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Diary

Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council &c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord,

From the Commandant at Tanjore transmits a Continuation of his Correspondence with the Resident at Tanjore, respecting the disturbance which had been created by the Mahratta Horsemen - encloses a Statement of the particulars of it.

When I did myself the honor to address your Lordship yesterday, I imagined the Correspondence then transmitted, closed; but have received two other Letters, which I now forward with my reply under Nos. 10, 11, & 12 and pray your Lordship's attention to them and that the whole of my Sentiments and Conduct, on the Subject in question, were regularly communicated to the Resident, that I acted to the best of my judgment to do right, and to meet his wishes as far as was consistent with my duty. — I also beg leave respectfully to submit how improper it would have been in me, to have precipitated myself into this affair without being duly authorised to interfere, when by one rash Step, or even offensive expression, might have involved the most unpleasant consequences, which ought to be avoided as much as possible at this critical time, And that I have

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1 It. His Excellency has promised his Compliance and you may be sure that it will be observed by me. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. . . . &c.

(Signed) B. Torin
Resident

Tanjour
19th. December.

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Innes

To B. Torin Esqre.
Resident of Tanjour

Sir,

Your Letter of yesterday was received too late at Night to be transmitted to Government, but it shall be forwarded to Day, I should leave it without any remark; but as it imputes imprudence and blame to me in the execution of my Duty under your requisition, it becomes necessary to call your attention to one or two points — You lay much stress on the early information you gave me. of Inglay and his parties Conduct, to enable me to prevent them from establishing their Dharna, but this is refuted by your own Letters - for I received your first Letter (of the 16th.) on this Subject about Seven at Night, as already stated to you, and you tell me in your Letter of the 17th. that I will find on enquiry Inglay

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and his party paraded the Town from his house to the place they pitched their Tents, took post and entered on Dherna about noon the preceding day" — Seven hours before I received your information; therefore, how was I to prevent their entering on Dherna, when the distance from Inglay's House to the Pagoda, where they took post is, I understand, about four or five Hundred Yards — — And all this done without the smallest noise or disturbance, to give me the least pretext to interfere with them. —

My Conduct throughout this affair was witnessed by almost every Gentleman in the Garrison, and I believe I may venture to say without presumption, that no one has an unfavorable thought of it but yourself; on the Contrary, will do me the justice to say that the conclusion, as it now stands, was such as only firm, prudent and temperate Measures could have effected — There were only one hundred and twelve Sepoys, with their officers, And the Artillery Men and Lascars, who went with me to the Palace and not all the Troops of the Garrison. —

Most of the Arguments you suggest were urged in the strongest terms — I informed you of the substance

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of my proceedings and if I did not tell you all that was offered by Inglay &c. in justification of their Conduct and my pointed objections, it was to spare your feelings. But Sir, all is known to the Gentlemen present, and you can inform yourself if you think proper so to do. —

Conscious of the restitude of my &c. intentions in the Discharge of my Duty in the trust reposed in me, to the best of my judgment, I shall always have a particular pleasure in my Conduct's being laid before Government whenever you may think right. &c.

I have the honor to be,

&c. — — &c.

Tanjour
19th December 1798. —

(Signed) Ja. Innes
Major Com.

P.S. I have received your note of this Date. &c.

(Signed) Ja. Ince

Sent the following Letter. —

To Colonel Urban Vigors
or Officer Commanding at
Masulipatam

Sir.

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has

To the Officer commanding at Masulipatam informing him that the Ship Cornwallis has been directed to sail for Masulipatam, and directing him to embark on

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on her as large a proportion of the European troops of that Garrison, as she can possibly receive on board. —

has dispatched the Armed Ship Cornwallis to Masulipatam for the purpose of conveying to the Presidency the 2d. Division of the 2d. European Regiment now in that garrison.

Upon the arrival of the Cornwallis you will cause as many of the Men to be embarked, as can be accommodated on board; and, as this is the most favorable period for an expeditious passage from the Northward, the Commander has been ordered to make every exertion to receive the greatest possible number on board. —

If you should find it practicable to take up tonnage at Masulipatam for conveying the remainder of the Regiment to the Presidency; the Governor General in Council authorizes and directs you to do so; but if this should not be possible, it will be advisable that no followers or Women should be embarked on the Cornwallis, in order that there may be room for the greater number of Men. —

In this event the Women and followers may march to the Presidency by land. —

Captain Romaine is instructed to supply the troops which may embark on the Cornwallis with provisions and Water during the passage. —

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It is of importance that this Service should be executed with all practicable dispatch. —

I am,

&c. &c.

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(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to the Govt.

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21. —

From the Commandant at Amboor. —

From Major Cuppage - intimating the manner in which he means to comply with the instructions that were given on the 13th. Instant for affording every protection to the Bullocks that may be expected to come from Colar with rice for the Presidency. —

From Mr. James Cordiner. —

From Mr. James Cordiner - offering to do the duty of Chaplain to the Militia Corps. —

From Lieutenant Barclay. —

From Lieutenant Barclay - returns thanks for his appointment as Adjutant to the Black Town Militia. —

From Major General Brathwaite. —

From Major General Brathwaite - acknowledges the receipt of his appointment to a seat at the Military Board, where he shall attend at the first meeting. —

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From the Commandt. at Wallajabad.

From Lieutenant Colonel Shawe - transmitting an account of expences he had incurred in finishing the Commanding Officers quarters at Wallajahbad which he requests Government to sanction. -

From the Secretary at Bengal.

From Mr. Barlow - intimating - General Popham's appointment to the Staff and to command the Bengal troops proceeding to the Coast - Colonel Montague is to command all the Bengal Artillery that may be collected on the Coast. -

From the Officer commanding the Nizam's Detachment. -

From Colonel Roberts - mentions that he has marched five Miles to the Southward of Hydrabad where he expects to be joined on the day following the date of his letter by a considerable body of the Nizam's Troops. -

From the Secretary to Admiral Rainier -

From Mr. Brownher - encloses for the information of Government, copy of a letter from the Secret Committee at China to Admiral Rainier. -

From Lieutenant Colonel Oliver. -

From Lieutenant Colonel Oliver - requests that the Commander in Chief will lay before Government his claim to full Batta during the time he was at Pattoor. - encloses copy of a Letter he had received from the Adjutant General on the Subject. -

From the Paymaster at Madura.

From Mr. Hughes - states that he was not aware that it was necessary that he himself should have

have his collateral security bonds filled up — he shall however have these which have been transmitted to him executed, and returned. —

From the officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army —

From Major General Bridges — transmits a list of Frenchmen who had arrived at Masulipatam from Hydrabad. —

From Dr. Dr. Dr.

From Major General Bridges — encloses copy of correspondence respecting disturbances which had broke out in the Rajahmundry District. —

From Commandant at Rypeettah.

From Major Doveton — acknowledges the receipt of the duplicate of the last Kerctah from the Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun. —

From Monsr. Deibert.

From Monsr. Deibert — requests that a passage to Columbo may be procured for him, and his family. —

From the Owner of the Ship Ajax —

From Mr. Beare offers the Ship Ajax for the purpose of conveying the French prisoners to Europe on the terms detailed in his Letter. —

From the Paymaster to the Army —

From Mr. Gordon — encloses to the Commander in Chief an estimate of the monthly expences of the Grand Army in the field. —

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck — annexes copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Columbo, who wishes

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to be informed whether or not it will be necessary for him to transmit to this Presidency any particular ~~Statement~~ of the expences of the troops serving on Ceylon after 31st. of October, from which period, agreeably to the orders he has received from Mr. North, he is to cease sending his accounts. —

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck - transmitting an additional estimate of Cash required by Mr. Pay = =master Mardon for the month of January. —

From the Commandt. at Ryacottah.

From Major Dowdon - acknowledges the receipt of the Letter transmitted to him on the 21st Instant. —

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham - transmitting for his examination and report estimates of Cash required by Mr. Paymaster Cherry and Mr. Paymaster Mardon. —

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To Major General Sydenham - enclosing for his examination, Mr. Paymaster Gordon's estimate of the expences of the Grand Army in the field. -

Substance of a letter from the Nizam -

Received a Letter from the Nizam entered in C.C. No. 1 - congratulating Lord Clive on his accession to the Government. —

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Received the following Letter

The Right Honble the Earl of Mornington K. P.

Governor General in Council

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General - states different particulars respecting the changes he thinks it may be necessary to make in the regulations published on the 18th of July 1797 for Paymasters &c. to Detachments of the Madras Army serving in the field or on foreign service, in order to render them perfectly applicable to the situation of the paymaster to the Army about to take the field - Encloses a list of the Establishment of Servants which he thinks it may be necessary to allow the Paymaster to the Army -

Conformably to the Directions signified in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 27th. Ultimo, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of your Lordship in Council, the enclosed Establishment of Servants &c. proposed to be attached to the Department of the Paymaster to the Army in the Field, which, on a comparison with the Establishments which have been allowed in similar cases, I consider to be necessary to enable him to discharge the duties thereof with punctuality and dispatch. —

2 Having also adverted to the General and standing Regulations for Paymasters &c. to Detachments of the Madras Army employed in the Field or on Foreign Service, fixed in Council the 18th. July 1797, it appears that those Regulations with a very few exceptions, are equally applicable to the situation of the Paymaster to the Army in the Field. —

3 It may occur, that as the Keeping — Duplicates of all Vouchers with the Army in the —

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2. Field, will be a work of considerable trouble and diffi-
-culty, this part of the 5th. Article of the Regulations above
alluded to, altho' absolutely necessary on Foreign Service,
may be dispensed with in the former situation, especially
as the Paymaster by the present System, will be obliged
to enter the whole of the abstracts of Corps and Departments
in detail, so as to render the loss of the original Vouchers of
less consequence, should such an event ever happen.

4 In regard to the 6th. Article of the
Regulations, ordering the amount of all Contingent Charges
to be Debited to the Commanding Officer who is to give
the Paymaster a receipt in Duplicate at the end of every
Month for the amount of all Contingencies disbursed by his
authority, it would seem that this was intended to apply to
the Commanding Officers of Detachments only in the Field
or on Foreign Service. But whether the same Regulation is
to extend to the Commander in Chief, is a question upon
which your Lordship alone can decide; I presume, however,
that the last part of that Article, making the Paymaster
answerable for discharging any Bill of a Contingent nature
to which the Commanding Officer's Signature, shall not be
affixed, is applicable and should be observed in every case.

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5 It being almost impossible that the Commanding officer of the Army can Certify positively, as required in the 7th. Article of the Regulations in regard to the established or current rates of the place or Station, I conceive that those words should be either omitted, or qualified by this addition "and according to every enquiry he could make the established or current rates of the place or Station at the time they were incurred. —

6 The general Regulations of the 18th. July 1797 for the conduct of Paymasters in respect to the mode of keeping their Accounts, recovering Retrenchments &c., are applicable in every respect to the situation of the Paymaster in the Field, who will no doubt be furnished with a copy thereof by the Secretary of Government. —

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

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
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Establishment

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Establishment of Servants &c. proposed for the Paymaster to the Army in the field.

			P. F. C.
1	Head Writer	₰ month	50 — —
1	Second — do.	₰ — do.	30 — —
2	Ditto — do.	₰ do. a 25 ₱ cd.	50 — —
1	Ditto — do.	₰ do.	20 — —
2	Ditto — do.	₰ do. a 15 do.	30 — —
1	Head Conicoply	₰ do.	20 — —
4	Ditto making payments	₰ do. a 10 do.	40 — —
4	Cadjan Conicoplys Keeping Accounts	₰ do. a 6 do.	24 — —
1	Cash Keeper	₰ do.	25 — —
2	Assistants to do.	₰ do. at 10 do.	20 — —
1	Head Shroff	₰ do.	10 — —
2	Assistants	₰ do. at 6 do.	12 — —
2	Ditto do. exchanging Fanams	₰ do. a 6 do.	12 — —
4	Gollahs	₰ do. a 5 do.	20 — —
2	Moochies	₰ do. a 5 do.	10 — —
4	Peons	₰ do. a 4 do.	16 — —
	Oil and Candles ₰ month		11 — —
	Stationary ₰ ditto		40 — —
		Pagodas	440 — —

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily and Genl
Resident

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Received and sent the undermen=
=tioned Letters entered in Mss. Nos. 22-23-24-25-26-
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From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. —

From Mr. Stracey — encloses a Letter for the Governor of the Isle of France from the Supreme Government. —

From the Secretary at Bengal.

From Mr. Barlow — directs that the Water Casks shipped on board of the transports engaged to convey troops &c. to this Presidency, together with the surplus of provisions that may remain after the troops are landed, be received in Store. —

From the Commander of H. M. Ship La Sybelle.

From Captain Cook — requests that the powder on board of La Sybelle may be landed in order that it may be dried and sifted, or if necessary, exchanged for fresh powder from the Stores. —

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency —

From Lieutenant Macleane — encloses an application from Colonel Sherbrooke for an additional Store-room for the Stores of the 33d. Regiment. —

From Captain John Malcolm of the Bengal Volunteers.

From Captain John Malcolm — transmits different Bills, for the payment of which he requests the sanction of Government — States — different circumstances in support of his application. —

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To the Commander of the Cornwallis.

To Captain Romance directing him to proceed immediately to Masulipatam where he is to receive on board of his Ship as many troops as he can possibly accommodate, and to proceed with them to the Presidency.

At a Consultation

Present

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

Wednesday 2d. January

The Right Honble Lord Clive
Lieutenant General Harris
William Petrie and
Ernst William Tallofield } Esquires

The 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.

From the Military Board enclose two Bills for payment a small quantity of Rice at Trichinopoly reported

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We have the honour to acknowledge the

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reported as damaged recommended the sold by public Auction — The Board submit to the consideration of Government the conduct of the Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly who has neglected, contrary to the repeated instructions that have been given him, to report to General Floyd the progress he makes in providing the different articles of provision ordered to be laid up in Store in that Garrison — The Military Board request that a certain proportion of the best horses may be selected from the different Regiments of European and native Cavalry for the purpose of carrying into effect the proposed plan of establishing horse Artillery, of which a full detail will be laid before Government in the course of a few days. —

the receipt of Government's Letter of the 22d Instant, and of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 24th, and to report that we have issued the necessary orders in consequence

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We do ourselves the honour to transmit Bill from Captain Lieutenant Blair of Engineers for repairing the upper Fort of Trincondah amounting to Pagodas 787-41-15- as also Bill from Mr. Contractor Bowie for Tents delivered into Store at Masulipatam, amounting to Pagodas 1242-14-32 — which being severally supported by the requisite authority, we recommend may be ordered to be discharged. —

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A small quantity of Rice in Store at Tritchinopoly having been reported damaged by a Committee ordered by Major General Floyd to examine it, we recommend that orders may be given for its being sold by public Auction. —

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The Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly having neglected to send any report to Major General Floyd of the progress he makes in storing the Grain and Wet Provisions ordered to be laid in at that Station, although repeatedly directed to make such report by our Board; we have found it necessary to bring the conduct of that Gentleman under your Lordship's consideration: —

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5th In consiquence of a report from the Committee of our Board appointed to arrange a Plan for equipping Horse Artillery, that they are confident that the Plan which they have to propose, and which it is their intention fully to detail in a few days, will be found in all respects practicable; We are induced to state to your Lordship their request, that orders may be forthwith sent to the Commanding Officers of the 19th and 25th Regiments of Dragoons to select each 24 Horses, and to the Commanding Officers of Native Cavalry Regiments to select each 18 Horses, of the stoutest and quietest in their respective Corps, and to have them trained to Draft two a breast with a Driver for each pair. —

We have the honour to be,

&c. — &c.

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25th December 1798.

(Signed) John Brathwaite
W. Sydenham
I. Richardson
B. Close

Minute thereon.

The Board concur in opinion with the Military Board as to the propriety of disposing of

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the damaged Grain in Store at Trichinopoly, and to authorize them to order the rate of it by public Auction.

The Board are much surprized at the inattention of the Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly to the directions of the Military Board, and they are desired to warn him that a repetition of this neglect will be followed by the Board's severest displeasure.

Resolved that agreeably to the recommendation of the Military Board, the Commander in Chief be requested to order a selection of horses for the Service of the flying Artillery.

Resolved that the payment of the Bills recommended by the Military Board, be authorized.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board. Submit to Government the alteration they had deemed it advisable to make in the plan of a medical Arrangement for the Army in the Field drawn up by the Medical Board.

Having given particular attention to the draft of a general Medical arrangement for an Army in the Field referred to our Consideration and report in Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 13th Instant

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Instant, and conceiving that it may not be expedient, particularly at this time, to attempt any reform of the present established System of Medical Regulations under this Presidency, upon which the above mentioned Draft from the Medical Board is founded; We have under this Idea, thought proper to limit our Consideration of the Subject to amending and rendering more complete the Arrangement referred for our Report, and although the Regulations which We have now the honor to submit will be found more Oeconomical for the Public than those of the Medical Board; We doubt not but they will appear sufficiently liberal for the Surgeon having charge of the Sick whether in a General Field, or a Regimental Hospital -

We have the honor to be,

&c. — — &c.

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(Signed) John Brathwaite

Patrick Ross

W. Sydenham

J. Richardson

B. Close

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Minute thereon.—

The Board approve the draft of a Medical Arrangement submitted to them by the Military Board; and it is accordingly Resolved that it be published in General Orders. →

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal. →

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal transmits Copy of the Commander in Chief's Minute respecting Mr. Lys's Claim for the Pay of a vacant Ensigncy—the Supreme Government concurring entirely in opinion with the Commander in Chief the Rule proposed by him is to be finally adopted.—

The Papers which accompanied your Letter of the 14th. Ultimo, respecting a Claim preferred by Mr. George Lys formerly a Captain in His Majesty's 76th. Regiment for the Pay of a Vacant Ensigncy, having been referred to the Commander in Chief agreeably to the request expressed in your Letter, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to transmit to you a Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief on the Subject, and to request you will inform the Right Honorable the President in Council that the Supreme Government concurring entirely in the opinion

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opinion of the Commander in Chief have directed the rule proposed in his Minute to be adopted at this Presidency. —

Fort William
the 10th December 1798. —

Jam. to 2d — to 2d
(Signed) L. Hook Subscy

Minute by the Commander in Chief
December 5th 1798.

I have read the Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George under Date the 14th of November 1798 together with the Enclosures from Major General Sydenham the Military Auditor General at that Presidency, respecting a Claim made by Mr. George Lys formerly a Captain in His Majesty's 76th Regiment for the Pay denominated Subsistence of the Ensigncy which became Vacant on the Succession to his Company, and which has been referred for my opinion. —

After making due enquiry I cannot find any Document to shew that such authorized Regulation exists, as is stated to provide for Cases of the Nature now submitted to me, but having a

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perfect recollection that a usage of this nature prevailed generally when Commissions remained unsold in Europe, and as it is a Case that must frequently occur in His Majesty's Regiments serving in India, from the difficulty of providing proper persons to appoint to the Vacancies which occur by purchase, and as it must be attended with serious inconvenience and distress either to the Officers retiring from the Service, or to those who purchase Promotion, being obliged to remain for a long time without being able to find Purchasers for the Junior Commissions, I have no hesitation in recommending the adoption of the Plan suggested by the Military Auditor General at Fort St. George, that for the period such Commissions remain unsold the Person who is entitled to the Money arising from the Sale of it, may be permitted to receive the Pay for six Months, and from that time the legal Interest on the Amount of the Purchase Money fixed by His Majesty's Regulations on that Head.

Signed Alured Clarke

A true Copy
(Signed) L. Hook Secy

Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that a copy of the Minute of the Commander in Chief in India be transmitted to the Military Auditor General, and that he be directed to consider his Excellency's opinion as the Rule by which to decide on Mr. Lys's Claim, and on all others of a similar Nature, which may hereafter be preferred. —

The Board proceed to read and pass their resolutions on the following proceedings of the Medical Board —

Resolution of Government 2d. January 1799.

Medical Board 31st. December 1798.

From the Medical Board containing different Recommendations. —

Mr. James Johnston, Surgeon having requested leave of absence on Furlough for three years to settle some private concerns which render his presence in Europe absolutely necessary, we recommend that his request be complied with. —

Mr. Johnston permitted to resign Charge of the Dutch Prisoners, and will be permitted to proceed to England, if the Service permits. —

Mr

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Mr. Thomas Thackeray appointed to take charge of the Dutch Prisoners.—

Mr. George Baillie, and Mr. Thomas Thackeray, Surgeons, have each offered their Services to take charge of the Dutch Prisoners of War, in the room of Mr. Johnston, and we consider it laudable in these Gentlemen to come forward at this time when the prospect of Field Service renders every exertion necessary.—

We think however that Mr. Thackeray's duty at the General Hospital will fully occupy all his attention particularly, as the Sick of his Majesty's 73d and 33d Regiments, and of the Artillery at the Mount, will probably be thrown into the Hospital. We therefore recommend

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recommend that Mr. George Baillie (who independent of the considerations above stated, has the claim of Seniority) be appointed to take charge of the Dutch Prisoners of War. —

Our Secretary has requested us to solicit the favorable attention of Govern= =ment to the situation of Michael Stephen, the Head Writer to this Office, who has served in that capacity with the most unremitting assiduity for a period of thirteen years, on a Salary of 10 ~ Pagodas only per Month. — An allowance so very ~ inadequate to the support of himself and Family that we are convinced Government will

Michael Stephen permitted to draw 12 instead of 10 Pagodas per Month.

The Governor in Council has been pleased to grant the Widow of Mr. Patterson late assistant Surgeon a pension for Life equal to half the pay of her late husband, and will recommend the case of his Children to the Governors of the Male Orphan Asylum

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will not refuse to grant
some trifling addition to it.

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

W. Raine
Chief Surgeon.

Read the following Letter from
Major General Brathwaite.

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government

From Major General Brathwaite requests that he may be permitted to resign the Command of Pondicherry.

Sir,

As the Military Force will be almost entirely withdrawn from Pondicherry by the departure of Major Tolfrey with the Battalion under his Command, which, by the Orders of the Commander in Chief, is to leave that Station tomorrow, I shall be obliged to you this day to forward to the Right Honble the Governor in Council my request to resign the Command, and that I may from this date be considered as disengaged from all public attention to that Place.

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

(Signed) John Brathwaite

Madras
December 31st 1798.

Resolved

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Resolution thereon.

Resolved that Major General Braithwaite be permitted to resign the command of Pondicherry.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a Memorandum of Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of November and to report to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Rajah of Tanjour has deposited Chuckrams with me to the Amount of the December Kist, and that they will be converted into Pagodas in about ten or fifteen Days; when with the Receipts of the former Months I shall be in Cash to the Amount of Twenty two thousand Pagodas.—

I beg you will inform the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that in consequence of the late misconduct of the Mahratta Horse men and the Suspiccons of Rajah Serfogee that they were

From the Resident at Tanjore the Rajah of Travancore has paid the Amount of his December Kist—Encloses a Memorandum of receipts and Disbursements for November—He has found it expedient to have a Stop put to all intercourse between the Mahratta horsemen and the late Rajah—the Paddy Crops near the River in the Tinnevelly Province have been saved by a plentiful Supply of Water.—

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were actuated with view to gratify Ameer Sing by an opposi-
-tion to the present Government — I thought it expedient to
require of the Commanding Officer to put a Stop for a Time to
the intercourse of these People with the late Rajah by the
necessary Orders to the Guard to that effect. —

Your Letter of the 13th Instant covering a
Letter from the Governor of Ceylon has been received and
will be replied to as soon as I can obtain the information
but the People best acquainted with this Subject, are not
yet arrived at Tanjour. —

I have the pleasure to add that by the
latest Accounts from the Tinnevelly Province, The Paddy
Crops in the Neighbourhood of the Rivers have been
saved by an ample and timely Supply of Water, and
that the Scarcity to the Southward will now be confined
to the Northern Divisions of Tinnevelly to the Madura
and Ramnad Provinces. —

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

Tanjour
26th December 1798. —

(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Resident

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D.r An Account of Collection and Charges from the Soubahs of Combooconum Tuwdy & Puttucottah for the Month of Nov.r 1798.

	Chuck.s F. C.		Chuck.s F. C.
To Balance brought from last Account Current	21. 9. 11	By Amount of His Excellency's private expence	32,997. 9. 18
To Amount of Collection from the Balance of Fusley 1207	468. 6. 1/2	By Ditto d.o Public expence	5409. 1. 19 1/2
To Amount of d.o for Fusley 1208	54316. 5. -		38,407. 1. 13 1/2
		By Balance of Cash remaining to this Day	16399. 8. 23
Chuck.s	54,807. 12 1/2	Chuck.s	54,807. 12 1/2

Tanjour 30.th November 1798

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(Signed) J.s Benj.n Torin
President

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The Military Board to be authorized to procure the Number of Tents detailed in the Commander in Chief's minute entered in the Secret Consultation of this date from Trichinopoly and the Paymaster at that Station to be directed to make the necessary advances.

Upon the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief as entered in the Secret Consultation of this date, it is Resolved that the Military Board be directed to send immediate Orders to Trichinopoly to procure the Number of Tents detailed in the Commander in Chief's Minute, and that the Paymaster at that Station be directed to make the necessary advances to the person who shall be authorized to have the Tents made up.

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief encloses an Arrangement respecting the Regimental Rise in the Cavalry.

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

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the accompanying paper containing an Arrangement by which to post the Officers of Native Cavalry Regiment for the purpose of establishing Regimental Rise in the Corps. — It is to be observed that the Orders from the Honorable Court of Directors contain no instructions relative to the posting of Lieutenant Colonels of Cavalry, the highest Rank therefore included in the Arrangement now delivered in, is that of Major — The Commander in Chief, is of opinion that it may be most Convenient for the Service to allow the Lieutenant Colonels of Cavalry to remain with the Regiments to which they

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at present belong and as posting the other Commissioned Ranks to Corps, according to the new Arrangement would be attended with some inconvenience, especially in removing some of the Staff belonging to Regiments, he could wish that the Arraingement, to be now published, may be considered for a time as a Rule only for directing promotion – the requisite Removals of Officers from Regiment to Regiment to be gradually made hereafter as Circumstances may conveniently permit. –

It may be necessary to direct in Orders that the Privates in each Troop of Native Cavalry are augmented to Seventy agreeably to the establishment now ordered by the Honorable Court. –

Memorandum

Supposing the Cavalry Establishment is to consist of 4 Regiments – and each Regiment of 6 Troops to have the following Number of Officers. –

For One Regiment		There will be required for 4 Regts.
1 Lieutenant Colonel	1 Colonel Commandant	4 Lieutenant Colonels
1 Major		4 Majors
2 Captains		8 Captains
1 Captain Lieutenant		4 Captain Lieutenants
6 Lieutenants		24 Lieutenants
6 Cornets		24 Cornets and as the present

Establishment

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Establishment of Officers for the Cavalry Corps is

1 Colonel Commandant

2 Lieutenant Colonels

2 Majors

2 Captains

4 Captain Lieutenants

24 Lieutenants and

12 Cornets - The following promotions will of course become necessary - -

To be Lieutenant Colonels

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel John Murray

Ditto - - do. - John Orr

To be Majors

Brevet Major Thomas Dallas

Ditto - - - John Torin

Ditto - - - K. Macalister

Captain - The Honble A. Sentleger

To be Captains

Captain Lieutenant John Leonard

Ditto - - - - Alexander Grant

Ditto - - - J. R. Huddleston

Ditto - - - - A. Hoyer

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To be Captain Lieutenants

Brevet Captain William Elliott

Ditto - Thomas Burrows

Ditto - James Geekie

Ditto - B. Delmonte

To be Lieutenants

Cornet David Foules

Ditto William Lewis

Ditto James Rowles

Ditto John Colebrooke

As there will then remain only 8

Eight Cornets of the present establishment Sixteen of that Rank will be wanting, to complete Cornet Mason serving with his Majesty's 19th. Dragoons not included.

Officers will then fall to be posted to Corps as follows —

1st. Regiment

Major - - - - - - - - Thomas Dallas

Captain - - - - - - - - Alexander Watson

Ditto - - - - - - - - John Leonard

Captain Lieutenant - - - William Elliott

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant - - - William Stretch
Ditto - - - James Hargrave
Ditto - - - John Doveton
Ditto - - - Thomas Nuthall
Ditto - - - George Neale
Ditto - - - D. Fowles
Cornet - - - Thomas Walcott
Ditto - - - H. O. Donnell

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2d. Regiment

Major - - - John Tonin
Captain - - - William Sheriff
Ditto - - - Alexander Grant
Captain Lieutenant - Thomas Burrows
Lieutenant - - - Robert Price
Ditto - - - Alexander Strachan
Ditto - - - H. C. Montgomery
Ditto - - - H. Cosby
Ditto - - - John Maclean

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant	William Lewis
Cornet	A. D. Monteath
Ditto	Duncan Grant
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3d. Regiment

Major	H. Macalister
Captain	Charles Rumley
Ditto	A. R. Ruddleston
Captain Lieutenant	James Geekie
Lieutenant	Alexander Peas
Ditto	James Dunn
Ditto	George Kippen
Ditto	Charles Dallas
Ditto	R. G. Grange
Ditto	James Rowles
Cornet	Pat: Mc. Gill
Ditto	Henry Munt
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4th.

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4th Regiment

Major — The Honble A. Sint Leger

Captain — Thomas Pogson

Ditto — A. Flyer

Captain Lieutenant — B. Dalmonte

Lieutenant — H. Williamson

Ditto — P. Walker

Ditto — William McGregor

Ditto — K. Mackay

Ditto — J. Overend

Ditto — J. Colebrooke

Cornet — F. A. Daniel

Ditto — J. C. Cushington

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Resolution thereon

The Board Coincur in opinion with the Commander in Chief as expressed in the foregoing Memorandum and Resolve, that the Arrangement proposed

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proposed by him be immediately published in General Orders.—

The Governor General informs the Board that upon receipt of the Letter from this Government under date the 26th September 1798 & relative to the address of the Honorable Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay upon the Subject of his Claims & against His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, his Lordship had referred the matter to his Excellency the Commander in Chief in India with a request that the Orders which he might have received from His Majesty's Ministers upon the Subject of usurious transactions with the native Princes of India, & should be put in force in the Case of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay.—

The Governor General informs the Board that he had not deemed it expedient to bring the transactions of Lieut. Colonel Lindsay with His Highness the Nabob, under the cognizance of a Military Court and that he had therefore taken on the subject the opinions of the Company's Law Officers in Bengal, which he now lays before the Board.—

Having however ascertained from his Excellency the Commander in Chief that no orders of the description mentioned by the Honble the Court of Directors in their Dispatches of the 31st August 1796 to this Government had been & received, the Governor General had thought it advisable to decline his Excellency's offer to bring

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the affair under the Cognizance of a Court Martial lest it should be thought an offence which a Military Court might not be competent to reach, his Lordship had in consequence of this determination taken the opinions of the Company's Law Officers in Bengal, which he now lays before the Board. —

To G. H. Barlow Esq

Secretary to Government

Sir,

Opinions of the Company's Law Officers in Bengal on the transactions between Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay and His Highness the Nabob.

Conceiving it to be the intention of the Legislature that all questions depending on the 28th Section of the Statute of the 37th of his present Majesty, Chapter 142. should be submitted to all the Law Officers of the Company at their respective Settlements. I thought it my duty on the receipt of your Letter, bearing date the 9th Instant, relative to the Case of the Honorable Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay with the Nabob of Arcot, to communicate it and the several papers it enclosed to Mr Shaw and Mr Carrington

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Carrington at a Consultation appointed for that purpose, and to request they would state their opinions in writing, on the several points arising from the case together with the reasons on which their opinions should be founded.—

A Consultation was held accordingly at which all the papers were very fully Considered and Messrs. Shawe and Carrington agreed with me in thinking, that the following questions arise immediately and directly from the Case of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay as far as it depends on the Statute of the 37th of the King.—

1st. Whether under the Statute the Bond executed by the Nabob be null and void to all intents and purposes.—

2dly. Whether Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay by taking and holding that Bond without the Consent and approbation of the Court of Directors, or of one of the Company's Governments in India, first had and obtained in

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writing, has been guilty of a mis=
demeanor at Law — and

3rdly "Whether the Case of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay as it appears from the papers before us be a proper case for prosecution under the Act. —

Upon the two first foregoing questions very Considerable doubts were entertained at our Consultation, and tho' we all agreed on the 3d., yet we thought it proper distinctly and separately, to submit our opinions and the reasons on which they are founded, to the Consideration of the Governor General in Council. —

By Confining our report to the three questions I have stated, we should perhaps have discharged the duty imposed upon us by the mere Letter of the Act. But in case where the mischievous practice of lending Money to the Nabob of Arcot, in direct opposition to the express and repeated Orders of the Court of Directors and on terms that in my opinion rendered such loans, Since the Statute of the 13th of the King, Clearly

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usurious, has been deliberately and openly avowed, I thought it incumbent on me to call the attention of Messrs Shawe and Carrington to the very extra-ordinary paper, purporting to be an affidavit sworn by Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay at Madras, and afterwards laid by him before the Governor in Council of that Presidency, and to request their assistance in considering two additional questions namely —

Whether there be sufficient evidence to support an information for usury against Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay;

and whether such an information, or any other prosecution, could be maintained against him in the Supreme Court, he having lately, as we understand, arrived at this Presidency

Since the consultation as well as before it, I have considered all the questions with the

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the utmost attention and viewing the case, as it stands on the papers transmitted from Madrass and on those papers only, I think it necessary for the purpose of laying my opinion and the reasons by which it is governed more clearly before the Governor General in Council, previously to state the provisions of the Statute which apply to the case, and also to point out the principal fact which may require further enquiry, and on which the three first questions in my judgment almost wholly depend.

The 28th Section of the Statute of the 37th of the King. Chap: 142. recites that the Practice of British Subjects, in lending money, or in being concerned in transactions for the borrowing money for, or lending money to the Native Princes in India, has been productive of much mischief, and is the source of much Usury and extortion, that the wholesome orders of the Court of Directors

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have not been sufficient to restrain and repress the same, and that it is highly desireable that such practices shall be prevented in future. —

— The Statute then enacts, that after the 1st. of December 1797, it shall not be lawful for any British Subject, by himself, or by any other person, directly or indirectly employed by him, to lend, or be concerned in lending, raising, or procuring Money for any Native Prince, or in being security for any such loan or money or to lend to any other person for the purpose of such persons lending to any Native Prince —

— The Statute further enacts, that no British Subject shall by himself, or by any other person, either directly or indirectly for his own use

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use and benefit, take, receive, hold, enjoy, or be concerned in any bond, Note, or other security, or assignment, granted, or to be granted, by any such native Prince, after the 1st of December 1797, for the loan, or for the repayment of Money, or other valuable thing, without the consent and approbation of the Court of Directors, or of one of the Company's Governments in India, first had and obtained in writing.—

It also enacts,

that

that every person doing, acting, or transacting, or being con=
-cerned in any actings, doings and transactions contrary to
this Statute, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor at
Law, and shall and may be proceeded against and &c.
punished, as such, before any Court of competent juris=
-diction; and that all Bonds, Notes, assignments, or
Securities for money, of what nature or kind soever, taken,
held, or enjoyed, either directly or indirectly, for the use
and benefit of any British Subject, contrary to the true
intent and meaning of this Statute, shall be and the &c.
same are thereby declared to be null and void, to all &c.
intents and purposes. &c.

From this Statement of the provisions
of the Act it follows clearly, that Lieutenant Colonel &c.
Lindsay has been guilty of a misdemeanor, that the Bond
he has taken is null and void, and that he ought to be
prosecuted, under the Act, if any part of the Money in
question was actually lent, or advanced, after the 1st.
Day of December in the last year. Even his ignor=
-rance of the provisions contained in the Statute could
not, in that case, be relied on at his trial, as any justi=
-fication, or legal defence; and could scarcely, in my
opinion, be considered as a sufficient reason for &c.

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declining to institute a prosecution against him; unless it should appear, that the existence of the Act was utterly unknown in India previous to his last advance. His Ignorance of an Act very recently arrived in India, would be a strong circumstance, no doubt, for the Consideration of the Court, on his being found guilty by the Jury; and the Sentence to be pronounced on him ought, unquestionably, to be extremely mitigated, if it should appear, from evidence as to the time at which the Statute arrived in India, that its provisions could not reasonably be supposed to have been known to him, previous to the date, on which his last advance of money was made to the Nabob.

But Whether any part of the Money was actually lent or advanced, after the 1st of December last, does not appear with certainty, and cannot probably be very easily ascertained, either here or at Madrass, without enquiries, for that purpose, addressed to Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay himself; of whom I cannot say that it would be fair, or honorable, to make such enquiries; as the answers to them might criminate himself. — But if, by inspection of the public accounts at Madrass, by the examination of Witnesses

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Witnesses there or by any other just and legal means, the fact could be ascertained, I should think it highly proper that such means should be resorted to. — The result, if unfavorable to Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, would clear the case from all doubt and difficulty, as to the operation of the Statute, and nothing could remain, but to direct that he should be brought to Trial, in order that such punishment might be inflicted on him, as the Court before which he might be tried should think adequate to his offence, under all the circumstances of his case. —

But as the fact of his having advanced any part of the money after the 1st of December last does not appear, and probably never may appear, it is necessary to take the facts as they now stand, and to consider the operation which the Statute ought to have upon them. —

The Bond executed by the Nabob, the Affidavit made by Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay and the letters addressed by him and by the Nabob to the Governor General in Council, all concur very forcibly to shew, that neither the Nabob or Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay believe the Bond to be in any

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degree contrary to the Statute. — And tho' it is by no means impossible that neither the one, or the other, is yet accurately apprised of the provisions of the Statute, still there is great reason to infer from the papers which have been transmitted from Madras, that all the Money was actually lent and advanced before the 1st Day of December last — If that had not been the case, the Madras Government would probably have ascertained the facts to be otherwise, and would have made such a reference to the Company's Law Officers there, as the 29th Section of the Statute requires. — Their having omitted to do so very much strengthens the inference I have drawn from the papers themselves; and I therefore take it for granted, notwithstanding the further enquiries I have thought it my duty to suggest, that all the money was actually lent and advanced before the 1st of December last.

If that be the case, it will of course follow, that the loan itself, however contrary it may have been to the Statute of Usury for India and to the orders of the Court of Directors, was not contrary to this Statute of the 37th of the King; the operation of which only is at present under consideration. — The original contract

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arising from the loan would not therefore be affected by the Statute, but would still continue as valid, as if the Statute never had been enacted, even tho' the Bond, which was subsequently taken, should be deemed contrary to the Act and annulled by it. —

But as the Act expressly provides, that all Bonds, Notes, Assignments, or Securities for money, taken, held, or enjoyed, contrary to its true intent and meaning, shall be null and void, to all intents and purposes; and also provides that no Bond, Note, or other Security, or Assignment, &c. granted after the 1st. of December 1797, for the loan, or repayment of money, shall be taken, received, held, or enjoyed, without the previous consent of the Court of Directors, or of one of the Company's Governments in India; it may be said, that tho' the original contract for the loan be valid, yet the Bond is void; and that the mere act of taking it was a misdemeanor at Law. —

To those positions I should fully assent, if the Bond appeared to me to be such a Security, or instrument, as could give rise to the mischiefs which the Statute meant to remove.

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and if the Nabob, after the 1st of December last, had granted an assignment, or mortgage, of any of his Territories or Revenues to Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, for the discharge of a debt incurred before that day, I should think it clear, that Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, by taking such an assignment, or mortgage, without the previous assent which the Statute requires, would have been guilty of a misdemeanor, and that the assignment or mortgage would have been utterly void. — The Statute most certainly lays every British Subject under a legal Incapacity to take, hold, or enjoy any such security, as it means to prohibit; but it is not, nor is any Statute, to be construed and applied, according to the letter only; and, as it is a penal Statute, the true intent and meaning ought to be substantially, at least, if not strictly considered, in every case which may be supposed to subject any man to a criminal prosecution under it; even tho' the Legislature had omitted the words which we find in the latter part of the Section in question; namely, the words contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act.

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The particular mischiefs specified by the Act are Usury and extortion; and the others also might easily be suggested, against which it may have been pointed; yet I cannot see that the Bond, under all the circumstances attending it, can be made the foundation of any measure, or any proceeding, whatsoever, which can give rise to any of those mis=
=chiefs—and which could not have been founded on the original contract, raised by the mere loan of the money.—Between two Individuals subject to British Law the Bond would be a higher and more eligible Security, than that of the simple contract arising from the mere loan of the money; but executed as it is by a Sovereign Prince, I know not any advantages gained by Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, in taking the Bond, which he would not have had in taking a letter from the Nabob to the Governor General, or to the Court of Directors, solemnly acknowledging the debt and expressing his desire that it should be discharged at the time specified by the condition of the Bond.— The Bond cannot I apprehend be put in suit in any of the Courts which administer Justice under the

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Nabob's authority, if any such there be: and I know not any other Tribunal, which could take cognizance of any Suit Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay might be desirous of instituting on it, executed as it is by a Sovereign Prince — Adverse proceedings on it I therefore take to be out of the case; and unless the money which makes the consideration of it be voluntarily repaid, It must, I should think, be wholly inoperative — But even if it could be enforced by adverse proceedings and by the process of some Court of Justice, the original contract arising from the mere loan (which confessedly would not be affected, as to Sums advanced previous to the 1st of December last, if the Bond were void) might I should think be inforced by the same proceedings and process also — The Bond therefore does not appear to me to have made any essential difference in the situation of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, or to have improved the Security (if such it can be called) which he would have had, if the Bond had never existed — To me it appears in no other light than that of a solemn acknowledgment of an existing debt, for the purpose of being

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communicated to the Court of Directors, as an Instrument on which both the Nabob and Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay hoped that Honorable Court would act, in such manner as they might deem most just and expedient, in order to effect the discharge of that debt, with legal Interest at the rate of 12 ₰ Cent ₰ Annum. The recitals which precede the condition of the Bond and the letters, both from the Nabob and Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, which relate to it, expressly state that such were the real objects of both, and also expressly state that the application to the Governor General in Council and to the Court of Directors is occasioned solely by the Statute and the inability of the Nabob, in consequence of the prohibitions it contains, to effect the discharge himself, as he otherwise intended to have done, by Assignments or mortgages of some of his Territory and Revenues.— Neither the Nabob or Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay appear to have the slightest conception of any illegality in the Letters taking or holding the Bond, nor does it appear to have been executed with a

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view to any measures whatsoever, for the purpose of effecting its discharge, except such as the Court of Directors might themselves propose, or at least approve. — On the contrary Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay himself, in the concluding paragraph of his Letter to the Governor General in Council, expressly states that he solicits his Lordship to forward that Letter and the papers which accompany it to the Court of Directors, in order that the desire of the Nabob may be fulfilled, according to the tenor of his Letter and his Bond, provided the Bond and Letter be strictly conformable to the Laws of Great Britain; and the Bond in fact is scarcely to be considered as a technical Instrument, securing a debt due bygone man to another, but is rather to be viewed in the same light as if it had been merely a State paper delivered by the Nabob, as a Sovereign Prince, for the purpose of being transmitted to another Power in alliance with him. —

For the foregoing reasons I cannot say that I think the Bond is such a security as is contrary to the true intent and meaning of the Act; and consequently, my opinion on the three first questions is, —

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first. That the Bond is not within the operation of the Statute of the 37th of the King, and therefore is not annulled or avoided by it.

2dly. That Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, by receiving and holding the Bond, under all circumstances attending it, has not been guilty of such an offence, as amounts, under that Statute, to a mis-demeanor at Law; and

3dly, That his case therefore is not such a one as ought to subject him to a criminal prosecution, under that Statute. —

That I entertained consi-derable doubts on the two first questions at the ? consultation with Messrs Shaw and Carrington, I think it my duty to acknowledge; and those doubts were much increased by finding, that Mr. ? Carrington, for whose talents and knowledge I have very great respect, differed from me in opinion. — But even if I could concur with him

him on the two first questions, and could persuade myself that a Jury might be expected to convict Lieute=nant Colonel Lindsay on an Indictment framed on the Statute of the 37th of the King, I should still think as Mr. Carrington does on the 3d Question; and, for the reasons he has assigned, should be of opinion, that the case of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay is not a proper one for prosecution, under that act. —

Upon the fourth question I am of opinion, that the papers transmitted from Madras do not contain such a detail of facts, as would be necessary to support an Information against Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay for Usury, either in the transaction which is the immediate Subject of your Letter, or in any of those which preceded it, and to which Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay alludes. — The very extraordinary affidavit made by Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay openly avows his having been in the habit of lending money to the Nabob on such terms, as were, in my opinion, clearly usurious. — But as he does not state the amount, or date of any particular loan he made and speaks of them in general terms only, and not with that precision which would be required in framing

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an Information and supporting it by evidence, his affidavit would not be sufficient I think, to make out a case against him.— It applies rather to former loans than to that in question on the present occasion; and notwithstanding the strong suspicion it must raise, that this last loan was to have been on the same terms with those which preceded it, yet the affidavit does not amount to proof of that fact, and consequently cannot establish the charge of Usury against it.—

With respect to the last question I think it clear, that the Supreme Court might take cognizance of a criminal prosecution, under the act of the 37th of the King, or of an Information for usury, under that of the 13th of the King, against Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, while he is resident at this Presidency, if the papers transmitted from Madras had stated sufficient evidence to support either of those proceedings. But even if that was the case, it would be necessary to send for the original Papers themselves, and also for several Witnesses, some of whom must hold official situations at Madras and could not attend here, without (great inconvenience and great expence) to identify

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identify those papers, to prove the receit of them from Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, and to give testimony of other facts, necessary to make out the case. — The institution of proceedings at Madrass therefore, rather than here, would be much more convenient and eligible — But even at that Presidency no prosecution could, in my opinion, be maintained on the evidence as it now stands; nor is there at present any means of obtaining here such informations upon oath, as would be required for the purpose of issuing a warrant for the apprehension of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, or for sending him by regular authority to Madrass, in order to secure his personal appearance, if an Indictment could be found against him. —

Inclosed I return you the several papers I received from you on this subject, and I also beg leave to send you the written opinions of Mr. Shaw and Mr. Carrington, which with this letter you will be pleased to submit to the consideration of the Governor General in Council. — Mr Shaw had delivered his written opinion to me on the day on which it bears date; but, in consequence of his perusing

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perusing that delivered by Mr Carrington, he desired to reconsider his own, and after having detained it some days for that purpose, he yesterday restored it to me, but without any material varcation.

I have the Honor to be,

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Calcutta
28th November 1798.

(Signed) W. Burroughs
Advte Genl

Upon perusal of the several Documents submitted to me on Consultation in the Case of Lieutenant Colonel John Lindsay of his Majesty's 71st Regiment I am inclined to think that the Bond from the Nabob of Arcot and the Carnatic is not void under the 28th Sect. of the Act of the 37th of his Majesty Cap: 142

My reasons for that opinion are as follow.

The money by the abovementioned Documents appears to have been actually lent and a former Bond taken for the same before the time of the prohibition mentioned in the 28 Sect: of that Act and that Sect: appears to me considering the whole of it together (especially by its fixing a day after which the transactions therein mentioned are to be offences against the Law) to admit that transactions like the present previous to

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that day were not and are not illegal and that the Stat: was intended, without rendering such previous transactions illegal, merely to prevent them in future and I think myself still further fortified in that opinion by the sweeping Sentence of that Sect: which after making such transactions as therein enumerated misdemeanors at Law says" and all Bonds notes &c. "taken held or enjoyed either directly or indirectly for the "use and benefit of any British Subject contrary to the "true intent and meaning of the Act shall be null and void. As the whole of the transaction therefore (except the mere taking the latter Bond which is the one in question) took place before the day of prohibition mentioned in the Act against such transactions and the Bond in question appears to have been taken in lieu of a former one without any change of the nature of the former security without any evil intent without any concealment and with an intent to lay the whole as it were by the writing in the Bond in the nature of a manifest, open to the Governments of Madras and Bengal and to the Court of Directors and that the Nabob and Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay by that latter transaction intended

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intended to throw themselves entirely upon those Governments the Court of Directors and the Nation for the mode of satisfying the Debt and as the Debt and the former Bond for it certainly were not contrary to the Act and might still stand according to my opinion if the present Bond in question had never been granted I am inclined to think that the present Bond should not be construed to be taken or holden contrary to the true intent and meaning of the Act whether it might be said to be taken or holden against the absolute letter of the Act or not. It is however with diffidence and not without some Doubt that I give the above opinion particularly as Mr. Carrington I understand differs with me upon the question. If my opinion, that the Bond in question is not void under the Stat: of the 37th of his Majesty, be supportable, it follows of course that the taking or holding it without the consent or approbation of the Court of Directors or of any of the Governors in Council mentioned in the 28th Sect: of the Act is not a mis=demeanor at Law

And if the above opinions be supportable it will further follow of course that the present Case is

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not a proper one for prosecution under the said Act of the 37th. of his Majesty But even if the Bond &c. should be construed to be void under that Act and the taking and holding it contrary to the Consent or approbation above alluded to be a misdemeanor at Law under such circumstances as appear before me I should not think this a proper Case for prose-cution because there appears no evil intention nor any concealment to have been intended or practised. But on the Contrary the executing of the Bond in question if the same be void seems to have been under a misapprehension of the Statute and to have been more the immediate Act of the Nabob than proceeding from the request of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay and appears to be principally in the nature of a Manifest from the Nabob throwing himself upon the Justice of the Company their Governments and the Nation to enable him to &c. provide speedily for the payment of what he con-sidered a bonâ fide Debt.

From the inspection of the Documents submitted to me in this Case I think there is some colour

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to suspect that the transaction is usurious but I do not think that there is any evidence laid before me which would justify a Jury in saying that the Bond in question is usurious.—

But if the Bond be void under the Stat: of the 37th of his Majesty and be therefore deemed a misdemeanor at Law and if the Government should intend to pro-secute I am of opinion that a prosecution thereupon may be instituted in the Supreme Court here and that Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay will be holden Subject to the Jurisdiction tho' from the want of the original Docu-ments and the Witnesses to Identify them and the receipts of them according to the facts I am of opinion that it would be less expensive to the Company and more prudent to carry on the prosecution at Madras and for the same reasons that it will be more likely to be carried on with success there than here.—

Calcutta
November the 16th. 1798.—

(Signed) John Shaw
Hon'd. Counsl.

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I have read and considered the different papers transmitted from Madras, relative to the pecuniary Transactions between the Nabob of Arcot, and Lieutenant Colonel John Lindsay, and submit my opinion on the several points of Law which appear to arise from those Documents:

First, I have no doubt, that the Bond from the Nabob to Colonel Lindsay dated the 15th. day of August 1798 - and conditioned for the payment of 97,500 Star Pagodas, is within the operation of the Act of the 37th. of the King, Cap: 142. Sect. 28.

By that Statute, the consent and approbation of the Court of Directors, or of the Governor in Council of one of the Company's Governments in India, is a Condition precedent, without which sanction, every British Subject is under a legal Incapacity of taking any Bond, Note, or other Security or Assignment granted by any Native Prince, after the first of December 1797, and all such Securities are declared, null and void. As the Bond in question was taken without that previous consent, it is I conceive void, or in

contemplation

contemplation of Law, exists only as evidence of a &
transaction which the Statute has prohibited, and &
which renders the British Subject concerned therein
liable to punishment for a Misdemeanor.

Secondly. But, although the Bond was executed &
subsequently to the period prescribed by the Act, yet as
the Money for the repayment of which it was intended
to operate as a Security, had been lent before the Statute
of the 37th of the King had taken effect in India, it may
be urged, that as the Original Contract of Loan could not
be within the purport of the Act, it should follow that
the instrument being merely accessary to the Contract
itself, cannot be within the intention of the Legislature,
and may consequently be considered as a valid, and
subsisting Security; In this however I cannot &
acquiesce, but feel the strongest conviction that it was
the object of Parliament, and is the language of the Act,
that from the 1st of December 1797 every private &
transaction of Loan, and every Security for the repay-
-ment of Money to which British Subjects and the
Native Princes of India were reciprocally parties,
should utterly cease, that all privity of Contract between

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them should in future be rendered impossible, unless the loan itself in the one Case, or the Security in the other, were previously sanctioned according to the Terms of the Statute. —

Nor is it a novel opinion that the original Contract may in some Cases subsist, although the Security which is the evidence of it be vacated by legislative Authority; this distinction was recognized and applied in the Case of Robinson v. Bland 2 Burrow 1077 — with respect to the Act of 9 of Anne Cap: 14 Sect: 1. If therefore the contract in the present instance were good in its inception, it will still remain so, notwithstanding the Bond is a mere nullity. —

Thirdly. It follows from what has been stated, that according to my Ideas of the Subject, the taking the Bond in question from the Nabob of Arcot, was a transaction contrary to the Prohibition of the Act of 37th. of the King, before cited and a misdemeanor at Law.

Fourthly. In obedience to the 29 Clause of the last mentioned Statute, I am to consider whether this be a proper case for Prosecution, and to submit the reasons on which my opinion is founded; and this being

being a question rather of expediency than mere Law,
I do so with great deference although with little doubt —
— In the present Case the Loan itself to the Nabob was
previous to the operation of the Statute, and I think that
Colonel Lindsay received the Bond to secure it, under a
misconstruction of the prohibiting Clause of the Act,
through mistake, and without any evil intention; he
avows having taken it, and appears unconscious of
having infringed the Law; which though not a Justi=
=fication in legal strictness, yet makes me feel that it
is my duty to say that this is not a Case of that flagrant
nature which calls for prosecution, and that under the
present circumstances, a mere Conviction would not form
that serious example against the violation of the Statute,
with which a publick prosecution instituted by Govern=
=ment, ought to impress the publick mind. —

Fifthly. From the voluntary affidavit of Colonel
Lindsay there appears reason to infer that the original
Contract with the Nabob was usurious, as having reserved
to the lender in recompense for the Loan, some
advantages in addition to the lawful interest of 12 ℔ Cent,
but on this Subject the evidence laid before us, is not,

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I apprehend, sufficient to lead to a Conviction, if an information for usury were instituted. —

Sixthly. There can be no doubt that Colonel Lindsay being a British Subject, and now in Bengal, is subject to the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Judicature, for any offence or misdemeanour committed in India, by virtue of the 33d. of the King Cap: 52. Sect: 67. But as each of the transactions which have given rise to the present enquiry, took place at Madras, as the Witnesses appear to be resident in that Settlement or its Dependencies, and as the original Documents are also there, it appears much more expedient that if any Judicial investigation into the Conduct of Colonel Lindsay relative to his loans to the Nabob be instituted, such proceedings should be commenced in the Court at Madras rather than in the Supreme Court of Judicature at Calcutta. —

Calcutta
November 14th. 1798. —

(Signed) C. E. Carrington
Junior Counsel

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The Governor General proposes that the whole of the foregoing papers with the letter and Bond of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay be referred to the Attorney General, and that M.r Sullivan be directed to state his opinion upon the grounds of maintaining a prosecution against that Officer for usury, or under the Statute for a misdemeanour.

The Governor General proposes that the whole of the foregoing papers with the letter and Bond of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay be referred to the Attorney General, and that M.r Sullivan be directed to report his opinion as to the grounds of maintaining a prosecution.

Approved and Ordered accordingly

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The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter and certificate from the Officer Commanding his Majesty's 25th Dragoons.

Memorandum for Lieutenant General Harris.

Lieutenant Colonel Cotton states, in the accompanying Letter dated 1st of August last, Quarter Master Symes having lost his Horse by an Epidemic disorder which then prevailed among the Body of Horses in the 25th Dragoons, and encloses a Certificate thereof requesting compensation to be made to Quarter Master Symes, agreeably to the Government Orders of the 20th of June last — In the accompanying letter of the 29th of December

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief containing different enclosures respecting horses belonging to Quarter Master Symes and Lieutenant Chadwicke that had died of epidemical disorders.

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December Lieutenant Colonel Cotton informs the Com=mander in Chief of the loss of Lieutenant Chadwicks Horse of the 25th dragoons whose letter he encloses, and requests that Lieutenant Chadwick may be allowed to purchase a Horse from the next remount at the Company's price.

Major Bladen has applied for the same indulgence being granted to Lieutenant Sale and Quarter Master Downes of the 19th. Dragoons whose Horses were lately taken ill at Exercise and died suddenly.

Captain Keith Young

A. D. Adjutant General

Sir, &c. &c. &c.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you a Certificate &c. which I have to request you will be pleased to lay before the Commander in Chief.

The allowance of 200 Pagodas for Quarter Master Symes's Horse was retrenched by the Military Auditor General on account of the charge not having been made out according to the new form.

At the time the Quarter Masters Horse died an epidemick distemper prevailed among

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the Body of Horses in the Regiment particularly among those of the Majors Troop near which Quarter Master Symes's Horse stood - and from which I verily believe he caught the infection. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. - - - - &c.

Arcot
1st August 1798. —

(Signed) Stapleton Cotton Lieut Colonel
Comm'd H. M. 25th L.D.

I hereby Certify on my honor, that a — Charger belonging to Quarter Master Malcher Sines of His Majesty's 25th Light Dragoons, died on the 17th of November 1797 of an epidemical disease, at that Time reigning — amongst the Horses of His Majesty's 25th Light Dragoons and which to the best of my Judgement was caught from the Body of the said Horses.

Arcot
31st July 1798. —

(Signed) Stapleton Colton
Lieutenant Colonel Comm
H. M. 25th L. D.

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The Honorable Company - - Dr.

To 2r. Mr. Malcher Simes

For a Charger dying of an epidemical Disease on the 17th. November 1797 - - - - - - - -	}	S. P. 200 - -

(Signed) Malcher Simes
Quarter Master
H. M. 25th. Regt. Dragoons

(Signed) Stapleton Cotton
Lieutenant Colonel
Comm. H. M. 25t. L. D.

To Captain Keith Young
A. D. C. Adjutant General

Sir, &c. - - &c. - &c.

I herewith transmit to you a Letter I have received from Lieutenant Chardwich of H. M. 25th. Light Dragoons, requesting that I will make application to Government for his being indemnified for the loss of a very valuable Regimental Horse. - I have therefore to request you will be pleased to lay before the Commander in Chief Lieutenant Chardwichs letter, and also to state that I think Lieutenant Chardwich entitled to whatever indulgence may in consequence be granted to him - There being

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a Lot of Horses expected soon from Hydrabad Itake the liberty of proposing that Lieutenant Chardwick be allowed to select a Horse from one of the Remounts at the Company's price.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Arcot

29th December 1798. (Signed) S. Cotton

Lieutenant Colonel Comm.
H. M. 25th L. D.

To Lieutenant Colonel Cotton

Commanding His Majesty's 25th L. Dragoons

Sir,

I will be obliged to you to state to Government the misfortune I have met with in losing a valuable Regimental Horse he was taken sick when out with the Regiment and died in a few days after of a most dreadful disorder, supposed to be the Staggers: I gave three hundred and fifty Star Pagodas for the horse, and if they will take into consideration the whole of the horse & allowance I have received does not exceed the

Amount

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Amount and as he was never used but as a
Regimental Charger, I hope they will make me
such an allowance as to them may appear necessary.

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

Arcot
December 27th 1798.

(Signed) T. Chadwick
Lieutenant 25th Regiment
Dragoons

The Commander in Chief proposes that Quarter Master Symes be permitted to take a horse from the expected remount lots at the Company's price.

Considering the attestation of
Lieutenant Colonel Cotton that the regimental horse
of Quarter Master Symes did die of an epidemical
disease, the Commander in Chief recommends
that he may be permitted to take a horse from the
expected remount lots at the Company's price.

Approved and Ordered accordingly.

Agreed to and Ordered
accordingly.

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The Military Board to be directed to ship on board of the extra Ship Osterly as much rice as She can receive, in order that She may be dispatched with it to Cananore.— The rice to be purchased expressly for the purpose or to be taken from the Publick Stores as the Military Board may judge most expedient.—

The Board deeming it a very desirable object to have a considerable quantity of Rice in Store at Cananore, Resolve to direct the Military Board to issue the necessary orders to the Garrison Storekeeper to ship on board of the Osterly extra Ship, for that place, as large a supply of Rice as She can receive, in addition to the Naval Stores already on board of her.— the Rice to be taken either from the quantity in Store, or to be purchased expressly for that purpose, as the Military Board may judge most advisable.—

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" Clive

" Geo: Harris

" Wm. Petrie

" C. H. Stallofield

A. Barclay Sec.

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Diary

Recieved the following Letter from

the Governor of the Cape of good Hope –

The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor,

Fort St. George

My Lord,

The Sphynx, Captain Alexander now proceeds with the dispatches for India which I came from England by the Albatross – Since the departure of the Recovery, Captain Mr. Henry who sailed from hence on the 12th Instant, nothing of Moment has occurred here – Inclosed I send you a Duplicate of my letter to your Lordship by her and have the honor to be with the highest esteem and Regard –

From the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope inclosing a Duplicate of his Letter by the Recovery –

Castle of Good Hope
September 16th 1798 –

I have &c.
/Signed/ Macartney

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President,

Fort St. George

My Lord.—

From the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope recommends strongly to the Notice of Lord Clive Captain Michell of the Princess Royal.—

I had the honor of mentioning to you; in my Secret letter of the 11th September last, the great difficulty we had here in procuring Tonnage for the embarkation of the Troops sent to Madras, and of Recommending to you in the most earnest manner Captain Michell of the Princess of Wales, who came out laden with Stores, under the direction of Government, for the Supply of this Colony, and who was returning home on freight from hence; & according to his Charter party but at any perswasion, had been induced to depart from his orders, and engage his Ship, as a transport Vessel, for this occasion, on the Assurance &

I gave

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I gave him of his being very strongly recommended to you for a Company's Sprightly home - I beg leave now to repeat my instances in his favor, and to entreat that you will be so good as to afford him every Assistance and Support, so as to prevent his having engaged, at my strong importunity, in an important public Service, from proving also, an injury to him, as a private Individual Venture to add that Captain Mitchell, exclusive of his Merit in this point, is a Man of every fair reputation and as such deserving of your favor, and attention.-

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

Castle of Good Hope
October 18th 1798.-

The Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor and President,
of Fort St. George

From D. D. in consequence of the scarcity of Tonnage and other difficulties that have ensued the fleet with the promised reinforcement for this Country had been prevented from sailing till this time

My Lord

When I made up my packet on the 16th of last Month, I imagined that the Sphynx

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Sphynx would have immediately proceeded with it, but the destination of that Ship being Changed by the Admiral, and it not being possible to spare any other at that time, I have been obliged to wait till the Sailing of the fleet with the Troops, for the forwarding of the present dispatch & I flatter myself however that this will not be the first information you have had of the orders from home in consequence of which we have acted but that the Recovery Brig Captain Mr. Henry by which I wrote to you, Soon after the Albatross Arrived here, will have safely Conveyed to you my letter of the 11th of September Ever Since that time & we have been most busily employed in forwarding the embarkation of the Troops but on Account of the Scarcity of Tonnage here, & and other difficulties, we have not by every exertion been able to accomplish our

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object till this day; I trust that tomorrow, or next day the fleet will sail; and that it will arrive at Madras before Christmas, and be in sufficient time to promote the Services for which it is intended - We have had no letters from England of later date than those which came by the Albatross, nor have we heard of any interesting event from other Quarters since that time, so that nothing remains for me at present, but to express my sincere Wishes for the success of your Government, and those Assurances of esteem and regard with which -

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

Castle of Good Hope
the 18th October 1798.

Received the following Letters

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c: &c: &c:

My Lord,

From the Military Board - enclose Copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer to them dissenting from the order which had been given to him for transferring one of the two Companies of Lascars attached to the Engineer Department, to the Department of the Commissaries of Grain and Provisions - the Military Board still adhere to their original opinion as to the necessity and the propriety of the order. -

At the request of Major General Ross, the Chief Engineer, we have the honour to transmit enclosed, Copy of a letter from that Officer to our Secretary, containing a dissent from a resolution of our Board, by which he had been directed to deliver over to the Commissaries of Grain and Provisions one complete Company of Lascars from the detail allotted to Fort St. George, and to take measures for Recruiting a Company to replace the one so transferred. -

We think it necessary to state that under the present exigency of the Service, we cannot

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cannot change our opinion with respect to the expediency of the measure, as we can adopt no other method so well calculated to put in motion the Departments of the Commissaries of Grain, and Provisions; and as Major General Ross has one Complete Company remaining we Cannot suppose that with their aid, he is to likely to experience any difficulty in recruiting such as are necessary for his department.—

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

Fort St. George
30th Decmber 1798.

(Signed) " John Braithwaite
" Will.m Sydenham
" John Richardson
" B.Z. Close

Captain Pierce

Sir,

Be pleased to acknowledge to the Military Board the receipt of their Orders, desiring me to direct one Company Complete of the two Companies of

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of Lascars allotted to Fort St. George, to be transferred to the Commissaries of grain and provisions — which has been done, — And to which you will be pleased to enter my dissent, as I am thereby deprived of half the effective Lascars by whose means the additionals wanted for Field Service were to be raised and instructed in their several Duties. & And because, I am thereby left with little hope of being able to complete the Equipment in time with the requisite Description of People, or & indeed with any description of People, from the Numbers now raising for the other Departments of the Service; and if raised, they must be taught their duty in the Field, when they should be & instructing others — And because, Circumstances & do not warrant such a Measure, as the Gentlemen at the Head of these Departments have told the Board, they can raise the People themselves if allowed to appoint their own Syrangs and Tindals. Any description of Coolies can tie up Bags and load Bandies. But it Requires a certain & degree

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degree of Knowledge to fit them for instructing others in the various Duties in the Engineers Department.—

That no blame may hereafter attach to me, I have to request that this Letter may be laid before Government with as little delay as possible

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George
29th December 1798.—

/Signed/ Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.G.

A true Copy

/Signed/ John Maclean
Deputy Secretary Mily Board

The Right Honorable
The Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General in Council—

My Lords,

From the Military & Auditor General—reporting on Mr. Gordons Statement of the probable expences of the army in the field—gives it as his opinion that they are not likely to exceed the sums of three or Lacks of Pagodas a Month—

I have the honor to acknowledge

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the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of the 1st Instant enclosing for my Examination & and Report, a Statement from Mr. Paymaster Gordon

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Gordon of the Sum estimated by him for the A
Monthly Expence of the Army —

2 Having referred to the Statement which
I had the honor to lay before Government on the
6th October last, of the probable Monthly Expence
of an Army of the Strength detailed therein, A
including all Contingencies, and having added
thereto the extra detail of Troops upon which
Mr. Gordon has founded his Calculations,
and with which he has been furnished A
by the Commander in Chief, I beg leave to
state my opinion that three Lacks of Pagodas
p.r Month will be required to Answer the
probable Monthly Demands of such an Army
with every part of its equipment, and A
informing this Opinion I have taken into
the Scale the Deductions which will be
made from the pay of the European and

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Native Troops on Account of Provisions &
and Rice, as well as the proportion of their
Pay which they will leave for their &
Families.—

3 Should your Lordship be pleased
to grant Authority to the Paymaster to the
Army to draw Bills on the Military &
Paymaster General in favor of Individuals
for such part of their Pay and Allowances
as they may wish to remit to the Presidency
the Sum of Three Lacks of Pagodas p Month
I have no doubt will be found Ample for
every purpose that can occur, and probably
leave an overplus to meet any Sudden or
unexpected Contingency.—

I have the honor to Remain &
with the highest Respect.— &c. &c.

Military Auditor (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud. Gen.

General's Office
Fort St. George
2nd January 1799.—

Statement

Statement of the Sums required for the Payment of the Army for one Month

	Fixed Pay and Allowances	Additional in the Field	Grand Total
Statement sent to the Government 6. October 1798 by the Military Auditor General Accounts	81048 13 2½	109209 15 10	
Additional on Account of the following Corps &c since the above was given in —			
Artillery 2 Company's one from Masulipatam and one from Bengal	1199 32 10	840 3640 74	
4 Company's of Gun Lascars	429.3450	15,350 "	
1000 European raised from the Cape	5527 "	3350. "	"
His Majesty's 33d Regiment	4500 "	3000. "	"
1st Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry	2,800. 400	798. 54,960 54.	
2 Ditto 3d Ditto Ditto	2200. 400	605. 39,459 60.	
1 Ditto 8 Ditto Ditto	2800 400	798 54,960 "	
3 Corps of Bengal Native Infantry	8,400. 1200	2394 1,64886 "	

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Additional on Account of Bullocks attached to the Battering Train and Departments above the Number formerly Estimated	"	"	60,000	"	"
Do Do Charges in the Ordinance Department on Account of the Battering Train	"	"	2,500	"	"
Do Do Victualling Europeans with other undefined Contingencies likely to occur	"	"	15,000	"	"
	1,08,962	22 4/5	2,06,429	2. 56	3,15,391 24. 60/5
1000 Bullocks Ordered to be Collected by Colonel Read at Barmahl					16,000 " "
					Str. Pagodas 3,31,391 24 60/5

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(Signed) W.m H. Gordon
Paymaster to the Army

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The following regulations for the Paymaster of the Madras Army employed in the Field fixed in Council the 2d January 1799

General and Standing Regulations for the Paymaster of the Madras Army employed in the Field fixed in Council the 2d January 1799

General and Standing Regulations for the Paymaster of the Madras Army in the Field for the Extra and Contingent Charges.—

1 When the Army or a Detachment is Ordered into the Field or upon Foreign Service, a Paymaster will be appointed to disburse the necessary expences thereof, who is to take the Regulations established for Station Paymasters as his guide for receiving Advances to the Troops, and to observe the following Rules for Extra and Contingent Charges.—

2 It being highly desirable to ascertain the Extra Expence attending particular Services Paymasters appointed to an Army or Detachment in the Field or proceeding upon Foreign Service are to make out

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2: out two Seperate Monthly Accounts of Disbursements the one to Contain the Pay Gratuity Half Batta and other fixed Allowances which the several Ranks and Corps would have received in Garrison or Cantonment the other to contain the difference between Half and Full Batta as a Field Allowance, the Tent Allowance, Field Establishment of Artificers and Followers and all Extraordinary and Contingent Expences incident to the Service upon which the Army or Detachment is employed and the Total of the Disbursements of the fixed and of the Extraordinary Charges to be distinguished in the Account Current

3 The proportion of Pay which the Officers and Soldiers may have left Certificates with their Families to receive at the Stations where they reside is to be stopped from the monthly Abstracts of Companies and Credit given in the Account Current for the Amount as directed in the Section Family Payments.—

4 The full Amount of Pay and all Allowances for every person in the Army or Detachment is to

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be included in the Pay Abstract and entered upon the Paymasters Disbursements as well for those who have left Family Certificates as others.—

5 It shall be the Commanding Offiers particular duty to inforce the regular transmission of all accounts of Disbursements and Vouchers from the Paymasters Office to the proper Offiers at the Presidency where they are to undergo Audit.—

6 The Signature of the Commander in Chief shall be a sufficient Authority for the payment of all contingent charges but the Paymaster shall be Answerable for discharging any Bill of a Contingent Nature to which the Commanding Offiers Signature not be affixed—

7 All Contingent Charges or such as are not fixed in their nature and Amount but depending on particular occasional circumstances, shall be Certified on honor, by the party making them that the Money has been actually and bona fide disbursed &

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for the purpose expressed, and previous to payment being made that the Commanding Officer shall Certify on the Bill that the Charges contingent therein were indispensibly necessary for carrying on the public Service and According to every enquiry he could make the established or Current rates of the place or Station at the time they were incurred —

8 As the Madras Rates cannot be expected to apply to Foreign Service it shall be the duty of the Commanding Officer to inspect the rates at which all Bills for the Supply of Stores are Charged, and to Certify upon the Bills themselves that the Rates so Charged are to the best of his Knowledge and belief the Current prices at the places where the Supplies may be authorized and the Paymaster Acting as Commissary of Supplies is to be apprized that no Bill will be attended to, to which such a Certificate is not annexed. —

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9 . No Verbal Order for incurring any Extra Expence will be admitted as an Authority, but it will be required from any Offier Commanding a Detachment or Army, to whom authority to Warrant any Contingent Charges may have been confided to transmit to the proper Offeer of Contoul at the beginning of every Month, a Copy Signed by himself, of all Orders creative of Expence that shall have been issued during the preceding Month. —

10 Authenticated Copies of Bills for all Charges on Account of Secret Services shall be sent Monthly to the Secret Department of Government, by the Commanding Offier, and accompanied by the most particular Information relative to the application of every Sum Charged for Secret Services of whatever nature, and unless such Information be very full and satisfactory, the Commanding Offiers may be assured that the Charges will not be admitted &

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and as Disbursements of this nature must ~
necessarily be attended with a degree of Confidence
on the part of Government, which every Officer ~
should feel himself Anxious to prove, has not
been misplaced, and which Government should
have the means of satisfying themselves has
not, in any instance, been abused every ~
Commanding Officer shall be held liable
at the end of a Campaign and on the ~
conclusion of a War to be questioned upon
Oath relative to the fidelity of his Accounts
for Secret Services —

By Authority of the Governor
General in Council —

(Signed) Josiah Webbe
Secy to Govt

Sent the following Letters. —

To

mentioned may be passed for payment if no
Comet.—

The Governor General in Council
desires that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver may
be permitted to draw the difference between
half and full batta during the time he
Commanded at Warriore previous to the order
of the 9th May 1798.—

His Lordship in Council also desires
that Lieutenant Colonel Close may be
permitted to draw the Arrears of Allowance
as Persian Translator to Head Quarters
from the date of Captain Malcolm's
Appointment under the Resident at
Hydrabad.—

I am directed to desire that you
will Authorize payment of the inclosed bills
of Lieutenant Blair Amounting to seven
hundred and eighty Seven Pagodas forty one
fanams, and fifteen Cash 787: 41: 51 for

repairs

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No 2. Repair at Innaendah.—

Bill of the Sent Contractor Amounting
to one thousand two hundred and forty two
Pagodas fourteen fanams, and thirty two Cash
(1242. 14. 22) by Bill upon the Collector
at Ingeram.—

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I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) G: Buchan
Actg Subsecy.—

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your letters
of the 25 and 29th ultimo

We concur in your recommendation
for disposing of the damaged Grain at Pt
Pedro by Public Auction, and desire
that the necessary orders may be issued.—

To the Military Board
their Recommendation for
the disposal of the Damaged
Grain at Pedropoly approved
If the Storekeeper at Pedro-
poly gives any further
proofs of inattention to the
orders of the Military Board
—Government will not
fail to testify the warmest
marks of their displeasure
—The Commander in Chief
has been requested to
select Horses for the Corps
of the flying Artillery the
Dress of the Medical &
Arrangements are approved
and published in General
Order

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Order. Copy of a letter from the Commanding Officer at Walajanbad enclosed the addition made by him to the Commanding Officers Quarters at that Station to be admitted.—

We are very much surprized & at the inattention of the Garrison & Store Keeper at Trichinopoly to your directions; and desire you will warn him that a repetition of this neglect will be followed by our Serious displeasure.—

The Commander in Chief has been requested to select Horses for the Services of the flying Artillery.—

We approve the draft of the Medical Arrangement proposed by you; and have published them in General Orders.—

We enclose Copy of a letter from the Commanding Officer at Walajahbad; and desire that the addition made by him to the Commanding Officers Quarters at that Station may be admitted.—

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Have &c &c

Signed Clive—

&c Council

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Received and sent the following

Letters entered in M:B: Nos 28: 29: 30: 31: 32

From Captain W. Dowse - Requests

From Captain Dowse Commandant of the Pioneers -

that he may be permitted to draw the advanced pay of the Rank above him from the period of his promotion as Captain - states the grounds of his application -

To the Commander of H: M: Ship La Sybille -

To Captain Cooke informing him that the Military Board have been directed to survey the Powder on board of La Sybille and to have it, if necessary, replaced with fresh powder from the public Stores -

From the Military Paymaster Genl

From Mr. Roebuck - encloses an additional Estimate of Cash for Pagodas 4100

From the late Governor of Malacca

From Mr. Couperous expresses his anxiety that Captain Stokes the late Commandant at Malacca may be permitted to Continue at Tranquebar states several circumstances in behalf of Captain Stokes -

From

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From the late Commander and Councellor at Malacca

From Captain Stuber - mentions that he has received an order to proceed from Tranquebar to Batavia or Ceylon - entreats that he may be permitted to remain at his present place of Residence - urges several Circumstances in support of his application -

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in C: C: B: N: 23.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob -

From the Nabob - He is to give immediate orders for having the Army &c. moved from Vellaporam -

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Venkatagherry -

From the Rajah of Venkatagherry - Acknowledging the receipt of the Letter written to him respecting the Supply of Sheep &c. - He expresses doubt of his being able to comply to the full extent with the Demands upon him, he will however endeavour to procure a certain proportion -

To the Military Board

Sent a letter to the Military Board entered in M: B: N: 33 directing them to give orders

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2d. orders for landing the provisions board of La Sybille, in order that it may be dried or sifted or if necessary replaced from the public Stores.—

3d. Recvd and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: N° 34: 35: 36: 37: 38: 39: 40: 41.—

From the Secretary at Calicut.— From Mr. Grant - forwarding a letter for Lord Mornington.—

From Major General Sydenham encloses a Statement of the expences of the Travancore & Battalion - encloses a Statement of the Stoppages that have been made for half Mounting from the Malay Corps serving on Ceylon.—

From Military Auditor General

From Captain Norris of the Engineers From Captain Norris - encloses Copy of a Letter he had Received from Major General Ross respecting the limits of the Black Town wall requests that he may be allowed an extract of the letter from Government Dated 26th August 1782 on that Subject.—

From

23:

From the Commd.r of the Success Galley and Surprize Galley

From M.r Thomas Benny - offering the Surprize and Success Galley for the purpose of Conveying Rice to the Malabar Coast, on the terms specified in his Letter. -

To the Secretaries at Bengal - Bombay Malabar Commissioner Resident at Poona and Hydrabad -

To Messrs.r Barlow - Richards - Spence Kirkpatrick and Palmer - enclosing Copies of Intelligence Received from the Mysore Country. -

To Messrs.r Wolf and Smith. -

To Messrs.r Wolf and Smith - the Kistbundy Account for 1797/8. submitted by them to the Board, approved they are directed to meet the Nabobs Deputies for the final Adjustment of it. -

To M.r Rowley - directing him to send particular instructions to the several Stations between Angole and the Presidency to have the letters from Hydrabad expeditiously conveyed to their places of distination - Captain Rand appointed Postmaster General to the Army. -

To the Postmaster General. -

To Commandant at Nellore. -

To Captain Forbes - directing him to deliver over charge of the Stores and Ammunition

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Ammunition belonging to the Nabob in the Fort of Nellore, to such person as his Highness may appoint to receive them.—

24 Received the following Letter

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 24th December covering a Letter from the Right Honorable Lord Clive to the Rajah of Tanjour, His Excellency has desired me to forward the accompanying Answer, and to assure His Lordship that the utmost deligence and dispatch shall be used in Collecting the Supplies.—

The Rajah informs me that He has promised to furnish from the three Soubahs under his Management, 3000 Bullocks and 6000 Sheep.—

I think

From the Resident at Tanjore acknowledges the receipt of the Letter addressed to the Rajah on the 24th ultimo. encloses his reply. the Rajah has requested him to give every assistance in collecting provisions. he promises 3000 Bullocks and 6000 Sheep. the Resident has wrote to the Sondeman Poligar requesting him likewise to afford all the assistance in his power in collecting supplies for our Army.

23d.

I think it necessary to add that about 1000 Bullocks and 2000 Sheep will probably be collected and ready to proceed to the Army by the 12th of January and a Similar Number on the 25th and the Remainder as soon after as possible.—

I have also addressed a Letter to the Tondiman Polygar Requesting his Assistance in the above Supplies, and promising him Payment for as many Cattle and Sheep as He will deliver to Me by the Middle of January

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Benjn Torin
Resident

Tanjour
30th December 1798

Sent the following Letter.—

To Benjamin Sullivan Esqr.
Attorney General

Sir,

To the Attorney General enclosing Copy

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to refer to you the enclosed Papers

different papers relative to the Money transactions between the Nabob and Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, with the opinion of the Company's Law officers in Bengal upon the case, he is required to state his opinion as to the grounds of maintaining a prosecution against Colonel Lindsay-

papers relative to transactions of Money & between his Highness the Nabob and the Honble Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay together with the opinions of the Company's Law Officers in Bengal upon the case, his Lordship desires in Consequence that you will state your Opinion upon the Ground of maintaining a prosecution against Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay for misery or under the Statute for a Misdemeanour.-

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

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Received and Sent the under-
mentioned Letters entered in Mil. Cons. Nos. 42
43.. 44.. 45.. 46.. 47.. 48.-

From Lieutenant Cornwick &

From the late &c
Commanding Officer
at Chimmeroy

States that the fortifications of Chimmeroy droog have been demolished, and that the Garrison &c attached to that place have proceeded as directed

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directed to Ryacottah.—

From the Postmaster General.—

from Mr. Rowley—encloses Copy of a letter from the Commander in Chief directing him to establish a Tappal between Nellore and Cuddapah, with which he has accordingly taken steps to Comply—He has given the necessary orders to the different Stations between Angole and the Presidency, to forward & expeditiously all dispatches from the Hydrabad Detachment that may come to that route.—

To the Secretaries at Bengal Bombay Malabar Commissioner Resident at Hydrabad and Poonah—

To Messrs. Barlow, Richards Spencer Palmer and Kirkpatrick—enclosing Copies of the latest intelligence Received from the Mysore Country.—

To Mr. Oliphant transmitting to his care a Letter from the Governor General to the Rajah of Travancore, which he is desired to forward immediately.—

To Mr Oliphant at Cochin.—

To the Military Board—they are directed to send instructions to Trichinopoly to prepare a certain number of Tents at the &

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Prices specified — The Paymaster of that Station will be directed to make the requisite advances to the person whom the Military Board may Authorize to provide the Tents. —

To Major General Sydenham. requiring for his examination an Additional estimate of Cash Required by the Paymaster at Masulipatam. —

To the Military & Auditor Genral. —

To M. Woolf — transmitting to him Copies of the Statements of the extraordinaries incurred by the Detachments at Amboor and Warriorpollam Amounting to Pagodas 6345. 47. 16. which have been liquidated by his Highness the Nabob at two separate payments —

To the Accountant General

Received the following Letters. —

From the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope &c enumerating that the Medea from Bengal has spoke Commodore Blankett on the 10 Inst. —

The Right Honble Lord Clive &c &c &c Fort St. George

My Lord

The uncommonly boisterous & weather which has prevailed here for several days

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days past, has prevented the Transports sailing for Madras so soon as I had expected but I flatter myself they will proceed tomorrow They have been all ready some time.—

This delay affords me an Opportunity of informing you that the Mildred Captain Jordan which left Bengal on the 13th August last and Arrived here a few days since spoke with Commodore Blankett in the Leopard on the 10th Instant, in 31° S. Lat: & 35° 30 East Long all Well.—

As this Rencontre happened in the Night and the two Ships seperated without farther Communication We Knew nothing more than what I have mentioned Neither have we Received any Intelligence from England since what came by the Albatross, which Arrived here on the 2nd of September.

Castle of Good Hope
October 26th 1798.

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

To

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

My Lord

From Military Board - recommend that Colonel Gent the President of the Committee appointed to inspect the Stores remaining in the Arsenal on the 30th of April last, may be permitted to complete the Survey agreeably to his own offer, without any further assistance in the room of Captains Jourdan and Macintire - An advance of Pags. 730. 9. 10. to the Agent of Supply recommended

1 We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Letters from Mr. Secretary Webbe under date the 2nd and 3d instant; with enclosure in the latter. -

2nd Captain Jourdan, and Macintire, of the Artillery, Members of the Committee appointed by Government to take an Account of Remains of Stores in the Arsenal of Fort St. George on the 30th of April 1798, being required to join their Corps for Field Service, and Colonel Gent, the President of that Committee, having reported that he shall be able to complete such Survey, of which Letter

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little remains to be done, without any further
Assistance should be be so Authorized, We beg
leave in consequence to recommend to your H
Lordship that permission be granted them
accordingly. —

3d Having found it indispensably necessary
to authorize a further extraordinary Indent upon
the Agent of Supply for Articles required H
towards the Field Equipment, We recommend
that an immediate Advance of Pag.s 780: 9: 40
may be made to Mr. Webb on that Account. —

We have the honor to be,

&c: &c:

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(Signed) " John Braithwaite
" Patrick Ross
" Wm. Sydenham
" Jno. Richardson
" B.y Close

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Received the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

My Lord

Auditor General's report on the additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Month of December—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of Yesterday's date Accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month Amounting to Twenty Thousand one hundred and Twenty four Pagodas, Twenty four Fanams and forty Cash/ Pagodas 20,124: 24: 40 upon which I have the honor to report as follows

The foregoing Sums Comprises an Advance of Cash directed to be made to the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores together with the Amount of Bills lately paid

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passed in my Offices on account of Repairs executed under the Superintendance of Colonel Gent, agreeably to the Orders contained in Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of the 13th Instant.

The Agent for the purchase of Horses at Hydrabad having drawn Bills on the Military Paymaster General for Pagodas 12,285:30 This Sum I presume may be admitted in order that the drafts may be duly honored.—

Captain Blaquiere's Draft for Pagodas 3382 is unobjectionable being required for the purpose of paying the Balance due to the Contractor for supplying His Majesty's 25th Regiment Light Dragoons with Gram in consequence of his having completed the Annual quantity engaged to be supplied to that Corps.—

Mr. Paymaster Murray's additional Estimate Amounting to Pagodas 660 is admissible for

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for the payment of families residing in the Guntoor Circar, who belong to different Corps on Field Service.—

An Excess of one Pagoda in Totaling this Additional Estimate has been deducted & the gross Amount payable is as follows.—

From the Treasury at the Presidency —	19,463.. 24.. 40	
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General —	660..	
	20,123.. 24.. 40	

The Garison Storekepers additional Estimate which accompanied Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 18th Instant Amounting to Pagodas Nine Thousand / Pagodas 9000 / may I presume be issued from the Treasury for the purpose of enabling him to provide 20,000 Northern Bullock Gunnies for which he has obtained the Authority of the Military Board.—

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

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 19th December 1798.—

/Signed/ Wm. Sydenham
Mily: Audr. Genl.

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

Order of Council

Military Department

5th January 1799.-

Cash ordered to be advanced from the Treasury of Pags. — 28463.24.40. to the Military Paymaster General on account of his additional estimate of 17th & 18th ultimo.

Ordered that the Sum of Twenty eight Thousand four hundred and Sixty three Pagodas- Twenty four fanams and forty Cash.- (Pagodas 28,463.. 24..40) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the additional estimates enclosed in his Letters of the 17th and 18th Ultimo

By Order &c:

(signed) J Webbe Secy to Govt.

Received the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.-

Military Auditor General's report on the General Estimate for January 1799.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

1 Having examined the Estimate &

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of the Military Paymaster General for the
Month of January 1799, I have the honor to
report that the Sum of Three Lacks Forty Nine
thousand Five hundred and fifteen Pagodas
Five Fanams, and Sixty four Cash, / Pagodas
3,49,515 .. 5 .. 64 / is required for the payment
of such Military Charges as become due upon
the first of the ensuing Month. +

	P.	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	2,30,922	.. 40 ..	26
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General ?	1,18,592	.. 7 ..	38.
Pagodas	3,49,515	.. 5 ..	64

2 As I perceive that the Sums +
included in the Estimate of the Military +
Paymaster at Vellore, on Account of the 2d and
4th Regiments Native Cavalry respectively +
exceed what may be required to discharge
the Abstracts of those Corps for the next Month,
I have Accordingly deducted from the Total

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of that Estimate One thousand Six hundred & Pagodas 1,Pag.s 1600..--../ from the former Pagodas 1000..--.. and from the latter & Pagodas ...600..—.. being unacquainted with any Arrears of Pay or other Allowances that may have become due to those Regiments, above the ordinary stated Months expence of each Corps—

3 The Balance of Cash stated in the Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements, received from the Trichinopoly Pay Office for —th November Dated 30th of that Month Amounting to Sixteen thousand Five hundred and Sixty & Seven Pagodas, Eighteen Fanams and Sixty Six Cash /Pagodas 16,567..18..66/ not having been deducted from that Estimate, which bears date the 1st of December following, the omission has accordingly been rectified by not including it in the Gross Total herein Reported on.—

4 A difference arising between the Balance of Cash noticed in the Abstracts of Receipts & and

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and Disbursements of Mr. Paymaster Jackson for November, and that deducted from his Estimate for January 1799 which is dated the 1st of the present Month, the same stated in the latter being less by Four hundred and Twenty Six Pagodas, Twenty Eight Fanams and Forty Four Cash (Pagodas 426.. 28.. 44), than what is Credited in the former, this Sum has consequently been deducted from the General Estimate:—

5 The Military Paymaster at Masulipatam, having stated in his Estimate a Balance of Cash due to him up to 30th November last, his Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for that Month has been referred to, in which Pagodas 1,335: 24: 5 is charged as a Balance due by the Company, whereas in his Estimate, a Sum equal to (Pag.s 1626: 8: 3)

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has been included on that Account; the difference Vizt. Pagodas 290: 25: 78. has therefore been deducted from the Total of that Estimate.—

6 In the Gross Sum Payable at the Presidency is included Pagodas 41,685.. 17.. 12) being the Amount of Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters at Columbo and Trincomalee, which I have considered unobjectionable, on the principle under which all former drafts from those Paymasters have been admitted.—

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

(Signed) Wm: Sydenham
Mily Aud Genl

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

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

Order of Council
in the Military Department
5th January 1799

Ordered that the Sum of two Lacks thirty thousand nine hundred and twenty two Pagodas

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Cash ordered to be issued from the Treasury of Pagodas 2,30,922.20.26. to the Military Paymaster General on account of his estimated disbursements for the current month.

Pagodas forty Janarms and Twenty Six Cash (Pagodas 2,30,922:40:26) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of his estimated disbursements for the Current Month.—

Recived the following Letter from Military Auditor General.—

To The Right Honorable The Earl of Mornington K.B. Governor General in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

1 In reply to Mr. Acting Sub secretary

Military Auditor Generals' report on the additional estimates of Cash required by Mr. Paymaster Scott Ramsdens and Mr. Pay.r Cherry transmitted to him on the 1st Instant.

Buchan's letter of Yesterdays date, enclosing two Additional Estimates of Cash for the Current Month; I have the honor to report, that the Sum of Twelve thousand Nine Hundred Pagodas (Pagodas 12,900.—.—) required by the Military Paymaster at Vellore for paying and Victualling the Troops ordered to Assemble at Wallajanagur is

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is admissible, with the exception of of Pagodas Two Thousand Seven Hundred [Pagodas 2700.--.--] of the Sum included for His Majesty's 73d Regt. and Pagodas Two Thousand Three hundred and Thirty four, forty fanams, and Sixty # Cash [Pagodas 2,334:40:60] of the Amount # included for the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry, similar Sums having been already # passed on Account of those Corps in the Estimate of the Paymaster of Fort St. George for the Current Month, and as his Disbursements will decrease in proportion in consequence of the removal of the Corps in question, I beg leave to suggest that the Military Paymaster General may be # directed to deduct the Sum of Pagodas Five # Thousand and Thirty four, forty fanams, and Sixty Cash [Pagodas 5034. 40. 60] from his Estimate, and add the same to that of the Paymaster of Vellore, in which case the Sum is payable from the Treasury on Account of the Additional Estimate

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of the Paymaster at Vellore, will be Pagodas Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty five, One fanam and Seventy Cash / Pagodas 7,865: 1: 20 /

2 The Sum of Pagodas Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty / Pagodas 9850 - - -) & required by the Paymaster of the Hydrabad & Detachment appears to be unobjectionable, & and is to be issued from the General Treasury or by Bills on the Military Paymaster General, I request to be informed to what head the & Amount is to be carried, conceiving that the expence of that Detachment may be Chargeable, as formerly to His Highness the Nizam. —

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

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/Signed/ Wm. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

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

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Order of Council

Military Department

№ 5. January 1799.—

Cash ordered to be advanced from the treasury of — Pags. 17,715_1.20 to the Military Paymaster General on account of his additional Estimates — contained in his Letter of the 31st ultimo.

Ordered that the Sum of — Seventeen thousand Seven hundred and fifteen — Pagodas — One Fanam — and Twenty Cash — (Pagodas 17,715: 1: 20) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the additional estimates enclosed in his Letter of the 31st Ultimo

Received the following Letter from Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honble The Earl of Mornington KP. Governor General in Council &c. &c.

Military Auditor — General's report on the additional estimate of Cash required by the Military

My Lord,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webb's

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Military Paymaster General enclosed in a letter of 4th Instant

Webbes Letter of the 4th Instant, enclosing an Additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster of Masulipatam for the Current Month, I have the honor to report that the Amount appears to be admissible and payable by Bills on the Military Paymaster General, Pagodas Nine Hundred / Pagodas 900:--:-/ being wanted on Account of parties of European and Native Troops ordered to that Station to attend the Invaliding Committee, and Pagodas three thousand Five hundred / Pagodas 3500:--:-/ to enable him to make payments to French and other Europeans lately in the Service of His Highness the Nizam who have arrived at Coringa; the Paymaster will of course agreeably to the Orders he has received, draw a separate Bill on the Military Paymaster General for the exact Sum disbursed by him for the last mentioned purpose, in Order that it may be adjusted with the Supreme Government, as directed by the Secretary Webbes

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Letter of the 6th Ultimo

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
5th January 1799.—

I have the honor to be with
great respect &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mr. Aud. Genl.

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

Order of Council
Military Department
5th January 1799

Cash ordered to be advanced from the Treasury of Pagodas 4400 on account of the Additional estimate enclosed in his letter of the 4th Instant.—

Ordered that the Sum
of four thousand four hundred Pagodas
(4400) be advanced from the Treasury
to the Military Paymaster General on
Account of the Additional estimate &
enclosed in his Letter of the 4th Instant.—

By Order &c.
(Signed) S. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

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Reviews the undermentioned Letters entered in C. C. Nos 4. 5. 6

Substance of a letter from Bomrauze.—

From Bomrauze—acknowledges the Receipt of the letter requesting him to procure & Supplies of Sheep &c. he hopes to be able to procure 500 Bullocks and 3000 Sheep.—

Do— Do—

From Ditto—acknowledges the & Receipt of the letter requesting him to give & such Directions to the Merchants of his Country as might ensure supplies of Grain to the & troops about being assembled at Wallajahnagar he has already taken the necessary steps to Comply with them he at the same time Requests that strict Orders may be given to prohibit all plundering.—

Substance of a letter from the Calastry Rajah

From Calastry Rajah—acknowledges the Receipt of the letter written to him respecting a supply of fresh Provisions—hopes to be able to provide 3000 Sheep and 500 Bullocks.—

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To Ditto informing him that Pd. 2,30,922.. 40.. 26 will be paid to him from the Treasury on his Application —

To Dr — Dr.

To Ditto informing him that Pagodas 1,7,7,15: 1: 20 will be paid to him from the Treasury on his application. —

To Dr — Dr.

To Ditto informing him that Pagodas 4400 will be paid to him from the Treasury on his application. —

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Recvd the following Letter from the Military Board. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Board enclose Copy of a letter — from the Garrisons there, & Rupees & Vellore suggest the expediency of a general press of all Carts on Consequence of the difficulty in procuring the number required. Enclose copy of the last report delivered in by the

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from Government 4th under date the 27th instant: Also of J. Wm Webbe's Letter of this date with their respective

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To: the principal agent for Bullocks

Bullocks

Enclosures -

2 Having under date the 24th: instant instructed the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore to use his utmost exertions towards dealing into Rice by the 20th of January next three hundred (300) Garce of Paddy at Vellore, and Arnee, Respectively, in addition to the quantities he might have in Store on Receipt of the Order; and having desired him to endeavour to induce the Natives to perform that Work for a suitable compensation in Cash, instead of in Grain: We deem it proper to Submit to your Lordships the enclosed Copy of the Storekeeper's Answer, in order that Government may be apprized of the difficulty attending the accomplishment of those Objects; and beg leave to Recommend the adoption of such measures as may appear most proper to procure for Mr Skardon the Assistance of the Parties

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Parties whom he has mentioned. —

3rd Committee, consisting of Majors Dallas, Clarke, and Conner, having been appointed by Us to inspect the Country Carts Required for the Service, so soon as the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George should have collected one hundred and fifty /150/ of the Six hundred and Sixty Seven /667/ which he had been ordered to provide, either by purchase, or hire, they were accordingly called upon yesterday for that purpose, with the view of expediting the despatch of the Magazine, although the Storekeeper had not been able to collect a greater Number than one hundred and twenty Five /125/, and it having been stated by the Committee in their Report to Our Board that about fifty two /52/ only of that Number were

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were fit for the purposes of the Service as single Carts: also, that it appears to them that the number forthcoming for that days inspection is altogether insufficient for the object in view; and further, that it appears from the Representation of the Garrison Storekeeper, who attended the Committee, and who is in the habit of providing Carts for the Service, that on the present occasion there is a backwardness on the part of the Owners, which obstructs the Service, although in reality there is no want of Carts. We submit to your Lordships consideration, whether, under present circumstances, it may not be expedient to order a general Press of them, when as many of the best as are requisite for the Service ~~of~~ may be Selected, and the Owners of them be allowed a fair price for the Same, or the usual Monthly Allowance for hire.—

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Weekly Report of Draught, and

					Draught of Bullocks with the Army	Casualties	Remaining with the Principal Agent
1798 Dec.	31st	Camp Equipage Department					
		Kings Troops					
		Company's Troops	72				2
		Train Department or Train Agency					
		Ordnance Department	1694				31
		Casualties in the Agents Dept. from last Report					
		Remaining with the Principal Agent		5980			120
		Total	1766	5980			156

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Carriage Bullocks belonging to the Army. Monday 31 December 1798.—

Drivers	Casualties Included: Entertained	Brought Forward	Discharged	Not Included: Killed	Not Included: Dead	Draught Bullocks Total	Carriage Bullocks Employed as Draught Bullocks	Carriage Bullocks with the Agent	Conductors	Head Masters	Masters	Drivers	Casualties Included: Entertained	Brought Forward	Discharged	Not Included: Killed	Not Included: Dead	Carriage Bullocks	Total
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1299	"	"	26.433	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1299
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"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2496	"	"	50832	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2496
847	"	"	"	"	"	1694	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	696	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2666	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2990	"	"	"	"	"	5980	"	10,661	"	213334	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10,661
3873	696	"	"	"	"	7746	5226	10,661	"	318596	2666	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15,887

The Bullocks remaining with the Agent employed when required to Carry Stores &c. &c.

to Vellore.—

/signed/ Tho.s Dallas
Principal Agent for
Bullocks.—

True Copy
/signed/ Fred.k Pierce
Secy Mily Bd

Remarks

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Although We are well convinced that every exertion is making by the Principal & Agent for Draught, and Carriage, Cattle &c. We think it our indispensable duty to lay before your Lordships his last Report to our Board, in order that Government may be thereby enabled to form an Opinion of the progress that has been made, as well as, of the probability there is of the whole number ordered being collected in due time. We however understand from the Principal Agent that Fourteen, or Fifteen, Thousand more are expected here daily.—

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
31st December 1798

&c: &c: &c:

(signed)

" John Braithwaite
" Patrick Robs
" W: Sydenham
" Jno. Richardson
" BJ: Close

To

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No 6

To Captain Frederick Pierce
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

I am to acknowledge Receipt of your letter of the 24th Inconsequence of the instructions contained in it, I sent for all the Principal Inhabitants of the place, and, with the Assistance of the Commanding Officers people, endeavoured to prevail on them to boat the Paddy into Rice for a suitable compensation in Cash, but I am Sorry to say they will on no Account undertake it on any terms than those on which they at present Receive it, frequent similar attempts have formerly been made, but always without success, so many of the Inhabitants have been entertained either as Sepoys, Lascars, Bamboo Coolies, or private Coolies to carry Officers baggage, that, using every exertion, it will not be possible to procure more than two Garce of Rice per diem at this Place, I have not yet had a Report from Arnee - permit me to Suggest the sending me an Order of the Nabob to his Cumeldar at this Place, and of Government to the Jaghurdar of Arnee, to assist every Assistance in their power in this business, and I can assure you no exertion on my part shall be wanting to meet the wishes of your Board -

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. H. Sharpe
Garrison Storekeeper
Weekly

Vellore
28th December 1798

A true Copy
Fred Pierce
Secy Mil Bd

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To:

Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mr: B: No. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64

65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70.-

From the Governor of Columbo

From the Governor of Columbo inclosing different Petitions for the Consideration of the Board.-

From Major General Floyd.-

From Major General Floyd - is to set out immediately for Arcot, he is to deliver over the Command of Trichinopoly to Lieutenant Colonel Brown at Ramnad. He concurs with Major Innes's Recommendation as to the propriety of Stationing a small European Force in the Little Fort of Tanjore, and proposes for this purpose one of the Companies of the 1st European Regiment.

From Colonel Vigors

From Colonel Vigors - intimates that he has been placed in Charge of the Northern Division - Requests, that as the Staff of the Division proceeds with General Bridges he may be allowed Some person to Conduct the Detail of the duty attached to his situation,

during

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E

during the Generals Absence.—

From the Offices Com.g
Vizagapatam District.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Stuart—
acknowledges the Receipt of the Letter sent to
him on the 21.st Ultimo, with which he shall
immediately comply.—

From Commandant
at Chingleput.—

From Lieutenant Colonel St. John
Requests permission to Resign his Command.—

From Captain R. Grant at Pondicherry.—

From Captain R. Grant—encloses a
a letter from an Inhabitant of Pondicherry
requesting to be permitted to go to Tranquebar
and from thence to proceed to the Mauritius.—

From Captain Reay—expresses the
the satisfaction he feels at the approbation
bestowed on his Conduct—verganah Chitty had
set out to Trichinopoly, but he had wrote to
the Commanding Officer of that place to apprehend
him.—

From Commandant
at Madura.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Evans
Requests permission to Resign the
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From the officer
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From

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From

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From Captain Nonis requests to be permitted to draw his Pay and Allowances on the Coast — requests that he may be permitted to carry with him to the field, the Draughts man and Writer who had been employed under him at Trincomalee, and to draw the usual Allowance for them —

From Captain Nonis of the Engineers —

From M. Gambier — acknowledges the Receipt of the letter to him regarding Dooly Bearers — states his apprehensions that his endeavours to procure a Supply will not be very successful —

From the Collector at Mangalore —

To Captain Grant — representing that Government have granted to Captain Deibent, Dutch Prisoner of War Fifty Pagodas to procure a passage for himself and family to Columbo —

To the Town Major

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Received the following Letters —

To

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To the Right Honorable
The Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General in Council
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Board they have given Lieutenant Colonel Brown the necessary instructions to provide the number of Tents directed to be procured, a further advance of 2 lb 18 Pay recommended to the Agent of supply.

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe of under date the 4th Instant, containing your Lordships directions for a number of new Tents being made up at Trichinopoly: in compliance with which, & and a recommendation of the Commander in Chief, We have instructed Lieutenant Colonel Brown, Commanding the Southern Division of the Army, to adopt such measures as may appear to him best calculated to ensure a speedy provision of those Tents. —

We

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2nd We beg leave to recommend that a further advance of two thousand, four hundred, and eighteen (2418) Pagodas be made to the Agent of Supply on account of an additional Indent which We have found it necessary to authorize, for Articles indispensably requisite towards completing the Field Equipment

We have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sirs
Your most
obedient Servants
(Signed) John Braithwaite
Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
B.t Close

Fort St. George
6th January 1799

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

My Lord,

Having given particular consideration to the Regulations for Payments to the Families of Officers and Soldiers who may be employed in the Field or on Foreign Service, and concurring that

From the Military Auditor General submits to the consideration of Government new Regulations respecting the mode in which Casualties are to be reported to the Office of Audit, which Rules & Commands to be substituted in the room of those published in July 1797.

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that the Mode therein laid down for reporting the Casualties to the Office of Audit is defective, inasmuch as each Officer Commanding a Company is made a separate Channel of Communication instead of the whole proceeding thro' the Commanding Officer of the Corps, who is alone competent from his Situation to enforce due Attention and punctuality in reporting such Casualties, I beg leave, under this impression, to submit to Your Lordship the enclosed Draft of Regulations proposed to be substituted for those published on the 19th July 1797, and as the public can only be served against Loss in proportion as the Casualties are regularly and promptly communicated to this Office, I trust that the alterations which I have suggested will be found to provide every remedy that can be adopted for the accomplishment of that object —

I have the honor to be
with great Respect. —
&c. &c.
Signed/ Wm. Lyden Ham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St George 7th January 1799. —

† Published in G.O. Dated
8th January 1799. —

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

My Lord,

From Dy reporting on the Military Pay-masters Generals additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster of Vellore for the Current Month.

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of yesterdays date, enclosing an Additional Estimate of Cash Required by the Paymaster of Vellore for the Current Month, I have the honor to report that the Amount Pagodas One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six (Ps. 1856) is admissible, as appearing to be necessary for the payment of the Department of Commissary General of Stores with the Army.—

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mry and Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
6th January 1799.—

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

Order of Council

Military Department

4th January 1799

Cash ordered to be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General to the amount of Pags. 1856 on account of his additional estimate of the 4th Instant—

Ordered that the Sum of One Thousand eight hundred and fifty Six Pagodas be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 4th Inst.

By order &c.

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

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82.

From Captain Walker of the 4th Regiment

From Captain Walker requests to be permitted to resign the Adjutancy of the 4th Regiment of Cavalry.

From Captain Sentleger of the Cavalry

From Captain Sentleger requests to be permitted to with draw his application for leave of absence to Europe.

From

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From the Resident at Tanjore.

From Mr. Benjamin Torin enclosing copy of a Letter which he had received from the Commanding Officer at Tanjore, informing him that the disturbance amongst the Mahratta Horsemen was for the present quieted.

From the Paymaster at Masulipatam

From Mr. Wm. Gordon he will have the security Bonds transmitted to him to be filled up, executed without delay.

From the Collector in the Jaghire

From Mr. Hodgson. Complaining of great irregularities having been committed by the different detachments of troops that had marched thro' his district.

From Messrs. Wooly and Smith

From Messrs. Wooly and Smith intimating that the Nabob's Kistbundy account for 1797/8. is finally closed.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board transmitting to them copy of a letter from the Secretary at Bengal dated 25th ultimo.

To Lieutenant Wm. Blackburne

To Lieutenant Wm. Blackburne appointing him Mahratta Interpreter at Tanjore.

To

To the Resident at Tanjore

To Mr. Benjamin Torin — " — commencating to him Lieutenant Blackburne appointment as Mahratta Interpreter at — " — Tanjore Lieutenant Blackburne will enquire into the claims of the Mahratta horsemen, and make his report on the subject to Govern- -ment, who will decide accordingly.

To the Paymaster to the army

To Mr. Gordon enclosing his — " — establishment of Servants and the Regulations which have been established for the conduct of his Department.

To the Military auditor General

To Major General Sydenham — " — transmitting to him Copy of the Regulations — " — adopted for the formation of the Corps of Militia Captain Brown to draw the pay &c. of the — " — Commissioned Non Commissioned Staff &c. — " — attached to it.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck transmitting Copy of the Auditor Generals' Report on additional — " — estimate which accompanied his letter of the 5th Inst.

and

7th and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 1856 will be advanced from the Treasury-

8th Received and Sent the under-mentioned Letters entered on Mss. Nos 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93.

From the Subsecretary at Bengal

From Mr. Book - communicating the appointment of Captain J Baine to be — Paymaster to the Bengal Troops serving on the Carnatic and that of Lieutenant G. Pinning-ton to be Paymaster to the Bengal Troops at Hydrabad or any where in the Circars.

From Commandant at Tanjore

From Major Innes - encloses — copies of a further correspondence between him and the Resident - hopes that Govern-ment will approve his continuing the customary guard at the palace gate. the Mahratta horsemen have retired to their respective habitations

From the Resident at Tanjore

From Mr. Torin transmitting a letter from the Rajah to Lord Mornington congratulating him on his safe arrival at the

the Presidency-

From Lieutenant Colonel Close trans-
From aquitant General- =mits a List of Horses belonging to the 19th Dragoons
and the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry that have
been last signified the recommendation of the —
Commander in Chief that they be disposed of by
public auction-

From Mr. Roebuck transmitting
From Military — Paymaster General an additional estimate of Cash amounting to — "
Pagodas 17622.21.

To Major General Brathwaite — "
To Major General Brathwaite acknowledging the receipt of his letter of 31th ultimo
and informing him that incompliance with
his request- Government have accepted of his — "
Resignation of the Command of Pondicherry-

To Lieutenant John Macleane — "
To the Barrack Master at the Presidency- informing him that Government are unable
to comply with the request of Colonel Sherbrooke
to have a nother Store room for the use of His —
Majesty's 33d Regiment-

J.

To the late Governor at Pulicat.

To Mr. Jacob Eilbracht informing him that Government are not at liberty to depart from the Terms of capitulation that were agreed to on the surrender of Pulicat they consent to his receiving an advance of twelve months salary, on lieu of all further charges and to defray the expense of procuring a passage for himself and Family to Europe.

To the Reverend Mr. Jericke

To the Reverend Mr. Gericke acknowledging the receipt of his Letter of the 27th. ultimo, informing him that Government have permitted the Reverend Mr. Gratiaen to remain at Negapatam and to receive the pay allowed him while under the Dutch Government.

To the Military Paymasters at — Fort St. George

To Mr. Cochrane transmitting to him copy of a letter from the adjutant General and desiring that he will immediately take charge of the Horses therein mentioned and dispose of them by public auction.

To the Military auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring for his examination the additional estimate of cash required by the Military Paymaster General.

&c

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General.

Tuesday 8th. January

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Licutenant General Harris

William Petrie

and

Ernst William Tallofield } Esquires

The Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved

Read the following Letters from the Military Board—

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board giving it as their opinion that as the proposed improvement on the fort of vellore can not be completed so as to answer the present exigences of the Service, it would be better to defer the

The Chief Engineer having laid before our Board a Plan for opening a second Gate in the Fort of Vellore transmitted to him by Captain Lieutenant

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the execution of the work till a more favorable opportunity and to appropriate the money which has been advanced on account of it to the repair of the Commanding Officers quarters and other public buildings that require it. Recommend a Bill from the Barrack Master of the Southern Division for the erecting of Barracks to be paid.

Lieutenant Wood of Engineers, conformably to — instructions sent to that Officer in consequence of your orders under date the 22d November, and it appearing from an attentive consideration of the Plan and of Major General Ross's opinion thereon, that the nature of the work is such as to render it impossible that it can be completed in time to be applicable to present exigencies; and that during its progress the place must be in a much less secure state than at present, we beg leave to recommend that the work may be deferred till a more favorable opportunity, and that the advances of Cash made for its construction may be applied to the repair of the Commanding Officers Quarters and other public buildings which — require it.

Having in compliance with your instructions communicated to us on — Mr. — Secretary Webbe's Letter under date the 9th Decem- =ber, directed the Officer Commanding the —

Southern

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Southern Division of the army to have the —
Barracks constructed under the Superintendence
of the Barrack Master in the Southern Division
examined, and reported upon, and the report of
the Committee assembled for that purpose having
been transmitted to us, and finding the work
to be "well executed", we do ourselves the honor
to return the Bill, and recommend that payment
thereof may be ordered —

We have the honor to be
H H

Fort St. George
28th. December 1799

"

/signed/ John Brathwaite
Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
" In Richardson
Bj. Close

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Resolution thereon

The Board concur in opinion with the Military Board as to the expediency of deferring till a more favorable opportunity to construct a second Gate at Vellore, and direct that the advance made on that account be repaid to the Paymaster-

Resolved that the Payment of the Bill from the Barrack Master of the Southern Division be authorized-

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

My Lord

From the Military Board submitting to the consideration of the Board a detailed plan for the establishment of horse artillery - Transmit copies of the last weekly reports from the Garrison Storekeeper at Arnee and Vellore of the quantities of Powder issued and of Ball received during that period at their station.

I Having in consequence of the directions contained in the letter from Government under date the 8th of November 1798 gone into a minute enquiry tion of the different modes of equipping Horse artillery which have obtained in England, and on the Continent, as shewn by the Memoir on that subject brought to India by Major General St. Leger, and submitted to Government by major General Gils, as well as, by the accompanying establishments of a Troop of Horse Artillery on His Majesty's Service

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Service procured lately from England by Major-
General Sydenham, we proceed to submit the
following plan for attaching Flying artillery to the
European, and Native Cavalry on the Coast: which,
together with the information contained in our
letter of the 24th ultimo, we trust will exhibit
the readiest, and most eligible, means which can
be adopted for the purpose under the present circum-
-stances of the Service-

1st The Guns for the Horse Artillery to be in
the proportion of two 6 Pounders to Each European, and
two 3 Pounders to each Native, Regiment of Cavalry,
to be equipped in the style of flying artillery that is,
the whole of the Artillery detail to be mounted, with
the view that the Carriages may not be incumbered
with men except in cases of necessity-

2 The artillery Detail to be taken
in the way of Volunteers, or otherwise, from the
trained European, and Native, Troopers, in the propor-
-tion of 6 from each Troop, to be called out in the
necessary numbers when wanted with the Guns-

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3d Four Horses, with four Riders, and
4 spare Horses mounted, to be allowed for each 6 Pounders,
and 3 Horses, with 3 Riders, and 3 spare Horses —
mounted, to be allowed for each 3 Pounders.

4th. One Tumbril to be allowed for each
two 6, and each two 3, Pounders, 3 Horses with one
spare to be allowed for each Tumbril, two of the
4 Horses allowed for each Tumbril to be mounted.

5th. Besides the Troopers above detailed
for working the Guns there shall be allowed to each
European Regiment a Subaltern Officer, and two
Non Commissioned Officers, of the Artillery Corps,
with one Syrang two 2nd Lindals, and 20 Gun Lascars,
and to each Native Regiment a Select Sergeant and
Gunner with a 1st Lindal, and 18 Lascars.

6th. The Subalterns of Artillery
to be allowed the Pay, and Horse allowance, of
the same Rank in the Cavalry. The Sergeants of
Artillery an allowance of two Pagodas per Month,
in addition to their usual Pay, the Corporals the
pay of Sergeants of Artillery, and Gunners the pay of
Corporals

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Corporals of artillery-

7th Of the Cavalry Detail serving as —— artillery in each European Regiment, one Corporal to be appointed a lance Serjeant, and two Privates, lance Corporals, with the Pay of those Ranks.

8th Of the Native Troopers serving as —— artillery with each Regiment, one Naigue to be —— appointed a lance Havildar, and two Privates lance Naigues with the pay of those ranks.

9th The non Commissioned Officers, and Gunners, of artillery, attached to the Cavalry Guns, to be mounted, and armed as Troopers, but to be carried, if necessary, on the Limber Box till they are taught to ride.

10th The Horses for the men, Guns, and Tumbrils, of the flying artillery, to be allowed each a Horsekeeper, and to be returned in equal proportions in each Troop each Horse also if necessary to be allowed daily an additional Seer of Gram.

11th The accompanying Statement N2 Shews the Establishment proposed for each Regiment, with the Total additional expence to be incurred by

the

the general equipment.

2 — With respect to the Guns for the Horse artillery, our Board adverting to the superior effect produced by a six, comparatively with a 3, Pounder, would have proposed that the former should be alone used on the occasion, but although such an Arrangement has been found impracticable at this time, We trust that the 6 Pounder with the European, and the 3 Pounder with the Native Regiments, will prove in every respect efficient, with the additional recommendation of being more economical.— In regard to the Carriages proposed, We are qualified to speak of them with the greater degree of confidence from the repeated, and satisfactory, trials, which have been made with one of a similar construction, both at Trichenapoly, and the Mount, under the Superintendence of the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons.

3 — We conceive that the proportion of the Artillery Corps to be attached to the Cavalry

Guns

Guns, though small will be found fully equal to the speedy instruction of the Troopers, and for the direction, and charge of the Ordnance, and Ammunition, in all situations; and — although this line of Service may be new to the Native Troopers — yet, as the whole corps must be deeply interested in the success of the Plan, from the additional security which they must derive from a union of two such essential — branches of the Army, We can not entertain a doubt but it will be executed in all its — parts with a Zeal, and exertion, proportioned to its importance —

Lt.k I only remains to be stated that as the proposed equipment is completely in the style of flying Artillery, according to the most approved model in Europe, We rely that it's advantages will more than counter- ballance its expence; and should Government be of opinion that employing the stated — number

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number of Troopers for the Service of the
Guns may tend to weaken the Cavalry Corps
to a degree that should be required, there
can be no difficulty – We presume in
augmenting each Troop in a similar
proportion.

5th In obedience to the instruc-
tions from Government of the 22d Novem.
last, we do ourselves the honor to
submit to your Lordship the enclosed
Copies of the last weekly report to our
Board from the Garrison Storekeeper
at Arnee, and Nellore, of the —
quantities of Paddy issued, and —
Rice received, during that period

at

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at those Stations respectively.

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Very obedient

Humble Servants

Fort St. George

3d January 1799

/signed/ John Brathwaite

Patrick Ross

Wm. Sydenham

Jn Richardson

By Close.

Establishment

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Establishment of a Troop of Horse Artillery in England.

			Non Commissd Officers	Gunners	Horses
			Matrosses on Gun and Carriages	Drivers	Artillery Draught Total
	Men to have charge of Horses				
31	12 Pounder, and 2 ammunition waggons		1	6 2 7	7 14 21
	To have charge of Horses		"	3 " "	3 " 3
			4	16 16 16	20 32 52
8	4 Ammunition Waggons		4	8 " "	12 " 12
8	6 Pounders, and 4 ammunition Waggons		2	8 8 8	10 16 26
	To have charge of Horses		2	4 " "	6 " 6
4	2 5½ Inch Mortars and 2 Ammunition Waggons		"	" " 8	" 16 16
	To have charge of Horses		"	" " 2	" 4 4
4	4 Baggage Waggons		"	" " 4	" 8 8
1	1 Tilted Waggon for Medicine chest Artificers Tools &c		"	2 2 4	" 4 4
2	2 Forge Waggons		2	4 " "	6 " 6
	Staff Sergeant, and Spare Gunners		"	" " "	" " "
	7 Artificers and Trumpeter		"	" " 8	" 12 12
	Officers Servants		"	" " 6	" " "
	Spare Drivers, and Draught Horses		"	" " "	" " "
1	1 Mess Waggon to be drawn by the spare Horses at the option of the Officer				
	Total		15	47 38 51	68 102 170

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Abstract of Officers &c. Officers Privates &c

Captain	1
Captain Lieutenant	1
1st Lieutenants	2
2d Lieutenant	1
Staff Serjeant	2
Serjeant	3
Corporals	3
Bombardiers	7
Trumpeter	11
Farriers	3
Collar makers	2
Wheeler	1
Carriage Smith	1
Gunners	85
Drivers	51

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A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
M.G

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mily Board

Establishment serving under this Presidency with an Estimate

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No. of Carriage	Corps	Corporal of Dragoons Dragoon acting Corporals Serjeant the average Difference for Month between the Pay of the two Ranks	Naigues acting Havildars difference between the Pay of the two Ranks	Troopers acting Naigues difference between the Pay of the two Ranks	Monthly Expence of artificers and Hand Bustles Pay and Batta	Total additional monthly Expence to be incurred
		P f c	P f c	P f c	P f c	Ps f c.
2/	19th Regiment Drago	2 23 3/4	2 36 7/2	" " " " " "	22 39 "	104 35 2 1/2
2/	25th D: D	2 23 3/4	2 36 7/2	" " " " " "	22 39 "	104 35 2 1/2
2/	1st Regt N.C.	" " "	" " "	1 " "	4 " "	22 39 "	68 24 "
2/	2d Regt Do	" " "	" " "	1 " "	4 " "	22 39 "	68 24 "
2/	3d Do Do	" " "	" " "	1 " "	4 " "	22 39 "	68 24 "
2/	4th Do Do	" " "	" " "	1 " "	4 " "	22 39 "	68 24 "

Horses required to Mou
Officers taken at 8 Pagodas including Saddle Allowance ---- 96 " "

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Report of Paddy Issued and Rice

Received at Vellore 31st December 1798

	Issued	Received
		Paddy Rice
Issued, and Received, at the last Report, dated 25th December	30	133 4 12 22 8
From 24th to this Day	17	133 4 8 0
Total	47	266 8 20 22 8

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3d January 1799

/signed/ J. H. Skardon
Garrison Store Keeper

A true Copy
/signed/ Fred Pierce
Sec.y Mil.y Board.

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Resolution thereon

The Board are fully sensible of the attention of the Military Board to the plan of establishing the Horse artillery; and are sanguine in their expectations of the advantages that may result to the Service from their enquiries on the subject

The Board entirely approve the Plan which has been suggested by the Military Board, and the Commander in Chief is accordingly requested to give the orders that may be necessary for carrying it into execution.

Read the following letter from His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon.

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

My Lord,

I have the honor of enclosing to your Lordship in Council the opinion of Brigadier General de Meuron in respect to the demolition of Trincomali. My own, I confess, agrees with it entirely, but had I the good fortune to see that point, in the same light in which it

From the Governor of Ceylon inclosing the opinion of General De Meuron respecting the demolition of the Fort of Trincomalie. States that even if he were in his own mind fully satisfied as to the propriety of the measure, he should not wish to adopt a plan of so much importance without the concurrence of the Supreme Government

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has appeared to your Lordship in Council, I am sure that you would not be displeased with my objecting to take a step of such great importance to the general Interests of India, without the positive order, or at — least the ascertained consent of the Government General.

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

Columbo
20th. December 1798.

To His Excellency The Honble Frederic North
Governor
&c. &c. &c.
Columbo

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your —
Excellency's Letter of the 22d ultimo with its enclosu—

I observe with great concern that an idea of the uselessness of the Fort of Trincomalie — should meet with supporters, my Zeal for the — British Interests compels me to offer my sentiments on the plan of demolishing the Fortifications of that Garrison — and although I differ in opinion with the Commander in Chief, I hope that the

reasons

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reasons which I shall give in support of my
argument will be found to rest on such local in-
-formation, as I have derived from my enquiries when
in a different Situation -

It is unquestionable that the Fort
of Trincomallee does not defend the entrance of the
inner Bay in a direct manner, at the same time
Fort Ostenburg is not of itself capable of producing
the advantages of so eligible a situation -

On examining the plans it appears
that Ostenburg, is very small, its lower part on the
South, South East, and East Front, was covered by
a parapet which was thrown up about 20 years ago
and completed with great care - This work has
received considerable damage from the violence of
the surf and some of the lower Batteries are of
little or no use -

The fort being built on the summit
of the Hill is very small, it contains few accommoda-
-tions and offers but a feeble resistance against the
attempts of shipping to force their way through the

pass

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pass-

Ostenburg in its present state requires improvements those recommended by the Committee of the 3d July 1798 appear very useful but they will require some time to execute; when finished the Garrison of six hundred men, or there about will be of no other use than to defend the fort; and will not be able to oppose a landing, nor to sally with any probability of success a Garrison, in such a situation being beset can not hold out long-

This is not however the time to offer an opinion respecting the mode of rendering the passage into the inner Bay difficult by the means of Cross Batteries, and to prevent the Enemy from procuring water at Klipphenburg — works of that discription require much time to execute and can only be begun in peaceable times — although I do not think that Fort Ostenburg can be rendered impregnable yet I am of opinion that it may with the addition of some works offer a formidable opposition to a fleet that might attempt the passage

passage into the Bay-

The Fort of Trincomallee stands in need of some works both in side and out, in its present state it can contain two thousand men, with such a Force a Landing may be opposed with success and every inch of ground may be disputed to gain time until the arrival of succour-

A point of land extending into the Sea forms the pagoda mountain on the foot of which stands the Fort of Trincomallee, and offers two Roads for our squadrons to ride in - During the South East monsoon the shipping anchor in the North Bay which is large and has good anchorage; during the Northern monsoon they can anchor to the Southward, and although this situation can not contain many ships; being under the protection of the Guns of the Fort, it ought not to be disregarded-

Should the works of Trincomallee be razed, the Garrison of Ostenburg can offer no opposition against a landing; near the pagoda Mountain an — Enemy may with a small force establish and entrench

Limself

himself so as to have time to carry on his attack
and reduce Fort Ostenburg.

The utility of Trincomalle is real and
without defending the entrance into the inner Bay
it is this Fort which protects that Bay — Trincomalle
may be made a magazine for stores of every "
discription particularly for the Naval Department,
the spot for the Buildings may be chosen according
to the nature of the articles they are to contain —

I should Err in my opinion, and
the reasons I have alleged not be of sufficient "
weight for the preservation of Trincomalle, would
not the evacuation and Razing of that Fort expose
us to eminent Danger in the present crises? our
naval armies it is true are every where victorious
and we have no reason to suppose that a Fleet of
the Enemy will come to India, but it would not
require a Fleet to make an establishment a few
transports may effect the object — The navigation
from Mauritius to Trincomalle can be performed
in

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in about twenty or thirty days and should the —"
Enemy once be established there it may become —"
very difficult to dislodge him, the consequences
of such a event can not be foreseen. But have Ceylon
at present, which is of more importance to the
British nation on account of its different possessions
in India than on account of the Island, which
of itself is well worthy of being kept

I take the liberty of stating that
I do not in my opinion conceive that Trinco-
-malee or Batenburg can be rendered impreg-
-nable when attacked by a sufficient Force,
but I do believe that they may be put in a state
to be defended for a time sufficient to be relieved
by Succours or the arrival of the squadron —"
Stationed in India as it is from one or both
of these means only, that we can expect —"
sufficient protection for the preservation of this
very important Bay -

Should the Statement above —"
detailed

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detailed to your Excellency, contain any thing that may be disagreeable to my Superiors, it will give me much concern, but my duty impels me to offer such arguments as I deem to be strictly consonant to the information I have obtained and I have the greatest reliance on their Justice and their Esteem.

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

Columbo
18th. December
1798

[signed] P. F. De Meuron

A true Copy
[signed] Wm. Boyd
1st. Asst. Secy. to Govt.

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

Memorandum 4th. January 1798.

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief recommends that the Commanding Officer of the Paramahl be authorized to appoint the Chiefs of the different divisions of his District without Loss of time — states different particulars as to the Proper mode of selecting the Chiefs

I have considered with attention the letter from the Superintendant of the Paramahl to the Secretary of Government of date the 30th. Ultimo and I have communicated with the

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the Commissary of Provisions upon the subject

Despatch being indispensably —

necessary it would appear to be expedient to come to

a prompt decision and therefore I beg leave to

recommend that the Superintendant be directed

to assemble the Flocks without reserve of each —

Division —

Those of the northern Division

at Kistnagherry of the Center at Darampory and

of the Southern at Selem the whole to be —

assembled at such time as shall be pointed out by

me to the Superintendant —

Proper persons on the part of the

Commissary of Provisions to attend at each of those

Stations, to receive charge of such Cattle and Sheep

as may be selected for the public Service —

Proper persons also to attend on the

part of the Superintendant of the Bara Mahl

for the purpose of praying the Proprietors the

value of their Cattle and Sheep and a receipt to be

passed by the Servants of the Commissary for the

quantity

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quantity of each received by them -

With respect to the mode of selection and the price, it would appear that the scheme of classification is greatly subject to abuse and liable to delay, it might therefore be thought advisable to direct that the Servants of the Commissary be authorized to take a proportion of each Flock at the average price of 3 Sheep for one Pagoda and 3 slaughter Cattle for 6 Pagodas and I would propose fixing the proportion at 2 thirds of each Flock -

Suppose that a Flock of one thousand Sheep is assembled and that the Commissary takes two thirds of the whole, he gives a price which would appear from the Superintendants averages to be fair and just towards both parties -

If the Commissary took but a half of the Flock - the Proprietor would have a greater proportion of the best sort: and if he took one third only, the whole of the best would be

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be picked but by the proportion above recommended many of an inferior sort are taken and the worst only rejected, namely such as would be liable to rejection at all events.

/signed/ Geo: Harris

Resolution thereon

The Board approve the suggestions of the Commander in Chief as contained in the foregoing Memorandum; and it is resolved that he be authorized to take the necessary measures accordingly.

The Board proceed to read and pass their Resolutions on the following Proceedings of the Medical Board.

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From the Medical Board. the apothecary has been directed to prepare the instruments and medicines required for the Army, and to forward a proportion of them to Hillsnaghery. Doctor Swarts indent for medicines has been complied with as far as the state of the Stores would admit, and an invoice is enclosed. The medicines have been shipped on board of a Vessel bound for Columbo. Mr Lee. Dunbar recommended to be appointed Sole apothecary.

Approved

We have directed the apothecary to prepare as soon as possible the necessary Medecines and Instruments for the use of the Army, and to forward a proportion of them to Hillsnaghery.

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Ordered that the Invoice of Stores be transmitted to Columbo and that the — " amount to be directed to that Presidency.

The Apothecary having complied with Doctor Swarts Indent as far as the state of the Stores — " would admit we have the honor to transmit — " Copy of a letter from the Surgeon Berry with an Invoice amounting to Star — " Pagodas 1390.7.18 p — —

The Medicines have been shipped on Board the Vessel now in the Road bound to Columbo —

We recommend that Mr. George Dunbar assistant Surgeon be appointed to the Apothecary

Approved

(signed) James Anderson
Physician General

W Caine
Chief Surgeon

By order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council

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

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To James Anderson Esqr.

Physician General &c. and Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the 4th Instant & enclosing an Indent from Doctor Ewart with directions to prepare for transmission to Ceylon as great a proportion of the Medicines as can be spared from the public Stores under existing circumstances the present State of the Stores not admitting of a full compliance I have marked such Articles as are in quantity less than indented for, to which I have affixed the Invoice prices and Charged 10 ℘ Cent as ordered for all issues the Articles of Country Supply are Charged at the bottom & with the probable expence for package freight &c.

which

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which if approved of by you will be packed up in readiness to be sent by the first opportunity for Ceylon.-

The deficiency of some essential & Articles proceeds from only two thirds of the Indent on Europe, such as Tinctures and & compounds which are made up by the & Surgeons.-

The Country Articles must be Charged, for which I request & your Authority as well as for the & purchase of as many Pounds of & Quick Silver as can be procured & at the rate of 1 1/4 Pagodas & Pound not exceeding 130lbs & which are immediately &

wanted

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wanted for the Service, there being only 5/12 pounds
now in Store from the deficiency in the receipts
from Europe and breakage on Shipboard — "
some other Articles of Europe supply are also in
very inadequate quantity for the probable demand-

I have the honor to be with

Fort St. George
31st December 1798

Respect

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) And.w Berry
Medical Storekeeper

A true Copy

(signed) C. Conolly
Sec.y Medical Board-

List

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List of a Supply of Medicines &c. for Dr. J. Ewart Physician to the Forces and Inspector of Hospitals Ceylon.

	Quantities	Invoice Prices		
	lb oz	£	s	d
a Contrayerva	2 .	.	12	6
Rad Ipecac	20 "	31	3	4
antim Tartarizat	6 "	2	"	"
Kali Tartarizat	None			
Pesparat	30 "	3	"	.
Spt Ether Nitros	10 "	2	.	10
Sapon Virid	20 "	1	10	"
Gum Guazac	15 "	3	10	"
Liquor V C C	20 "	3	"	"
a James Powder packets	20 "	2	10	.
Pulv Antim	None			
Ipecac Comp	None			
Tinct Guaiac Antim	None			
Vini Antim	None			
a Calomel pipe	6 "	3	12	"
Cum Jalap	200 "	18	"	"
Ext. Colocynth Comp	6 "	7	4	"
Magnes Alb	15 "	4	10	"
Calomel	None			
a Vitriolat	30 "	"	10	.
a Natron Vitriolat	150 "	1	16	3
Rad Jallap	10 "	4	10	"
Tot Digitales	None			
Tinct Sinna	None			
Rheum	None			
Terebinth Vinct	30 "	1	2	6
Manna	40 "	10	"	"
a Scammon	" 4	"	5	8
Opio penifuint	None			
Tinct Opio	None			
Carried over		98	3	1

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		£	s	d
Brought Over	£	98	3	1
Tinct Opii Camp	None			
Spt Aether Vitriol comp	None			
a Pulv Cornachi	4 "	"	11	4
Rad Mizreon	None			
Amylum	None			
a Pulv Vitriolat	8 "	"	18	"
Flow Chamamel	80 "	8	"	"
a Pulv Cort Pune	100 "	40	"	"
Flow	40 "	4	10	"
Rub	40 "	3	"	"
Tinct Cost Pune Comp	None			
Gum Kino	None			
Quatian Rad	10 "	"	10	"
Conf Aromat	10 "	5	5	"
Ol Menth	2 "	13	1	6
a Spt Vini Rect	100 "	8	15	"
Common Comp	None			
Pruinents	None			
Lavind Comp	10 "	2	10	"
Acid Dulcis	None			
a Acid Vitriolic	50 "	1	17	6
Ammon Spt	6 "	3	"	"
Succus	10 "	"	5	"
Cardol	50 "	7	10	"
a Cortex Spt	2 "	"	1	1/2
a Hydrargyr Muriat	2 "	"	16	8
a Pilul Rub	2 "	1	1	4
a Ol Oliven	50 "	5	16	8
Turbinth	50 "	3	2	6
Tinct Vitriolat	None			
Emp Cantharid	40 "	36	"	"
Lythargyr Ros	5 "	"	5	"
Carried Over	£	269	19	8/2

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			£	s	d
	Brought Over		284	19	8½
Empt Hydrargyr		15	"	2	"
Lythargyr		15	"	"	15 "
a Dingo Ore		3	"	"	9 "
Ay Lythargyr Ambst		20	"	2	" "
Lythargyr		15	"	"	5 7½
a Gum Ammon		10	"	4	" "
a Hydrargyr Perspecat		10	"	2	17 6 a Ounce of this Lately derived at Columbo
Nutron Spt.		None			
a Spirit Sal		10	"	1	10 "
Sugt. Resin Flav		30	"	6	13 9
Cant		20	"	6	13 9
Lapis Calam		15	"	"	16 3
Sugt Hydrargyr Nitrat		None			
a Argent Nitrat		"	8	12	6 4
Cuper Vitriolat		4	"	4	8 "
a Ammon		1	"	"	6 "
Catcher		Country articles got from Ceylone			
a Aqua Sinabis		4	"	"	4 "
a Nitros		4	"	1	" "
Ol Anthos		None			
Anise		None			
a Datura		"	2	2	12 10
Cost Simarout		None			
a Canthandis		5	"	11	" "
a Ext. Cort Puns		6	"	10	16 "
a Glycurrh		10	"	1	1 8
a Ante Sanni		4	"	"	12 "
Bals Saffon		20	"	3	6 8
Anodyn		12	"	2	" "
Cojeir		3	"	1	2 6
Turamtic		8	"	2	11 4
a Skins		50	"	2	10 "
Carried Over		335		7	1½

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	Brought Over ——		337	7	1/2	
Large Brass Mortar	——	None				
a Small Do.	Do. ——	1	"	1	13	"
Large Marble	Do. ——	None				
Small Do.	Do. ——	12	"	9	6	"
Phials and Corks	dozens	50	"	2	10	"
a Lint	——	5	"	1	2	6
Filamut	—— Rank	50	"	4	7	6
Gally Potes	—— dozens	30	"	1	2	6
a Bio Pans	—— Do.	1	"	4	10	"
a Glyster Syringe	Do.	1	"	4	16	"
a Small Do.	Do.	3	"	4	10	"
a Funnals	—— Dr.	1/2	"	"	18	"
a Sow	——	10	"	"	8	4
a Sponge	——	2	"	"	10	"
a Pins	—— Papers	12	"	"	12	"
a Tape	—— Prin	5	"	"	6	5
Thread	——	None to be Spared				
a Lancets	—— Dozen	4	"	7	6	"
a Amputating	Inst.t Case	3	"	17	6	6 Surgeons of
Trepanning	Do. Case	60	"	20	14	" Corps are Likely to Perish
2 Scalpels	Case	1	"	1	3	" Do. Do.
a Pocket	Inst.t Case	5	"	4	10	" Do. Do.
a Male Catheter	—— Case	2	"	3	"	"
Female	Do. ——	None to Spared				
Lithotomy	Inst.t ——	None				
Tooth	Inst.t —— Sets	6	"	6	18	"
Probangs	—— Do	6	"	"	6	"
a Silver	Probes —— Do	8	"	"	8	8 Two in each Pocket Case
Nuts	Do. ——	None				
Bullet	Forceps ——	None				
Polypus	—— Do. ——	None				
Trocars	—— Case	4	"	9	5	"
String	Rue Paper for Cows	None				
a Crooked	& Straight Incision	12	"	4	19	"

Carried Over. — 439 15 4/2

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Brought Over			439 15 4½	
Battery Probe pointed			None	
a Bonjeus	Case	1	2 6	
a Columans apparata		2	6 18	
Setan Nidlas		6	14 6	
a Large Scales & Weights Bag		1	6 6	
a Small Do	Do	3	12	
a Disp Copper	Do Set	1	1 1 6	
a Large measures	Set	1	4	
a Small Do	Sets	5		
			458 6 10½	
Advance at 10 ℘ Cent			45 17 1	
			£ 504 3 11½	
At 8 Shillings ℘ Pagoda is Pagodas				1260 22 18½

Country Article

Khuskab		20	10 33	
Aisenie abb		3	3 20 20	
Myrch		20	23	
Pale Sinn Sinap		50	4 15	
Sum Sinap		15	1 6 60	
				42 30
			Pagodas	1303 7 18½
Charges for Packing Chests Coaly hire Boat hire & Freight			87 10 7¼	87 10 7¼
			Total Pagodas	1390 18 17½

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(signed) And.w Berry
Medical Storekeeper

NB

The articles Marked a are in quantity less than Intended for from the present low state of the Store - one third of the annual supply from Europe for this year not being yet received, and many of those marked none are compound Medicines made up by the Surgeons and therefore not kept in Store -

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The Commander in Chief recom =

= mends that the following appointments may

be made -

Captain Colin Macaulay to be

private Secretary to the Commander in Chief

upon an allowance of Pagodas 200 per Month

until further orders -

Captain Colin Macaulay to be private Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Major Alexander Beatson to be

Surveyer General to the army and to —"

draw the pay of Lieutenant Colonel, and

the difference between Major and —"

Lieutenant Colonels Batta, with the

horse allowance of the General —"

Staff -

Major Alexander Beatson to be Surveyer General to the army

Approved and ordered —"

approved.

accordingly -

C.t.

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Major the Honble Arthur Sentleger to be permitted to withdraw his application for leave of absence—

At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief Resolved that Major the Honorable Arthur Sentleger be permitted to withdraw his application for leave of absence—

" Clive

" Geo. Harris

Wm Petrie

Ed Falloon Sec.

A Barclay Lt. Col.

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9th Diary

Review the following Letters

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

from the Collectorin the Ceded districts - states various particulars regarding sheep and other articles appertaining to the Ceded Districts

1st This letter is to be on the subject of the instructions I have received Relative to the providing Sheep and Cattle for the army

2nd The Right Honorable the Governor in Council desiring to be informed of the ordinary prices of sheep Jowlore & Stationary No 1 containing them and the prices of a few other articles of supply in these Districts which it may be useful to Know - The following deductions from it may serve for his Lordship's information in regard to the value of Sheep

3 The price of the best sheep is 26 fanams or 13/4 ₹ Pagoda - that of the worst

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Q.th worst is 9 fanams 60 Cash or 5/8 P. Pagoda,
and accounting the average the ordinary
Price it is 16 fanams 70 Cash which is
nearly 2 3/4 P. Pagoda

4 A remedy for the serious decrease
of Sheep in all the Districts where European
Troops are cantoned being the Object of the
G.O. dated the 10.th instant, I beg leave to
add my testimony to the truth of the
frequent Complaints, which as therein
mentioned, his Lordship has received,
of the grievance, and loss, which the
Inhabitants have sustained, by being
compelled to part with their sheep, and
to represent their being taken from them
for considerably less than their value
and their not being brought up at a
fair Market are the causes of the
decrease as generally felt. Every Market
being

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q^d being supplied with the articles for
which there is a consumption where the
price of each is altered to rise with the
demand, and the quantity of them
constantly keeping pace with the
consumption however great it may be,
where a free market is established are
sufficient proofs that had all purchases
of sheep in the Carnatic been with
the consent of the Inhabitants there
would be no want of them now. - The
compelling the Inhabitants to part with
them at an under rate has been so -
discouraging to the breeding of sheep,
that I am convinced there would not
be so many in the Country as there
are at present were it not for the
Shepherds being obliged like
many other Casts to follow the trade
of their fathers. -

It

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Ind. 5 It is a common remark that they will not sell their sheep, and I have myself once that I was on detachment offered them double or treble the Company's price, when they first refused the sheep to the money. — Hence the inference that it is absolutely necessary to take them by compulsion — but they naturally refuse at first that is not half, sometimes not a quarter of their value. — It must be here observed, that Butchers sent by Commanding Officers commonly take the fleetest of the flocks, which are the breeding ewes, because they are in a better condition than the rest. — The price of them by the accompanying Statement is only 2 Rupees, but that is the value of them to people who are

dispersed

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y^th^ disposed to part with them - they may
be worth double what to a man who
lives by the sale of the ghee what is made
of their milk, for according to my
information a breeding sheep is worth to Rupees
a year to the owner, and the value of those
which are not with young varies according
to their age, and other properties - Besides
those advantages, the dung of sheep, being
the best manure for land, all descriptions
of them are very productive on that
account. -

6 From these circumstances, the
making assignments of sheep, supposing
the rates to be very liberal, must always be
attended with bad consequences, and such
injustice, that any remedy thought important
is a subject of satisfaction to every man,
who is sensible of the evil, and intended

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in the welfare of the Country.

I thought this but the case of all those concerned in the collection of Shops, finding a great convenience, and private advantage in a performance of them, they would always be advocates for procuring them in that manner, urging with self conviction the impossibility of procuring them otherwise. But the Madras Market being principally, perhaps entirely supplied by Butchers who purchase them of the Inhabitants, I have no doubt of there being enough got in the Country, for sale to supply the Troops in it, whilst they are distributed among their usual Stations. Nevertheless, I am sensible from its being greatly understocked with Shops there are not enough for sale at any part to answer a considerable demand, and that consequently

y^the^ Consequently public exigency must force
on the Inhabitants in order to supply the
Armies detachments or large Cantonments
with sheep which must unavoidably be
procured in such cases by assessment
8. This necessity makes it necessary
to have prices fixt and as appears from
the data already given those prescribed
in the late G.O. for good and ordinary
sheep are nearly Correspondent with
the prices of them in those Districts. - The
prices allowed to are however above of
sheep which the Inhabitants willingly
part with, and may be considerably less
than such as they desire to retain by
way of keeping up their Stock, but a re-
sale market is the only Method of
preventing any diminution of that which
is opposite to the measure in question.

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9 Informing from Mr Buchan's letter of
the 19th instant - That the Right Honble
the Governor may intend some alteration
in the prices of Sheep if it appear
advisable from the information he
receives on the subject - I submit two
more proofs to his Lordships consideration
10 - Having regulated the prices of
Sheep in those Districts before I was
appointed the consequences of procuring
them by assessment I decided your Good
or six ordinary Sheep to be given for a
Pagoda - For a short time I had complaints
from every quarter, that the Butchers
taking always the pick of the flocks, called
them all ordinary sheep, and paid for
them accordingly, so that the Inhabitants
seldom received more than a pagoda for
six, Hence I conclude that the restriction
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between good and ordinary Sheep will very rarely be made where they may be collected in small number and on that Account I recommend that only one price be prescribed, as that to be paid by Troops in Garison Namely that of good Sheep or two the Pagoda. It would be still better, if they were to pay two Rupees for every Sheep taken by Compulsion, for if dear, it would be more worth their while to buy them Cheaper if they could at a free Market the establishing of which would be of the greatest Consequence

11 When great Numbers of Sheep are to be collected it is different for though the best Sheep will commonly be Selected there also, a greater proportion of ordinary Sheep will be taken with them

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them, and there the Pagoda might be &
paid for them all – But to compensate &
for the breeding which will inevitably &
be selected on Such occasions I am sure,
that a Rupee and a quarter for each would
not be more than they are worth, and his
Lordship having already evinced his &
disposition to alleviate the hardships &
of Such a measure, he may be pleased
to fix that as the price of ordinary Sheep

12 The Inhabitants have the same
objections to parting with their Cattle as
with their Sheep which they have &
actual occasion for, whether to Carry &
on Cultivation, for the dairy or Keeping &
up their Stock but they have none to
the Selling such as they can conveniently
spare for an equivalent, and Cattle &
accordingly

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Accordingly are an Article of Barter all over the Country - This Surplus Number may I apprehend like that of Sheep, be sufficient for the consumption of all the Garisons in the Country, when the Troops are distributed over it, but inadequate to the Supply of Armies or large Cantonments so Recently established as not to have given time for the Supply to rise equal to the consumption. That involves a the necessity of Government employing Agents or Contractors, and makes it necessary to ascertain the prices of Cattle. -

13th These coming under seven different discriptions, and the disparity in the value of them being greater than in Sheep, & the distinctions of good and ordinary can only be applied to each of these descriptions & - As in respect to Sheep I recommend that the

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the prices paid by troops in Garison be always
those for the good for if dear that will
induce them to take the trouble of procuring
such as the Inhabitants will freely consent
to part with, and that the ordinary prices be
paid for those collected for the Army or large
Detachments.- These prices as appears in №1
are as follows.-

	Good	Ordinary
A Draft Bullock	6.. ..	5.... ..
A Carriage Bullock	4.. ..	3...22...40
A Milch Cow	3.. ..	2...22...40
A Dry Cow	1..22..40	1.... .. .. ..
An Heifer	2.. ..	1...22...40
A Calf of 12 Months	.. 28 ..	.. 28... ..
A Calf of 6 Months	.. 16 ..	.. 16....

14 When the price for the good is given
for Cattle, taken by compulsion, the Royot
may sometimes be a gainer, and seldom suffers
any but the temporary inconvenience of
Stopping his work till he can procure
others

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others in their room, but when the ordinary price is paid there may be great difference between that and the Value of his Cattle That may as often be in favour of the Ryot as against him - When the one is he will Receive more than his due, when the other he will get less, and if his quota Chance to be the only bullock he has, it will occasion him distress, and put a stop to Cultivation. These consequences can only be Remedied by a partition of the amount Among the Royets of Villages as assessed, according to the estimated value of their Respective property - That may appear easy but it must be done by a Muttaseddie, a potail or Curnam, who will defraud him of a part of his due, or make a partial distribution

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Distribution of the Amount. Here again the
mischief arising from official interference
in matters of this Kind, but the regulating
them so as will most likely insure a fair
distribution of the Amount of Cattle collected
in every District, or Village is all that can
be done in yielding to the necessity of
making Such assessments.—

15 When the Inhabitants are to be +
recompensed for large sweeps of Cattle in +
an invaded Country and there may not be
time for making the above Distinctions
and subsequent partitions according to the +
Value of individual property, it becomes +
necessary to fix a price on every head. This
requires a regard to the relative proportional
Numbers of every Class, which can
only be guessed at, and dividing the amount
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by the Number.— The Subjoined is an Estimate that has been made by Some intelligent & Natives, which tho altogether ideal may & be near the truth.—

Discription of Cattle	N.	Price	amount
		P. f c.	P. f. c.
Classes.— 1 Draft Bullocks	5.	5 .. — ..	25 — —
2 Plough and Carriage Bullocks	20	3 .. 22 .. 40	70 .. — .. —
2 Milch Cows	20	2 .. 22 .. 40	50 .. — .. —
3 Dry Cows	20.	1 .. 11 .. 20	25 .. — .. —
3 Heifers	15	1 .. 22 .. 40	22 .. 22 .. 40
Calves of 12 Months	10	.. 28 .. 10	6 .. 11 .. 20
Calves of 6 Months	10.	.. 16 .. 70	3 .. 33 .. 60
Total...	100.	"	202 .. 22 .. 40
Average Price	"	"	2 . 1 . 10

From this Statement it may be Supposed, that any large Stock composed of all discriptions of Cattle is worth about two Pagodas P Head.— That however is the price of such Cattle

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Cattle only as the Inhabitants can spare, and would freely part with, and not the prime of those Composing their necessary Stock. But as Government Cannot Remove all the evils of a War 2 Pagodas may be considered the fixed price for head of Cattle, or Slaughter Cattle.—

16 As already observed, the Number or Quantity of Articles procurable at a free Market in a country like this, is very limited, and I shall Suppose that Official influence, and constraint are indispensibly necessary to Supply the Army, and consider what, under that Circumstance is best to be done.—

17 The Commissary of Provisions Servants should be Sent over the Country to make their own bargains with the Inhabitants for as many Sheep, and Cattle, as they can Conveniently Spare, or be prevailed on to part with, of their own accord.—

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18 As these will not be sufficient & I can order every District to furnish its quota & by a certain day, when the owners should attend, and the Commissary's people be present pay for them at the general rates of 3 Sheep ℔ Pagoda, and every head of Cattle two Pagodas – or agreable to the & list of prices N°1 in presence of the Tasildars – The latter would be by far the best & way, as every Man would thereby get & the Regulated price of his Article without any fraudulent deduction, or partiality which may be expected in the event of distributing the Amount of the ordinary price According to the Several descriptions composing the Assessment – Whatever way the payment of them may be regulated, the Commissary can afterwards draw

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his supplies to the point desired—

19 As the Army must be &
constantly, and regularly supplied the &
Drafts upon the Country should be in the
Same Manner.— Sheep and Cattle requiring
a good Range to feed in, and being subject
to many diseases, the collecting as many
as possible in the Neighbourhood of Kistneghery
Agreable to my instructions, would be &
attended with infinite loss and expence—
It is better to let them remain in their
present Situation, or to have them collected
at the Cutcha's, or principal Towns of Districts
till near the time of their being wanted,
as they can be collected at a short &
Warning.—

20 To regulate the quotas of Sheep
and Cattle for the Army properly, the &
Commissary

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Commissary of Provisions should be furnished with information of the Numbers of Men to be supplied, of the probable route of the Army, and of the Resources of the Countries whence the necessary Supplies may be drawn; which would enable him to state the Numbers & required of each Collector, and the probable periods in which his Servants might be expected to receive them.—

21 Unprovided with those points I shall suppose the Number of Europeans with the Army 5000 making them the usual Allowance of a Sheep among 8 eight, they would Consume 625 in a day, and 18750 in 30 days, or Casualties & included 20,000 If they be served out & twice a Week, and a Bullock be sufficient

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for 40 Men, they will Consume 125 in a day,
or 1000 in a Month — Though Such a draft
upon these Districts will be severely &
felt, the present has so great a call &
on their utmost ability that I shall
propose the above as their Assessment,
but with a hope, that demands in &
future of this Kind will be remembered
and allowances made in consequence

22 Regulating them by the &
Known Sources of the Country, the &
Assessment will be made as follows —

Division

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Divisions	Districts	Sheep	Goats
Northern	Vestnegherry	576	49
	Vanniambaddy	372	36
	Tripatoor	218	24
	Cunnatoor	938	46
	Kurrabuddadroog	554	43
	Cummunellaor	1164	57
	Longoondy	106	30
	Maulpaddy	84	5
	Total	4322	290
Carnatic	Donamboory	668	39
	Punganoor	352	28
	Singricotta	496	51
	Womaloor & Nangapully	2492	80
	Sinklegroog		
	Sinklegroog	1823	113
	Gurrapaddy		
	Tritchinopoor		
	Total	5830	306
Coimbatoor	Nemeel		
	Shendamungalum	4390	159
	Dommatty		
	Salem		
	Chinnagurry	1747	112
	Rairypoor		
	Bellaor	1250	70
	Apthoor	2160	63
	Virapunoor	9847	404
	Total		
	Grand total	20,000	1000

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q.ry 23 How numbers can be collected at the Cuddapa pettah at 10 days after the requisitions is made and for the purpose given, that should not be made at any sooner than necessary. To join in the part of the collection. What of the Commissary is to advise the collector of the numbers there may be actual occasion for, within a certain period, specifying what proportion of them may be required from time to time, to send his servants to receive them at the Cuddapa, and settle with the Inhabitants. The next thing he will have to do will be the drawing them together to any point proposed, agreeable to his instructions and the accompanying table No 2. which contains the distances from every one station to every other in those Districts will enable him to give the necessary directions to his Servants

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17th Servants for that purpose

24th Though the above be the
Force Recommended for the Security of
the Provision Department, I have on
consideration of the unavoidable delays
of Office, and urgency for preparations
ordered the foregoing Supplies to be
immediately collected at the Cuddapa, and
held in readiness to send on to Hoshieghery.
I am aware of the Consequences of their
there remain at the Cuddapa in case
of hostilities Commencing, his Lordship
may therefore not apprized of the necessary
precautions being taken, in that event
for their Safety. —

25 The instructions I have on
this Subject being Subsequent to the late
G. O. respecting the Price of Sheep, and
his Lordship desiring I will apprize the
Inhabitants

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To the Inhabitants, That a fair and reasonable
adjustment of their Claims on account of
Cattle and Sheep will be made, and
having just received intimation from the
Commissary of Provisions, That he
stands will give receipts for such as
may be delivered over to them, I request
his Lordship may be particularly
informed, That it is absolutely necessary
to have the claims of the Inhabitants
adjusted by the persons who receive their
articles of them; and at the time of
delivery - because no regulations
whatever can otherwise ensure the
transmit of the whole amount from the
Collectors Cash chest through the hands
of so many intermediate Agents, as
are indispensibly employed, to the
owners, or the fair partition of it
among

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g.l among them. — Besides they have
suffered such losses under the late
Government, from similar practices,
that whatever assurances may be given,
or precautions taken, to prevent above,
they would naturally expect to be
defrauded of a part of their property,
which would be aggravating the
hardships inseparable from all
requisitions of this kind. —

26 — Should therefore Hope
that this Lordship will authorise my
making advances of Cash to the
Commissaries Generals, and their
paying the Inhabitants themselves
for all Sheep, and Cattle they may
receive from them. —

27 — In the event of approval,
it becomes necessary to have the
mode

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y.r mode of payment speedily determined,
and as the modes are very different I shall
recapitulate them here as queries,

1.st Shall such prices as the Inhabitants will
freely agree to take for sheep be paid for as
many as can be got at moderate rates? –

2.d Shall the rates be paid for the several
descriptions of sheep as specified in the state-
ment No.1? –

3.d Shall a Rupee, and a quarter be paid
for every sheep one with another, as shewn pro-
posed. 1

4. Or, shall the ordinary prices of three Star
Pagoda be paid for them, as prescribed in the
G.O. of the 10.th instant? –

5. Shall such prices as the Inhabitants will
freely agree to take for slaughter Cattle be
paid for as many as can be got at moderate
rates? –

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6th 6 - Shall the rates in N°1 be paid for the several descriptions of Slaughter Cattle?

7 - Or, shall two Pagodas be paid for every head of Slaughter Cattle, one with another?

8 - What prices shall be paid for Cattle that may be collected in the Mysore Country?

28 - As regulating the prices of Poultry, milk pots and forage would likewise be attended with general Convenience, I refer to N°1 for the usual prices of those articles but beg leave to remark in case of his Lordship's proposing to fix them during the time the Army may be in those Districts, that it on the principle of never shutting the rise in the Market price, the rates in the Statement should be doubled

29 I trouble that the troops and followers of numerous armies cannot be interely

restrained

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of Provisions & from irregularities and inconveniences arising
were to accommodate our Army with Marks through their
Districts, also of procuring the Inhabitants a fair equivalent
for such articles as it will be absolutely requisite Government
take into Consideration the propriety of providing
forts and stores for the same.

3d If Provisions appeared as it will be necessary to inform
us by what means the army is to march, of the numbers of
Forts, and quantity of stores that will probably be wanted,
orders sent on expresses from the several Departments
as Corps to receive them - from the commissaries for them, and
Keeps them in their charge. - Dry Collecting Stappels,
Keeping them in Charge, once issuing them on indent
would require an Establishment of People for those
purposes, it would be impolitic for me to point
above one it would unjustifiably any functions which
are already very numerous, beyond any ability.

I am &c &c

(Signed) Hector Ross
Chief Collector
Ceded Districts

Hungary
30th Dec. 1798

No 1

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No. 1. A Statement of Articles required for the Use of the Army with their Prices in the ceded Districts 1798.

Articles	Southern Division	Center Division	Northern Division
An Ewe with a young	1½ Pr.	2 Rs.	1¾ Rs.
An Ewe not with young	1½	1¾	1½
An half grown Ewe of 9 months	¾	1¼	1
An Ewe near Lambing	¾	1½	1¼
A Wether	2	2½	2¼
A Ram	1	2	1¾
A Lamb	½	½	½
A good he Goat	1¾	1¾	1¾
An ordinary one	⅞	⅞	⅞
A good she Goat	⅞	⅞	⅞
An ordinary one	¾	¾	¾
A Kid	½	½	½
A good Draft Bullock	6 Pags	6 Pags	6 Pags
An ordinary one	5	5	5
A good Carriage Bullock	4	4	4
an Ordinary one	3½	3½	3½
a good Milch Cow	3	3	3
an ordinary one	2½	2½	2½
a good Dry Cow	1½	1½	1½
an ordinary one	1	1	1
a good Heifer of 3 year	2	2	2
an ordinary one	1½	1½	1½
a Calf of 6 months	16 fanᵒˢ	16 fᵒˢ	16 fanᵒˢ
a Calf of 12 months	28	28	28
a full grown Fowl	1	1	2
a half grown Fowl	40 Cash	40 Cash	1
a Chicken	30	30	60

Cattle

Poultry

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A Seer of Milk	1 Fanam	1 Fanam	1½ Fanam
A quart of Milk	½	½	¾
A Water Pot	30 Cash	30 Cash	30 Cash
A boiling Pot	20	20	20
A Chatty	15	15	15
A Platter	10	10	10
A Bundle of Firewood 4 feet by 6	60 Cash	60	40
A Bundle of Paddy Straw 3 feet by 4	¾ Fanam	¾ Fanam	1 Fanam
A Bundle of Raggy Straw 3 feet by 4	1½	1½	2
A Bundle of Bangera Straw 6 feet by 2	1	1	1½
A Bundle of Grass 4 feet by	1½	2	2	2

N.B. The Prices of Buttock and Cart loads of Paddy, Raggy or Bangera Straw depends upon the number of Bundles composing them and the divisions they are in

(Signed) A.B.

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Ord 2 Table of Roads through the Ceded Districts

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No 4

To the Right Honorable the Earl of Mornington K. P.

Governor General in Council

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My Lord,

From the Military Board.—The necessary orders have been given to the Garrison Store Keeper to ship on board of the Osterley a quantity of rice for Cannanore.—They have supplied on offer of Mess.rs Harrenbury Walle and Co to supply a quantity of 2 months gunny bags at the rate of 12 Rupees per Bag; and have commissioned upon

1. We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr Secretary Webbe under date the 5th Instant and to report that the necessary directions have in consequence been given to the Storekeeper of Fort St George for putting on board the Ship Osterley a quantity of good Rice for Cannanore.—

2. The inclosed Bill of Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud of Engineers amounting to Pags. 288. 27 for Repairs specified under his Superintendance at Tanjore being supported by the prescribed Voucher of a due performance of the Work, we recommend that payment of the Bill be authorized accordingly.

3. We beg leave to recommend that

authority

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9th authority be granted for payment to Captain &
Lieutenant Blair of Engineers of Pagodas 95.29.57
being the second advance on account of the
Repairs under execution to the Granaries at
Innacondah. –

4th Having received an offer from Messrs
Kindersley Wales and Co of Fort St George to
supply on account of Government a quantity
of Northern Gunny Bags according to an
approved sample at the rate of one Rupee
per Bag deliverable at the Presidency at price
which at the present crisis cannot but be
considered as very moderate we have accordingly
accepted such proposal to the extent of Twelve
thousand /12,000/ Bags in the hope of
receiving at least three thousand /3,000/ Bags
by the earliest opportunity that may offer
from Coringa and beg leave to state for
your

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9th Upon Lordships information at request of those Gentlemen to be furnished with a Certificate that the Gunners are for the publick Service in order to their being exempted from the usual inland duties of Zemindars through whose Countries they may pass. —

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
By Close

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The Right Honble The Earl of Mornington K. P.
Governor General in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St George

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the Paymaster Generals additional estimate of the 2d Instant, & recommending that Rupees 15,652-21 be granted.

My Lord,

In reply to Mr Secretary Webbs Letter of yesterdays date, enclosing an additional

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The additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the current Month, amounting to Seventeen Thousand six hundred and 22 Twenty Two Pagodas and twenty one fanams (Pagodas 17,622-21-) I have the honor to request, that of the sum, Pagodas 14,062-21-11 required by the Military Paymaster at the Presidency for the pay and allowances stated to be due to the 1st 2d & 3d Battalions of Bengal Volunteers, may I presume be issued from the Treasury, as may also Pagodas 560, an advance directed in the minutes of Consultation of the 25th ultimo to be made to Captain Bracon, the Regulating Officer, for the purpose of clothing the Black Town Militia

The remainder of the additional Estimate Viz.t Pagodas three Thousand (Pagodas 3000) has been applied for by Major Thomas Asst Commissary of Grain to the army, for the

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of the Payment of Public Servants attached to his
Department, which I consider objectionable, as the
Salary of that office, together with the Charge
of his office Establishment is payable in arrear,
yet as it may be expedient for the public Service,
that he should have the means of making
some advances of Cash to the people of his
Department to enable them to Equip themse-
selves for the field, I beg leave to propose,
that one Thousand Pagodas be issued
to him on that account, but that the
Military Paymaster General should be
directed to Debit the Sum to the Paymaster
of the army, who will adjust such
advances when the Bills of the Commissary
are presented for payment, & consequently
any future advances which he may
require for his Department, should on
the

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9th The Principals of the Regulations lately established by Government, be made by that Paymaster upon the Written authority of the Commander in Chief

The Total amount specified from the Treasury on this additional Estimate is

Pagodas 15,622-21-

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir Your

Your most

(Signed) W. Ingoldsby

Mily Auditor Genl

Military Auditor Genl Office Fort St George 9th January 1799

The following order of Council sent to the Clerk of Treasury.

Order of Council

Military Department

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Ordered That the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Six hundred and twenty two Pagodas Twenty

Order of Council authorizing the Sum of Pt 15,622-21 to be issued to the Paymaster General on account of his additional estimate of the 9th Instant.

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I have the honour to transmit for the information of Government a Return of the Detachment of His Majesty's 84th Regiment under the Command of Major Wallace which embarked on board the Ships mentioned in the margin on the 15th ultimo for the purpose of proceeding to Bombay.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Hugh Munro
Lieut Colonel
Commanding 84th Regiment

To
Lieut Colonel Kelly
Deputy Adjutant General
Fort St George

Return of His Majesty's 84th Regiment of Foot Commanded by Lieut Colonel Hugh Munro Embarked on board the Ships mentioned in the margin on the 15th December 1798 for the purpose of proceeding to Bombay

	Lieut Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Surgeons	Mates	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank & File	Rank & File	Women	Children
Embarked on board the Ships mentioned in the margin	1	1	6	18	1	1	1	2	43	19	7	89	10	19	15
84th Regiment Total	1	1	6	18	1	1	1	2	43	19	7	89	10	19	15

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(Signed) Hugh Young
acting Dep Adjt Genl

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9th Received and read the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mil. Con. 94-95. 96. 97. 98. 99

100, 101, 102, 103, 104. 105. 106.

From Miss Chase Swede and

From Miss Chase Swede & Chase

Chase - state that the Ship Rebecca freighted

with troops and Grain from Bengal will

this day come in Company.

From Mr Bruyn at Pulicat

From Mr Bruyn at Pulicat

requests to be permitted to proceed for

three months to Bengal

From Lieutenant Leigh

From Lieutenant Richard Leigh

he has been deprived of his appointment of

Postmaster to Colonel Roberts's Detachment by

the President in consequence of his apprehended

[illegible] of some Mutiny -

From Lieutenant Colonel Lalande

From Lieutenant Colonel Lalande

acknowledges the receipt of the letter directing

him to take charge of the Vizagapatam District

From

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From The Collector at Masulipatam

To Mr Gambier he regrets that he is unable to comply with the request he had preferred for allowing Salaam Khan Lascars

From the Commanding officer at Pondicherry

To Captain Grant - incloses an application from the Attorney General at Pondicherry for permission to proceed to Madras - the Dutch officers at Pondicherry request that they may be allowed a Chelinga to convey them to Madras, on the want of their request to be allowed one to Columbo not having been complied with

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency

To Lieutenant Maclaine - incloses an application from Colonel Gardiner Commanding the Bengal Detachment to have a Store-room allowed for the spare arms and other stores of the Detachment

To the Secretary to Bengal and Bombay Residents at Hyderabad and Poonah and Commissioner on the Malabar Coast -

To Mess[rs] Barlow Richards Palmer Kirkpatrick and Spencer transmitting to them copies of the latest intelligence from the

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9th the Mysore Country. —

To Colonel Vigors — informing

To the Officer commanding the northern Divi= sion of the army

him that Circumstances have occurred which will render it unnecessary for the European troops at Masulipatam to proceed to the Carnatic — as large a quantity of rice is to be shipped on the Cornwallis as she can receive on board

To Mr William Gordon 11 directing him to ship on board of the Cornwallis, under the orders of the Commanding Officer at Masulipatam, as much rice as she may be able to receive — the

To the Garrison Storekeeper at Masulipatam

quantity of rice so embarked to be replaced by indent on the Collector. —

To Mr Roebuck — informing him that Pags 15,622-21, will be advanced to him from the Treasury on his application. —

To

To the Military Paymaster General

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To the Commander of the Forces &c

To Captain Romaine — Directed him to
proceed with the troops for mooring the
European Troops at Onamtiapatam to
the Residency are countermanded — he
will therefore receive on board of his
Vessel as much rice as possible and
proceed with it to Madras —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lysaught —
Directing him to authorize payment of
the arrears that may be due to the
troops lately arrived from the Cape, and
an advance of a sum of money on
account, if necessary

Substance of a letter from Pelgrave Sandiman

Received a letter from Pelgrave
Sandiman dated on the 6th Inst. —
Acknowledges the receipt of the letter
requiring him to procure supplies of
provisions

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9 Bk Provisions for the army - 1st Provisions to
Colmt 5000 sheep
10 Bk Received the following Letter

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

My Lord,

1st Having with a view of "
effectuating the Equipment of the army "
judged it necessary to establish a Committee
of our Board for the purpose of frequently
visiting the Work Yard of the Gun Carriage
" Contractors, and reporting the progress "
made there weekly; and conceiving the "
Subject matter of the Report delivered in by
the Committee this day requiring im-
mediate consideration, We have on this
in

From the Military Board - minute of report of a Committee of the Board appointed to inspect the state of the work carrying on under the Gun-carriage " Contractors

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10th in laying before your Lordships an Extract the
enclosed Duplicate of such Report

We have the honor to be
with great
Respect
Your
Lordships
Most Obedient
Humble Servants

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John Braithwaite
Patrick Ross
(Signed) W Sydenham
P. Close

Report of the Committee for visiting the yard of the Contractors for Gun Carriages &c.

Wednesday January 9th 1779

There are this day Employed at the Yard

Carpenters	80
Sawyers	20
Smiths	50

The Planks of 35 Platforms are ready. Those for two
more are yet to be done, as also the 12 Spare
Middle Planks.

250 Common forte yokes, and 200 Train yokes are
ready for delivery with 5000 yoke pins.

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10th The chain Truss for a 12 Pr is also ready Two more
Gallopping Carriages for six Pounders with Limbers
complete are ready for delivery and the Contractors hope
to deliver those ordered to be prepared for eight Brass
Pounders in fifteen or twenty days. —

They go on briskly with the Arrack and Platform
Carts and will have delivered by the 28th Instant —
170 — and hope to deliver the remainder by the
end of the Month, but lament much their inability
to procure a sufficient number of Carpenters and
Smiths from the exorbitant Wages given by
Individuals who have employment —
for such Mechanics. —

The work they now have in hand might be
expeditiously finished could they Employ 200
Carpenters and one hundred Smiths but they have
convenient Space and Materials enough, but
Workmen they cannot get, under these circum =
stances the Committee recommend it to the
Board

10th Board to address Government, as Government may think it proper for the present exigency that the work of Individuals employing Carpenters and Smiths, should be suspended for a short time and that the Individuals Employing them should be responsible to have for them to the Contractors, and not to encourage or encrease their pretensions.

Military Board office
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(Signed) John Braithwaite
Major Genl & President

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 29th Ultimo, & beg you will inform the Honorable the Governor in Council that I will most willingly use every means in my power to provide and forward Cattle and every necessary for this Country service, and solicit

most

From the Commandant at Palamcottah he reports to be under the necessity of the month, the bullocks and Slaves and all by the end of the month from 1 to 2000 more he has wrote to the Rajah of Travancore for permission to send them thro' his territories to Calicut He has wrote to General Abercrombie to inform him of the steps he has adopted — He has urged the Rajah of Travancore to send on without delay

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of every description to assist in Genl Stuarts camp -

10th. may be required for the use of the army serving on the Malabar coast.

In consequence of a letter I received the Preceding day to yours, from Captain Macaulay Secretary to General Harris, Shall proceed to give directions respecting the Cattle &c. By the 15th Instant I have no doubt of sending off at least one Thousand Bullocks, and by the end of the month, from one, to two Thousand more, this I certainly can, and shall move if possible, more than be sent, but untill we are fully apprized, as the regulations direct.

There is a Pass through the Hills by which I have travelled, from this to Cochin, by it I purpose sending the Cattle, I have written to the Rajah of Travancore for a Pass, and, as it Lies into his Country, by this route, the Bullocks will in safety get to Calicut, from hence, in from 16 to eighteen Days, the common rounds

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round by anjango, would take up nearly double

the time —

I have already intimated to General

Stuart, or the Officer Commanding the army,

on the Malabar Coast that I will send the

number of Cattle I have stated above, I have

also offered to send Sheep or Slaughter Cattle

from this quarter, as any Services in any

way, they may command —

At the Instance of Captain Macaulay

I have written the Rajah of Travancore, as well

as his Dewan, & urged their bringing forward,

the resources of that Country, upon the

present very important occasion. I know

they can send but few Cattle from thence,

Cocoas they can supply, but what I have

solicited most, is their procuring Bazar fees

& pole and merchants of all sorts, to accompany

General

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to the General Stuarts Camp, which I know will be serviceable and acceptable. —

I of the Collectors of Ramnad and Dindigule, are directed to send on to me, the Cattle they may Provide, I will dispatch them without delay by the route I have already mentioned. —

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

(Signed) J. Bannerman

Pallamcottah
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Recvd and Sent the under-mentioned Letters entered on Wilks Nos 107-108.

109, 110-111 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 —

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the army

From Colonel Vigors — the European troops at Masulipatam, shall be embarked on the Commodore, the moment she arrives. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Wahab — com-

From the Officer Commanding the Guntoor Circar —

municates different articles of intelligence — intimates

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10th ordinates his intention of employing Lieu-
tenant to procure intelligence until
he receives the determination of Government
on the subject. —

From the Commis-
sary officer at
Tuticorin

Same Captain Dawson lays on
record copy of a letter he had received from
the Governor of Ceylon requesting some
people whom his Excellency had deemed
it expedient to banish from that Island —
he requests to be informed of the pleas-
ure of Government on the subject. —

From the acting Com-
pany's Storekeeper at
Trichinopoly. —

Same Captain Lieutenant Farmer
requests that directions may be issued
respecting the appointment of
Lieutenant Hall to take charge of the
ordnance department at Masulipatam
may be issued regarding his appoint-
ment to a similar duty at Trichinopoly. —

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10th Requests to Know if his appointment as
Fuchmonpoly removes all responsibility from
him with respect to the Store Department at
Tanjore

From Captain Grant - encloses an
application from an inhabitant of Pondi-
chery for leave of absence

From the Commandant of Pondicherry.

From Lieutenant Colonel Close -
encloses a list of horses belonging to different
Cavalry Regiments that have been sent at
Wallajahnagur - signifies the Commander
in Chiefs recommendation that they be
disposed of by public auction

From the Adjutant General to the army.

From Mr Robert encloses an
additional estimate of Cash for the cur-
rent expences -

From the Military Paymaster General

To Major General Sydenham - trans-
mitting to him for his examination an
additional

To Military Auditor General -

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10th additional estimate of the Paymaster General

of this date –

To the Paymaster at Vellore

To Mr I H Stevens – ordering

to send a list of different Cast Irons at

Mallajahmuggeer, which he is directed to

dispose of by public Auction

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Stevenson – desiring

that the sum of Pags 9850 stated in the

Paymaster Generals Estimate of the 31st ultimo

as being required by the Paymaster at

Hydrabad, be placed to the account of his

Highness the Nizam

11th Sent the following letter

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

To the Military Board an order has been transmitted by this Board

We have received yours

letters of the 28th 30th 31st ultimo 3. 2 & 4th Instant

We

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Notes for furnishing the Garrison thereupon at Vellore in the course — The Town Major write a post the Garrison Store Keeper at the Presidency with Despatches to aid in collecting Carts for the public Service — The plan of horse artillery submitted to Government is approved — Colonel Gent is directed to keep the Cavalry for the remaining in the arsenal agreeably to his proposal — a petition from Andrew Oliver late Cooper at Arcot presented for the consideration of the Military Board. —

To

We wonder in your opinion of the expediency of postponing the second gate at Vellore, and desire that the first advance made on that account may be repaid to the Paymaster.

We agree in your sentiments upon the minute of the Chief Engineer respecting the completion of the barracks to be provided for his Department

To assist the Storekeeper at Vellore in building and paddy, we have transmitted to him an order from his Highness the Nabob for furnishing him with Coolies, and we have authorized the Town Major to assist the garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency with Despatches to assist in collecting carts for the public Service.

We are sensible of the attention which you have paid to the subject of

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11th of Horse artillery; and are sanguine we
our expectation of the advantages which
will be derived to the service from the
result of your enquiries.

We have already expressed the
plan suggested by you for qualifying the
horse artillery, and have requested the
Commander in Chief to give the orders which
may be necessary for carrying it into execution

We desire that Colonel Grant may
be directed to close the account remaining
of stores on the annual of Lord Hobart upon
the departure of Captains Saunders and
Macintire.

We have passed for payment
the bills recommended by you.

We enclose an original petition
from Andrew Allan late Cooper at
Masulipatam

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11th Masulipatam, and desire that his case may

be taken into consideration.

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We are

yrs &c

(Signed) Clive

yr Colleague

Substance of a letter to the nabob

Sent a letter to the Nabob entered on

C.C. No. 8 informing him that a considerable force

was enter his country in the neighbourhood of

Rampore on their way from Hyderabad to

join the Grand army, and requesting him to

give the necessary directions to his Amildars

to provide supplies of grain &c during their

March

Received and read the undermentioned

Letter entered in M.B. Nos 117 A 117 B 118. 119.

120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131.

From major General Harkey at Calicut.

From Major General Harkey acknow-

ledges the receipt of the letter to him of the 7 December

he shall prepare for the speedy arrival of the

reinforcements

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11 reinforcements from Europe and the hope of

Good Hope -

From the Secretary
at War

From Captain Grant - inclosing a list

of the Dutch Officers that have been permitted

to proceed to Ceylon

From the Commander
at Rajamundry

From Major Dowdeswell - announcing

two Hircarahs from Tippoo Sultaun

From the Military
Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck - inclosing

Copy of a Letter from the acting Paymaster

at Madeira with Copies of the inclosures

annexed to it, respecting an advance of

money required by Captain Augustus Floyer

on account of the expences of the Remount

horses under his charge)

To the Resident
at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore -

satisfaction expressed at the disturbances

among the Mahratta Horsemen being re-

quieted - a thousand Pagodas to be paid

them

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11th Ditto, to answer their several exigencies —

He is directed to collect all the cooly bearers he possibly can find. The Ships &c. which he may have provided are not to be sent to the army until directions to that effect be given by the Commander in Chief

To the Barrack Master at the Presidency

To Lieutenant Machane directing him to furnish the Bengal Detachment with a store room to contain their spare arms &c.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board. —

informing them that an advertisement has been published, requiring all Individuals who may have Smiths or Carpenters in their service to send them to the Military Board who will return them as soon as the work required to be executed, is finished — In case

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11th Case Who's order he not immediately complied with, the Middleburg are authorized to use compulsion to enforce it

To the Middleburg auditor General

To Major General Lepentheon

communicating to him that Mr Lyon Dunbar to be paid apothecary's Establishment Pension provided he draw his pay &c. at the Presidency - Surgery Assistants and advances authorized

To Mr North - account of Stores

To the Governor of Ceylon

made from the Malay Corps serving on Ceylon transmitted - It is suggested to him that the Malay Prisoners at the Presidency might be incorporated with the Corps of Malays serving on Ceylon, or if that measure should not be deemed advisable that they may be permitted to return to Ceylon, as prisoners

To

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11th To Captain Dowse - the Board r

To Captain Dowse regret that circumstances do not admit of their

complying with the application stated in

his letter of the 26th ultimo

To Captain Kirkpatrick - in =

To the President at Hyderabad forming him that an estimate of such sum

Mr Paymaster Cherry, amounting to Pagodas

9,850 has been prepared for payment, and that

the auditor General has been directed to

to place the amount to the account

of his Highness the Nizam

To Bengal and Bombay - informing

To Bengal & to Bombay them that the troops expected from the

Cape had arrived

To Colonel Wigan - directing that

to the officer commanding the northern division of the army the European Troops at Masulipatam

be embarked on the Cornwallis for the

Presidency as at first ordered

To Captain Grant informing him

to the Town Major that in consideration of the particular =

circumstances of Captain Steekers case

he

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W.m he is to be permitted to remain at Tranquebar in his present pay

To the Secretary at Bombay

To Mr. Richards transmitting to him a statement of the expences of the Travancore Battalion

To the Postmaster General

To Mr. John Rowley directing him to comply with whatever instructions he may receive from the Commander in Chief

The following advertisement published by order of Government

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Government advertisement

Government advertisement directing all individuals who may have Smiths or Carpenters on their employ to send them to the Military Board for the purpose of executing the public Service

The Right Honble the Governor & General in Council having urgent occasion for carpenters and Smiths for the completion of work essentially necessary to be executed without delay is desirous that individuals may suspend all private work and hereby

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I do hereby require them to send the workmen
in their private service to the Military
Board -

The workmen who may be so sent,
will be returned to the persons, who may
have sparid them for this purpose as
expeditiously, as soon as it may be possible.

By order of the Right Honorable the
Governor General in Council

(Signd) J Webbe
Secretary to Government

12th Recvd the following Letter

The Right Honorable the Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of yesterdays
date, accompanying an additional Estimate of the

from the Military auditor
General Reporting on
and sanctioning the
Pagoda star Charges
contained in Estimate
of 10 Instant

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12th The Military Paymaster General for the current Month amounting to Thirty Thousand two hundred and fifty nine Pagodas (30,259), which is unobjectionable, and may be issued from the Treasury being required for the purpose of discharging arrears of Pay stated to be due to His Majesty's Troops lately arrived from the Cape of Good Hope, and for an advance of Pagodas Twelve hundred (1,200) to the Officer Commanding Draft from the 28th Light Dragoons on account of the Men ordered to Bengal, for which sum he holds himself responsible, and will adjust on his arrival at that Presidency, which will be Debited accordingly, and the necessary communication made to the Military Paymaster General at Calcutta

2d In the Gross Total of this additional Estimate is included Pagodas 3,382 being the Balance

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N.B. Balance due to the Contractor for supplying
His Majesty's 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons
with Grain

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Auditor General

Military auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
11th January 1799

Order of Council
Military Department
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Ordered that the Sum of Thirty thousand
two hundred and Sixty nine Pagodas (30,269)
be advanced from the Treasury to the Military
Paymaster General on account of the additional
estimate endorsed on his Letter of the 10th Instant

By order &c, &c,

order of Council -
authorizing the
issue of Pag.s 30269
to the Paymaster
General agreeably
to his estimate of
the 10th Instant.

Recd and Sent the undermen-
tioned letters entered in Mil.y Mss 132-133-134-135-
136-137-138-139 -

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From the military Board 12th

From the Military Board announcing an addition of one pagoda per quarter for each company of pioneers to the present allowance for keeping the tools of that Corps in repair

From Major General Floyd

From Major General Floyd - he has taken on himself the command of the troops at and near Mallajahnagger - In Consequence of the great scarcity of Grain in the detachment he commands, he has sent the bullocks of the different Corps to the Presidency for a supply

From the Resident at Poonah

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer - acknowledges the receipt of the intelligence forwarded to him on the 5th Instant.

From the Commandant at Nellore

From Captain Forbes - transmits letters for Lord Clive and General Harris from the Nizams Detachment

From Mr. Oliphant

From Mr. Oliphant - acknowledges the receipt of the packet forwarded to him for General Hartley which should be immediately transmitted.

To