &c to assemble

for the purpose of being duly mustered

and

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and enrolled, at the following Towns and

places.

The European Civil Servants,

Free Merchants and Gentlemen of the Auxiliaries

Court, on the Diabolo Bastion on Monday

next the 17th Instant at 7 o'Clock in the

Morning. —

The European Inhabitants not

comprised in the foregoing classes, and the

Armenian Inhabitants on the North Glacis

on Tuesday the 18th Instant at 6 o'Clock in the

Morning. — and

The Portuguese Inhabitants

on Wednesday Morning the 19th Instant

at the same Town and place. —

The

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The Garrison Officers will attend
on the above occasion for the purpose of
mustering and paralleling the several
persons assembled in consequence of this
Proclamation. —

(Signed) " W. Lyndsham
" Bg. to Gov.
" A. Garnett
" G. Caswell

Calcutta European Militia Monthly allowance

1 Regulating Officer	500
4 Serjeants — @ 16 Rs each	64
1 Corporal —	11
10 Drummers @ 11 Rs each	110
Batta for 2 Serjeants @ 10 Rs	20
——— Staff —	
1 Serjeant Major —	20
1 Drill Serjeant @ 12 Rs }	24
1 Pay Serjeant & Vendue Do }	
Corporal @ 7 Rs each }	14

Salaries of Officers attached to the Calcutta European Militia

1 Surgeon	250
5 Assistants @ 5 Rupees each	160
1 Head Armourer	60
1 Sick Bearer	24
4 Inferior Sick Bearers @ 4 Rs each	60
1 Head Sweeper	15
3 Inferior Do @ 5 Rs each	27
3 Head Bheestees @ 9 Rs each	
1 Rs 934	

Calcutta

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Calcutta 16th Novr 1798

Minutes of Council in the Military Department

Resolved that the Seat of Government to the Carnatic

European Militia be reestablished & continued

during the time the Corps shall be embodied.

Resolved, that the Adjutant of the

Militia be permitted to draw as such the

following Monthly allowances, from the

date of his appointment,

Staff allowance ... Pags. ... 124

allowance for a Horse ... 30

a Writer ... 20

Stationary ... 20

Pags. 194

Resolved that the Militia be formed

into Companies of the following Strength

4 Sergeants

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A Serjeants

4 Corporals

1 Drummer

80 Privates

Resolved, That in addition to the
Serjeants at present under the regulations
Officer, four Double Serjeants, if they can be
spared either from the Corps in Garrison,
or the Supernumeraries under the Board
Major, with an allowance of fourteen
Sonat Rupees per Month, in addition to
their present Pay and Batta, be attached
to the Militia.

Ordered, for which the Commissioners
for the Militia are to be sent to the Military
Board. —

Read and Lieutenant Shaw

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of His Majesty's 76th Regiment, be appointed
adjutant to the Calcutta European militia.

Resolved That the following
Regulations be adopted for forming the
proposed Corps of militia

Extract from the minutes of Council in the Military Department Dated 11th December 1798.

Regulations for forming the proposed Corps of Militia

Resolved That the following
regulations be adopted for forming into
companies the several Classes of Inhabitants,
who are to compose the Militia at this
Presidency.

1st That the Companys Civil
Servants and the European Gentlemen now
in the Companys Service, be formed into
two companies, to be denominated the
1st

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1st and 2nd Companies of Fort Militia

2d That all the other European

Inhabitants of the Fort and Black Town

not comprized in the foregoing clauses, be

formed into three companies, to be

denominated the 1st 2d and 3d companies

of European Black Town Militia.

3d That the Armenian Inhabitants

of the Black Town shall compose one

Company to be denominated the Armenian

Company of Black Town Militia and

to be joined with the European Black

Town Militia.

4th That the Portuguese Inhabitants

of the Black Town shall be formed into

three Companies to be denominated

the 1st 2d and 3d Portuguese companies

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5th That the Black Town Militia

That the 1st and 2d Companies

of Foot Militia shall each be composed of

1 Major

1 Captain

2 Lieutenants

4 Sergeants

4 Corporals

1 Drummer

1 Fifer and

60 Privates, to be augmented

as occasion may permit and that three

two Companies shall be Commanded by

a Lieutenant Colonel

6th That the three European

Companies of Black Town Militia and

the Armenian Company shall each

be

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be composed of,

1 Captain
1 Lieutenant
4 Serjeants
4 Corporals
1 Drummer
1 Fifer and
60 Privates, to be augmented
as occasion may permit. — and that
these four Companies shall be
Commanded by a Major Commandant

7th That the three Companies of
Portuguese Black Town Militia shall
each be composed of

1 Lieutenant
1 Ensign
4 Serjeants
4 Corporals
1 Drummer
1 Fifer and
60 Privates, to be augmented

as

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as occasion may permit. — and that there
Companies shall be commanded by
a Captain Commandant
8th That a Sergeant Major and a
Drill Sergeant be nominated to the
Companies of Fort Militia. The same
complement of Staff to the European
Armenian and Portuguese Companies
of Black Town Militia — and that a
regulating Captain be appointed
to superintend the whole and cloath
the Black Town Militia
9th That William Petrie Esqr. be
Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of
the Fort Militia and that Ernst William
Fullerton Esqr. be Lieutenant Colonel
Commandant of the Black Town
Militia. —

10th

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10th That George Towne Esqr be Major of the Black Town Militia including the Armenian and Portuguese Companies

11th That the Right Honorable the Governor be Colonel of the Fort Militia, and Colonel Commandant of the whole ...

12th That after the Formation of the Fort Militia the Sentiments of the several Gentlemen be taken, whether it would be agreeable to them to serve occasionally on Horse back, and that such of them as should prove willing to do so, should be formed into a Troop of Dragoons, under such regulations as may be deemed expedient. —

13th

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13th That with the view to form as soon as possible the several Companies, the following advertisement be published. -

Government advertisement

Whereas it has been deemed expedient that the Corps of Militia, composed of the Honorable Company's Civil Servants and other Inhabitants of the Fort and Black Town &c, should be re-established and embodied under such regulations as the Right Honble the Governor in Council shall direct - His Lordship in Council relying on the loyalty and public Spirit of the Inhabitants in general, hereby requires all the European, Armenian, and Portuguese

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Portuguese Inhabitants of the Fort,

Black Town &c. &c. to assemble for the

purpose of being duly Mustered and

Enrolled, at the following Places and

Times. —

The Company's Civil

Servants, Free Merchants, and Gentlemen

of the Recorder's Court on the Mahabé

Bastion on Monday next the 19th Inst.

Instant at 7 o'Clock in the Morning

The European Inhabitants not

comprized in the foregoing Classes, and

the American Inhabitants on the

North Glacis on Tuesday the 13th Instant

at 6 o'Clock in the Morning. and

The Portuguese Inhabitants on

Wednesday Morning the 14th Instant at

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at the same time and place. —

The proper officers will attend

on the above occasions for the purpose of

mustering and enrolling the several persons

assembled in consequence of this proclamation

Resolved that Captain John

Braun be appointed Regulating Captain

with the monthly allowance of £ 4

Pagodas 168: 27.

Resolved that indent for

arms and accoutrements for the Militia

be sent to the Military Board by the

regulating Captain

Resolved at this particular

request that Sir Thomas Strange be

exempted from serving with the Militia

Lieutenants

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Lieutenant Thomas Applewhaite having offered to do the Duties of Adjutant to the Fort Militia without Pay - resolved that his Services be accepted

Resolved that Lieutenant Robert Barclay be appointed adjutant to the Black Town Militia with the allowance of adjutant of Infantry and five Pagodas per Month for a Master.

The President proposes that the following Appointments and Removals be made

Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle to be Commissary General of Stores to the army.

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Captain Presidle to be Deputy Commissary of Stores. -

Captain Presidle to be Deputy Commissary of Stores. -

Captain Lieutenant Thomas to take charge

Captain Lieutenant Thomas to take

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charge of Captain Prevatts Department at Trichinopoly until further orders

take Charge of Captain Prevatts Department at Trichinopoly, until further orders

Major Charles Cowper to be Commissary of Provisions

Major Charles Cowper to be Commissary of Provisions. —

Captain Thomas Hart to be Commissary of Grain

Captain Thomas Hart to be Commissary of Grain

Messrs Samuel Jones and Martin Norris to be Conductors of Stores

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The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieutenant M. H. Cormick & William Davis to be appointed to do duty with the Corps of Pioneers

The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieutenants M. H. Cormick and William Davis to be appointed to do duty with the Corps of Pioneers.

Approved & ordered accordingly. —

Approved and ordered accordingly

The Commander in Chief be requested to give orders for Increasing the Corps of Guides to such a number as he may occasionally judge necessary. —

Resolved That the Commander in Chief be requested and authorized to give orders for Increasing the Corps of Guides to such a number, as he may occasionally judge necessary

Resolved

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Resolved upon the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that

Mr. John Balfour to superintend the Department of the Engineer officers with the army.

the Chief Engineer be empowered to direct that Mr. John Balfour do superintend the Department of the Engineer officers with the army upon the following monthly allowance

Draftsman's pay 15 Pagodas per month
Ditto Conductor Ditto

Read the following Letter from Major General Floyd and

Lieutenant Colonel Allan.

Captain Young. A. D. acquainting

From Major General Floyd inclosing a letter from Lieutenant Brydges requesting to be remunerated on the value of a horse belonging to him which had been shot in consequence of it's having been employed with an epidemic disorder

Sir

Lieutenant Brydges has represented to me that some application of mine on the same subject, to the Commander in Chief

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Chief has intimated to Lieutenant
Brabazon, that upon his inclination
to consider the heavy Loss he has sustained
by shooting his Regimental Horse, by
order, to avoid the communication of a
dangerous disorder — I therefore beg leave
to enclose Lieutenant Brabazon's Letter to me,
and request you will, on due occasion,
lay it before the Commander in
Chief — and add my belief of the fact — and I
am very Humble opinion that the
present is a fit occasion for indemnifica
tion.

His inclination
that Brigade Major Strachan, about this
time, shot a fine and valuable Horse.
He had just purchased, for the same
reason, and that Quarter Master Parker
and

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and Event and Bind of the 19th Instant

Regimental Horse who died of their wounds

and that I humbly conceive them fit

objects of consideration

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Your

Most obedt

& most

humble Servt

(Signed)

J. Lloyd Mr. G.

Major General Lloyd

Commanding the Southern Division

of the army.

Sir

I beg that I may have your

address the Commander in Chief on the

subject of my Horse - which, with a

Quarter Masters was ordered to be shot,

by the commanding officer in consequence

of a Disease, dangerous and epidemic, in

the

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the extreme. - a Discase, which if not
immediately counteracted, might have
destroyed every Horse in the Regiment. —
This circumstance was attested in the regular
way, by the Veterinary Surgeon. —

- Thus situated, - I am led to
believe - that Government will extend that
indulgence / viz.t 200 Pagodas as an
indemnification / which It has heretofore,
invariably granted to others.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c.,
(Signed) Arthur Brabazon
Lt. 19.th Dragoons

Trichinopoly
7.th april 1798.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Close

Adjutant General

From Lieutenant Colonel Peter enclosing a letter from Cornet Colebrook requesting to be reimbursed for the value of a horse belonging to him that has died of an epidemic disorder

Sir,

Pursuant to the request of Cornet Colebrook, I now transmit you in order to be laid before the Commander in Chief the accompanying Letter and

Have the honor to be,

Sir, Sir

Arrot May 21st 1798.

(Signed) J Peter

Lieutenant Colo. Commandt

the 2d Regt of Cavalry

To Lieutenant Colonel Peter

Commanding 2d Regiment N. Cavalry

Sir

Having been informed by the Paymaster that applications for Indemnification for

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for Horses dying of epidemical Diseases
should be made directly to Government,
I have the honor to transmit to you a
Certificate of the loss of one of mine
horses in the form prescribed by G.O.
regulations, which was embodied in
the abstract for October last, but now
objected to for want of the formalities
order of Government, and have to request
the favor of you to lay the same before
the Commander in Chief that the
sanction may be obtained.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Johan Calebrooke
Lieut 12th or 5th Regt

Madras
May 18th
1799.

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This is to Certify that a Horse belonging
to Cornet John Colebrooke of the Honble
Coy's Troops 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry
died on the 25th day of October 1797. of an
Epizootical Distemper.

(Signed) John Colebrooke
Cornet 6th Troop
2d Regt N. Cavalry

(Signed) J Peter
Lt Colo Commg
the 2d Regt N. Cavalry

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations in the Military
Department Dated 11th December 1798

Although the regulations enacted and
passed by the Board on the 27th February relative
to the claims preferred by several officers of
Cavalry to compensation for the loss of their horses
were strictly conformable to the regulations then
in force, yet as objections have been advanced
in some cases similar to those now before the Board,
they are of opinion it might be convenient hereafter
to adhere to the letter of those regulations in the
present case, nor they see no reason to depart
to treat them with indulgence, because the
late regulations established on the 20th June 1796
are so specific as to provide for all the future
claims which may be brought forward.

Resolved

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Resolved Therefore that the following Officers be permitted to take horses from nice Depot of remount horses up for the Montgomery and Dobbs at the average price which the horse may have cost the Company. —

Captain Abraham	Major of Brigade	
Lieutenant Robertson	19th Dragoons	
Dr Mast. Carpe	Do	Do
Dr master Parker	Do	Do
Dr master Ewart	Do	Do
Dr master Bond	Do	Do
Lieut J. Colebrooke	2 N.N. Cavalry	
Captain Shaw H.	Do	Do —
2d master Jones	25th Dragoons	
Surgeon Dalton	3 N.N. Cavalry	
Lieut Macgregor	2	Do Do
Lieut O Donnell	3	Do — Do
Lieut Colonel Orr	Do	Do —

Resolved in Consequence of the foregoing indulgence that the reimbursement now standing against the Officers who have drawn the compensation of two hundred Pagodas be enforced. —

Resolved

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Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to give orders for permitting the Officers above mentioned to select horses from the armament lately arrived.—

Clive

Geo. Barnes

Wm. Petrie

Ellis Wallace Field

Copy

Edwd Cotton

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Diary

The following Advertisements published by order of Government.—

Government Advertisement

Government Advertisement respecting the embodying of the Militia.—

Whereas it has been deemed expedient that the Corps of Militia composed of the Honorable Company's Civil Servants and other Inhabitants of the Fort and Black Town &c.a should be re-established and embodied under such Regulations as ~~the Regulations &c.~~ the Right Honorable the Governor in Council shall direct, His Lordship in Council relying on the loyalty and public Spirit of the Inhabitants in general, hereby requires all the European, Armenian, and Portuguese Inhabitants of the Fort, Black Town &c.a to assemble for the purpose of being duly Mustered and enrolled, at the following times and places.—

The Company's Civil Servants, Free Merchants, and Gentlemen of the Recorder's Court, on the Nabob's Bastion on Monday next

the

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15th Inst. the 17th Instant at 7 O Clock in the Morning ~

The European Inhabitants not

comprised in the foregoing Classes, and the Armenian

Inhabitants on the North Glacis on Tuesday

the 18th Instant at 6 O Clock in the Morning ~

and ~ The Portuguese Inhabitants on

Wednesday Morning the 19th Instant at the ~

same time and place. ~

The proper Officers will attend

on the above occasions, for the purpose of Mustering

and enrolling the several persons Assembled in

consequence of this Proclamation. ~

By Order of the Right Honorable

the Governor in Council ~

Fort St. George (Signed) J Webbe

15th December 1798. ~ Secretary to Govt

Government Advertisement

Government Advertisement giving Notice that any European Inhabitant arriving at Hydrabad without having

The Right Honorable the ~

Governor in Council having resolved effectually

to restrain the unlicensed resort of Europeans to

Hydrabad

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Having previously procured a Licence to proceed there, shall be immediately taken up, & returned to Madras—

Hydrabad is pleased to give Notice that any European arriving at that place without a special passport for the purpose will be immediately taken up and returned to Madras by the Authority of the Resident

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

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

Fort St. George
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Received the following Letter.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army—

Sir,

From Colonel Roberts Enclosing a Letter together with a Statement he had received from the Chief Engineer of his detachment respecting an Increase, which appears necessary, on the Establishment of that department

Herewith I have the honor to send you a letter addressed to me by Captain Mackenzie relative to some deficiences in the Engineer Department accompanied by a Statement of what will be required to complete it— Under the circumstances he there States, of the probability, indeed the certainty of this Detachment being soon employed on Active Service, I am naturally desirous to have every Department as complete as possible, that when we do move

forward

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forward, it may be with effect and efficiency, I — therefore beg to request you will lay Captain Mackenzies Letter, together with this, before the Commander in Chief, and should the Establishment proposed for the Engineer's Department, appear to be consistent — with the Rules and regulations of the Service, I have no doubt it will meet his approbation. —

I beg further to add that if a — small Number of Pioneers, could be conveniently attached to this Detachment, they would be found of great utility in clearing the roads, which are in almost every part of this Country extremely bad, and to be employed in erecting Batteries —

I have the honor to be
&c.ª &c.ª &c.ª
(Signed) George Roberts
Colº

Camp near
Hydrabad
29th November 1798. —

Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Forces Serving with
His Highness the Nizam

Sir

The probability of the Forces under your command here being employed on active Service requiring that the several Departments belonging to

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to it should be in a Situation to act with vigor and effect, Permit me to remind you, that that of the Engineer has no part of the Establishment with it which the System of the Service requires: I think— myself justified therefore in representing the expediency of attaching to it a certain Establishment to be regulated by that of the Army, or Detachments of similar Strength on Field Service, which is the more necessary from the Nature of this Country, where the sudden requisitions for Service, alone, or in conjunction with large bodies, not always accompanied with the necessaries required in the attack & defence of posts,— points out the utility of this Detachment being as complete within itself as the Nature of things will admit. In the belief that your local experience will induce your coincidence, in the expediency of this proposition, I annex the accompanying Establishment for the Engineer Department, and at the same time I beg leave to suggest, that a small body of Pioneers would be extremely useful with this Detachment, in clearing roads, & constructing batteries & other works.

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I have the honor to be with respect

Camp near Hydrebad
November 28th 1798.—

(Signed) C. Mackenzie
Capt. Engr. Nizam's
Detachment

Field Establishment proposed to be attached to the Engineer Department with The Nizams Detachment

A Serjeant ..... To superintend artificers, Stores, Tools,

20 Fascine & Gabion makers
20 Lascars .....
2 Maistry Carpenters .....
2 Maistry Smiths .....
2 Bellows Men & Hammermen
1 Conicopoly .....
1 Churcheldar .....

} Or a proportion equal to the Nature of the Service & to the equipments of the Army for field Service. The artificers should be experienced Men — selected from the Garrison Establishments.—

3 Carts .....
Carpenter & Smiths Tools — and Engineers Stores —

} to carry Artificers tools, Stationary heavy Instruments & a certain proportion of Engineer Stores Entrenching Tools to be in constant readiness.—

Camp near
Hyderabad
November 28th 1798.—

(Signed) C. Mackenzie Capt.
Pt. Engr. to the Nizams Detach.

Sent the following Letters.—

To Lieutenant General Harris
President &c. &c. &c.

To the Military Board Intimating that recent Intelligence requires

Gentlemen,

Military Board

I having received advices, which render

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requires the most expeditious preparations for War— I desiring to know when the battering Train &c.a will be in readiness to move from Vellore.—

Tender it expedient that no exertion should be omitted to hasten our preparations for eventual War, We desire that you will report to us the period at which the whole equipment of the battering train with its Stores and Ammunition is expected to be in readiness to move from Vellour.—

We also desire that the principal Agent for Cattle may be called upon to report the time at which he may confidently expect to have collected in the neighbourhood of Vellour the whole of the bullocks, which have been entertained for the public Servid.—

We are

Fort St. George
12th December 1798.— (Signed) Clive &c.a &c.a
&c.a Council

To Captain Thomas Hart

Sir,

To Captain T. Hart Informing him of his appointment as Commissary of Grain to the Army and fixing his allowances as such

I am directed to Acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to Appoint you Commissary of Grain with the troops about to be encamped in the neighbourhood of Walajabad; for this duty

His

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His Lordship grants you a Salary of Five hundred Pagodas per Month and an Allowance of three hundred and eighty five Pagodas per Month for an establishment of Servants and in lieu of all contingencies

For the conduct of the department you will be furnished with particular instructions by the Military Auditor General. —

As the time when it may become necessary to encamp the troops is precarious, it is of importance that the department now committed to your Charge should be completely arranged without delay. —

I am,

Fort St. George
12th December 1798. —

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 28th Ultimo and 1st Instant —

To the Resident at Hydrabad. The Military Auditor General has been authorized to allow the Paymaster with the

Authority

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Authority has been granted to the Military Auditor General at this Presidency to allow the Paymaster with the Hydrabad Detachment such an increase of establishment, as may be necessary if the Payment of the Bengal troops should be transferred to him:—

The Governor in Council is happy to observe that you think it practicable to procure a considerable Number of Recruits without the serious inconvenience of taking any part of the Commissioned Officers into the Company's Service from the late French Corps.—

The Governor in Council has ordered the Paymaster at Masulipatam to observe the Arrangement made by you for the payment of the french families at Masulipatam

Colonel Roberts has represented to the Governor in Council the expediency of rendering the detachment more efficient by the complete equipment of the Engineer's Department and the addition of a small body of pioneers,

but

the Nizam's detachment, such an Increase in his Establishment as may appear necessary in consequence of his having charge of the payment of the Bengal Troops in the Event of that duty being transferred to him—The Paymaster at Masulipatam has been directed to observe the arrangement made by him, with respect to the payment of the French Families, that are left on the Coast Government deem it necessary to consult his Highness the Nizam before they sanction the proposed increase to the Establishment of the Chief Engineer with Colonel Roberts' detachment.—

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But however his Lordship in Council may concur in the Opinion of that Officer, he has refrained from any Orders for that purpose until you may have consulted his Highness the Nawaub

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
12th December 1798

Sir
Your Most
Obedt Servt
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt

To Mr. S. H. Skardon
Garrison Storekeeper at
Vellore and Arnee

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to inform you, that the Officer Commanding at Walajabad has been instructed to send the carriage Bullocks of his cantonment to Arnee for the purpose of bringing twenty Garce of Paddy, which you will accordingly deliver from the Public Stores for the consumption of the troops at Walajabad.

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To the Garrison Store keeper at Vellore & Arnee Informing him that the Commanding Officer at Wallajabad has received Orders to send Bullocks to Arnee, to convey from thence twenty Garce of Paddy for the use of his Cantonment

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I am also directed to desire that you will endeavour to provide bullocks in the Neighbourhood of Vellore and Arnee for the purpose of conveying to the Presidency a quantity of paddy from the public Stores at those places equal to five Garce per day from each until further Orders.—

As the intention of this Order is to relieve an immediate scarcity at this Presidency, you will begin to send off the paddy as soon as possible and consign it to the Garrison Storekeeper here.—

I am &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
12th December 1798.—

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

Received and sent the under-
mentioned Letters entered in Mc. B. No. 65.
66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell
Commandant at Poonamallee.

States the great want of Provisions for the Troops Stationed at Poonamallee.—

From

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From the Commandant at Poonamallie.— From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell requests a supply of Grain from the Presidency for the use of the Troops at Poonamallie.—

From D.o D.o— From Ditto Ditto, stating that in consequence of the great scarcity of provisions for the Troops at Poonamallie, he had been necessitated to seize forcibly two days Provision of Sheep from a farm belonging to the Nabob.— Requests a supply of Provisions as soon as possible.—

From Major Doveton.— From Major Doveton mentioning that he shall be careful to comply with the Orders he had received, about forwarding Intelligence to Colonel Read.—

From the Resident at Tanjore.— From Mr. Torin stating, that in consequence of a slight fall of rain, that they have had in the Tanjore Country, it is expected that about 3/5 of the Corps in the Trivady and Coneum districts districts will be preserved.—

To Admiral Rainier.— To Admiral Rainier Communicating to him Accounts received from Malacca respecting the supposed loss of H. M. Ship the Resistance.—

To

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12 To Mr. James Brodie desiring him to deliver to the Agent for Draft & Carriage Cattle Three Garce of Rice.—

To the Garrison Storkeeper at the Presidency.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Shaw directing him to dispatch Bullocks to Arnee, to convey from thence to Wallajabad Twenty Garce of Paddy.—

To the Commandant at Wallajabad.—

To Messrs. Barlow, Pickards, Spencer, Lieutenant Colonel Palmer — Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick — Enclosing Copies of Papers containing the latest Intelligence from the Mysore Country.—

To the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay Commissioners on the Malabar Coast and the Residents at Hydrabad and Poona.—

Sent the following Letter.—

13th To Lieutenant General Harris President &c.a Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen; I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Captain T. Hart Commissary of Grain to the Troops about to be employed on field Service; I am therefore directed to desire that you will submit to his Lordship in Council such an establishment of public Servants, as you may judge necessary for the extent

To the Military Board Communicating to them the Appointment of Captain Hart as Commissary of Grain to the Troops about to take the Field and desiring them to submit to the Board such an Establishment of Servants, as may appear necessary for completing that department.—

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extent of the department. —

As it is of importance, that this department should be completely arranged with as little delay as possible, I am further directed to desire that every exertion may be made for this purpose. — I have the honor to be

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&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 74, 75. —

To Lieutenant Charles Dallas —

To the Agent for the purchase of Horses. — Informing him that it is not the present Intention of Government to purchase a larger Number of Horses than two hundred, and desiring him to send to the Presidency that Number, as soon as possible. —

To General Floyd — desiring that

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division at Trichinopoly — the details of the 12th Regiment, which were left behind when the Regiment Marched from Tanjore, may be directed to join their Corps at Arnee. —

Received the following Letter. —

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To
J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy of my Letter of this date to the Paymaster at Masulipatam on the subject of French Prisoners.

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

From the Resident at Hydrabad Enclosing to Government a Copy of his Letter to the Paymaster at Masulipatam respecting five Frenchmen, who were about to set out from Hydrabad for that Place.

Hyderabad
3d December 1798.

To
William Gordon Esqr.
Paymaster, at
Masulipatam

Sir,

Five Frenchmen belonging to the late French Party leave this, as Prisoners, tomorrow for Masulipatam. Their Names and respective grades are as follows.

Belonging to the late French Party.			Monthly Pay
	La Rivière	Adjutant	100 Rs
	Loscum	Watch maker	200 Rs
	Bomgard	Serjeant	110 Rs
	Chevellon	Do	110 Rs
	Meunier	Do — belonging to the Poigah Infantry	30 Rs

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The one, who heads the List, (at Rivier) is the only I believe of the five, who is charged with a Family— Money has been Advanced for their Subsistance to Masulipatam, and I have to request you will be so good as to apply to the Government of Fort St. George for instructions relative to the quantum of Monthly allowance to be paid to these People in future.— Perhaps half the Sum, at which they are severally rated, while Actually employed in this Service would be as much as they are entitled to; and fully equal, I have reason to think, to any of their expectations.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Res.

Hyderabad
3rd December 1798.—

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

11th

Sent the following

Letters.— To

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your letters of the 3rd and 7th Instant.—

To the Military Board satisfaction expressed at Mr. Webb's Exertions to introduce a new Manufactory—The Military Board are authorized to receive from the Agent of Supply such quantities of that Article, as they immediately require—they are at the same time apprized of the Intention of the Court of Directors to send out a Supply of Cordage sufficient for the consumption of this Place.—

We have observed with much satisfaction the meritorious endeavours of Mr. Webb to introduce a new Manufacture of rope and shall not fail of bringing the subject under the notice of the Court of Directors.—

As the experiments which have been made of the above rope prove so favorable to its strength, we can have no objection to your receiving such quantities as you may require from the Agent of Supply. At the same time however it is necessary to inform you that it is the intention of the Honble Court of Directors to send out, as an article of trade, Cordage sufficient to supply the whole demand of this place.—

We have passed for payment the several bills and Advances recommended by

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by you.— We are

Fort St. George

13th December 1798.— (Signed) Clive

Vc. Vc.

Vc. Council

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to desire that you will authorize the following Payments and Advances—

The inclosed bill of Lieutenant Cotgrave Amounting to One hundred and Seventy Nine Pagodas, thirty two fanams and forty Cash (179.. 32.. 40) for buildings constructed at the Cantonment near Arcot.—

An Advance of three hundred (300) Pagodas to Captain Lieutenant Wood on account of the alterations ordered at Vellour.—

The enclosed bills of Colonel Gent Amounting to five hundred and Seventy Nine Pagodas, Six fanams and thirty Nine Cash (579.. 6.. 39) for Sundry Works at the Presidency.— The

To the Military Auditor General sanctioning different payments and advances directing him to furnish the Board with an account of the Monthly Charges made for the Travancore Battalion, while at the Expence of this Presidency Government approve the Arrangement recommended for liquidating the Amount due to the late Captain Meuth and desire that Captain's Pay and Batta and an Allowance of 100 Pags. Pr Month for Servants be passed to his account for the period he acted as Paymaster Vc. to the Troops at Amboyna.—

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Pw enclosed bills of the Cent Contractor for eight thousand two hundred and Ninety Seven Pagodas, fourteen fanams, and thirty two Cash (—

(8297.. 14.. 32) —

An Advance of three thousand —

and Sixty two Pagodas, thirty two fanams (3062.. 32 —)

to the Agent of Supply —

Inclosed bill of Colonel Gent

for repairs at the Arsenal Amounting to One —

hundred and fifty four Pagodas forty fanams and

one Cash (154.. 110.. 1 —)

The Governor in Council desires,

that you will Authorize payment of the diff — —

of full batta to Captain Mc. Pherson of his Majesty's

33rd Regiment while in charge of the Recruits —

and convalescents of the Kings Regiments at the

Presidency. — His Lordship in Council

also desires that you will furnish him with the

Amount of the Monthly charges made for the

Travancore battalion, which was lately employed

under this Presidency at Madura and Palamcotah —

The

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The Governor in Council approves the Arrangement you have recommended for liquidating the Amount due to the late Captain Meulk, while he acted as Paymaster and Commissary to the Troops at Ambopa and Accordingly Authorizes you to pass to his Account the Amount of Captain's Pay and Batta, and one Allowance of one hundred Pagodas per Month for his establishment in both Detachments.—

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
13th December 1798.—

Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) J Webbe
Secy. to Govt

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the additional estimate of Cash required by the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency, and the Paymaster at Innaconda, enclosed in the

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 9th Instant, with additional Estimates of Cash required by the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency, & the Paymaster at Innaconda, the former according to

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the Paymaster General's Letters of 8th Instant.

14th to Pagodas Four thousand five hundred (Pags. 4500), & the latter to Pagodas Seven hundred & Seventy (Pagodas 770), upon which I have the honor to report, that as the Amount contained in the Garrison Storekeeper's Additional Estimate is required for the purpose of paying the hire of 950 Carts, which he had been directed to provide for carrying Stores to Vellore, & for Advances of Cash to the Proprietors of Carts which are expected to be employed at the Presidency in the course of the present Month, together with the hire of a few Carts supplied by him on Indent in November last, I presume that Item may be issued from the General Treasury.—

2 Mr. Paymaster Murray's additional Estimates is unobjectionable, being required to discharge the pay of a part of the 1st Battalion of 10th Regiment Native Infantry, stated to have lately arrived at Innacondah from Masulipatam, & the Amount payable by a Bill on the Military Paymaster General.—

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Gl.

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 14th December 1798.—

Order.—

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Order of Council sent to the

Clerk of the Treasury.--

Ordered that an Advance of

Order of Council authorizing the issue of Pagodas 5270, agreeably to the estimates enclosed in the Paymaster Generals letters of the 8th Instant.-

five thousand two hundred and Seventy Pagodas be made from the Treasury to the Military Pay-master General on account of the additional estimates enclosed in his Letters of the 8th Instant.-

By Order of the Right Honorable

the President in Council.-

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

Sent the following Letters entered

in M. B. Nos. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81.--

To the Board of Revenue.-

To the Board of Revenue.-

Transmitting for their guidance a Copy of the General Order published by Government respecting the procuring of Fresh Provisions for the European Troops.-

To the Commandant at the Mount.-

To Colonel Smith - directing that Fifty Artillery Men - with a double pro-portion of Non-Commissioned Officers be ordered to do duty at the Arsenal.-

To

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To the Resident at Tanjore.—

To Mr. Torin— Enclosing to him— Extract of a Letter from the Governor of Ceylon— and desiring him to make diligent Enquiry after the Person therein described.—

To the Military Board— referring to their Consideration and report the Arrangement proposed by the Medical Board, in the Event of the Troops taking the Field.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane— Informing him that no deviation can be made from the rate of Exchange established between this Presidency and Bengal.—

To the Hon^ble Basil Cochrane.—

To the Militia Committee, transmitting to them the Resolutions of Government respecting the formation of the Militia.—

To the Militia Committee.—

Sent the following Letters.—

15th

To Major General Sydenham Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Hon^ble the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Major Charles Corner Commissary of Provisions, and Captain Thomas Hart

To the Military Auditor General, Informing him that Captain Thomas Hart is appointed Commissary of Grain &c. &c. &c. about to take the Field, and Major Charles Corner Commissary of Provisions.—

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Hart Commissary of grain with the Army upon Salaries of five hundred Pagodas each per Month.—

In Addition Captain Hart is to be allowed for his Office establishment, oil and petty charges the Sum of (377 .. 16 .. 40.) Three hundred and Seventy Seven Pagodas Sixteen fanams and forty Cash per Month, and the Office establishment of Major Corner will depend upon the Number of Europeans to be victualled.—

In consideration of these allow=ances Major Corner and Captain Hart are to attest on honor to their accounts, that their disbursements have been made for the purposes specified in the Accounts, and that every part of them has been solely and exclusively made for the public Service.—

His Lordship in Council therefore desires, that you will submit to his consideration a draft of such regulations as you may think it expedient to establish for the conduct of their departments in the field.—

I have the honor to be,
D. Sir, Your
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt
&c

Fort St. George
15th December 1798.—

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To Major General Brathwaite

Sir. I am directed to acquaint you, that

To Major General Brathwaite Informing him of his being Appointed a provisional Member of the Military Board, and vice President in the absence of the Commander in Chief.—

the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, being desirous of availing himself of your experience and information in expediting the Military equipments now under the Superintendance of the Military Board, has been pleased to Appoint you a provisional Member and to the Seat of Vice President during any absence of the Commander in Chief.

His Lordship in Council accordingly desires that you will attend your duty at the Military Board at the first meeting.—

I have the honor to be—

&c.a &c.a

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14.th December 1798.— (Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

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

Gentlemen, Being of Opinion that Major

To the Military Board Intimating that Government have Appointed General Brathwaite a provisional Member

General Brathwaite will be able from his long experience and extensive acquaintance with Military arrangements in this Country to afford the most useful

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Member of their Board and to the seat of Vice President in the Event of the Commander in Chief being absent Pefix Artillery men with a double Proportion of non Commissioned Officers have been Ordered to do duty in the Arsenal— The Commander in Chief & Staff with the General Staff of the Army to be completed for field Service, The Number of Sand Bags deemed necessary by the Commander in Chief to be provided— The Surplus Gram at Trichinopoly is to be conveyed from thence on such Bullocks as may have been engaged for the public Service— Major Corner — Appointed Commissary of Provisions to the Army about to take the Field— The Military Board will submit to the consideration of Government — such an Establishment of Servants as they may judge necessary for his department —

useful assistance at your Board at this period when the Members of it must necessarily be engaged in their respective departments, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint him a provisional Member and to the seat of Vice President during any absence of the Commander in Chief. —

I am directed to acquaint you, that the Governor in Council has thought it advisable to order fifty artillery men with a double proportion of Non Commissioned Officers to do duty at the arsenal. —

The Governor in Council also desires that the Commander in Chief and Staff with the departments of the Ginral Staff of the Army may be completed for field Service. —

His Lordship in Council also directs that Orders may be given for providing such a proportion of Sand bags as may appear necessary upon the information of the Commander in Chief. —

In Order to prevent any alarm among the bullock people, the Governor in Council thinks it advisable to communicate to them

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15 them that Major General Floyd has been authorized to load the surplus gram at Trichinopoly upon such of the bullocks as may have been employed for the public Service in that Quarter.—

The Governor in Council has been pleased to Appoint Major Charles Corner Commissary of Provisions to the Army and desires that you will submit to his consideration such an establishment of Servants as you may think requisite for the department.—

I have the honor to be

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14th December 1798.— (Signed) &c. &c. &c.
J. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

To Major Charles Corner

Sir,

I am directed to Acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to Appoint you Commissary of Provisions with the Army upon the following allowances.— Salary per Month 500 Pagodas.—

To Major Charles Corner Informing him that he is Appointed Commissary of Grain to the Army about to take the Field with a Salary of 500 Pags. pr Month.—

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Office establishments and to be regulated by the Number of Europeans to be daily victualled —

The above allowances are on lieu of all perquisites whatever and you will be required to attest upon honor that the whole of your disbursements have been made for the purposes charged in your Accounts and Solely and exclusively for the public Service. —

You will be furnished with particular regulations for the conduct of your department. — I am, &c. &c.

Fort St. George
14th December 1798. —

(Signed) T. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

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

My

It is with considerable concern that We submit to the consideration of your Lordship in Council the enclosed Copy of a letter

To Bengal Inclosing Copy of a Letter received from the Resident at Tanjore on the State of that Country in consequence of the Failure of the usual Rains. —

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Letter from the Resident at Tanjore upon the State of that Country in consequence of the general failure of our periodical rains.—

We have the honor to be

Yr. & Yr. &c.

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13th December 1798.—

(Signed) Clive
For. Sec. to Council

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.—

Received a Letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 169— States that the dispute respecting the Villages of Ahlamewar is adjusted.—

Received and sent the following—

Letters entered in M.B. No. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86.—

From the Resident at Poonah.—

From Mr. Palmer acknowledging Receipt of Copies of Intelligence from the Mysore Country transmitted on the 30th. November.—

From Mr. Price

From Mr. Price making Oath as to his Age at the time of his Appointment as a Cadet in the Company's Service.—

From Captain Wood— Regretting the final decision of Government respecting the Retrenchment against him that had been submitted to their Consideration— Transmits a

From Captain Wood of the Engineers.—

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15th Bill containing different Charges for house rent &c.a which he requests may be sanctioned.—

To the Military Paymasters General

To Mr. Rochfort— Informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 5270. will be Advanced to him from the General Treasury on his Application.—

To the Secretaries at the Bengal & Bombay Commissioners on the Malabar Coast— and the Residents at Hyderabad and Poona.—

To Messrs. Barlow, Richards, Spencer— Lieutenant Colonel Palmer— and Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick— Enclosing Copies of the latest Intelligence from the Mysore Country.

12 16 Received the following Letters.—

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Governor of Ceylon— Expresses his readiness to acquiesce in the wishes of Government respecting the recal from the Island of Ceylon of one of the Companies of Pioneers & the recal of Lieutenant Filzpatrick,— while at the same time he feels much regret

I was yesterday honored by the receipt of your Lordship's letter in Council dated the 18.th Ultimo requesting that I would spare for the Service of your Presidency one of the Companies of Pioneers under Lieutenant Fitz-Patrick, with Lieutenant Fitz-Patrick himself.

However much I may regret the

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regret at their removal—Mr. North in consideration of the urgent call that there must be for the Service of the Pioneer Corps on the Coast at the present period promises likewise to send the other Company of Cast Pioneers Stationed on Ceylon—Suggests the propriety of having a Major of Brigade appointed for the Cast Troops Serving on Ceylon—Intimates his Intention of endeavouring to establish an Office of Audit on that Island—

the departure of that Officer, and the useful body of Men under his Command, yet in the persuasion of their Services (in the event of War) being so much more essentially necessary under your Presidency than here, I chearfully agree to send you Lieutenants Fitz-Patrick not only with one Company of Pioneers but with both, Reserving only one European and four Native non Comanissioned Officers, whom I wish to retain for the purpose of assisting in the formation of another body of Pioneers, which I trust I shall be enabled to levy from Amongst the Natives of this Island—I will give immediate Orders for their Departure, which will take place with the least possible delay.—

Nothing can be more just than the observation of your Lordship in Council on the necessity of establishing some regular mode of communicating with the Troops of your Establishment Serving here, & of forming some Arrangement for bringing to a Close the Accounts between your Presidency & the Departments on this

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16th this Island.—

As to the former Point I beg leave to observe that it rests with your Lordship in Council to Appoint any Brigade Major for the Troops of your Establishment here, who, I need not say will always be sure of Receiving from me every Assistance & Attention which He may desire.—

On the other Point I have been often seriously reflecting, and having wished to save to this overburthened Establishment the Expence of an Office of such Responsibility and Dignity as that of Accomptant & Auditor General, I made Proposals to your Lordship in Council to allow me to continue transmitting to your Audit the Disbursements of my Government. I am however thoroughly convinced of the Impossibility of conducting that Business with Clearness & Precision at a Distance from the Power from which the Expences must originate, & I therefore think it absolutely necessary that a separate Audit should be established in this Island.—

This I shall endeavour to establish from among the Civil Servants of your

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16th Your Government now upon the Island; but if unsuccessfull in my Arrangements I shall at a very early period apply to your Lordship in Council for Assistance.—

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Colombo
3rd December 1798.—

(Signd) Frederic North

P.S.— I cannot help requesting your Lordship in Council to allow me the Services of Lieutenant Fitz Patrick after the Campaign, if it should not be inconvenient to your Government together with a Number of Good Men sufficient to rear a Corps of Pioneers which is very much wanted in this Island.—

(Signd) F. N.—G.

Right Honorable Lord Clive
President Governor in Council

My Lord, I take the earliest opportunity of forwarding to your Lordship in Council Copies of the Answers of Lieutenant Colonel Barbut Commandant of Jaffnapatnam, and of Lieutenant Turnour Commandant of Mannaar, to the Letters which I wrote to them, relative to the Planks claimed by the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore.—

From the Governor of Ceylon. Encloses Copies of Letters he had received from Lieutenant Colonel Barbut and from the Commandant at Mannaar respecting the Planks belonging to the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore.

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

Colombo
5th December 1798.—

(Signd) Frederic North

For

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16th Planks had come on Shore on different and distant parts within the Limits of my Command, I gave immediate Orders / and made Advances to carry them into execution / for collecting, and preserving what-ever might come on Shore, from a Vessel, I concluded, had been wrecked in the Neighbourhood. These orders were executed with such fidelity and punctuality, that I am happy to say that upwards of one hundred and Ninety Planks have been reported to me, saved, of the two hundred Alledged to have come on Shore.—

A short time after the first Planks came on Shore, two Natives, of very ordinary Appearance, presented themselves and claimed the Planks as Servants of the Owners. Having no Papers or documents what-ever to certify their Powers, I told them that I did not feel myself authorized to resign the property to them, although I was perswaded they were the People they called themselves.

I advised them to remain at Manar, and assist in collecting the Planks, and write for Powers and Instructions to the Agent of their Principal, who, they said lived at Nagore; or go themselves

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16th themselves in search of such Documents or Orders, as would Justify my surrendering the Property, on their paying the usual Salvage, allowed by our Laws, and those of reason and humanity. They preferred going to Nagore, from which time, until the receipt of your letter, I have heard nothing from them or others, on the Subjects of the Planks, which are and ever have been ready for delivering to any Person or Persons, Authorised by Law or Superior Authority, to receive them. In favor of the people who have executed my orders with such activity and honesty, I beg leave to represent, that the Law which gives one third as Salvage, renders that third as much the property of the Savers, as the other two thirds are of the original Proprietors. And it appears, that the Law is in this instance, as in all others, studiously Attentive to make private Interest aid and Assist the cause of humanity.

Although the Claim of all Property Wrecked be justly termed "adding Sorrow" to Sorrow, yet, the application of one third to the purpose of reimbursing expences, paying the

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16. the hire of personal labour, and rewarding a precious Service, is wisely and humanely considered. For there are Men who would risk their lives, to save inanimate Property, unless excited there to by a consideration of personal advantage. —

A true Extract
(Signed) Will. Boyd
5th Asst. Secy. to Govt.

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

From the Governor of Ceylon — Requests to be furnished with an account of the Stoppages made from the Malay Corps — serving on Ceylon, from the beginning of 1797. for half — mounting — Encloses a Letter from the — Officer Commanding them, on the Subject —

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, a Representation by Lieutenant Whitelie Commanding, the Malay Corps here, That no half mounting had been received for that Corps with the Clothing for the Year 1797. —

As I find the Representation is very just, and as the Men are entitled to the half Mountings, in consequence of Stoppages made from their Pay for that Purpose; It is my intention to pay them the Amount of the Stop-pages, after deducting the price of the Coats and Hats

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10th Hats, that have been issued to them, of which I have to request your Lordship will be pleased to send me an Account.—

I have the honor to be

Colombo
5th December 1798.—

V.C. V.C.
(Signed) Frederic North—

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew
Adjutant General on Ceylon

Sir,

I have the honor to Acquaint you for the information of Brigadier General De Meuron that no half mounting has been received for the Malay Corps with the Clothing for the year 1797. and I have every reason to believe that none has been provided by the Contractor.—

The very great inconvenience arising from this circumstance must be obvious (when it is considered that twenty Seven Months have elapsed since the last issue of half mounting,) and has been already severely felt by men, whose small allowances will not bear the expence of even a partial or temporary supply— I therefore beg Leave to recommend, as the most efficacious way of obviating

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16th the distress that must ensue from a longer delay that the balance of Stoppages after deducting the prices of Coats and hats may be returned, that the Men may be enabled to provide themselves with necessaries in question.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) T. Whittle
Lieut. & Comm.g
Malay Corps.

Columbo
November 24th 1798.—

A true Copy
(Signed)
Will: Boyd
Sec.y to Govt.

Sent the following Letters—

To His Excellency
The Honble Frederic North
Governor of Ceylon

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letters of the 19th 21st and 23rd Ultimo.— We have already addressed you upon the subject of bringing to a close the Accounts of the several subordinate departments on Ceylon up to the period of your Excellency's Arrival among those departments we consider the deputy Paymaster to the

To Ceylon, offering to afford every Assistance through the Office of Audit at this Presidency enclosing the Accounts of the Subordinate Departments on Ceylon— Suggesting the necessity of bringing these departments in future under the Controul of an Office of Audit— established

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established for the Island of Ceylon — Lieutenant Keer's Security Bond transmitted — Government concur with his Excellency as to the necessity of giving the proposed plan for destroying Trincomallie a full Consideration — Orders have been given for enquiring after the person mentioned by his Excellency as residing at Palaeadaloo near Tanjore — The allowance recommended has been granted to the Persons whom his Excellency deemed it necessary to banish from the Island —

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King's Troops Serving on the island; and we shall be happy to assist you in adjusting them through the Office of Audit under this Presidency —

In regard however to the future establish = ment We take the liberty of Suggesting that, if your Excellency should judge it's continuance expedient, it may be brought under the controul of the Audit, which you may appoint for the island, as it will be impossible for our Auditor General to check his accounts without regular Musters of the troops, and a knowledge of the Orders and regulations, which you may occasionally put in force. — In conformity with your Excellency's request we have the honor to enclose the Security — bonds of Lieutenant Keer. —

We are perfectly sensible of the justness of your Excellency's Observations upon the Subject of the fortifications at Trincomale, and — concur with you in the necessity of giving the question We have proposed a full consideration. —

We have caused enquiry to be made for the person mentioned by your Excellency as residing at Palcadeloo in the Tanjore Country and shall furnish you with the result at a future —

period

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16th Period We have also authorized payment of the allowance to the persons whom you have banished from the Island.—

We have the honor to be

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13th December 1798.—

Y.c.a Y.c.a

(Signed) Clive
Y.c.a Council

Received and Sent the following

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91.—

From the Command=ant at Virajapat=am.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Stothering=ham— Enclosing different Papers relating to Mr.— Surgeon Ogilvie's Application for leave to proceed to Europe by the way of Bengal— Recommends that Mr. White be appointed to Act in the room of Mr. Ogilvie in Case Mr. Boiswell should not have arrived before his departure.—

From the Command=ant at Poonamallee

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell Enclosing a Letter he had received from the collector in the Jaghire— and requests that a supplyy of Provisions may be sent from this Presidency to relieve the urgent Wants of his Garrison.—

From D.o D.o

From D.o D.o Stirling his urgent Wants of fresh Provisions and of Grain for the use of his Garrison.—

To

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To Captain John Brown — appointing him regulating Captain of the Corps of Militia about to be embodied with a Monthly allowance of Pagodas 168. 27. —

To Captain John Brown.—

To Lieutenant Robert Barclay — —

To Lieutenant Robert Barclay.—

appointing him Adjutant to the Corps of Black Town Militia about to be embodied, and authorizing him to draw the Monthly allowance of an Adjutant of Infantry with an additional allowance of five Pagodas

1st for Writers.—

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Received and sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97. —

From Major General Sydenham —

From the Military Auditor General.—

Encloses a Letter with its Enclosures from the Paymas-ter at Masulipatam respecting the allowances to be granted to five Frenchmen, who had set out from Hydrabad for Masulipatam agreeably to the Resident's Letter to Mr. Gordon.—

From Mr. Shardon — Enclosing

From the Paymas-ter at Vellore.—

a return of the Provisions under his Charge at Wallajahbad. —

From Captain Grant, enclosing

From the Town Major of Fort St. George.—

a Letter from the Commandant at Negapatam, Covering one from Major Fournbour, requesting that

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17th if it is the determination of Government to order him back to Ceylon he may be permitted to draw his present allowances for January, with the addition of Fifty Pagodas to defray the Expences of his travelling— States that the Dutch Officers ordered to Ceylon have requested to be permitted to draw One Months' Pay in Advance.—

From Colonel Close— Stating the

From the Adjutant General of the Army.—

Requests of Captain Stevenson and Lieutenant Butler for leave of Absence.—

To Mr. Cleghorn— He is requested

To the Secretary to Government at Ceylon.—

to obtain the Governor's permission for the return of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew to the Coast.—

To Colonel Stevenson— Ordering him

To Colonel Stevenson or Officer Commanding the 11th Regiment Native Cavalry at Chemundalum.—

to have his Corps in readiness to march immediately or that it may arrive at Arcot by the last day of this Month.—

18th Received a Letter from Major—

From the Military Auditor General.—

General Sydenham entered in M. B. No. 98— enclosing Copy of a letter from the Muster Master in the ceded Districts, who requests permission to resign his Appointment.— A.A.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor — President

Lieutenant General Harris

William Petrie

and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday
18th December
1798.

Minutes of last Consultation read

and Approved. — Read the following letters from

the Military Board. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

We have the honor to forward

to your Lordship the accompanying Bill of

Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud for repairs made

under his superintendence to the Laboratory, and

Main Guard, at Trichinopoly, and in consequence

of such Bill having been supported by the prescribed

Voucher

From the Military Board: sundry payments and advances recommended — a farther increase to the Establishment of Tent Lascars, indispensably necessary. — The Board have also been induced to augment the establishment of

Store

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Store Lascars to the same strength as that of the Tent Lascars—the Silver and Brass honorary Badges ordered by Government for the Native Cavalry and Infantry, who volunteered to go on the Expedition against Manilla are ready to be distributed as Government may direct.—

Voucher, We recommend that the Amount thereof, viz.t Pagodas 88..24..30, may be discharged.—

2nd. We have also the honor of enclosing a Bill, amounting to Pagodas 53..15..10, —being the expence incurred in fitting up a part of the Trepopalore Redoubt near Cheamundalum for the use of the 11th Regiment Native Cavalry, and of recommending that the same be passed for payment.—

3rd. We likewise recommend that an— Advance of one thousand (1000) Pagodas be immediately made to the Agent for Supplies to the 3rd Regiment Native Cavalry, on Account of the provision of Gram for that Corps, and of the current expences of his Department.—

11th. The demand for Lascars by Corps, and Departments, under Orders of preparation for Field Service, being considerably greater, than what We conceived would be the case upon receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letters of 27th July last, Signifying the Authority of Government for encreasing the Tent Lascars to the extent, that would afford a full complement to each, which circumstance, rendering it indispensably necessary that a further

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further Augmentation should be immediately made to the Lascar Establishment at the Presidency, and it appearing to our Board highly probable that Government would not object to the Companies of Store Lascars being encreased in an equal proportion with those of the Tent Establishment notwithstanding that the latter only was mentioned in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter, We have in consequence been induced, under the immediate pressure of the Public Service and the hope of its meeting your Lordship's Approbation, to direct the Companies of Store Lascars at the Presidency to be completed to the same Strength as the Tent Lascars, each Company consisting of two Syrangs, four 1st. and Six 2nd. Tindalls, with one hundred and fifty Lascars.—

We do Ourselves the honor to report to

5th.

that the Number of Silver, and Brass, Honorary Badges, which were ordered by Government under date the 6th December 1797 to be made up for the Native Cavalry, and Infantry, who volunteered for the Expedition against Manilla, are completed, and in readiness for disposal in such manner as your Lordship may be pleased to direct.—

We

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We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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12th. December 1798.—

Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
(Signed) John Richardson
By. Close

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The Board entirely approve the—
Zeal that has induced the Military Board under the
pressure of the Service, to augement the Establish—
—ment of Store Lascars, to the extent mentioned in
their letter.—

Resolutions thereon.—

Resolved that the volunteers be
informed in General Orders that a distribution
of the badges has been ordered to take place & the
Commander in Chief is requested to forward the
badges to the Commissioned, None Commissioned and
private "Volunteers."—

Resolved at the same time that
the Officers Commanding Corps, be desired to
explain to the Volunteers, that merit however obscure
can never be indifferent to a just and wise Government,
and

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and that the Successors of those, who have the present pleasure of bestowing these Badges of distinction will feel an equal satisfaction in recognizing in the descendants of the Volunteers, those testimonials of fidelity and worth.—

Resolved that the payment of the several Bills and Advances recommended by the Military Board, be Sanctioned.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board enclose a letter (Copy) from Mr. Bonvie stating his willingness to enter into a Contract for a further supply of tents to the amount of 40,000 Pagodas. The Board recommend that Mr. Bonvie should be regularly supplied with the quantity of Cloth required by him—recommend the payment of one half of the amount of an extra indent—which the Board had found it necessary to make on the Agent of supply for different Stores.—

1st
We have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of Letters from Government under date the 6th and 12th instant: also of Mr. Secretary Webbe's several Letters of the 9th and 13th instant, with their respective Enclosures.—

2nd
In consequence of the Letter from Government of the 22nd Ultimo authorizing our Board to conclude an immediate engagement with the present Contractor for supplying, upon the terms of the existing Contract, Tents to the Amount of 40,000 Pagodas—in such proportions as We may think necessary for the public Service, We required of Mr. Bourie to

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inform us if he was willing to enter into such engage-
-ment, and having received from him a very satis-
-factory reply on the Subject (Copy whereof, We beg
leave in justice to the Zealous exertions of that —
Gentleman to enclose for the information of Govern-
-ment) We have accordingly directed him to proceed
to the immediate Provision of a Number of Tents in
such proportions of the different descriptions as
appear to us best calculated to meet the demands
of the Service, the estimated Price of which is —
Pagodas 39.969.. 11.. 21.. —

3.rd It having been particularly —
Stated by Mr. Bowie that the quantity of Tent
Cloth to be delivered on Account of the provision of
those Tents should not be less than one hundred Corges
Monthly, We in consequence submit to your —
Lordship the expediency of a punctual delivery
to him of that proportion. —

11.th Having been necessitated to —
Authorise a further extra Indent upon the Agent
of Supply for Stores required to complete the Field
Equipment, and the urgency of the Case appearing
to warrant an Advance to the Agent of one half,
instead

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instead of one third, of the estimated Cost of those Articles, We accordingly recommend that payment of Pagodas 1031..12..60 be immediately made to Mr. Webb on that Account.—

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
15th December 1798.—

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

To Lieutenant John Macleane
Deputy Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo stating that "the Military Board are desirous of being informed whether I will engage to supply, on the terms of my present Contract, Tents to the

Amount

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Amount of Forty thousand Pagodas (40,000) —
and in the event of my being willing to enter
into such engagement that I forward an estimate
of the quantities which I can deliver in part
thereof at the Presidency at Stated Periods. In
reply I have to acquaint you, that I will engage
to provide that Quantity within the period of Six
Months from the receipt of the Indent and
to effect this it will be necessary that the delivery
of Tent Cloth should not be less than one
hundred Corges Monthly — for which orders —
should be issued as early as possible; if a —
greater proportion of Tent Cloth can be delivered
early, so that there may be no delay in getting
it dyed it might Shorten the period of delivery:
on the supposition that a large proportion of the
Indent may consist of private Tents I —
shall, to avoid any loss of time, set the Tent-
-makers to work on them immediately and can
promise that about one fourth of the quantity
Viz.t Ten thousand Pagodas Worth of Tents will

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will be ready to Ship the end of next Month, another quarter part of the Amount will be ready for Shipment by the 15th of March and the remaining Quantity will be ready about the end of May.— the passages to Madras at the two first periods, it is probable, will be very short, the latter Ships may be allowed about three Weeks for their passages but it is not my intention to wait for any particular period of Shipping, but to embrace every opportunity that may offer to Ship whatever quantity may be ready; as the Board have placed a reliance on my exertions.— I have Stated periods, which are not liable to be exceeded, but I have a hope, as far as the business depends on me, to be even somewhat earlier; and as great advances are necessarily to be made and materials provided for a much greater quantity, to prevent disappointment I would beg leave to propose to the Board that the period of the Contract might be

extended

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extended to the end of the Year 1800; so that I might provide Materials for any further quantity that might be required without the danger of having an useless Stock of Materials lying on hand after the completion of the Contract; and, in this case, I can promise them an equal Amount of Tents to what are now required by the end of the ensuing Year; in the event however of no such quantity being wanted, it will be at the option of the Board, to take only the quantity of the Annual Stipulation, 15,000 Pagodas, betwixt the period of the delivery of the present quantity, and the end of the Year 1800; — which is probably less than may be required but would secure me against loss by the provision of a greater Quantity of Materials than may be required for the present Indent: from the Motives, which I have mentioned for this proposal I trust the Board will see it in its proper light, that in guarding against loss from exertion on my part, — I have not the most distant intention of burthening them with a single Tent more than the Service may require. — I trust to

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to the Board's Recommendation to Government that bills in payment, as soon as any part of the Tents have passed examination may be forwarded without delay. I should have been extremely unwilling to intimate this after what has already passed. but I have suffered so much already, that it is the only Apprehension I have of a possibility of failure in my engagement.—

You will be pleased to acquaint the Board that the last part of their Indents will be completed in a few days and will be dispatched on the Anna with the Honble Company's bales from this Factory about the end of the Month.—

I have the honor to be— &c &c

(Signd) Patk Bonnie
Contractor for Tents.—

Ingeram
4th December 1798.—

a true Copy
(Signd) John Macleane—
Depy Secretary Mily Bd

Resolutions thereon.—

Resolved that the satisfaction of the Board be expressed, at the Zeal and readiness which Mr Bonnie, the present Contractor for the provision of Tents, has shewn, to assist and promote the public Service.—

Resolved that Instructions be given to the Commercial Residents at Ingeram and Vizagapatam, to provide the quantity of tent Cloth required

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required by Mr. Bowie, and that the Military Board be directed to assure him, that there shall be no delay in discharging his Bills, as soon as they may have passed their examination. — Resolved that the advance recommended by the Military Board, to the Agents of Supply be sanctioned. — Resolved that the Commander in Chief be authorized and requested previous to the assembling the Army to give such Orders as may be necessary to Officers Commanding Detachments and Stations in Order to facilitate and expedite that measure. — Read the following letter from —

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be authorized and requested to issue the Orders that he may judge necessary to facilitate and expedite the assembling of the Army. —

Bengal. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord, We have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a Copy of a separate letter from the Honorable Court of Directors to this — Government — Dated the 6th of June last, with a Copy of the Orders which we have published to the Army of this Presidency in consequence of the letter from the Court. —

From Bengal, transmit Copy of a letter received by the Supreme Government from the Honble Court of Directors respecting proposed changes in the present Military System. —

Your

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Your Lordship in Council will observe that the Honble Court have been pleased to direct, that Officers promoted by Brevet either in consequence of His Majesty's General Brevets, or of the Court's Orders of the 8th January 1796, granting the Brevet rank of Captain to Subalterns of fifteen years standing, shall be entitled only to the Batta of their Regimental Rank, that the table allowance granted to Colonels on this Establishment serving with their Regiments in India, and not being General Officers on the Staff, shall be discontinued, and that in certain cases specified by the Honorable Court, Lieutenant Colonels of Regiments of Native Infantry shall not be entitled to the Batta of Colonel.—

3

We have judged it expedient to suspend for the present the execution of the Orders of the Honble Court, regarding the abovementioned Allowances; and we request, that those orders and our resolutions for suspending the execution of them, as well as all such parts of the Honble Court's

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Courts' letter as are not noticed in the resolutions which We have published to the Army at this Presidency, may be kept Secret.—

4. We deem it probable that your Lordship in Council will also receive Orders from the Honble Court for the discontinuance of such of the aforementioned Allowances as have been granted at your Presidency; and we request that in the event of your receiving such Orders, you will be pleased to suspend the execution of them until you shall have received our instructions on the Subject...

5. We understand that your Lordship in Council has not yet received final Orders from the Honble Court of Directors for the introduction of y^e^ System of promotion by Regimental rise into the Army on your Establishment, We entertain no doubt however that it is the intention of the Honble Court to extend this rule of promotion to the three Presidencies, and we think it advisable that the Arrangement should take place at each Presidency as nearly as possible at the same period: under these circumstances we should not

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not hesitate to desire your Lordship in Council to adopt the system of promotion by Regimental rise in the Army on your Establishment without delay, if we were in possession of any public information of the intention of the Honorable Court with respect to the number of Regiments of European Infantry in the Company's Service, to be allowed for your Establishment. —

6. If however your Lordship in Council should be in possession of any information with regard to the Honble Courts' intention on this point; We are of Opinion that the System of promotion by Regimental rise, should be extended to the European and Native Infantry of your Establishment — without delay, and that it should be carried into effect on the principles which we have adopted at this Presidency. —

7 We presume that the 2 and 23rd Paragraphs of the Honble Courts' letter will be sufficient for your Guidance with regard to the establishment of your Battalions of Artillery, and of your Regiments of Native Cavalry; and we

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are accordingly of Opinion that those Corps should be completed to the establishments specified in the Paragraphs abovementioned, and that promotion by Regimental rise should immediately be introduced into your Cavalry.

8. We also request that you will adopt the rule now established at this Presidency, by which the Batta of Brevet Officers is in future to be drawn only from the Date of the notification of their Brevet Rank in General Orders in India.

We have the honor to be

Fort William the 26.th November 1798.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) "Mornington

"Alured Clarke

"P. Speke

"W. Cowper

Our

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Our Governor General in Council
at
Fort William in
Bengal.

Para 1. In the present separate Dispatch
it is our intention to take into consideration the whole
of your Proceedings relative to the Instructions —
contained in our letter of the 8th January 1796 for
the New Arrangements of our Armies in India. —

2. But previous to our going into
the discussion of the points more intimately connec-
-ted with the subject of that Letter, we shall
advert to your Resolution of the 1st May 1796
which promotes the Officers in our Service under
your Presidency to the Brevet Rank to which
they were entitled in consequence of the General —
Brevets granted in His Majesty's Service with
a retrospect to the period of 9th July 1793,
and allows the Officers so promoted the Batta
of their Brevet Rank in arrear from the Date
of their Promotions. —

The —

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3 The Governor General in his Minute

States / from the information of the Commander in
Chief / that the Officers have a right to the —
retrospective Batta and in the Orders proposed
to be issued it is said that "as the Officers in His
"Majesty's Regiments Serving in India, when —
"promoted by Brevet have invariably received
"Batta of their Brevet Rank, it follows of —
"course the Company's Officers so promoted should
"in like manner have the same indulgence." —

This Argument is certainly admissible if the
fact be clearly as asserted, but we have not
been able to discover any order or Authority
issued by our Governor General in Council to
justify the right or even the practice as an —
indulgence founded on a Similar one to His —
Majesty's Officers on the contrary We find by
your Proceedings of 4.th September 1787 an Order
was issued in conformity to Instructions received from
us that no Officer in His Majesty's Service should
receive greater Pay or Allowance than he might be
entitled

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entitled to by his Regimental Ranks.—

In the Military Regulations of the

4.

Madras Government relative to the Kings Troops, framed as we believe in the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell, we find a Standing order that Batta be allowed to His Majesty's Officers according to their local or Brevet Rank and it is to be supposed therefore that the same rule may have obtained by Precedent or otherwise at all the Presidencies in India.—

The Brevet Rank thus granted

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to the Officers extended retrospectively as far back as to the 1st March 1794 and the Amount of the Arrears of Batta in consequence was upwards of 6 Lacks of Sonant Rupees at your Presidency as Stated by the Military Auditor General.— This expence would continue in a great degree in respect to Officers, who are not promoted by the new Arrangement to the full Rank they hold by Brevet / who would of course under your Resolutions enjoy the superior Batta of their Brevet Rank / the subject ought therefore certainly

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certainly to have been referred to our Decision previous to its being carried into execution. —

6. But the present exigency, however — considerable, is not the only point in question: every — future promotion by Brevet of which the extent — cannot be known will increase the Amount and upon a ground that has no reference to length of Service but merely to a temporary or local rise in His Majesty's Service, We therefore positively direct that from the receipt of these Orders the same be — discontinued, & that no Officer either in His Majesty's Regiments Serving in India or in the Company's Service be allowed higher Batta, than that he is — entitled to, by his Regimental Rank. —

7. We shall now remark on the several points of Military Arrangement under the heads — detailed in our Dispatch of the 8th. January 1796. —

Establishment of Corps

European Artillery —

8. Considering the great importance of this Corps, We have resolved on an Augmenta — tion thereon as follows. —

Each —

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Each Battalion of 5 Companies to consist of

1 Colonel
1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
5 Captains
5 Captain Lieutenants
10 Lieutenants
5 Lieutenants Fireworkers
25 Serjeants
25 Corporals
50 Gunners
10 Drums and Fifes
350 Matrosses—

With Staff &c.a as at present.—

The Establishment for Bengal to

Para. 9.

consist of 3 Battalions of the above Strength.—

European Infantry

We have been apprized of his—

10.

Majesty's intention to new model His Regiments of Infantry Serving in the East Indies, by forming them into 12 Companies of 100 Rank and File each, and in order to preserve a proper uniformity between His Majesty's and the Company's European Infantry We have resolved that our present Establishment shall be formed also into Regiments

of

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of the same Strength.—

11. Each Regiment will therefore consist of.—

1 Colonel
2 Lieutenant Colonels } Each to have a Company.
2 Majors
7 Captains
1 Captain Lieutenant
25 Lieutenants
10 Ensigns
48 Serjeants
60 Corporals
26 Drums & Fifes
1140 Privates

with Staff &c. as at present

12. From the great deficiency in the effective strength of your European Force, as stated in the last returns, it seems impossible to admit of more than two Regiments of the above Establishment being formed from it, we accordingly direct that your European Infantry shall consist in future of two Regiments.—

13. If there should remain any supernumerary Non Commissioned Officers they are to continue attached to the Regiments on their usual Pay and Allowances.—

Native

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Native Infantry

To provide for the Officers, who by the foregoing

Orders respecting the European Infantry, will become

supernumerary, We direct that another Regiment of

Native Infantry be added to your Army, and as

on further consideration We are of opinion that the

present Peace Establishment of a Native Regiment in

the proportion of Sepoys is larger than with propriety

it should be, this additional Regiment is to be raised

by Drafts from the other twelve until it consists of

1400 Privates, to which Establishment as Casualties —

happen all the Native Regiments are to be reduced —

15 But it is not our intention that in any

case, especially during War, the supernumerary Sepoys

fit for Service should be disbanded, they will —

continue attached to the Regiments on the usual

Pay &c until reduced by Casualties to the strength

now directed. —

16 The Number of European Officers and

of Native Commissioned or Warrant Officers for the

new Regiment is to be the same as the present

Establishment

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Establishment, the Native Officers are to be formed either by Drafting or Promotion as may be found most expedient. —

17 From the particular purposes for which the Marine and Ramghur Battalions were raised, and the different circumstances in Respect to Pay &c. of the Troops composing them we are led to conclude they must continue separate Corps — the Officers of these Battalions should however in our Opinion be upon the strength of the Regular Regiments. —

18 As our late Commander in Chief was of opinion, that the second Lieutenant Colonels and second Majors of each Native Regiment should have companies, we admit thereof, notwithstanding the directions to the contrary in our separate Letter of 8th January 1796, we likewise approve of the additional non Commissioned Staff for each Regiment. —

19 Informing the new Establishment of Native Infantry we were induced from the Opinions of

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of Military Men, then before us, to doubt the necessity of appointing Quarter Masters to the native Regiments, but admitting the reasons assigned by Sir Robert Abercromby and by the Minute of Council, we consent to sanction the appointment of an Adjutant and Quarter Master in one Person to each native Regiment on the Allowances proposed. —

Native Cavalry

20 The late Commander in Chief in the 3d Para of his Minute on Consultation the 30th of May 1796 has stated it as his opinion, that, when all the Ships of the season 1795/6 were arrived, the Cavalry Establishment / 4 Regiments / should be completed at that period at farthest, and by the 6th Para of your letter of the 27th February 1797 we are advised that directions have been given for raising the 4th Regiment immediately. —

21 As the purchase of the Regiment of Hindoostanee Horse from Mr. De Boigne was not known to us at the time our Orders for the new Establishment of Native Cavalry were given we

we have some doubts of the necessity of raising four Regiments exclusive of that Corps and could have wished you had referred the matter to us prior to your issuing the orders abovementioned for raising the fourth Regiment. -

22 We therefore direct that you take into serious consideration the expediency or necessity of keeping up so large and expensive an Establishment as five Regiments of Native Cavalry and inform us by the earliest opportunity of your opinion hereon. -

23 Having thought proper to admit of an Alteration in the Establishment of the Native Cavalry at Madras, in order to preserve uniformity in the two Establishments, the same is to be adopted at your Presidency, each Regiment of six Troops is therefore to consist of. -

1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
2 Captains
1 Captain Lieutenant
6 Lieutenants
6 Cornets
2 Serjeants

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6 Subidars

12 Jemmidars

24 Havildars

24 Naigues

6 Trumpeters

420 Privates

6 Puckallies

and as in your letter of 13.th March 1797 Paragraph 102 you have x given it as your opinion that a full Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon should be attached to each Regiment of Native Cavalry, we consent thereto. —

24 The whole Corps when raised is to be Commanded by a Colonel Commandant as before directed. —

Invalids

25 We approve of the Resolution advised in the 8.th Paragraph of your military Letter of 31.st December 1796 for restoring the fifteen Invalids at Chinar to the pay of the Ranks they held, when put on the Invalid Establishment. —

Appointments and Promotions

26 We have on further consideration thought

thought proper to direct, that that part of our orders of 8.
January 1796 which respects the passing over such —
Lieutenant Colonels as may be considered unfit for the
Command of Regiments or Battalions; or to be Chief
Engineers, also the application of this principle to the
promotion of Colonels to the Rank of Major Generals
be rescinded. —

27 We have with the most minute — attention considered all that has been urged against the Rule of Promotion directed by us in the Infantry and Cavalry Corps by Regimental succession, but we do not find any objection, that has been stated, — sufficiently substantial to induce us to depart from our orders on that Subject, or of such a nature as may not be removed by some modification of those — orders. —

28 The late Commander in Chief in his Minute stated as one objection to this rule that an Officer must be promoted in his Regiment to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and that no latitude is allowed to deviate from it in favor of a more

deserving

deserving and perhaps older Officer in the line. —

29 On the point of merit we may observe that the same objection would have equally applied to the former System of Promotion in the line by which no Officer however meritorious could be promoted to a rank, to which he was not entitled by his standing on the — General List of the Army. —

30 The objection as to Corps intended for — service and as to the selection of Officers does not appear to be of great validity; such Corps may now as formerly be fully Officered, and there is nothing as we conceive in the present arrangement to prevent the selection by Government of the most meritorious Officers to — Command Detachments or Stations. —

31 The Commander in Chiefs observation on the inducements to Officers to resign the Service by the clandestine Sales of Commissions merits attention, and in order to guard against the possibility of such practices we think it proper to direct, that every — Officer, who shall apply for leave to retire from the Service on the pay of his Rank shall declare upon Oath

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Oath that neither he himself nor any other person for him to his Knowledge has received or will in future receive directly or indirectly any compensation or gratification pecuniary or otherwise from any person or persons whatsoever for such his retirement, and if notwithstanding this restriction any such practice shall be discovered the Officers receiving or permitting to be received any compensation for his retiring shall not thereafter be entitled to his pay on retirement but shall nevertheless be considered as entirely out of the Service and the Officer or Officers who may be found to have offered or granted any compensation or gratification to those of higher rank for retiring shall not be allowed the benefit of the Promotion thereby acquired but it shall be competent for the Government under which the parties concerned serve to promote another Officer to the Rank held in the Regiment or Battalion by the Officer retiring.

32 Another circumstance on which objections to the Regimental promotion are grounded as

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as stated by the late Commander in Chief, is the preference given by Officers to the Native Line of the Service on account of the superior commands attached to rank, the greater number of seperate and independent Stations and commands, the superior prospect of being called into action and of distinguishing themselves in their profession and a material difference in their — allowances by the receipt of Tent Money: These, Sir Robert Abercromby remarks, may all be supposed to operate, and that the Officers fixed to Europe Corps will consider themselves most unfortunate and never be contented with their lot. —

33 The first three points of objection — appear to us to be more peculiarly applicable to the System of the Native Establishment formerly in force, wherein a Battalion of Sepoys being — commanded by an Officer of no higher Rank than that of Captain, he was of course more likely to be in superior Commands or Stations, but such Accidental preference no longer existing under the

new

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new arrangement, objections on this score must be considered as done away.—

34 The Tent allowance was granted to Officers of native Corps under the Government of Marquis Cornwallis and at his suggestion, in order to enable them to be at all times ready for field Service, but we have never looked upon this as a source of Emolument to those Officers.—

35 With this exception therefore, and it can hardly, we conceive, amount to an exception, there does not appear any real cause for objection on the grounds above enumerated. We have no doubt that the Officers under the new arrangement, with the modification now directed, will with equal ardour, engage in the European, as in the native line of the service, as the former will require their attention in respect to discipline, order, and other requisites for the general good, equally with the latter.—

36. Upon the whole therefore we see no reasonable or substantial inducement to depart from the

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the principles of promotion laid down in our separate dispatch of 8th January 1796, which must therefore now be carried into execution, under the following qualifications. —

European Infantry

37 That the Officers be promoted by seniority in their respective Regiments to the Rank of Major, and afterwards to the higher ranks by seniority in the whole Corps. —

Native Infantry

38 That promotion proceed in this Corps, exactly in the same manner as above directed for the European Infantry. —

Native Cavalry

39 That under the alteration in the Esta-blishment directed above, promotion in this Corps do likewise proceed by seniority in the Respective Regiments, to the rank of Major, and afterwards to the higher ranks by seniority in the whole Corps. —

Paymasters

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Paymasters

40 We have considered with attention your resolutions on the subject of our orders for appointing a Paymaster / one of the Officers / to each Regiment or Battalion, in directing these appointments, we had in view the — rights and comforts of the Native Soldiery in regard to the issue of their pay, in which it is evident from the — Commander in Chiefs Minute on the new Arrangement, and from your proceedings thereon, as also from the Governor Generals' Minute on the subject of paying the Troops, and from other circumstances great abuses had prevailed. —

41 It had also been under consideration, that by these appointments the station Paymasters would be no longer necessary, and there a saving of expence might have been effected to no inconsiderable amount, and altho' the measure of abolishing those Paymasterships, was not specially directed in our letter of the 8th. January 1796, we concluded it would of course, as appears indeed to have been the case, come — under discussion in your proceedings on the new Army Regulations. — 42

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42 It was not however our intention to overturn, or weaken in the smallest degree the established system of check, or controul, over Military expenditure, which had been so ably brought to perfection, with the greatest apparent advantages to our Interest. —

43 But as this seems to be apprehended to a material extent, by carrying the measure now under discussion into execution, and as it appears, from the very able manner, in which the subject of appointing Regimental Paymasters, has been treated by our Governor General in his Minutes on Consultation 29. July 1796, and from the strong and convincing reasons adduced by him, we have no hesitation in acceding to his proposition for suspending the measure of such appointment, and of continuing the payment of the troops under the former system, with the subsidiary Regulations established by the Minutes of Council of the 22d August 1796. —

44 At the same time, it is but justice to our late Commander in Chief, Sir Robert Abercromby to observe, that in the Arguments urged by him for a

a contrary opinion, we see nothing, which should lead us to impute any other motives to his conduct, than those which arose from his conception of a due sense of his duty to the Company, and an implicit adherence to their Orders.—

General Officers on the Staff

45 We approve, for the reasons assigned by Sir Robert Abercromby your Resolution for granting to all the Major Generals then in Bengal the Staff allowances directed by us for the Generals on the Staff only, when these should be selected, and for extending this to the Commandant of Artillery; this was evidently a temporary measure, as we are advised in your Military letter of the 28th August, 1797, of your having selected the General Officers on the Staff and reduced the number to the Peace Establishment directed by our letter of the 8th January 1796, which must on no account be exceeded and that you have struck off the temporary allowances granted to the Senior Colonel of the former Establishment, who are not General Officers on the Staff.

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these measures have our approbation. —

46. Altho' under the latitude of our instruct:
=ons of 8.th January 1796, respecting the Number of General
Officers on the Staff, during War, we do not disapprove of
the appointments of Generals Deare and Rawstorne to
those Stations, in consequence of the absence of Generals
Craig, and Erskine, yet we wish you to be fully
satisfied of the absolute necessity of such appointments in
future before the Company are subjected to the additional
expence occasioned thereby; in a general view we do
not see, that it is positively requisite, when Officers of
this description are sent on service in India to
supply their places by new appointments, during
their temporary absence from the Presidency, under
which they serve; and as the expence, incurred thereby,
must be considerable, you will give this consideration
its due weight on any future occasion. —

47. We approve of the Restrictions, under
which you promoted Colonel Martine to the
rank of Major General.

Pay

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Pay and Allowances

48 We shall now advert to your Resolu-
-tions on the subject of allowances granted to
Officers contrary to or not mentioned in our letter
of the 8th. January 1796 in the order in which they
appear in your proceedings of 30th. May 1796

1st. Table allowance of 1000 Rs. a month
to Colonels on duty in India, not General Officers
on the Staff.

49. We are not convinced of the propriety
of this allowance on the apparent ground of it's
being granted, Viz. to equalize it to that of
the Commandant of Artillery not a General
Officer on their Staff as directed by our orders,
the situation of the latter under the case supposed
must render him liable to much greater
expence than a Colonel of an European or
Native Regiment and still more than a
Colonel

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Colonel of one of the Battalions of his own Corps.

50 Under the former system, the table allowance was granted to Colonels Command-ing Brigades, or Stations where there was of course a much greater number of Officers and their allowances were only then 200 Rupees a Month above those you have granted to Colonels of Regiments or Battalions.

51 Neither do the situations of the Colonels of Regiments or Battalions in a pecuniary view appear to us to warrant this large allowance, as the emoluments to those promoted from Lieutenant Colonels are greatly improved by the new arrangement; And as to Colonels possessed of that rank prior thereto, a latitude has been left by our orders of the 8th January 1796, to Consider their situations under that arrangement.

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52 For these reasons we direct that the table allowance to Colonels shall cease from the receipt of this letter.

2d The allowance to the Colonel Commandant of Cavalry, not a General Officer, on the Staff encreased from 600 Rs. to 1000 Rupees P month.

53 As the situation of this Officer may be considered as on a similar footing with that of the Commandant of Artillery, not a General Officer we do not disapprove of this encrease to his allowance.

3d Lieutenant Colonels and Majors on duty in India, not promoted by the new Regulations allowed the former 500 Rupees the latter 300 Rupees a Month until promoted.

54 Under the latitude left by our orders of 8th January 1796 we do not disapprove

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of the allowance granted to the Officers of these
Ranks not promoted by the new arrangement-

Lt.t Officers with the exception of
Colonels / Commanding Regiments or Battalions
allowed Batta of their next Superior Rank-

55 Under the modifications of this
order contained in the Governor Generals Minute
on Consultations the 12th. August 1796, and —"—
Considering it was in a great measure the —"—
established practice of the Service prior to the new
arrangement we do not see any material —"—
objection to it but we doubt the necessity of exten-
-ding this indulgence to both the Lieutenant
Colonels of a Regiment of Native Infantry, which
seems to be the case at present; the 7th. Resolution
appears indeed in some measure to obviate this,
but it is not sufficiently explicit to ascertain if
the restriction is meant to apply to Lieutenant
Colonels

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Colonels of the description above mentioned. If the Colonel is with his Regiment or Battalion wherever employed we think it improper to allow any other officer of the Regiment — the superior Batta and direct, that it be discontinued if now allowed.

5th Second Lieutenant Colonels and 2 Majors permitted to draw the Batta and other allowances of their respective Ranks.

56th Although this is a deviation from our express orders on the subject and should have been referred to our decision, before it was carried into effect, yet for the reasons assigned in the Commander in Chief's Minute, and as Officers of the same ranks in his Majesty's Regiments serving in India draw the full allowances of ranks, we consent to confirm your resolution.

6th Captain Lieutenants on the new establishment and all subaltern Officers

now

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now in the Service, when promoted to — "

Captain Lieutenants, allowed the additional

pay of one Rupee a day except when promoted

to Captain Lieutenant allowed the additional

pay of one Rupee a day except when serving

in Oude.

57. On reference to the annual — "

Military Statements received from Bengal it

does not appear that Captain Lieutenants of his

Majesty's Regiments in India have been allowed

the additional pay of one rupee a day drawn by — "

Subalterns in our Service their pay being merely

made equal to the pay distinctly so called of — "

Lieutenants in the Company's Army in addition

to which they draw batta and gratuity as Captains.

The pay table annexed to our orders of 8th January 1796

was therefore in respect to Captain Lieutenants / a — "

new rank then introduced into our Army / founded

exactly on similar allowances drawn by officers of

that rank in the King's Regiments serving in — "

India

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India according to the established practice.

58 Before the establishment directed by our separate letter of 21st September 1785 the rank of Captain Lieutenant existed in our Artillery corps only, and officers of that rank drew higher pay than that of Lieutenant, Viz.t 90 Rupees a month that of a Lieutenant being 70 Rupees a month only.

59 If therefore you shall continue to be of opinion that an addition to the allowances of officers of this rank is absolutely necessary to support the Character and consequence of such rank "as mentioned by Sir Robert Abercromby when he proposed it for your adoption we shall not withhold our concurrence thereon, under the exception expressed in your resolution to officers serving in Oude

60 And that our orders for abolishing the additional pay to Subalterns may not be liable to misconstruction, it may be here right to

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define them more particularly we therefore direct, that no officer, who had not been appointed a cadet of the season prior to 1795 shall be considered as entitled to such additional pay.

7.th Brevet Captains to receive batta as Captains

61 When we consented to grant the Brevet rank of Captain to Lieutenants, who had been fifteen years in our service, it was with the express direction that such Officers should not receive any additional allowance in consequence of this indulgence: the increased expence by your resolution to grant Brevet Captains the batta of that Rank will not be less than S.a Rup.s 60,000 per annum and altho' as the Commander in Chief has observed this allowance will considerably diminish as the Officers become Captains yet the expence is likely to continue in the greatest part for a length of time owing to the number of

officers

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Officers of this discription on your army list, it was therefore incumbent on you to have submitted this point to our decision before you carried your resolution into effect—

62 Under our orders above given relative to Brevet ranks it is impossible for us to concur in the measure, but in order to shew our inclination to render the situations of officers of this discription in a pecuniary view consonant to the respectability of their rank we shall not object to your allowing Brevet Captains, who stand in a very different — situation from officers advanced beyond their — Regimental rank merely on account of the — Brevet rank granted to His Majesty's Officers in addition to the usual pay and allowances of Lieutenants of one rupee a day—

63 It may be proper here to notify our approbation of your proceedings in the promotion of Lieutenants to Brevet Captains — as

advised

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advised in paragraphs 2 & 3 of your letter of 27th of
February 1797

64 With respect to the applications of
the Senior Lieutenants to be promoted to the brevet
Rank of Captains referred to in your Military
Letter of 31st December 1796, paragraph 9th to
the reason you have assigned and the expence
that would thereby be incurred induce us to
decline a compliance therewith.

8th Sum allowed to Officers
serving in the Nizam's dominions made
equal to the difference between the full and
double batta of their respective Ranks.

65 We had entertained reasonable
expectations that these allowances might have
been fixed at a less amount than you have
resolved on; as however we presume you were
fully satisfied that nothing short of sums
agreed to be allowed would have been a
sufficient compensation to the Officers for
the

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for the increased expence they are put to while
serving in Oude, we do not think it necessary to
direct a reconsideration of your Resolutions

66 We are by no means convinced
of the necessity for adopting the Regulations
discussed in Paragraphs 75 to 77 of your Military
Letter of the 31st. December 1796 relative to the
indemnification to be allowed to the —"
Company's Military officers for the loss of
their Baggage and Horses, on the ground of
similar Regulations made here with respect
to Officers on His Majesty's Service, neither do
we think the situation of His Majesty's Officers
serving in India render the extension of this
indemnification to them at all necessary — Your
late Military Auditor General very justly observed
in the 10th. Paragraph of his Letter on this subject —
"That such of the Royal Troops as are employed
"in this Country / India / are better paid and —"

proceeded

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provided by the Company than any where on Europe
or other parts of the British Dominions admitting
the force of this observation we can not therefore —"
approve of the Regulations being established on
India either for the Kings or Company's Officers
and direct they be annulled on receipt of this letter.

67. We approve of the Resolution
advised in the 38th Paragraph of your Secretary
letter of the 28th August last of granting the full
Batta of Colonel to General Officers not on the Staff
in addition to the pay of Colonel and share of the
Off reckonings, this being in conformity to our "
intentions on the new arrangement.

68. We have considered the appointments
mentioned in the 63d & 64th Paragraphs of the
same letter of two General Officers not on the
Staff to command the Garrisons of Bazar and
Monghyr with a Salary of Sa Rs 2000 a Month
each, in lieu of Batta and every other allowance
whatever

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expatiate except these Copy of Colonels and Share of

the Off Reckonings -

69 The principle on which these appointments were recommended does not obtain objection-

-able but we apprehend the carrying it into practice in the mode under consideration may have a tendency to increase the number of Staff Stations, although in a different form -

70 If the appointments are consequent allowances are looked upon as made under the discretionary power vested in you to consider the situations of officers, whose former Emoluments are much reduced by the new arrangement, which is certainly the case in the two instances now before us, you have our authority for continuing them as at present -

71 But if the appointments are intended to be permanent, we are of opinion, on a due attention to the duties attached to them

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them, that the increase to the allowances formerly
drawn by Officers Commanding these Stations
(after deducting the Batta of Colonel to General officers
not on the Staff noticed above) is more than
can be Requisite and must therefore on future
appointments of officers thereto, undergo revision.

72 Such parts of your Proceedings relative
to Medical &c allowances to the different Corps
under the new arrangement as are not particularly
noticed by us may be considered as having our
approbation -

73 The period, at which you resolved the
Regulations for paying the Army under the new —
arrangement should have effect, Viz. from the
1st of June 1796, is approved -

Off Reckonings.

74th We approve of the Resolutions
adduced in Paragraph 24th and 25th of your
Military letter of 31st December 1796 of allowing
the

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the Artillery Captains are equivalent to their former off-reckonings, but this allowance must of course cease when those officers are promoted.

75 We also advise of the allowance of 100 Rup.s a month to the adjutants of European Battalions in lieu of the same amount drawn by them from the Off-reckoning fund prior to the new regulations as advised in the 31.st and the 32.d Paragraphs of the same letter.

76 The Regulations for devideing the off reckoning Fund contained in Paragraphs 54. to 56 of your letter of 27.th February 1797 have also met with our approbation.

Medical Department.

77. Your proceedings of the 24.th June 1796 in carrying our orders on this subject into execution have in general our approbation.

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78. . . . with regard to full Surgeons we are of opinion, that the numbers You have assigned at the Presidency for the Civil line, Vizt. five, is more than can be required; you will therefore reconsider your Resolution on this Head.

79 And having taken into considera-tion the 11th. 12th. and 13th. Paragraphs of your Military letter of the 8th. December 1796, we hereby confirm your Resolutions founded on the Recommendation of the Hospital Board, that the whole Medical Corps shall continue to rise in one general list, subject as heretofore to all Civil or Military Duties under the existing Regulations, and that the Surgeons attached to Civil Stations shall be considered as equally liable with those serving in the Army to be recalled upon Military Service, also that they shall on this footing be admitted to the indulgences of Furlough and Retiring-

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the exclusion however from these indulgences of those, who under the options of the Regulations of 26th October 1788 had previously resigned all claim to future promotion, is strictly proper, as it was not our intention that — Medical Gentlemen, who under those Regulations had for so great a length of time been on their own option released from attending to the Military duties of their Profession, should now claim or be allowed the benefits held out by the new arrangement; it would operate as a — severe hardship upon those, who have hitherto been attached to Military Stations on the — former System, were Gentlemen of the above description permitted to assume the functions of those situations, which they had formerly declined, as they would thereby not only — supersede those, whose constant attention to Military duties entitled them to the — advantages

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advantages now assigned them but probably for a considerable period might keep them out of the situations and consequent rewards they have so justly deserved — We therefore direct that the Regulations of October 1788 be adhered to in respect to any Surgeon or assistant Surgeon, who may hereafter decline taking upon him the Duties of the Military line of the profession, when called on for that purpose.

81. We have considered the letter from several of the Gentlemen of the Medical Department on your Establishment, referred to in Paragraphs 94 to 104 of your Military Dispatch of the 18th March 1797, requesting Sundry alterations in the present situations of the Heads of that Department as to rank and Pay.

82 You have already been advised of our Resolution as to the Pay on Furlough granted to Head

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Head Surgeons, which is conformable to what you have suggested in the 97. Paragraph and with respect to your recommendation for allowing the Pay of Lieutenant Colonel to Members of the Medical Board, when on Furlough, we shall not object to it: the other points relative to these two discriptions of your Medical Servants Recommended in the same Paragraph have also our approbation.

83. On the remaining Subjects of the address, now treated of, we entirely adopt your reasonings.

Furlough

84. We think it necessary to direct your attention to the Regulation on this head, as to the proportion of Officers to be allowed to come home; We are induced to notice this Subject from observing, that five Subalterns of Your Engineer Corps have been on Furlough at the

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the same time, which exceeds the proportion above referred to.

85 We entirely coincide in your — " opinions founded on general principles on the subject of the application of your late adjutant General Lieutenant Colonel Murray, as stated in Paragraphs 18 to 24 of your letter of 31st — " December 1796, at the same time we concur in the sentiments expressed in the 24th Paragraph relative to that Officer

86 And having considered with attention Paragraphs 26 to 29 containing the proposed Regulations recommended by the — " Military Board for permitting Serjeants to — " retire, we acquiesce thereon.

87 With regard to your Resolution in the following Paragraph for extending the — " benefit

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benefit of the Resolutions of Furlough and Retirement to Deputy Commissaries of ordnance as the number of persons of this description, who are not commissioned Officers in the army, is so few, we shall not — withhold our consent thereto, but we think it may be proper in general, that these stations — should be filled on future Vacancies by Subalterns of Artillery.

88 But we cannot give our consent to the extension of the indulgence of retiring from the Service with their pay of Sonat Rupees 50 per Month to Conductors of Ordnance, as advised in the 128th and 129th Paragraphs of your Military Letter of the 28th August 1797 - those being persons holding no Military Rank, who are either taken from Non Commissioned Artillery officers or from Men not before in our Service.

89. The regulations advised in the — 71st Paragraph of the letter of 31st December 1796, relative to officers permitted to proceed to the

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Cape and eventually to Europe are approved.

90 Having considered the applications of the Chaplains at your Presidency referred to in your Letters of 30.th July and 31.st December 1796 to be allowed the benefits of Pay on Furlough, and Retirement from the Service, we have come to the following Resolutions thereon.

91 That Chaplains attached to the army or Military Stations be allowed to come home on Furlough for three years with the full Pay of their corresponding rank on the Military Establishment Viz.t that of Chaplain, as fixed by your Reso= =lution in the case of the Reverend Mr. Loftie

92 That no Military Chaplain shall be permitted to come home on Furlough, who has not been Resident in India seven years unless in cases of certified ill health.

93 That the Proportion of Mili= =tary Chaplains to be permitted to come home

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on Furlough be left to the discretion of the "
Respective Governments in India.

Retiring from the Service

94 That Military Chaplains after 18
years Service in India three years for one
Furlough being included, be allowed to retire
from the Service.

95 That the Pay to Military
Chaplains so retiring be the same as
that allowed to them when on Furlough
Viz.t Captains Pay or 10 Shillings "
p.r day.

95 That no Chaplain be allowed
to retire on such Pay, who has not
served ten years at a Military "
Station.

That no chaplain be entitled to
retire

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refers on such Payee he does not produce ample —
testimonials of his having discharged his duty as a
Clergyman faithfully and diligently, and also of
his good Conduct and behaviour in general, these
testimonials to be transmitted thro agh the Governe
=ments, under which the Chaplains were serving
with the opinion of such Government thereon.

98. We have attended to the observa.
=tions, in your letter of the 31st December 1796,
on the representation from the Military Auditor
General relative to the addition of his Signature
to the Certificates, required by our orders of the —
22d April 1796, of the latest period to which Pay
had been drawn by Officers coming home on
Furlough or retirement; the reason for requiring
the attestation of the Auditor General was —
precisely to ascertain the point he has men=
=tioned, Viz.t the latest period to which pay was
sanctioned in his Office, if the Military —
Paymaster General can not authorize the issue
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of Pay unless thereby such Sanction, there can be no
objection to the omission of the Military Auditor
General's Signature to the required Certificates.

99. The great benefits to the Service
by the indulgence granted to Officers of retiring
after a certain number of Years on their Pay
must be a sufficient proof of the attention
we have shewn to their comfort and happiness and
in order still further to impress this sentiment
and to afford every assistance to officers, who from
ill health may not be able to continue in India
the time prescribed in the Regulations on this head, we
have consented to an extension of this indulgence
in the following manner, Viz.t That without
requiring any specific period of service every Officer,
who has by regular Promotion attained the
Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain
or Captain Lieutenant, and whose ill state of
health

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Sickness renders it impossible for him to continue to serve in India, be allowed to retire from the Service on the half pay of his rank.

100 And as cases may occur where the constitution of some of our Officers may not be able to support the Climate of India for a period sufficient to their obtaining promotion above the rank of a Subaltern, we have agreed to permit a Lieutenant in this predicament after having served thirteen years in India and an Ensign, Lieutenant Fireworker, or Cornet after having served nine years, including each a furlough for three years, to retire on the half pay of their respective Ranks.

101 If an officer of the rank of — " — Lieutenant, whose constitution may be so — " — impaired as to prevent the possibility of his continuing in India has not served the period prescribed above, he may be permitted to retire from the Service on the half pay of Ensign.

102 Provided that in every instance of

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of officers retiring under the conditions above — "
specified the Governments in India and the Court
of Directors shall be satisfied that such Officers
intention of retiring from the Service is founded upon
a real inability from ill health of his longer —
continuing to serve in India and does not arise
from caprice or any other cause which might render
the provision to be made for him by the foregoing
regulations unnecessary.

103 For this purpose it will be indispen-
=sably necessary that the most ample Certificates
should be required from every Officer wishing to
avail himself of the Indulgencies now proposed
to be granted.

104 In every instance of Officers wishing
to avail themselves of these indulgences the rules
laid down in the former part of this letter relative
to Payments to offers of payments from Officers next
in succession in order to induce their Superiors to
retire must be applied.

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