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

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To the Military Board — To the Military Board — inclosing to them extracts of a letter from Bengal.

To the Military Paymaster General — To Mr Roebuck — he is directed to authorize the Paymaster at Madura to advance Captain Augustus Floyer 2500 Pagodas

To the Military auditor General — To Major General Lydenham — inclosing to him copy of a letter from the Paymaster General with copies of the enclosures annexed to it — an advance of 2500 Pagodas to be authorized to Captain Augustus Floyer on account of the expences of the Remount horses under his charge

Substance of a letter from the Nabob — Received a letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No 9 he has dispatched as was requested. Strict orders to all his Aumils near the roads by which the force from Hyderabad may be expected to march, directing them to collect plentiful supplies of provisions

Received

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Substance of a letter from Kotbul Mulk

12th Recieved a letter from Kotbul Mulk entered in C.B. No 10 congratulating the President on his accession to the Government his Brother will deliver to him different papers regarding sumary claims

To the Military Paymaster Genl.

Sent a letter - To Mr. Roebuck entered in M.B. No 140 informing him that Page 302 leg. will be delivered to him on application

13th Recieved the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 141-142-143-144-

From the Master Attendant

From Mr. Farwell reporting on the state of the Fatan gives it as his opinion that she may contain 650 Men - encloses copy of a representation of the state of the vessel

From the Commandant of Poonamallee

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell states that none of the Malay prisoners at Poonamallee will enter into our Service, without the whole be admitted,

and

13th and that out of 269, only 80 of them are fit
capable of bearing arms

From the Resident at Poonah — From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer
acknowledges the receipt of the intelligence
communicated to him on the 12th & 15th Instants

From the Commander of the Ship Restoration — From Captain Galloway - reminding
Government of the tender made by him of the
Ship Restoration for the purpose of
conveying the French prisoners to England

Substance of letter to the rajahs of Vencataghery, Calastry and Bommaze — Sent letters to the Rajahs of Vencataghery
Calastry and Bommaze entered in C.C. No. 11 they
are desired to afford every encouragement to the
Dooly Bearers of their Zemindaries to proceed
to the Presidency, where they will be immediately
enrolled in the Company's Service - if any are
found erecting themselves in their Zemindaries
they are to be sent to the Presidency under a
Guard. -

14th Received and sent the undermentioned
letters entered in Dis. B: Nos 145 - 146 - 147 - 148
149 - 150 - 151 - 152.

From

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From Dr - Do - 14th From Do - Do - he has given orders
for the Company of Bengal artillery
on Ceylon to prepare for their immediate
departure for the Coast under the com-
mand of Captain Clarke; Major Burton
being prevented from moving by a fall
from his horse - he proposes to send the
Company of artillery to Tellycerry

From the Deputy Paymasters General to the Kings Troops

From Colonel Hart - incloses a
extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Murray of the 84th Regiment to him - requests
to be informed whether or not the Paymasters
of the Regiments lately arrived from the
Cape, & of the regiments that may hereafter
arrive from Europe, are taken on the same
footing as the Paymasters of the regiments
who have been for some time in the Country

To the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad and Commissioners on the Malabar Coast.

To Mr Barlow Richards, Palmer
Kirkpatrick, and Spencer - inclosing to them
copies

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14th Copies of the latest intelligence from the Mysore country -

15th Read and sent the under-mentioned letters entered in Mil. Bs. Nos. 153. 154 - 155 - 156 - 157 - 158.

From the Military Board

From the Military Board - inclose copy of the report of a Committee appointed to examine the rice lately received from Bengal - a certain quantity of it has been in consequence of the Committees report examined by the Military Board, - who give it as their opinion that the rice is of a good quality - They hope that the objections of the Committee on account of the cost of Gunny bags in which the rice has been packed, will be shortly removed by the supply of them which has been ordered -

From the Commandant at Ryacottah

From Major Doveton - acknowledges the receipt of his Letter from the Governor

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From the Officer commanding the northern division of the army

From Colonel Kelly - he has embarked the company of Bengal artillery with their followers &c. on the Restoration. The Cornwallis being rather a small vessel, he proposes to embark one hundred more of the European force at Masulipatam, with their officers, on board of the Bagler

From the officer commanding the southern Division of the army.

From Colonel Brown - states different particulars regarding the steps he has taken for forwarding supplies of arrack and rice to Damkeydroog - he proposes on the return of the Cullacks he has sent to that place, to dispatch them again immediately with grain &c. &c. - he requests the instructions of Government as to the disposing of part of the stores in store at Trichinopoly -

From Mr. Johnstone Mackay

From Mr. Mackay states that he has received from England authentic information of his being promoted to

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14th cadet on this Establishment, but that owing to the circumstance of his certificate not having arrived he has not been yet admitted as such — requests Govern= ment to take his peculiar case into consideration. —

From Captain Leith — states that he has held the appointment of Judge advocate General since February last without receiving any allowance as such — re= quests that some allowance may now be granted him in consideration of the extra expence he must necessarily be put to while in the field. —

From the Judge advocate General

From the Honble Mr. North — expresses his high sense of the merits of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew; and regrets that the exigency of the public service should render his recal to the Coast necessary

From his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon

From

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15th Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun which have been forwarded

From the Commander of the Caernarvon

From Captain Pearson - he has arrived at Masulipatam, and shall use every exertion to return expeditiously to the Providency

From Sir Edward Admiral Rainier

From admiral Rainier - acknowledges the receipt of the letter intimating to him the accounts which had been received of the supposed loss of His M. Ships Resistance - mentions that the melancholy intelligence had since been confirmed

To the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Sceptre

To Captain Edwards - he is requested to take under his Convoy the Thetis and 2 Loyalist Transports on which a proportion of the 84th Regiment is to be embarked; and to receive the remaining part of the Regiment on board of the Sceptre

To the Secretary at Bombay

To Mr. Richards - inclosing to him a disembarkation return of the 84th Regiment.

Commander

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16th Commander in Chiefs Memorandum

Commander in Chiefs memorandum containing sundry recommendations

The Commander in Chief recommends the following Officers to fill vacant Staff appointments

Lieutenant Garnet Warburton to be adjutant to the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment, vice Dodd

Lieutenant Thomas Little to be adjutant to the 2d Battalion 7th Regiment, vice Simpson promoted

Lieutenant Charles Farran to be adjutant and Quarter Master to the 13 Regiment, vice Joyce promoted.

Lieutenant George Lauder to be adjutant and Quarter Master to the 14th Regiment.

Lieutenant James Campbell to be Adjutant to the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment, vice Farran

Lieutenant Edward Boardman to be

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15th Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun which have been forwarded

From the Commander of the Convoy

From Captain Romaine – he has arrived at Masulipatam, and shall use every exertion to return expeditiously to the Presidency

From his Excellency Admiral Rainier

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16th Do Adjutant to the 2d Battalion 10th Regiment
vice Lauder

Lieutenant G Sinclair to be Adjutant
to the 2d Battalion of 2d Regiment vice
McMillan Discarded

The Commander in Chief also recommends that the following Officers of Infantry may be appointed Cornets
from 1st November 1798, to fill vacancies
in the Cavalry Corps.

To be Cornets from 1st November 1798.

Valentine Blacker

John James Temple

Joseph H. Skinner

M H. West

William Dickson

John Hier

J Davidge

A H. Davidson

The Commander in Chief recommends that the above Cornets be

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16th Appointed to Corps as follows.

1st Regiment Lieut. W Blacker

" " W Dickson

2d Regiment " J J Temple

" " John Weir

3d Regiment " J H. Skinner

" " J Dandridge

4th Regiment Lieut. Wm H. West

" " A. H. Davidson

The Honorable Colonel Wellesley being very usefully employed in Command of a large Division of the army, and it being intended he shall Command the Detachment to join the force from the Mysore, the Commander in Chief has thought it necessary to allow him an aid de camp until further orders, and recommends that Captain Hughes of His Majesty's 74th Regiment who has been appointed to act in that situation

may

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16th may be permitted to draw allowances accordingly.

Recieved the following letter

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

Governor General in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord

&c

From the Military Board inclose Copies of a correspondence between the Garrison Storekeeper and the Police Committee respecting a difference that exists between the new measure used in the publick Store and those used in the market - Sundry Coomies recommended

We consider it our duty under the present issue of Rice from the Garrison Stores for the supply of the Army, and other purposes, to submit to your Lordships consideration the inclosed Copy of a Correspondence that has passed between the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St George, and the Committee of Police, and beg leave to observe that the introduction of new standard Measures by the Police Committee, if applied to the publick Stores of Grain, will occasion

a

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16th a considerable diminution in the quantities now upon the Returns of Stations, and increase the Issues in a similar proportion the old Standard Measure weighing Lbs 23 3/100, or the Garrison 1b 925 6/12 and the new Measure weighing Lbs 24, or the Garrison 960 Lbs.

2. The Officer Commanding at Cuddalore having applied to us for a further Advance of Pagodas 2d. 3: 72 on account of Repairs carrying on under his superintendance at that Station, We recommend that payment of that Sum be ordered to Lieutenant Colonel Dupont accordingly.

3d Application having also been made to our Board by the Agent of Supply for an advance of Pagodas 2020: 40: 25 on account of an additional Indent for Articles which we have found it necessary to authorize towards the Field equipment

We

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16th We request that such Advance may be
accordingly made to Mr. William Webb

Fort St George
15th January 1799

We have the Honor to be
Gen Gen
" "

John Braithwaite
Patrick Ross
W Sydenham
Jn Richardson
B.V Close

James Brodie Esquire
Garrison Storekeeper

Sir, I am directed by Mr. Chaunier, and the other Members of the Police Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant; and in reply to state to you, that the Committee on the 28th of August last, made an Arrangement with the Sea Customer and the Head Measuring Masters, attached

to

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16th to his Excellcy, by which the Mercal of old
Rice mixed should from that period contain
24 pound avoirdupoise to be measured by the
Marke. —

The Committee therefore are of opinion
that to prevent inconsistency, they cannot
in this Instance deviate from the arrangement
already made, by directing the Clerk of the
Market to Stamp any other Mercals, than
such as are strictly conformable to the
Standard. —

I am
Hon'ble Sir
Fort St George Your most
10th January 1799. (Signed) J. D. Tolton

Sd to the Police Committee

A true Copy
(Signed) Frid. Quince
Sy Mel. Board

John

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16th

John Chamier Esqr.

one of the Members of the Committee Police

Sir

Having applied to the Clerk of the Market to have a few Measures of 11 Stamped for Major Conner, Agent for Victualling the army he refused, I am told, to do so on the plea that they are not equal in measure-ment to those in use at the Customs house - the Measures however that I have sent to him are those that have been the Standard in the Garrison Storekeepers Office for 8 many years back - both in retailing to the Publick, and in serving out rice to the Troops; and contains 8 Measures or 23/8 - I understand that the Measure in use at the Custom house is larger,

and

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16th and produces a difference in Measurement
of nearly 12 p.r Cent, and that it is Customary
with the Merchants who buy Rice for
instance at 80 Pagodas p.r Garce immidiately
to increase the price 12 or 13 Pagodas on
account of loss in the Measurement and
sell it at 92 and 93.

I would recommend in order to
ascertain this, that two drafts be weighed, and
thereafter measured by the Sea Customer's Merical,
and Measurement, or such other Measures
adopted, as will enable me to deliver the
Mercalls Inam for and more much
wanted - it may be necessary to acquaint
you that the Mercalls used by me are the
same to those of the other Garrison
Storekeeper on this Coast.

Military Board Office
14th January 1799

I have the honor to be,
&c &c &c
(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy
(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

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

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16th

Recieved and Sent the undermen-
tioned Letter entered in M.B. Nos 159-160
From the Resident
at Tanjore
From Mr Torin - giving
an account of the Polygar of Palicaddoo
for the information of his Excellency &
the Governor of Ceylon - inclosing different
papers on the subject. -

To the Collector
at Guntoor Ma-
soulipatam Coim-
mandal Nellore
and Rajahmundry

To Messrs Rose, Gambier,
Snow, Bransfill, and Oakes - directing
them to entertain all Polam Kuen boys and
Cooley Bearers whom they may find
passing thro' their Districts, and going
to the Northward; and to send them,
if it be necessary for them to adopt
that mode, under a guard to the
Presidency

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General

Wednesday
16th January

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Lieutenant General Harris

William Petrie

and

Ernst William Stalloscud } Esqrs.

The Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

Read the following Letter from

the Military Board

To

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

My Lord

From the Military Board recommend a Bill from the gun carriage Contractor for payment recommend that the Palisade on the sea line be immediately completed Enclose copies of the Lieutenant Colonel reports from the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore and Arnee recommend that two European Sergeants at 3 Pagodas each per month be added to the establishment of the Garrison Storekeeper recommend that two additional Mates be added on the same footing as Sundry Lascars recommended

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from Government of the 5th instant, with enclosures, and of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter under the same date.

2nd We beg leave to recommend that immediate payment be ordered of the accompanying Bill, amounting to Pagodas 7,359: 8:75, for articles which have been supplied by the Gun Carriage Contractor, and found upon Survey to be in all respects fit for the Service

3. The Chief Engineer having represented

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respecting to our Board the necessity for
completing the unfinished part of the East
Face of Fort St George, North of the Sea Gate,
(for which materials have been provided
by the Superintending Engineer) in order
to close the Fortification, and prevent a
the communication with the Covert way
from without, now accessible on that Face,
We are induced, in consideration of such
representation, and the additional
circumstance of the army being prepared
for immediate movement, to submit
to Government the expediency of comple-
ting the Palisade on the Sea Line, as
formerly proposed and authorized, but
afterwards postponed; and which,
appears now to be necessary for its
security.-

4th We do ourselves the honor to

forward

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forward the enclosed Copies of Reports from the Garrison Store Keeper at Vellore, and Arnee, of the issues, and receipts, of Grain, during the last Week at those Stations respectively.—

5th Being convinced of the difficulty which the Garrison Store Keeper of Fort St George has hitherto experienced in executing the duties of his Department for want of some European Assistants to superintend the landing, and delivery, of Grain &c. and being satisfied that the Public Service would be greatly benefited by his being allowed such Assistants, We beg leave to recommend to your Lordship that the addition of two Europeans, with an allowance of ten /10/ Pagodas each per month, be made to the Garrison Store Keeper's present Establishment, and

that

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That they be Serjeants of good Character,
possessing some Knowledge of the Country
Languages, whom, We are of opinion will
be better qualified, than any other description
of Europeans, to be useful in that Department

6th We recommend also, That the
construction be authorized of two additional
Sheds on the north Esplanade, of the same Kind
as those already erected there, for the purpose
of covering the water Casks, and other articles, which
for want of such accommodation, are at
constantly exposed to injury from the weather. -

7th Application having been made
to our Board by the Junior Engineer in the
Ceded Districts for an advance of Cash on
account of the Works, and Repairs, ordered to
be executed in the Lower Fort of Kistnaghurry,
We recommend that payment of Pagodas 727 +
36 - 60 be made to that Officer accordingly. +

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In our Letter to Government under date the 25th august 1798, We recommended an advance of Pagodas 603:33:35 being made to Lieutenant Tolhurinsham of the Engineers on account of the reform of the Fortifications at Sankly droog and on the 29th October following we further recommended that the repair of Public Buildings at that Station, and to the Magazine and Store Room, at Dunabudradroog, upon Estimates amounting to Pagodas 633:4:72 for the former, and Pagodas 298:40:77 for the latter should be executed, both which were approved by Government, but as the advance first mentioned appears to have escaped notice in the Multiplicity of Official business, and as Lieutenant Tolhurinsham has made considerable progress in collecting Materials for the repairs at Sankly droog, and towards completing the repairs above stated, We beg leave to request that

and

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an advance of those sums be now &
authorized.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St George
13th January 1799

My Lord
Your Lordships
Very Obedt
Humble Servants
" John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham
By Close

Report

Report of Paddy Issued and Rice received at Vellore 1st January 1799.

Issued and received as V. Cust. Report dated 31st December 1798 . . . . . 4 266 8 20 225 "
From 31st December 1798 to this day . . . . . 26 " " 12 " "

Total . . 73 266 8 32 225 "

A true Copy

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mil Board

(Signed) J. H. Skardon
Garrison Storekeeper.

Paddy Rice

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Report of Paddy Spurs and Rice received at Irnee 7th January 1799 —

		Spurs	Rice
			Paddy Rice
Spurs and Rice received as per last Report, dated 31st December 1798		18 66 8	8 200 "
Ditto from 31st December 1798 to this day		8 266 8	4 " "
Total		26 333 4	12 20 "

(Signed) S.H.C. Skardon
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Lieu.t Mil.t Board

Irnee 7th January 1799
Report of Paddy Spurs and Rice received

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Resolutions thereon

The Board conver with the Military Board as to the expediency of completing the palisades on the sea line, and desire that the Military Board will give the necessary orders accordingly.

Resolved that the construction of the two additional ships on the North esplanade recommended by the Military Board, be authorized

Resolved that the payment of the different bills and advances recommended by the Military Board, be sanctioned

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Read

To the Right Honble Richard Earl Mornington K.P.
Governor General
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the honour in the Chief District inclosing copies of letters from his Assistant Collector stating the advantages that would probably result

The expediency of the measure on which

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exempt from having bodies of armed peons placed at the different stations in the Ceded Districts for the protection of them against flying bodies of horse - the reasons which induced the adoption of the measure in the event of hostilities being likely to break out, are stated in different particulars on the subject. -

which I do myself the honor of addressing to your Lordship, depending entirely on the Speedy cessation of hostility, is the reason why I have delayed the submitting it to government before now, that appearances are sufficiently favorable in support of accepting it. It is the forming an establishment of Peons in the Ceded districts, as recommended by my assistant Collectors, whose sentiments on the subject are contained in the accompanying letters, transmitted for your Lordships information. The reasons for it are as follows

1 These Districts being bounded to the eastward by Mysore, to the westward by the Carnatic in which many bands of robbers reside, and certain Poligars having pretensions to some parts of them, they will probably be over-run by parties of horse & banditti, during hostility, unless a more general

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general protection be given them, than they can possibly receive from the garrisons of regular troops in them.

2d The country being much intersected by hills and woods, and the plains to the Southward by hedges, small parties of horse will not enter it where there is any armed force, and the inhabitants impressed with the advantage of high Situations, have requested that the hill forts, whose works have been demolished, may be occupied, on account of the protection they would derive from them.

3d The inhabitants of those districts being of a more warlike disposition than the people of the Carnatic, and better acquainted with the ability of horse opposed to foot, they will be the more indened to make a stand, if any assistance be given them. —

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4th If the principal villages be oc-
"cupied by small parties of peons, it will en-
"courage the inhabitants to stay and de-
"fend them, and not only save them, with
the public buildings in many of them from
being plundered and burnt, but remove
of inferior villages in their vicinity. -

5th The revenue falling due after
the 1st February is about two and an
half lacs of pagodas, great part of which
cannot be realized, unless the inhabitants
be encouraged, by their being protected, to
remain in their villages, and pay their
rents. -

6 The whole of this revenue will fall
due in four months, and the expence of the
establishment proposed for that period, will
only be 7368. Pagodas.

7 The inhabitants being induced to
remain

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remain in their villages, would afford great accommodation, and protection to the buryaurees -

8 The forming this establishment will enable me to draw in two companies of Sepoys hitherto stationed upon the eastern frontiere, to protect it against robbers from the Carnatic, though probably that will require an augmentation of it.

Such are the arguments in favor of it, and the subjoined is a Statement of the number, pay and distribution, proposed

Stations

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Stations	Peons	Mr Peons
Salem	80	80
Chunnagerry	60	60
Bellore	60	60
Arnloor	60	60
Viraganoor	60	60
Thondamungulam	150	150
Rangepoor	50	50
Namaul	150	150
Purmuttey	200	200
Additional Pay to Head Peons	10	
Totals Southern Divisions	870	880
Tanjore	100	100
Pyrapaddy	100	100
Nangapurry	50	50
Pundgra	100	100
Tingricottah	150	150
Head Peons	11	12
Totals Center Divisions	561	572

Dandeekabad

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Doulitabad	50	50
Bony Timmy droog	30	30
Matchy droog	10	10
Mahratgeer	20	20
Tadeul	20	20
Jagadeo	20	20
Boojungeer	10	10
Bedhuddy	30	30
Polcode	20	20
Gommundoor	40	40
Trippatoor	40	40
Caloragur	30	30
Vanniambaddy	20	20
Additional Pay to Head Peons	10	
Total Northern Division	380	390
Grand Totals	1811	1842

They may be required to furnish their own arms, which would be swords and match locks, but Jaspar thinks there is a sufficient number

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number of both in the store, for the purpose
likewise of supplying them
If this establishment be approved of
it will be necessary for your Lordships to deter-
mine whether it shall be considered as one
solely intended for the protection of the Coun-
try, which is the case, or as one of revenue
and police. However it may be decided,
the expence of it will most probably be dis-
bursed from the collections, but if that be
considered military, it will not be deducted
before calculating the Collectors commission,
and if one of revenue or police that must
be done of course.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

Hiungerry
15th January 1799

(Signed) Alexr. Read
Super. Collector
& Lt. Col. Comt.
Cedd Distt.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Read
Superintendant

Sir

In the want of Hostilities
I beg leave to State you the great advan-
tage which might be derived from
Keeping up during the war a certain
establishment of Poors armed with
Match locks, for the Defence of the Coun-
try against Small bodies of Cavalry
our Districts, particularly South of Tapoor
are so intersected with Hedges, and
many of them in the vicinity of Hills
and Narrow Passes, that a small Body
of Horse would in my Opinion not readily
venture to plunder the Country, if a few
parties of Match lockmen were scattered in

certain

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certain Situations for its defence. - The Farmers
would feel a confidence from this measure,
which would I think induce them to
remain in their villages, and pay their
rents as regularly as usual. If such
a plan be not adopted the Ryots naturally
must be alarmed on the first account
they may hear of hostilities being commen-
ced. Many of them quite leave their vil-
lages, and a great proportion of the Revenue
will be lost.

The Inhabitants of those Districts are
of a more warlike disposition than those
of the Carnatic, - and I think could be
brought with a little management, to defend
themselves against straggling parties of Horse -
There is scarcely a village but some of its
Inhabitants are now provided with Matchlocks
and Pikes. -

J

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I submit the following establishment
to your Consideration for the Southern Division

Matchlock Peons

Tulum	80
Chinnagunty	60
Bulloor	60
Ashtoor	60
Viragunoor	60
Shendamungulum	150
Raizepoor	50
Nammul	150
Paramutty	200
Total	870

At the rate of 1 Star Pagoda each P. 870

Additional pay to 20 Head
Peons at 1/2 Pagoda each } 10

Total Monthly Pay Pag.s 880

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The other only additional expence would be for Ammunition which would proba-bly not exceed 40 Pagodas Monthly. A party of this description would not only be useful in protecting the Country against Horse, but also against Gangs of Robbers which are so frequently employed in committing depredations in time of war.

The Revenue to be collected, or at least falling due, in the Southern Division from the end of January to the end of June amounts to about 15,000 Pagodas, and the expence, which I propose by keeping up the Peons, would in that time not exceed 4,000 Pagodas

Whereas the loss to Revenue and the Country may by not raising the Peons be ten times that sum.

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

(Signed) William Macleod
Assistant Collector

Salem
6th Jan.y 1799

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Alexr Read
Collector of the Barramahl &c.

Sir

1 Since writing upon the 6th Instant proposing the raising of a few Peons here & and at Tongoiottah, I have received Mr Marriotts letter of yesterday inclosing a Copy of Captain Macleods letter to you of the 6th Instant on employing Parties of Peons to the Southward - and requesting my Sentiments thereon, and also upon the expediency of employing a similar Establishment in the Guntur Division

2 The only services to be expected from Peons are that when stationed in a fort they will defend it against horse or Banditti that they will save any Pettah in the neighbourhood of such fort from being plundered or burned by Banditti or straggling horse

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horse, but not from a party of four or five
hundred, That they will afford a temporary
protection to Banyans &c going to the army,
That they will preserve the publick buildings
and Arsenals from being destroyed — and
That while no strong body of the Enemy enter the
Country they will encourage the Ryots to remain
in their villages and enable the Inhabitants to
collect a great part of the large proportion of
the Revenue which is still outstanding — I have
no idea however that at a distance from a fort
they would own, though bound by hedges, to
oppose any party of horse, however small in
the day time; — but as they might at night
without any danger fire upon horse from the
cover of hedges or Jungle, they would deter small
parties from making any stay in the
inclosed or jungly parts of the Country. —

Presently succeed to one the last

3

Station

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Station for Peons, as it is the quarter by
which considle parties of horse, and the expected
Dindigal and other Polygars, are most likely
to make their incursions. after Pennatty,
Manoel, and Thondamungel are the A
Stations where they would be most useful
a Party would also be necessary at Virapenoor
The other Districts are so well covered that
I should not think they required any Extra
Peons as their pay is however nothing in
Comparison to the Revenue yet to be
collected and as. Captain Macleod must be
the best judge of the utility to be derived
from them it might be as well to have
the whole number for the present, and
reduce it, when it can be conveniently done
4th I or the Center Division I expect to
get in near To Mount of the Revenue by
the

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The 10th February This Province on the inhabitants will no doubt occasion many failures but as the loss likely to be incurred in this way is not near so great as that which may be apprehended from any enemy entering the Country while a great part of the Kists should be outstanding I have thought it best on the present occasion to depart from the rules of regular Collections. The Peons that will be required for the same purposes as in the Southern Division are as follows

Sandoor	100
Gurrapadee	100
Nangapelly	50
Dinagra	50
Daramapoory	100
Tingricottah	150
	550

There being no Zemaldar fort in the Sandoor Poligar Distrct the Peons must remain in

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in the Cuoba, and be detached occasionally towards the banks of the river from opposite the Bawany to Permitty – They would also accompany any Party of Sepoys that might happen at any time to be detached from the Garrison.

The Peons of Yerrapaddi might be stationed in the fort of Chittoor where they would be near enough to prevent the Cuoba which is the greatest manufacturing Village in this Division from being destroyed by Banditti from the Westward of the Country – The Peons of Mangapilly might be stationed in the Pagoda Thoon of Omagree might be posted at the old fort of Sethambaddi but as the Country in the neighbourhood is so strong they might move out against any small Parties that might enter from A Couvirpooram or Alumbadi, The fort here

is

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to a good Post and might be kept by the forces
against any body of Horse whatever. — Tingricotta
is also a good Spot, and could only be taken by
Infantry. Part of the Force might if necessary
be stationed in the old fort of Harrore or the
Pagoda of Tenkamodla and the posts there, and
in this place would afford some protection to
Banjarries going between the Carnatic and
Coimbatore should circumstances hereafter ren-
make it advisable for them to take that route
The whole expence would be for 550 Peons @ 1 Pag.s 550

Duffadars . . 11 @ 2 Pag.s each 22

561 Pag.s 572

But from this sum the expence of the Sepoys
now employed in the Tingricottah District
ought to be deducted. —

The long frontier of the Coimbatore Division
makes it necessary to have a larger Esta-
blishment of Peons than would otherwise
be

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be required They ought to be raised in
before the army advances for the com-
mencement of hostilities is likely to be
the period when there will be the greatest
alarm and Confusion - I should wish
that as many old firelocks as could be
spared might be distributed among the
People of Tengricottah and Darampoory

I am

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) Thos. Munro

Aspiotant

To Lieutenant Colonel Read

Superintendant &c. &c. &c.

Sir I have received copy of Captain
Macleods letter to you, containing a proposal
for

Darampoory
9th January 1799

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for raising a certain number of
matchlock Peons for the defence of the
country, on the want of hostilities

He has anticipated my in-
tention of addressing you on the same
subject and of suggesting to you the great
ability, which, I conceive, will attend the
adoption of the plan he proposes

Altho' I have already collected
about 70 P Cent of the present Settlement,
I think, that the inhabitants have a right
to expect, from Government, some protection
you both against bands of robbers who are
now assembling in various quarters to fall
upon the defenceless villages, and against
incursions of predatory horse, who are also
eager for plunder. —

If the districts south of Tapoor
are

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are from being intersected by Hedges &c unfavourable to the operations of Cavalry the numerous hills in the Baramahl and belts of thick Jungle, which surround them, certainly afford a prospect of great security, but it should be remembered that the Country was formerly in possession of the Enemy, against whom our operations are likely to be directed, and many among them must be fully acquainted with the passes, and bye paths, leading into the jungles, therefore it is, that the minds of the inhabitants are not perfectly at ease, and that they have come forward with a proposal, to occupy each of the surrounding hill forts by a small number of armed persons. They seem to be so convinced of the great security which

this

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This measure will afford them, and their property, that they offer, should Government object to the expence, to defray it by a voluntary contribution among themselves.

I submit the following as the number of Peons to be raised, and the different posts to which they should be distributed.

	Peons
The new village of Doubl Mahal	50
on Bory Tunnoy droog	30
" Mutchu Gury	10
" Mahrauz Gur	20
" Tad coile	20
" Joggadoo	20
" Boojen Gur	10
" Pothulley in the Palcode District	30
" Attached to the Palcode Tahsildar	20
" Attached to the Tahsildar of Coimbatoor	40
Attached to the Tahsildar of Coimbatoor	40
Attached to the Tahsildar of Trichinopoly	30
Cattora Gur	
Attached to the Tahsildar of Vaniambady	20
Total	380

The pay of each peon to be 1 Star Pag.a 380
The pay of Head Peons about a Dit.o 10
Total Monthly Expence Pag.a 390

The

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The inhabitants with practice suppose, that the name alone of those posts being established throughout the country, and occupied by persons in the pay of the Sirkar, will deter the enemy from entering it. —

There being scarcely a Village, in which some of the inhabitants are not in possession of Matchlocks, and many among them having formerly served in the Sundachar or Militia, there would be no difficulty in raising them, and they could be furnished with ammunition from the Kistnagiery stores, when there is abundance of Tippoos powder and ball. —

The head peons can procure the security of the Potails of Villages for their good behaviour. —

I have

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I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) J. G. Graham

Assistant Collector

Dead Cabaret
12th January 1799

True Copy

(Signed) A. Read

Supt Collector

Baramahl

&c Salem

We Board being fully impressed with
minute thereon

with the essential benefit that may be
expected to arise by entertaining a body of
armed people for the protection of the
said districts against the incursions of
the enemy, & approve of the suggestion
contained in the foregoing letter, and it is
accordingly Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel
Read be authorized to entertain the number

of

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of Peons proposed by him, and to distribute them thro' the different districts in the manner he suggests.—

Resolved That those Peons be furnished with Swords, Matchlocks and ammunition from the stores at Kistnaghierry

Resolved That Lieutenant Colonel Read be directed to report what additions he will be enabled, in consequence of this establishment of Peons, to make to the regular force he is to assemble under the orders of the commander in chief.—

Resolved That Lieutenant Colonel Read be informed That this body of Peons is merely temporary, and That they are to be discharged as soon as their services can be dispensed with.—

Read

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Read the following Letters from
the Military Auditor General

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

My Lord,

Having given particular consideration
to the Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, and
from the Paymaster to the Detachment serving
with His Highness the Nizam, which came
enclosed in Mr. acting Sub Secretary Buchanan's
Letter of the 22d. Instant, respecting the Exchange
at which the Troops of the Detachment should
be paid, under the circumstances stated therein
I beg leave to offer it as my opinion, in conformity
to the invariable principles laid down by
Government of not allowing the Troops to suffer
by

from the Military Auditor General recommends the adoption of the proposition made by the Paymaster with the Nizam's Detachment respecting the Exchange between the Rupee and the Sonaun-nauth of the above time the property of transmitting from hence a considerable number of Sonaun-nauths for the use of that Detachment is submitted to the consideration of Government - as recommended respecting the Commercial attendance of the natives who may be left with an garrison where the Troops to which they belong are in the field which he recommends to be adopted. -

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by Exchange, that the Paymasters proposition
of issuing the Pay at the rate of 42 Fanams
P. Star Pagoda should be adopted, until the
Buzar Exchange shall get higher, which Fanams
will be most readily effected by the Paymasters
being furnished with a considerable proportion
of Fanams from the public treasury, a measure
which may be of justice to produce the natural
consequence of increasing the value of the
Superior Coins and of bringing the Exchange
in the Buzar to its naval level

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As the allowances to Surgeons or
Assistant Surgeons of Stations for the care of the
Sick of Native Corps who may be left behind
in the event of the Corps to which they
respectively belong being ordered into the
Field or to a distant station, has never been
properly defined, and as it is conceived by
many

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many that the order of Government under
date the 3d November 1791 is still in force, which
granted an allowance not exceeding one fanam
½ Day for the care of sick Lascars sent into the
several Garrisons from Corps belonging to the
army during the last War, I would therefore
propose that it be regulated in future, that
the Surgeons or assistant Surgeons who may
have the care of Lascars situated as above, should
be allowed to draw 40 Cash ½ Day for each
man until he is recovered, and that their
Bills for this allowance should be certified
by the Commanding Officer of the Station, or
whose duty it will of course be both to see that
they are properly attended and supplied with
Medicines, and that the earliest opportunity
is taken, after they are well, of sending them to
join their Corps. The Surgeons or assistant
Surgeons of Native Corps being allowed for

Servants

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Servants and Country Medicines on the proportion
of 4 Pagodas Month for every 100 Men (Officers
included) the proposed allowance of 40 Cash
7 Days each for sick Sepoys left behind their
Corps is calculated on a similar principle, supposing
that 12 Men out of every 100, on an average require
Medical attendance, and as the Surgeons of
Garrisons or Corps who may have the charge
of such Sepoys are otherwise provided with
Servants, I am persuaded that this allowance
will be found ample

3 In case the above suggestion should
be honored with the approbation of Government,
I have taken the liberty of inclosing a Draft of a
General order to that effect. -

Mil. Auditor Generals office I have the honor to be with great respect
Fort St George 28th Dec. 1798 Sir, &c

(Signd) W. Sydenham
Mr. Sec. and Genl

Memorandum.

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Memorandum

J. C. By Government

In order to provide for the case of the Sick of Native Corps who may be left behind in the march of the Corps to which they respectively belong, being ordered into the Field or to a distant Station, the Right Honble the President in Council is pleased to direct, that a List of the Men who may be so situated shall be sent by the Officer Commanding the Corps to the Commanding Officer on the Spot, specifying the date to which they have received Pay, or, if proceeding from a Cantonment where there are no other Troops, to the Commanding Officer of the nearest Station; in either case, they are to be placed in charge of the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon of such Station, who will be permitted to draw 4p Each P.r day for each Man for Medicines and Attendants until they are sufficiently recovered

to

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to do duty at the Station where they may be
placed if no opportunity should occur at the
time for their joining their Corps. - But the Bill
or abstract of the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon
for this allowance, is to be countersigned by
the Commanding Officer of the Station, who is to
certify thereon, that the number of Men
Drawn for were actually attended and supplied
with Medicines for the whole, or part of the
Month charged, and is to take the earliest
Opportunity of forwarding the received men
to the Corps to which they may belong. -

The same regulation is to apply
to the sick of Native Troops who may be
sent into Garrison from Corps in the Field

28 Dec. 1798) (signed) W Sydenham

Mily Audr General

The

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the regulations proposed by the auditor General for the care of the native sick who may be left behind when the corps to which they belong are in the field, and it is accordingly directed that they be published in General orders. -

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

My Lord

Being of opinion that the number of Followers with the Army would be considerably reduced were the Families of the Native Troops &c deprived of receiving a proportion of their Monthly allowance in Rice, in cases when from the scarcity of that article in the Bazars at any station, it may be issued to the Troops from the public store, I consider it to be my

Duty

from the military auditor General submits to the consideration of Government the draft of an order authorizing rice to be issued to the families of the native troops from the public stores whenever the scarcity of it in the public bazars renders it necessary for the troops to be furnished with it, as also respecting the mode of drawing the pay of the men who may be left sick in garrison, when the corps to which they belong have marched to the field - He has received intimation that the accounts of the Paymaster at Colombo are not to be forwarded to this office after the 31 oct. 1798

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Duty to submit to your Lordships consideration the enclosed Draft of a General order on this subject as also respecting the Mode in which pay is to be drawn for the Men who may be left Sick in Garrison after the Troops have Marched and for the necessary communication to be made from the Paymasters of Stations to the Paymaster of the army in regard to the public Allowance supplied to Corps and Departments for field Service

2 I think it proper to report to your Lordship, that I have received information from the Paymaster at Columbo of His Excellency the Governor of the Island of Ceylon, having directed the accounts of that Government to be kept distinct and distinct from those of the Presidency of Fort St George from the 31st October 1798, and that in consequence, no accounts would be sent

to

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to me for audit after that period. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir your

Military auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
14th January 1799

(Signed) W Lyttelton
Mily Auditor General

Memorandum
G. O. By Government

In order to provide for the correct
of the Native Sick who may be left behind their
Corps upon its being ordered into the Field, or to march
to a distant Station, the Right Honorable the Governor
General in Council is pleased to direct, that a List
of the Men who may be so situated shall be sent by
the Officer Commanding the Corps to the Commanding
Officer on the spot, or, if proceeding from a Canton-
ment where there are no other Troops, to the
Commanding Officer of the nearest Station, in either
case the Sick are to be placed in charge of the Surgeon
or

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a Assistant Surgeon of such Station, who will be permitted to draw 4/ each 7/ Days for each Man on account of Medicines and attendants, until he is sufficiently recovered to do duty at the Station where he may be, should no opportunity occur at the time for his joining the Corps to which he belongs But the Bills or abstract of the Surgeon or assistant Surgeon for this allowance is to be countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Station who is to certify thereon, that the Number of men drawn for were actually attended and supplied with Medicines for the number of Days charged, and is to take the earliest opportunity of forwarding the received ones to their Corps. –

When it may become necessary to order any of the Native Sick into a General Field Hospital, the Surgeon in charge of such Hospital

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Hospital shall be allowed in consideration of
the probable increased price of Country Medicines
and Wages of Servants in such a Situation, to
pass at the rate of 60 Each 7 Days for each man
while in the Hospital under the Certificate
before specified

The Board approve the regula-
tion proposed by the Military Auditor General
Minutes thereon for furnishing the families of the Native
Corps in the field, that may have been left,
to draw a certain proportion of their Monthly
allowance in rice, when from the scarcity of
that article in the Bazars at any Station, it
may be issued to the Troops from the Store

The Board likewise approve
the regulation suggested by the Auditor &
General, respecting the mode in which &
pay is to be drawn for the men who may
be

be left out to in Garrison after the troops have marched, and regulating the communications to be made from the Paymasters of Stations to the Paymasters of the army, viz regard to the publick followers supplied to Corps and Departments for field service. —

Resolved That the Regulations suggested by the auditor General on the foregoing subjects be published in General orders. —

Read the following letter from Bombay. —

To The Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor in Council at Fort St George

My Lord,

In pursuance of the intimation conveyed in our letter of the 23d of October, as to the intention of the Grande Signor to caution

From Bombay
Duplicate of Letter received from his majesty's minister at Constantinople written by the Grand Signor to Tipoo Sultaun they have transmitted the Letter thro the channel of this Presidency in consequence of their

Tipoo

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their having understood that a correspondence has been opened between the Madras Government and the Sultaun

Tippoo Sultaun, against an intercourse, or alliance with the French, We have, now, the honor to transmit, by express, the promised letter of the former Sovereign, received last night from His Majesty's Minister at the Constantinople, accompanied by Copies of His Excellency's Communication to us on the subject thereof: We beg leave to add, that we have adopted this channel for the conveyance to Tippoo - from ascertaining, that your Lordship's Government is already engaged in an intercourse with the Sultaun, relative to the immediate object of this Dispatch, and that consequently the instant of its transmission may be more speedily promoted, through your, than by any other means, within our power, to pursue

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Jon.n Duncan
J. Stuart
William Page
Council

Bombay Castle
December 31st 1798

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Minute thereon Ordered That the Letter for Tegapoo Sultaun enclosed in the above be immediately forwarded.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore transmitting an account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the three Soubahs under the Rajah for the month of December. The supply of three one Bullocks promised by the Rajah to be collected by the 12th Instant is provided — the further supply promised by the 25th with Elephants &c are in readiness — He expects to have thirty Thousand Pagodas in the treasury by the 15th of this month

Enclosed you will receive an account of the Receipts and Disbursements from the three Soubahs under the Rajahs Management for the Month of December.—

I have the pleasure to add that the supplies of one Thousand Bullocks and Two Thousand Sheep promised by the Rajah on the 12th of this Month are already collected and await the further orders of Government.

and

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and I may venture to say that the same number promised on the 25th inst. be in readiness to proceed on that Day.

I have appointed the requisite servants to take charge of them and during this stay to attend to their food, as well as a proportion of Drivers to convey them to the place of destination.

I have no doubt but they Rajahs will be able to compleat the number notified to you in my letter of the 30th ultimo

I have lately reported the Balance of Cash in the Treasury, and from the daily receipts I hope to increase this sum to the amount of thirty thousand Pagodas by the 15th of this month.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Tanjour
9th January 1799

(Signed) Benj Torin

Resident

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Dr In Account of Collection and Charges from the month of December 1798

Chuckl T. C.

To Balance brought from last account Current	16399 823
To amount of Collection from the Balance of July 1207	1823 27½
To amount of Dc for July 1208	86320 5 10½
Chuckl Dr	104543 6 17.

Tanjour

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Sundahs of Combo Cowries, Trivady and Pedro Callah &c. for the C.

Amt. of 6

By amount of His Excellency's private

Expence 1,128- 8-½

By Do. . Do. Public Expence . . 9037 6 18

By Cash received in full of November

Kist - Sr. Pags. 11,452-3-42 or . . 26275 5 6

By Do - Do. of December Kist

in Sr. Pags. 14,315-4-33 or 32,919 8 22½

By Cash advanced for purchasing

Bullocks and Slaves on Govr.

Order of Government . . . 500 " "

85,861 9 3

By Balance of Cash Remaining in

this day 18,681 7

Chest Rs. . . . 104,543 6 17.

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E. E. Co.

pr Benj Torin

Resident

The

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

From the Medical Board is a close Copy of a letter from the Head Surgeon to the army in which they request the Interposition of Government Containing different recommendations

Resolution of Govern- ment 16th January 1799

Medical Board 14th January 1799

ordered to lie for consideration

We have the honor to lay before Government a copy of a Letter from the Head Surgeon of the army, presenting out two circumstances for which no provision has been made in the late field regulations. -

approved Vide Ord

We Recommend that John Manuel and Thomas Fry be appointed Sub assistant Surgeons to be attached to the Head Surgeon of the army agreeably

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agreeably to the 5th Paragraph
of the late field Regulations.

Three being five additional
Surgeons wanted, - one for the 14th
Regiment of Native Infantry,
and one for each Regiment
of Native Cavalry; we
recommend that the
following Gentlemen be
promoted to the rank of
Surgeons, and stationed as
follows.

Mr Patrick Nicol
1st Regiment Native Cavalry

Mr William Stewart
2nd Do. Do.

Mr Samuel M.K. Morris
3d Regiment Native Cavalry

Mr Wynne Peyton.
4th

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1st D° D°

Mr George Dunbar

14th Madras Infantry —

Recommend that Mr George

Dunbar / orate / thstanding his

promotion / be permitted to

hold the Station of Field

Apothecary.

Ja.s Anderson

Physician General

W Kaine

Chief Surgeon

Read the following Letter

from the Nabob also entered in CC N° 12

Translation From the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c &c

To the Right Honble Lord Clive Governor

of Fort St George

Dated 14th January 1799

Received 50 — 50 —

From the Nabob mentioning having passed his Host for January 1799, on Sealed

By the blessing of God, I have passed

to the Company the sum of one Lack Star

Pagodas

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Pagodas on file of the 31st of January 1799.
and Mr. Secretary Webbe has given me a
Receipt for the same. —

I have written this for your &
Lordships Information. —

What should I write more
I have Translated
(Signed) A Falconar
Persn. Interpr.

The President is requested to acknowledge
Minutes thereon
the receipt of the foregoing Letter
The Commander in Chief lays before
the Board the following Memorandums

Memorandum
11th January

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief for Major Bannerman to be authorized to collect as many draft and carriage Cattle as he can procure before the 15th of February to be forwarded this Presidency to Chandellah to Collect and Caranore. — The Cattle to be previously examined by a Committee of Officers — the Cattle sent

Having been in Service communica-
ting with Major Bannerman the Officer com-
manding Palamcottah upon the important
subject of supplies of Cattle and Coolies from
the

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sent by the Collectors at Ramnaad and Dindigul to be subjected to a similar inspection - Great care recommended in furnishing the Bullocks with proper saddles and Bridles in advance of each recommended to be made to Major Bannerman - Proposes that the Rajah of Tanjore be requested to send Merchants with the requisite supplies of provisions to attend on General Stewarts Camp &c -

The Southern Districts for the Bombay army

I am happy to be able to acquaint

the Board that the operations of that very active

officer are likely to prove highly advantageous

to the public service. -

1st I therefore beg leave to recommend that Major Bannerman be authorised by Government to provide Draft and carriage Cattle until the 15th February to be sent on by him from Palamcottah through the hills by Shencottah to Calicut and Cannanore.

By this route the Cattle will be in reach Calicut in 17 Days from the period of their dispatch from Palamcottah. -

2d Previous to the Dispatch however of any Cattle from Palamcottah Major Bannerman might be directed to assemble a Committee of Officers to muster and examine

the

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The Bullocks and to pass anew but such as
appear in every respect fit for service and complete
with saddles and Drivers —

3d I would recommend that a similar plan
be adopted with respect to such cattle as may
be sent by the Collectors of Rammad and Dindigal
their cattle to be also subjected to a strict
examination as to their fitness for Service, being
provided with good saddles, and the regulated
proportion of Drivers —

Bullocks without good saddles are
incapable of much work. —

I am the more induced to recommend
attention upon these points as we have good
reason to believe that out of 4000 Bullocks sent
from the Tinnevelly Country last year for
General Abercrombies army, only 500 of them
were of use, owing to their being originally
bad, with bad saddles and a deficiency of
Drivers —

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I recommend that Major Bannerman be authorized to promise the Bullocks Onarations the same allowances daily as are given with the grand army, and as an advance of Cash will be required by the people furnishing the Bullocks the requisite orders might be issued to the Paymaster.

The Cattle of the Travancore Country are so very diminutive as to be unfit for either draught or Carriage - a certain number of Bullocks might probably be had and the Rajah might also be prevailed upon to send Merchants and Bazars to General Stuarts army - as Major Bannerman is so near the Rajahs residence and is fully acquainted with the resources of the Travancore Country - It might appear advisable to inform the Rajah that Major Bannerman is authorized to wait upon him to urge the speedy dispatch of the above useful articles.

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Memorandum of the Commander in Chief's Proposal as an encouragement to Major Bannerman's undertaking Contract in providing Bullocks that he be permitted to draw Cash from the 1st of January to the 15th that he may collect and have dispatched before the 15th Instant and that he be permitted to draw Cash from the 15th Instant for all the Bullocks that may have been ordered to dispatch by the 31st - Proposes that on a similar principle Major Bannerman be allowed to draw up to the 15th Inst. for all Bullocks that may join between the 1st and the 15th and that the Cavalries from the 15th to the 1st of February be admitted of for the whole month -

Major Bannerman would have an

Allowance for Dispatches to the Coast of Malabar

of 300 Bullocks complete

by the end of the month, with Saddles and Drivers -

As an encouragement therefore

to Major Bannerman's operations and exertions,

I beg leave to recommend, that the Cattle

which may be Dispatched from Pallamcottah

on, or before the 15th Instant, be allowed for,

from the 1st of January and that all Dispatches

from the 15th to the 31st Instant be allowed

for from the 15th Instant.

The 8th Paragraph of the regula-

tions regarding the supplying of Bullocks

not being applicable in respect to those sent

from Pallamcottah, as no Cavalries can

be sent up on the Coast through publick

They

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they pass I therefore recommend, that with a view of extending the same Operation of inoculation as is elsewhere allowed by the regulations, that all Casualties occuring from the 1st to the 15th be allowed for, up to that period - and the Casualties from the 15th to the 1st of February be admitted for the whole month.

(Signed) Geo. Harris

Resolution on the foregoing Memorandum

The Board entirely approve the suggestions contained in the above Memorandum as it is Resolved accordingly that the following Letter be dispatched to the commandant at Palamcottah

To Major John Bannerman

commanding at

Palamcotah

To the Commandant at Palamcottah containing different instructions and particulars respecting the Draft and carriage Bullocks which he has been authorized to provide &c

Sir

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

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The receipt of your letter dated 4th Instant and a-
to desire that you will continue to provide a-
draft and carriage Cattle untile the 15th February
which are to be sent on by you through the
hills by Shancottah to Calicut and Cannanore

Previous however to the dispatch of any
cattle from Palamcotah you will assemble
a committee of officers to muster and examine
the bullocks; and pass none but such as
appear in every respect fit for service and
complete with good Saddles and Briviers.
It is of importance that the Saddles should
be good as otherwise the bullocks are incapable
of much work.

The Governor General in Council
authorizes you to promise the bullock-
masters the same allowance as are
granted to the Maistries with the grand
army; and as advances of cash will be
required

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required his Lordship directs you to indent
upon the Storemaster, who will be instructed to
comply with your demands

In order to assist your operations I am
directed to inform you that such bullocks, as
may be dispatched from Palamcotah on or
before the 15th Instant will be allowed for
from the 1st of the month, and that such as may
be dispatched from the 15th to the 31st inclusive
will be allowed for from the 15th Instant.

As the 8th paragraph of the general
regulations regarding the supply of bullocks
does not appear applicable to the case of the
bullocks to be provided by you, in as much as
no casualties can be filled up in the Countries
through which they are to pass, the Governor
General in Council has directed that all
casualties occurring from the 1st to the 15th Instant
shall be allowed for up to that period, and that

all

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all Casualties occurring from the 15th Instant
to the 1st February shall be admitted for the
whole month. —

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I am &c &c
(Signed) J Webbe

Lt Col to Government

The Commander in Chief lays
before the Board the following Memorandum

Memorandum
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The very considerable number of
Banjarries now moving and on the point the
Contingent and subsidiary force of his Highness
the Nizam, Makes it desirable that means should
be speedily adopted to open for them every
source of supply in those countries through
which and near which they must pass.

It would appear that the Province
Province of Nellore abounds in grain, but as the
Managers

* Memorandum of the Commander in Chief Proposes that the Madras Government be requested to give the strictest orders to the Renters on the Nellore Province not to prohibit or impede the Export of any quantity of Grain as required at convenient stations for the purpose of supplying the Cattle that will accompany the Force from Hyderabad with the article - Proposes that if any difficulties be shewn in complying with this requisition the necessary measures of coercion be accepted - Proposes that the Rajahs of Venkatagherry, Calastry and Bommauze should be peremptorily required to assist with all the Cattle of their Country and on collecting supplies of Rice, and that they should be required to report Daily the quantity that they have procured - Proposes that each of them be appointed to a certain quantity of Rice to be paid for at the rates suggested in the Memorandum

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Managers of His Highness the Nabob and others might possibly prevent or impede its purchase or procure its removal to some distance from the line of advance of the Detachment — it might be advisable to request the Nabob to issue his orders to his Amils in that quarter directing them to prepare as large a quantity of grain as possible in convenient Situations near the high road from Nairpilly to Ramjeer. — The Amils should report without delay the Quantity prepared with the names of the Villages where it may be kept.

At the beginning of last war and in consequence of the evasive conduct of the Amils of his Highness the Nabob with respect to supplying grain, Government came to the resolution in February 1790 of using a more effectual tho' less agreable mode

than

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than would of course the Necessary quantities
of grain wanted. This mode will appear on the
Records of Government, and as it then had
the desired effect, It would now appear to
require adoption wherever it might be necessary

The Contingent force will proceed
through the Pollams of Venkatagerry, Cadapah and
Bom Ranze - These Pollams have unquestionably
the means of replenishing the whole of the
Bonjarries Bullocks that may have dispersed
of their loads upon the March.

Government has already requested
their Rajahs to supply the Commissary of
Provisions with Cattle and Sheep, he has not
however received any. - Judging therefore
from their backwardness in this instance there
is but little much reason to infer a continuance
of it - but aware at all events of the necessity
of providing decisively at this moment it would
appear

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assure that they should be peremptorily directed to prepare a given quantity of rice for the Banjarries to take up - and on occasioning the least delay it might be judged advisable that the Grain was delivered to the Banjarries upon receipts specifying the Quantity, the payment to be hereafter adjusted. -

They should be directed also to report daily the Quantity prepared with the names of the Villages contiguous to the route of the Detachment where it may be kept.

As a means of inducing these people to observe with punctuality their Engagements in immediate attention, Government should positively threaten them in case of disobedience or neglect. -

Should it be deemed more advisable that the Banjarries pay on the spot for the rice. they receive the price should be fixed

at

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at 12 Seers per Rupee or 114 Pagodas per Garce it might probably encourage them to bring more grain if it was settled rather at 10 Seers per rupee or 13⅓ Pagodas per Garce. - each Rajah should be apprized a certain proportion as follows

Vencatagerry	90	Garce
Calastry	70	
Bommraizy	40	
	200	Rice

(Signed) Geo: Harris

The Board concur in opinion with the commander in chief as to the Resolution thereon of proceeding as he proposes; and it is Resolved accordingly that the following letter be dispatched to the Commandant at Nellore, to his Highness the Nabob, and to the Rajahs of Vencatagherry, Bommraizy and Calastry. -

To

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To Captain Val. Torbes

Commanding at

Vellour

Sir

To the Commandant at Vellore containing general instructions as to the providing of grain for the troops from Hyderabad during their march thro' the Vellore District —

You are already acquainted that a considerable detachment under the command of Colonel Roberts with the contingent of his Highness the Nizam is advancing towards Arcot by the route of Nairpetty Ramsoor and Tripetty

The importance of providing supplies of grain for the use of the troops has been urged in the most pressing manner before his Highness the Nabob, who has been requested to issue orders for advancing large quantities in places contiguous to the route of the Detachment, as well for the use of the troops as for supplying a considerable body of Banjaries who accompany them;

but

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but in order to prevent any ~~[illegible]~~ deviation of the
orders, which his Highness may send, and to
provide effectually against any prevarication or
misapprehension on the part of his servants, I am
directed by the Right Honble the Governor
General in Council to desire that you will
endeavour to ascertain the places where
grain (of which his Lordship understands
there are considerable quantities in the
province of Dellaour) is either collected or
concealed, and that you will place guards
over it on the part of the Company to prevent
the removal of it in any direction but
towards the route of the Detachment.

The passport of those orders has been
communicated to the Nabob, and though the
Governor General in Council is persuaded that
they may be executed with every becoming
attention to the dignity of his Highness, he yet
directs

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Directs that your arrangements for this purpose may be effectual

I have &c. &c. &c.

It will be necessary for you to communicate information to Colonel Roberts upon the subject of this letter, and the Governor General is convinced desires that you will obey such directions as you may receive immediately from the commander in chief. —

I am &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J Webbe
Sec.y to Government

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

To the Nabob requesting that he will issue positive orders to the Amils of the Mellore District to have plentiful supplies of grain collected along the routes by which the troops from Hydrabad will march. The commanding officer at Mellore has been directed to assure every assistance in enforcing those orders that may be supplied as the troops will be paid for at the rate of 1¼ Pag.da per Garce

May it please your Highness

I have had the honor to receive your Highness's letter of the 12th Instant informing me of the orders which you had issued to the Amils of Mellore &c. &c. for supplying the troops which

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which are about to pass through those districts,
and I am perfectly sensible of your Highness's
attention to my request upon this subject.

As the troops above mentioned
will be accompanied by a considerable number
of Banjarries, it is very desirable that effectual
means should be adopted for opening to them
every source of supply: according to the informa-
tion I have received, the District of Nellaur
abounds in grain, but as it is possible that
your Highness's armies may not be sensible
of the great importance of securing and
advancing it for the use of the troops, I request
that positive orders may be issued for it
preparing as large a quantity as possible in
convenient situations near the High Road
from Nairpetty to Ramjeer and Tripetty and
that your Highness will acquaint me with
the quantity prepared, and the names of
the

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the villages at which it may be collected

I have the honor further to acquaint your Highness that in order to guard as much as possible against disappointment in this most important arrangement, I have judged it necessary to authorize the commanding officer at Pulicat to give all the assistance in his power by placing guards over the grain for the purpose of preventing the removal of it from the line of march by which the troops are expected to advance. I request therefore that your Highness will consider this orders as arising from no wish to interfere with your internal arrangement but attributable it to any great anxiety to provide for the public service

I have already informed your Highness that instructions have been issued to guard as much as possible against irregularity,

and

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and it may be necessary now to enforce upon you that I have ordered the Grain which may be supplied to be paid for at the rate of Twelve Seers for a rupee or 11/4 Pagodas per garce

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signd) Clive

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To the Rajah of Vencatagherry

I have already acquainted you with the expected arrival of a considerable body of troops upon the boarders of your Zemindary and have in Consequence directed you to prepare Cattle, Ships, and grain for the supply of the bazars. I expect that those orders will have been completely complied with and that you will continue to pay the greatest attention to the furtherance of the publick service.

This affair however is of so much importance that I think it necessary to

To the Rajah of Vencatagherry Borrowing on Exchange containing fresh instructions as to the calculating of Grain for the use of the troops expected from Hyderabad & requesting that they will take effectual means for stopping all Salembouries passing from the Presidency thro their District and that they will demand on the bearers that they may find in their possession the Presidency order a quarter —

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to repeat those injunctions, and to inform you that the troops will be accompanied by a considerable body of Banjarries: as they will require large supplies of grain, I desire that inquiry may be taken for providing to places contiguous to the Marche of the troops Merely grain of rice, and inform the Commanding Officer of the troops of the places at which this grain may be collected.

Calastry Country Bandarage Sorty

This rice when being taken up by the Banjarries will be paid for, if near to the route of the army, at the rate of Fourteen Fanams for a Rupee or one hundred and fourteen pagodas per garce. The payment will be made in ready money upon the spot. but if it should be found more convenient the said banjarries have been authorized to give receipts specifying the grain delivered

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quantities they may take up, and these
passports properly authenticated, will be
admitted at the rate above mentioned on the
arrivals of your pickhouse to the Company

I have already mentioned to you
the great demand I have for Cooly buyers
for the use of the army. As I have reason
to believe that a great number of that
description of people have concealed
themselves in your Zamindary, and that
a greater number is about to do so, I desire
that you will take effectual means for
preventing them from passing through
your districts from the Presidency, and
that you will send down under guards
all the bearers who now are, or may
hereafter be found in your limits.

The execution of these orders is of the
greatest importance to the public service. I have
therefore

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Therefore written fully and explicitly to
your self; and have made my intentions
known to your Vakeels in order to prevent
any disappointment or devastation. As on
the one hand - you will be entitled to
the favor of the Company, which I shall
be happy to manifest, if you exert
yourself to comply with my wishes, -
so by any neglect of those orders, which I shall
not fail to resent, you will incur their serious
displeasure

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I have the honor to be
[Signed] Mornington

Read the following letter from the
Attorney General

To the Right Honble The Earl of Mornington KP
Governor General in Council

From the Attorney General at Madras to the

My Lord,

Fort St George

I have had the honor to

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The receipt of the letter to him of 4th instant respecting Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay's

Secretary's letter of the 4th instant referring to me,

by your Lordship's orders several papers relative

to money transactions 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, and communicating

your Lordship's desire that I would state my opinion

upon the grounds of maintaining a prosecution

against Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay for usury or for

a Misdemeanor under the statute

Having in consequence, read and

considered those several papers, I submit it to your

Lordship as my opinion that no higher Interest

being reserved in the bond of 15th August 1798 than

is allowed by law, and no payments having been

made, it affords no ground for a prosecution for

usury. In former transactions Colonel Lindsay

acknowledges his having had allowances beyond

the legal interest. These therefore I conceive to have

been

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been executed, but there is no evidence of time
or place, of particular loans, or particular receipts
of money, without which I apprehend any
Information for usury cannot be supported:
nor does any probable mode occur to me of
obtaining this necessary knowledge; from
Colonel Lindsay himself it cannot be expected,
and there is no little room to imagine it will
ever be supplied by the servants of his Highness
the Nabob. —

I am accepting from His Highness a bond,
granted subsequent to the 1st December 1797 —
without the previous consent in writing of the
Court of Directors, or of one of the Companys
Governments in India I think Colonel Lindsay
has offended against the provisions of the 37th
his present Majesty Chap. 142, and is liable to
a prosecution for a Misdemeanor. But I doubt
much that such a prosecution would end in
conviction.

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conviction. In his defence he would probably admit that his case came within the letter of the act, yet contend that if not within the intention of Parliament it cannot be affected by the words, or considered as within the operation of the act. and that it is not within the intention of Parliament, he would argue that as the act draws a line between prohibition and permission, and fixes a period beyond which loans to native Princes are permitted, it virtually sanctions those of a prior date. that the loan appearing to be prior to the 1st December 1797 is therefore, if fairly in itself, allowed by the act, and that it would be an aggravated to think it could have been the intention of the Legislature to punish the receipt of a Bond for the repayment of a loan, while it gave a sanction to the loan itself. on reasoning like this probably did Colonel Lindsay to accept the bond, his defence of the acceptance would

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would no doubt be grounded on the same
arguments. They are not, as I conceive, consistent
with the object Parliament had in view, for
in the Statute no distinction is made between
bonds and assignments, and if Bonds for old
loans may still be taken without the consent
or approbation of the Court of Directors, or of any
of Governments in India, so may assignments
on the Country, and all the mischiefs be
continued, which it was clearly the intention
of the Legislature to enable the Company
immediately to controul. But as opinions are
divided, respecting the true meaning of the
Statute, it is to be apprehended that on an
Indictment against Colonel Lindsay the
Jury would incline to lenity and by an acquittal
establish a construction unfavorable to the
Company's Interests.

I have only to add in obedience to

the

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The 29th Sect. of the act that as Colonel Lindsay in accepting the bond without permission has appears to have been unconscious of offending against any legal provision, and as he directly solicited the prosecution of the Company under the persuasion that every thing concerning the bond was strictly conformable to Law. I submit it to your Lordship as my opinion that this does not seem to me to be a case, which calls for prosecution. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

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Read the following letter from the Commander of the Ship Restoration

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Commander of the Ship Restoration forwarding the Cargo of the

I beg leave to tender to Government the

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the Ship Restoration consisting of 6500 Bags of Rice to be landed at Cananore or at any of the Southern British Ports on the Malabar Coast on the terms specified in his Letter.

The Cargo of the Ship Restoration about 6500 bags of good Merchantable Rice to be landed at Cananore, or at either of the Southern British Ports on the Coast of Malabar at the Rate of one Hundred and fifty Star Pagodas Pr. Madras Garce payable at Madras on producing the regular Receipts, the ship to sail on or before the 25th Instant and to be unloaded with Dispatch at her destined Port by the Honble Companys Warrant

January 18th 1799

Sam
Jon. Dew
(Signd) Geo: Galloway

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the foregoing offer be accepted, and that the necessary instructions be sent to the Commanding Officer at Cananore to have the Rice landed expeditiously and to keep it in store in that garrison until further orders. —

The Commander in Chief lays it before

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before the Board the following Copy of a
circular Letter dispatched by his order to the
Resident at Tanjore, to Mssrs Lyon and
Balmain, and to Lieutenant Colonel Brown

To
B. Torin Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

Circular Letter from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief to the Resident and Collector at Tanjore and to Lieutenant Colonel Brown - They are to forward all the Bullocks they have been enabled to collect to Ashtore and there deliver them over to the Onwards of the Commissary of Provisions

The Commander in Chief with the
sanction of Government, has directed me to signify
to you, his desire, that you assemble without
delay, such Sheep as may have been provided by
you, for the Public Service, and send them on,
under the Charge of a proportion of Shepherds,
from Tanjore direct to Ashtore, you will be pleased
to send a careful Commissioner with them, for
the purpose of noting Casualties, and delivering
them over at Ashtore, to the Servants of the
Commissary of Provisions, who will be there

to

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to peruse them, and grant passports, for such as may be fit for the use of the army. —

The flocks should not travel more than ten miles per day, The Commander in Chief trusts to your zeal, for sending on these sheep without loss of time, to the point of rendezvous.

There ought to be one shepherd to every hundred sheep.

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(Signed) C Macaulay
Sy.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following copies of letters dispatched by his orders to Lieutenant Colonel Read and Lieutenant Colonel Brown. —

Lieutenant Colonel Read
Superintendant of the Bara Mahal

Sir;

To Lieutenant Colonel Read from the adjutant General containing

The Commander in Chief being now

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Containing various particulars regarding the Bunjarries of this District he is requested to report the steps which he hopes to be enabled to draw out from the different heads in his District for their Defence.—

accounts as nearly as may be practicable the dependance that can be had upon supplies of Rice for the army from the Bunjarries, to whom you may already have given bonds, or, that you may be yet able to collect, he has perused with attention, your several Memorandums upon this important subject, and in them, he observes with satisfaction, a favorable prospect of much assistance, through you from these useful people.

The General perceives that on the 3d Instant, you had given bonds to 28,000, he is very desirous of knowing the nature of the terms, upon which they are engaged, provided any specific terms have been arranged with them, To enable you however, to enter into specific Engagements, The General has directed me to inform you that his object is to bring on with the Army when it moves from Karimungalam, the whole of the Bunjarries engaged by you, that can

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can be laden - they are to accompany the army
deposit their loads when required, and then to return
under an escort by such Route, as may best suit
with the circumstances of the moment.

I having stated to you his object, the General
is disposed to leave wholly to your management,
the detail of all such arrangements as may appear
to you to be necessary, for effecting it with respect
to the Bunjarries, since, no doubt the best and
speediest mode by which they are to be supplied
with rice has engaged your serious attention.

Was there a considerable deficit of rice
to the westward, or a probability of the above Rupees
at Kistnaghurry and others being able to bear out
any Quantity of Paddy, little more would be
required than to hire the Bunjarries as Carriers,
and drive it out but that not being the case - other
measures must be resorted to and as in all
probability a great scarcity of rice might be speedily

purchased

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Purchases in the Bazaar, and elsewhere in your neighbourhood, Cash should be immediately advanced to the Banyans, to make them to make their Purchases without delay, taking as security of course, for repayment, as well, as for their proceeding with the Army from Karimnagar at a period not later than the first week in February.—

The Commander in Chief with the sanction of Government authorizes you in making such Disbursements upon this head as may be necessary.

Whatever steps you may take for securing the cordial services of those Banyans already hired, or of any additional number that you may hire, shall receive the Generals approbation

The Rice in Store at Adoni on the 7th Instant was only 32 Garce at annas 12 ″

Mr Sharden had out in a week at Bellary

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Villore 13 Garee which on the 1st of February will a
mount to in addition 39. at 1 arree he beats out
per week 4 Garee on the 1st February will be 95.

Mr Jackson had in store on the 7th
January 23 Garee he beats out in 10 Days 12 Garee
so that by the 10th February he will have A.
in addition 36 Garee.

59
95

Total 154

If therefore the whole of this was ajoined to this
Bunjarries, which may be done, it would load a
10,000 Bullocks or 11,665 including spare ones

As the Commander in Chief a
proposes that upon shall have a Field Detachment
in the Bara Mahal during the absence of the
Army to the Westward, he wishes upon to a
report the force, which upon receive upon may
be able to draw out of the different Posts in the
Districts under upon Command, mentioning
also the particular manner, in which upon
think the Detachment should be composed

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no wider as the immediate space, of which it should consist.

You have already noticed, that on the want of your being employed in the Field, it will be proper, that you should be relieved from your Charge in the Revenue Line, If you still continue in this opinion which the General would hope may be otherways, it may be advisable, that you correspond with the Revenue Board, on the subject suggesting some arrangement, by which the civil part of your present Charge may be transferred from you, with the least Public inconvenience

I am

Fort St George (Signed) B.J. Close
A.G.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army

Sir

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown from the Adjutant General - the made he has adopted

The Secretary of Government having transmitted to the Commander in Chief his order

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adopted for conveying rice to Tanjore by sea, disapproved of &c is to have a large additional quantity of rice bought and forwarded by hired carriage to Tanjore. 4000 Gunny Bags to be provided with the least possible delay — Major Cuppage has been authorized to obtain such of the arrack casks that have been forwarded to Tanjoreyadroog as may appear to be Company's property the Rice sent by Colr Brown to Tanjoreyadroog has been ordered to Vizianagram

Your Letter to him of the 10th Instant, I am directed to acquaint you, that it would have been more desirable had Carriage been engaged for the Rice which you have sent to Tanjoreyadroog instead of diverting that which was meant to be brought down to the Presidency and reckoned upon here for particular services — In future therefore you will be careful that no part of the Carriage intended for the Army be detained, but ordered to the Presidency with all expedition —

I am further directed to add that as it is desirable that a large quantity of Paddy be beat out into rice, Coolies should be employed for this purpose in such Manner as in the opinion of the Rice Merchants is best adapted to its preservation every means should be employed to expedite the beating as much as possible, and to forward it to

Tanjoreyadroog

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Sankunydroog either in Country Carts or other Carriage hired for the purpose.

The Commander in Chief also desires that you instruct the Storekeeper to provide 4000 Gunny bags with as little delay as possible, and if there be any at Tanjore, they are to be ordered on to Trichinopoly.

It would be advisable that the Storekeeper agree with the owners of Carts and Carriage by the trip from Trichinopoly to Sankunydroog, taking care to compress them the necessity of precaution in the Carriage as they must be held responsible for all extra Efficiency.

As proper conveyance for Arrack to accompany the Army is particularly wanted Major Cuppage is directed to ascertain whether any of the 45 Arrack Carts which you have sent to Sankunydroog are Company's Arrack Carts

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Cattle, and if any of them prove to be of this discrip-
tion, he is to detain them, returning the Cattle
to Pulicat only, which it is supposed are pri-
vate property If the whole be common Country
Cattle, private property, they will all be returned.

With respect to the 1200 Bullocks
you have sent loaded to Tondiarpoy Droog, ac-
companied by 200 Sepoys, Major Cuppage is
desired to send the whole on without unload-
ing to Vishnaghurry, where Lieutenant Colonel Read
will receive instructions regarding their
Disposal

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

(Signed) B. Close
A.G.

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The Commander in Chief lays
before the Board the following Memorandum

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Memorandum

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief Containing a proposed arrangement regarding the 1st Batn 1st Regiment N. I. the 2d Dragoons the detail of the Swiss Regiment at Vellore the 1st Division 2 European Regiments and the Recruits raised lately at Hydrabad. –

In order to allow of the Army for the field being completed to the Force proposed in the Establishment, which has been submitted to Government, it becomes necessary, that some steps should be taken to relieve the 1st Batn of the 1st Native Regiment at Fort St George, and the Detail of the Swiss Regiment at Vellore, amounting to 200 Men. –

To effect this, H. Majy 29th Regiment of light Dragoons, consisting, since their augmentation by Draught, of 450 Men, may be ordered into Fort St George, and, as by the time it arrives, the Remainder of the Scotch Brigade will most probably come in, the 1st Batn of the 1st Regiment may then be ordered to march,

without

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without inconvenience to the Garrison. —

The 2d Division of the 2d European Regiment being ordered to embark from Masulipatam, will soon be for Service in the centre Division, and it is supposed, that, by the time the army moves, a Part at least of this European Detachment may be allotted for Vellore, and thereby allow of the 200 of the Swiss Regiment, doing Duty there, being relieved in time to admit of their joining the army, while its communication may be open with that Post.

By the last returns from Hyderabad, it appears that 1735 men of the late French Corps had been entertained; in order therefore to provide in some Degree against the inconvenience, which might arise from withdrawing the 2d Division of the 2d European Regiment from the Circars, it is proposed, that, the

1st

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1st Bn 10 Regiment and the 3 extra Battalion
now there, be completed to their full Establish-
ment, with additionals from those Recruits

The 1st Batln 10 Regiment requires . . 268 Men
The 3 Extra Battalion 238
Total . . 506

and in order that those men may join
without delay, Colonel Wigram may be ordered
to send Major Shiffney to Hyderabad, to receive
them in Charge, and March them to Masulipatam
or, if an Officer can be spared to March them
part of the Way from Hyderabad, Major Shiffney
may be ordered to meet, and receive charge of
them, at any convenient Stage on the Road.

It may be advisable to have the
Remainder of the Recruits, raised at Hyder-
abad, sent to join the Grand army. —

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Jan 13th 1798.

(Signed) Geo: Harris

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Resolution thereon

The Board approve the foregoing arrangements, and the Commander in Chief is requested to issue the necessary orders for carrying them into execution

The Commander in Chief recommends that the following appointments may be made

Captain Hughes of his majesty's 74th Regiment to be aid de Camp to the Honble Colo Wellesley.

Captain Hughes of his Majestys 74th Regiment to be appointed aid de camp to the Honble Colonel Wellesley until a further order, and to draw the usual allowances from the time he has acted as aid de camp

Captain Allan Spens to be Aid de camp and Lieutenant H. Falconar to be Major of Brigade to Major General Baird. —

Captain Allan Grant to be aid de camp, and Lieutenant H. Falconar to be Major of Brigade to Major General Baird. —

Approved and ordered accordingly

Rumbold

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Mr. Thomas Cooper to the duties of the office of Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Forces in the absence of Colonel Hart.

Resolved that in the absence of

Colonel G. V. Hart Deputy Paymaster General

to his Majestys forces, with the army in the

field, Mr. Thomas Cooper do remain in

charge of the office, to do the duties of it,

and to act for Colonel Hart.

The Secretary reports the Death of Lieut. Mai Millan

The Secretary reports the Death of

Lieutenant and adjutant MacMillan of 2d Battalion

2d Regiment at Hyderabad on the 28th December

1798.

The Governor General delivers in the

following Minute

The Governor General

Minute of the Governor General containing different remarks regarding the increase of salary to the adjutant and the Quarter Master General which he for the present sometimes

Having taken into consideration

the Letter from the Governor in Council at

Fort St George to the Governor General in Council

at Fort William under date the 18th of November 1798

in

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In which the Governor in Council expresses

his earnest wish to be enabled under the

circumstances of approaching service in the

field, to retain the two important Departments

of Quarter Master General and adjutant

General on a scale of emolument adequate

to their laborious and confidential duties,

and to the valuable services of the officers

now holding those stations. I entirely concur

with his Lordship in the necessity of adopting

the arrangement which he has proposed

with a view to the security of objects

essential to the public welfare in the

present conjuncture.

I am fully sensible that the

services of both those officers are at this time

of unavoidable importance, and I have no

hesitation in declaring my conviction, that the

loss

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loss of those of the adjutant General Lieutenant
Colonel Close in the present crisis would
amount to a public misfortune of a serious
nature. —

The present Field allowance appears
to me to be inadequate to the duties of the
two stations, and also objectionable in the
comparative view which the Governor in
Council has taken of the subject

Under all those circumstances I feel
it to be my duty to suspend for the present
the effect of the order of the Honorable the Court
of Directors of the 23d May 1798 and I am
confident that the nature of the case will be
considered by the Honorable Court as an ample
justification of this measure. —

The exigency of the present
conjuncture requires, that every reasonable
exertion

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incentive should be given to the zeal and
alacrity of the Army now proceeding to
the Field, and although I trust that the
Officers in question would sacrifice every consider-
ation of emolument to the Public Service, I do
not think it would be a wise policy to
leave their allowances on a scale so far
below the necessary increase of labour and
of Service which must attend their situation
in the Field, and so unequal to the
allowances, which it has been found ad-
visable to grant to the other great branches
of the Military Service in the Field.

I therefore propose in conformity
to the recommendation of the Governor in
Council, that the Adjutant General and
Quarter master General of the army shall be
permitted to draw from the 1st Instant the Staff
Salary.

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Salary of six hundred Pagodas each per Month upon the principle now in Force in Bengal. They are in consequence to draw in addition to this Sum only the subsistence of their Rank when Lieutenant Colonels, and when under the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, the difference between the subsistence of their regimental Rank and that of Lieutenant Colonel.

My intention is that this increase of Salary should be considered as merely temporary, to continue during the continuance of the Army in the Field. This subject being now under reference to the Honorable Court of Directors, I do not think it would be respectful to them that any arrangement framed here should be extended beyond the limits of the exigency of the present crisis. I have no hesitation however in declaring my deliberate opinion, that the public service would receive great advantage from the permanent establishment of

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of the allowances which I now propose for the Quarter Master General and adjutant General of this Army.

Being informed that the Superintendance of the Military Bazars has been given to Lieutenant Colonel Richardson as a compensation for the inadequacy of his present allowances, I desire it to be understood that the increase of allowance now proposed, is to be granted to the Quarter Master General, on the express condition that Lieutenant Colonel Richardson shall relinquish all concern in the conduct of the Bazars, and I request that the Commander in Chief will issue his orders accordingly.

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Signed Mornington

Resolutions thereon

Resolved accordingly that the necessary orders be issued for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Governor General

for

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for an increase of the Staff belong to the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General of the Army

Resolved also that the Commander in Chief be furnished with a Copy of the Governor Generals Minute -

Read the following letter from Tippoo Sultaun (also entered in Cons. No. 15)

Translation of a letter
From the Nabob Tippoo Sultan Bahadur &c &c &c
To the Right Honble Lord Clive Governor of Fort St George

Dated 2d January
Recieved 11th Dr } 1799

From Tippoo Sultaun - Acknowledging the Receipt of the President's letter - enclosing two letters from Lord Mornington to which he now replies. He had lately wrote to Lord Mornington another letter, which he hopes will have appeared to him Satisfactory -

I have had the pleasure to recieve your friendly letter, enclosing two letters from the Governor General & Lord Mornington, and I now transmit a reply - Let it be forwarded. —

Seal

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Sent lately another letter in reply to one which I had received from Lord Mornington and I am sanguine that his Lordship will by this time have received it and thereby learnt the steadfastness of my friendship, and the sincerity of my wish for the Continuation of peace and amity

Continue to favor me with your exhilerating Letters.

What more Alive translate

Signed A Falconar
p. Sec. to Gov.

"

" Clive

" Geo. Harris

" Wm Rhin

" E H Fallofield

A Barclay Esqr

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Diary

Recd the following Letters.

To the Right Honorable
Richard Earl of Mornington K. G.
Governor General in Council at
Fort William

My Lord

From Bombay intimating their intention to establish the same System of Regimentals for their Army under their Presidency as has been carried into effect in Bengal.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo with its several enclosures, and beg leave to inform your Lordship that we have after full consideration of their contents, and in pursuance of your recommendation adopted the same System of Regimentals for the Army under this Presidency as you have been pleased to carry into effect in Bengal.

We have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Signed Jonathan Duncan
" J. Stuart
" James Rivett
" William Page.

Bombay Castle
28th December 1798.

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No 57.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government of

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. Government have directed a certain quantity of the Gun powder intended for this Presidency to be put up in 100 lb Barrels, from the difficulty of procuring a sufficient number of 60 lb barrels.

I am directed by the Vice President in Council to acquaint you, for the Information of the Right Honble the President in Council, that in conformity to the request conveyed in your Letter of the 5th Instant directions were immediately given to the Military Board to take the necessary measures for having prepared with as little delay as possible Six Thousand 60 lb. Barrels of Gun powder for the use of the Presidency of Fort St. George.—

2nd I am further directed to acquaint you that the Military Board having since reported that it will require a considerable time to get so many 60 lb Barrels made, they have been desired to have as many Barrels of that Size prepared as it may be estimated can be got ready before the end of the

Season

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87. Season, and to have such proportion of the quantity of Gunpowder required by your Letter, as the estimated Number of 60 lb. Barrels cannot contain, ready for being Shipped in 100 lb. Barrels, as soon as Tonnage can be procured for it. —

Fort William
the 31st December 1798.

I am &c.
Signed L. Flook
Sub Sec.y

" Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters

entered in M. B. Nos. 161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal — From Mr. Flook - the Supreme Government have authorized the Pension granted to Mrs. Jones from Lord Clives Bounty Fund to be paid at Patna. —

From Mr. Herdis - intimating what supplies of sheep and cattle he expects to be able to procure - He apprehends that his supplies of Carriage Cattle will be very small. —

From the Collector at Dindigul —

From his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon — From Mr. North, he has announced to the Coast Troops serving on Ceylon, Captain Rodgers appointment

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87th. Appointment as Major of Brigade. —

From the late Governor at Pulicat.

From Mr. Jacob Eilbracht. requests that an order may be given to the Paymaster. to pay him twelve Months subsistence. submits one or two questions to the consideration of Government. —

From the Officer commanding the Southern Division of the army. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Brown. giving an account of a straggling European having been apprehended at Tutycorin. and sent to Palamcottah. and from thence to Trichinopoly. —

From the Officer commanding the Northern Division of the army. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Agnew. — encloses two Bills from one Ismail Row. late Vakeel in the Company's Service. for expences incurred by him in consequence of his being summoned to attend a General Court Martial. —

From the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings troops

From Colonel Hurt. encloses a continuation of his accounts from the 25th. October. to the 24th. December 1798. —

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board. directing them to receive the Powder that is on board of the Vitor. — into

87. into the public Stores, and to grant receipts for the same. —

18. Sent the following Letter. —

To
Lieutenant Colonel Read
commanding in the
Ceded Districts

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 15th. Instant. and to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council entirely approves your suggestion for entertaining a body of Peons for the security of the Inhabitants in the Ceded Districts. —

His Lordship accordingly authorizes you to entertain one thousand eight hundred and eleven Peons upon the Monthly Pay of one thousand eight hundred and forty two Pagodas. to be distributed in the manner

To the Officer commanding the Ceded Districts — authorizing him to entertain 1811 Peons for the defence of the districts under his command — this Corps of Peons is only to be considered as temporary — he is desired to report what the additional force he will in consequence of this Establishment be enabled to assemble under the commander in chief. —

Wg

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8th manner proposed by you through the different
districts.

His Lordship consents that they
may be furnished with swords and matchlocks
and ammunition from the Stores at Kistnagherry.

As the Governor General in Council
thinks that the material benefit to be derived from
this Establishment is the increased number of Regular
troops which it will enable you to draw into the field.
I am directed to desire that you will report what
addition you will in consequence be able to
make to the force which you may assemble
under the orders of the Commander in Chief.

For the same reason his Lordship is
pleased to determine that the Expence is of
Military Nature: and directs me to desire
that care may be taken to discharge the Pens

as

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18th as soon as their services can be dispensed with. —

I am Hon.ble Sir

Signed I. Webbe

Sec.y to Government

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters

entered in M.B. Nos. 169-170-171-172-173. —

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency —

From Lieutenant Maclean. requests

to be permitted to hire houses for such officers of the

Scotch Brigade as have not been provided with quarters. —

a Store room is likewise required for the use of the Corps. —

From the Judge advocate General

From Captain Leith. encloses —

Copies of Trials to be forwarded to the Court of Directors. —

From the Military Auditor General —

From Major General Lydenham.

encloses Audits on Captain Youngs accounts. from

the 25th. of June to the 24th. of August 1798. and Reaudits

from the 24th. of February. to the 24th. of May. 98. —

From Lieut.t Mason of the 19th. Dragoons.

Prays

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18th. That the Retrenchment appearing against him may be remitted — states different particulars in support of his application —

Circular Letter to the European Inhabitants of Madras —

Circular letter — requesting the European Inhabitants of Madras to give up their Palankeen — bearers for the public Service. —

Received the undermentioned letters entered in C. C. Nos. 116-87. —

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Calastry —

From the Rajah of Calastry — he shall collect all the Palankeen bearers he can find in his District and send them to the Presidency; and he shall also provide as plentiful supplies of Provisions as he possibly can — He requests that orders may be given for the protection of his country against the depredations of the Troops of our allies. —

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Venentaghery —

From the Rajah of Venentaghery — acknowledges the receipt of the letter written to him respecting

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18th respecting the providing of Dooly bearers, and the supplying of Grain &c.a he shall comply with both requisitions to the utmost of his ability. —

19th Sent the following letter to Bombay. —

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esq.r

Governor in Council at

Bombay

Hon.ble Sir.

To Bombay informing them that it is the wish of the Governor General in Council that the Princess Charlotte and Earl Howe be placed under the orders of admiral Rainier, and that the admiral be authorized to supersede the Commanders of those Vessels, or of any others that may be hereafter placed under his orders by any of the Hon.ble Company's Governments, if he judges it necessary, and to appoint in their room such persons as he may deem best qualified for the situation —

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council at Fort William has already informed you of the reasons which induced his Lordship to direct the Honorable Company's Ships Princess Charlotte and Earl Howe, and to place them under the orders of his Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier. —

For the better execution of the intentions of the Governor General in Council, in equipping this armament, we think it advisable that his Excellency the

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19th. That the Admiral should be vested with authority to supercede the Commanders of those Ships, or of any other Ships which may hereafter be placed under his orders by the Honorable Company's Governments, and that in cases when the Officer next in Command may not in his Excellency's opinion be a proper person to Command the Ship, Admiral Rainier shall be at liberty to put an Officer of his Majesty's Navy in Command of the Company's Ships.

A power for this purpose has accordingly been delegated to his Excellency the Admiral by the Governor General, and we request that his Lordship's orders may be communicated accordingly to the Commanders and Officers of such of the Company's Ships as are now serving, or may hereafter be placed under the orders of Admiral Rainier.

We have the honor to be
Hon. Sirs
Your most
Obedient Servants
Mornington
Wm. Cowper
Thos.

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19th January 1799.

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19th The following Advertisement published by Order of Government. —

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Government Advertisement

Government Advertisement requiring all the Inhabitants of Black Town immediately to send their palankeen bearers to the Military Paymaster. for the use of the public Service —

Whereas there is found to be a demand for Doolay Bearers, for the public Service, beyond what Government have immediately the means of supplying, but by the assistance of Individuals: the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council hereby requires all the Inhabitants of Black Town of every denomination who have Palankeen bearers in their Service, to send them to the Military Paymaster, Mr. Cochrane, on Monday morning the 21st Instant. —

The different Individuals who have palankeen boys in their Service, are desired to explain to them, that they will be permitted to return

to

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19th to their present employment with the least possible delay, but in the event of their not immediately complying with the directions that are given them, the Right Honble the Governor General in Council directs that they be dismissed from the Service of those who employ them, in order that they may have no excuse for absconding from that of Government.

By order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council.

Sign'd J. Webbe Secy. to Govern.t

The following Embarkation Return

Embarkation.
Return of his Majesty's 84th Regiment on His Majesty's Ships the Sceptre and on the Whales and Loyalist Transports.

Embarkation of His Majesty's 84th Regiment on board the Ships and Transports under the Command of Major Genl. Abercrombie, from Fort St. George to Madras 16th January 1799.

	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & File	Women	Children
H.M. Ship Sceptre	1	1	16	13	15
Transport Loyalist	3	1	216	5	15
Ditto	2	1	178	5	8
Whales	1	1	309	1	15
Total	6	3	719	24	53

Signed Keith Queensberry Major

Commanding 84th Regt.

Deputy Adjutant General's Office Fort St. George 24th January 1799.

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19th Received and sent the undermentioned

letters entered in Mlt. Nos 174-175-176-177-178-179-180-

181-182-183.—

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an —

From the Military Paymaster General.

additional Estimate of Cash for the current Expences —

From Captain Saltwell announcing

From the Commander of the Lord Duncan.

the arrival of the Ship Lord Duncan. enclosing a —

Return of the Ship's Company, together with Returns of

the Detachments of Bengal Artillery and of the 33rd

Regiment, and of the Passengers that came on the

that Vessel from Bengal to this Presidency. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton —

From the Commandant at Ganjam. —

encloses Estimates of the repairs required at the North

and South Bridges of the Fort of Ganjam. —

To Mr. Richards enclosing an

To the Secretary at Bombay.

Embarkation Return of his Majesty's 84th Regiment

on the Sceptre, and on the Thetis and Loyalist Transports —

To Captain Galloway accepting of

To the Commander of the Restoration —

his

19th his proposal to land 6,500 Bags of Rice at Carnarore. —

To the Offic'g Com-
-manding the Southern
Division of the Army —

To Lieut.t Colonel Brown. The Board
in expressing satisfaction with his zeal for the public
Service, regret that he should have interfered with the
Bullocks provided for the use of the Army. He is to —
correspond directly with the Commander in Chief on
the subject of supplies for the army, and to comply —
with all instructions that he may receive from him. —

To the Military
Auditor General. To Major General Sydenham.
enclosing for his examination the Paymaster Generals
additional estimate of this date. —

To M.r Bruyn at Pulicat — To M.r Bruyn — he is permitted to
proceed for Eight Months to Bengal, and to draw his
usual allowance during that time. —

To the Barrack Masters
at the Presidency. To Lieutenant Mackenzie. he is —
permitted to hire Houses for the accomodation of the
Officers of the Scotch Brigade, until quarters can be allotted
for them. —

To

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To Lieut.t Charles Dallas

19.th To Lieutenant Charles Dallas - Directs to proceed from Ongole thro the Collamr.t to the Neighbourhood of Arcot instead of coming to the Presidency. -

20.th Received the following Letters. -

To the Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K.t. &.

Governor General in Council Fort Fort Fort

My Lord.

From the Military Board suggest that in consequence of the late increased demand for Bullocks it would be desirable to procure if practicable 4000 Carriage Bullocks from the Southward -

1.st The increase which has necessarily been made to the Magazine of the Army in consequence of the establishment of the Horse Artillery and of an addition to the Troops ordered for Field Service having occasioned a proportionable demand for Carriage Cattle beyond the numbers originally estimated and for which advances have been made by Government exclusive of the further number required by the Agents for Cavalry Supplies who have been ordered to carry forty (40) days Grain

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20th Gram instead of fourteen (14) for the use of their respective Corps. We find that there will be a want of Cattle of that description, even should the whole that have been ordered arrive in time - which, from the Report of this date received from the Principal Agent, it is apprehended may not be the case. We therefore recommend that, in the event of Government having the means of procuring any considerable number of Carriage Bullocks from the Westward, orders may be given for dispatching four thousand (4000) with Saddles complete to Vellore, to be there delivered to the Department of the Commissary General of Ordnance and Stores to the Army. —

We have the honor to be
Gen. &c.
Signed John Braithwaite
" Patrick Ross.
" W. Sydenham
" Jnº. Richardson
" Bº. Close.

Josiah

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20th

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir.

From the Principal agent for Draft and carriage Bullocks proposes that a certain proportion of Rice should be issued to the Bullock masters. Requests that the monthly deductions on account of the advances which were granted to them may be diminished. —

The Bullock masters on a — supposition that they and the Drivers will be as much distressed for Rice on this occasion as formerly, have — proposed if Government will supply them with a Months Rice (30 Seers pr. Man) they will take it from thence on their own account, and pay for it by — Stoppages according to the custom of the Service — The Quantity will be considerable (about 1200 Garce) and it may be an object to get so much more Grain into Camp by any means, because the greater part of it will circulate in the Bazars in exchange for other articles which will be for the advantage of —

every

20th every body should know that there is a scarcity Rice here at present. a promise of a supply when they reach Vellore will probably satisfy them and serve the Public in many ways. by carrying an additional quantity of Rice with the army and preventing the apprehension of want consequently the Desertion of that Class of people which may ensue if the means of existing is not made to appear.

The Masters also state that the present rate of stoppage for reimbursement of the advance made for the purchase of Bullocks is too great it being equal to one half of the Monthly hire of the Cattle — 1/2 Pagoda from the Draught and 1/2 from the Carriage / & they therefore hope that Government will consider their distress on account of the advanced pay they are obliged to give the Drivers and the high price of Grain and Forage and direct that in future the advance may be collected at the rate of 3/8 of a Pagoda from the former and half a Pagoda from the latter which they assert has

been

20th. been usual in all former occasions. —

By granting the Rice, it will make an eminence drawback from the Cash they must otherwise receive; which Money will remain with the Paymasters. —

I intend sending my Indent for January's Bullocks hire, to the Military Board tomorrow, but as the Forms of Office will take up more time than the present situation of my Department can admit. I trust you will procure me a part of it to enable the Bullock people to leave something with their Families as they themselves must move from hence in a day or two. —

I remain &c. &c.

Madras
20th January 1799.

Signed Thomas Dallas

Rec'd the undermentioned Letters

entered in Mil. Bd. Nos 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. —

From

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From the Officer commanding the Northern Division of the Army.

From Colonel Vigors - intimating that the 2nd Division 2nd Regiment were to Embark on the Cornwallis and on the Bagler, on the day following the date of his letter. -

From Lieutenant Colonel Munro.

From Lieutenant Colonel Munro -

he is about to deliver over charge of the Vizagapatam District to Colonel Fotheringham - Colonel Lalande will remain in charge of Chicacole until further orders. The Senior Officer present to remain in Command of the field station at Bogam. -

From Captain Forbes - transmits duplicate Dispatches from the Nizam's Detachment for the Governor General and the Commander in Chief. -

From the Commanding Officer at Nellore -

From Major Strange, he has assumed the command of Samalcottah. -

From the Commanding Officer at Samalcottah -

From Mr. Gordon - mentions that in case there is likely to be any necessity for withdrawing any considerable quantity of Grain from the public Stores

From the Garrison Store Keeper at Masulipatam -

20th Stores at Masulipatam. It will be requisite to give previous warning, as the greatest part of it is in Paddy, which will require a considerable time to beat out.—

From Lt. Colt Resident at Cochin.—

The receipt of the letter for the Rajah of Travancore forwarded to his care, which was immediately dispatched.—

21st Received the following Letters.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, that I have this day Dispatched for the Army on the Malabar coast, one hundred and sixty Draught, and one thousand three hundred and forty Carriage Cattle, before the end of this

From the Commandant at Palamcottah, he has despatched a considerable supply of Bullocks for the Army on the Malabar Coast, and hopes by the end of the month to be enabled to forward an additional number. Encloses Copy of a letter he had received from the Dewan of Travancore, suggests the expediency of forwarding all letters for the Rajah of Travancore direct from Palamcottah. He has received information from General Hartley that the Army on the Malabar Coast will not require supplies of Slaughter Sheep and Cattle.—

Wg

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21st this month I shall be able to forward at least as many more. —

In consequence of a letter I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Brown Resident at Travancore Dewan, on the subject of two Battalions of their Troops to be sent for Garrison Duty at Madura, and this place, the Dewan's reply to me, (of which I send a Copy,) will shew you, that the letter of application has not been received Yet. — I take the liberty of suggesting, that it would save much time if all letters for the Rajah of Travancore, were to be forwarded — direct from this Garrison, - if sent first to Calicut, the Tappal is six Days from hence in reaching it, and takes up at least four for a letter being sent back from Calicut to get to the Rajah, from hence, a letter would reach in thirty six hours. —

I have just now received a letter from

Major

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21st Major General Hartley, who informs me they will not have occasion for Sheep or Slaughter from this Country. he adds that "you may continue your "supplies of Cattle to the 15th February.- after which "period I am inclined to think they will arrive too "late to be of any service to the Army." —

I cannot to a certainty reckon on Cattle leaving this the 1st February reaching Calicut sooner than the 20th of February. however I shall not slacken my endeavours to procure and Send off Bullocks. till instructed so to do from your Office. —

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Bannerman

Pallamcottah
15th January 1799.

Translation

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Translation of a letter from Royah Keswah Dofs. Dewan to Major Bannerman.

Dated 6th Tye or 14th January - 99.

I have received your letter and understand its contents. - your other letters I also received. and understand them, your letter for the Rajah I have sent to him. and you will get his answer soon. - as you write you have 2,000 Bullocks ready to send to Collicut by Arrangow Road, and you wanted paſs for the Gate. - agreeably I have now sent you orders for the Manager. and the Commandant of the Gate. to paſs the Bullocks or whatever you send them. - and they will comply accordingly. you have wrote about the two Battalions businesſs. I have also received a letter from General Wurtley at Calicut. wherein it is mentioned. three Battalions

to

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21st to send one Battalion for Cochin, one for Pulicat, another Detachment, but the letter was not said to send Battalion to Pallamcottah. if such orders as you mention comes from the Honorable Company, it shall be respected. I write all this that my friend may know every thing, and do what is proper, and you must write me every kind of news. —

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K. P.

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

From the Military Auditor General — reporting on charges made by Lieut.t Colonel Bowser for victualling two European Companies at Dindigul from August 1790 till February - 91 - he conceives Colonel Bowsers claim to be just. —

My Lord,

Having been applied to by Lieut.t Colonel Bowser to decide on certain charges made by him for victualling Two Companies of the 1st Battalion European Infantry at Dindigul, from August 1790. to February 1791. inclusive, an account of which

Charges

Fort St George 8th January 1799.

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distance

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
Signed W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Genls Office
Fort St. George
21st January 1799.

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21st January 1799.

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21st Sent the following letters —

To Colonel J. O. Hart

Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's Troops

Madras

Sir.

To the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops. the former system for paying the Kings Troops is to remain in force until the regulations lately published in England are received here. —

In answer to your letter of the 14th Instant. I am directed to acquaint you that until official advice may be received of the new mode said to be established for the payment of his Majesty's Regiments. The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council deems it advisable that the old system at present in force should be continued. —

Meanwhile the new Paymasters who may arrive will be permitted to draw their pay and the allowances of Captains. —

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I am &c &c

Signed J. Webbe
Sec.t to Government.

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21st

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 28th Ultimo and 11th Instant. —

His Lordship in Council approves the regulations you have suggested for the care of Native sick who may be left behind their Corps, and has accordingly published them in General orders. —

His Lordship has also approved your suggestion for supplying the families of the Native followers with Rice from the public Stores, and has published the General order recommended by you for that purpose. —

The Right Honble the Governor —

General

To the Military Auditor General. the Regulations suggested by him for the care of the Native sick left behind their Corps are approved - this suggestion for supplying the families of the Native followers with Rice has been approved. The Adjutant and Quarter Master Generals to be permitted to draw an allowance of £600 Pagodas per Month. a certain number of days to be allowed to the Bullock masters for travelling from the several Stations where the Bullocks are collected to the Presidency, and their allowance during that time to be admitted in the accounts of the agent for Bullocks - an increase of one Pagoda quarterly to each Company of Pioners for keeping the Tools of that Corps in Repair, has been granted. The Payment of sundry Bills and advances authorized. —

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21st. General in Council has been pleased to resolve, that the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General of the army shall be permitted to draw from the 1st. Instant a Staff Salary of six hundred Pagodas each per Month upon the principle now in force in Bengal: they are in consequence to draw in addition to this Sum only the Subsistence of their Rank, when Lieut.t Colonels, and when under the Rank of Lieut.t Colonel the difference between the Subsistence of their Regimental Rank and that of Lieut.t Colonel. —

The Office Establishments of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General are to remain on the footing on which they are at present fixed. —

I have the honor to inclose for your information and guidance Copy of a letter to Major John Bannerman upon the subject of providing

Bullocks

21st. Bullocks for the use of the army on the Malabar Coast. —

I am directed to acquaint you that in order to expedite the collection of Bullocks for the — public Service the Principal Agent was authorized to assure the Maistries that as the Bullocks could not conveniently be mustered at the several out Stations a reasonable number of days should be allowed for their — travelling to the Presidency: his Lordship in Council therefore directs that this allowance be admitted on the accounts of Major Dallas. —

I have the honor also to inclose for your information Copy of a letter from the Deputy Paymaster to his Majesty's Troops, with Copy of the — answer which has been sent to that Officer relative to the new mode said to have been established for the payment of the Kings Regiments. —

The Governor General in Council

says

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H.M. has been pleased to admit an increase of one pagoda quarterly for each Company of the Corps of Pioneers, for the purpose of keeping their tools in repair. ~

His Lordship in Council desires that you will authorize payment of the following Bill and advances. ~

The enclosed Bill of Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud for repairs executed under his superintendance at Tanjore, amounting to two hundred and eighty eight Pagodas, twenty seven fanams /288.. 27./ ~

Advance of Ninety five Pagodas ~ twenty nine fanams, fifty seven cash /95.. 29.. 57./ to Captain Lieut.t Blair of the Engineers on account of repairs under execution at the Granaries of Tracondah ~

Advance of two hundred and eighty one Pagodas three fanams and seventy two cash /281. 3. 72./ to Lieut.t Colonel Dupont on account of repairs carrying on under his superintendance at Cuddalore

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21st Cuddalore —

Advance of two thousand and twenty Pagodas. forty fanams and twenty five Cash 2020-

40. 25. / to the Agent of Supply at the Presidency. —

Advance of seven hundred and twenty seven Pagodas. thirty six fanams and sixty Cash —

727. 36. 60. / to the Senior Engineer of the Ceded Districts on account of works and repairs to be executed in the lower Fort of Kistnagherry. —

Advance of six hundred and three Pagodas thirty three fanams. thirty five Cash / 603-

33. 35. / to Lieut. Fotheringham of the Engineers on account of the reform of the Fortifications at Sankly droog.

I have the honor to be

Hon. Sir

Signed S. Webbe

Sec. to Government.

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21.st

To the Officer Commanding
at Cannanore

Sir.

To the Officer Commanding at Cananore informing him that the Ship Restoration has been engaged to convey 6.500 bags of Rice to Cananore which she is to have expeditiously landed - the Rice is to be kept in store until further orders. -

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to inform you, that he has entered into engagements with Captain Galloway of the Ship Restoration for the delivery of six thousand five hundred (6.500) Bags of good merchantable Rice, of which a sample will be delivered to you herewith, under the Company's Seal. -

His Lordship in consequence directs that upon the arrival of the Restoration you will cause the Rice to be landed with all possible expedition and lodged in the public Stores. -

The Rice is to remain in store and wait the orders of the Commander in Chief for its future disposal. -

As

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21st As soon as the Rice may be compared with the sample, regular Receipts for the quantity are to be passed by the proper Officer to Captain Galloway, and countersigned by yourself. —

You will lose no time in reporting the arrival of the Restoration to the Officer Commanding the Troops on the Malabar Coast, and to me for the information of the Governor General in Council. —

I am &c. &c.

Signed J. Webbe

Sec.y to Government

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters —

" entered in M.B. Nos. 190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197 —

From the Military Paymaster General — From Mr. Roebuck — encloses an additional estimate of Cash for the current expences. —

From Mr. Cochrane — From Mr. Cochrane — requests that in consideration of the multiplicity of business he has on hand

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21st Inst. he may be exempted from sitting on the Committee which has been appointed to investigate the claims of different Bullock Maistries. –

From the Paymaster at Vellore –

From Mr Thurdon – enclosing an account sale of the Cast Horses directed in in a letter to him of the 10th Instant to be sold by public Outcry. –

From Mr Valentine Connolly. –

From Mr Connolly – requests that he may be permitted to transfer his interest in the Lunatic Hospital to Mr Fitzgerald in consequence of his appointment as Surgeon to the General Staff of the Army. –

To the Military Board –

To the Military Board – the Grain agents of the different Corps of Cavalry to be authorized to provide the number of Bullocks that may be required for carrying the Grain ordered for their respective Regiments. –

To the Commandant at Tutycorin. –

To Captain Davison – he is to continue to detain at Tutycorin the people sent there by

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21st by his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon, and to pray to them the Monthly allowance suggested by him.—

To Captain Lieutenant Fennell—

To the acting Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly—

he is to have charge of the Ordnance Department at Trichinopoly, but is not to draw Commissarys allowances in consequence.—

To Lieut.t Colonel Wahab—it is not

To the Officer Commanding the Guntoor Circar—

deemed necessary for him to employ any Hicarrahs to procure intelligence.—

22nd

Sent the following letters.—

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

Gentlemen

To the Military Board—a Desstuck for passing the Gunny Bags to be provided by Messrs. Hinderis by Wilks & Co.—enclosed—The Palisade on the Sea line to be completed—Two additional sheds to be erected on the North Esplanade—The measures used by the Colies Committee have been read/the Board are informed in the issue and receipts of the public Grain—the payment of the Bullocks advance recommended by the Military Board has been authorized.—

We have received your letters of the 8th 9th 11th 13th 14th and 15th Instant with their enclosures.—

We inclose a desstuck for the Sycc transact

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22d Transit of the Gunny Bags to be provided by Messrs Parry Kindersley & Co. which is to be returned to our Secretary as soon as their engagement may have been completed. —

We acquiesce in your Recommendation for increasing the quarterly allowance to the Commandant of the Corps of Pioneers for repairing the tools of the Corps: —

For the reasons which you have stated, we consent that the palisade on the Sea line of the Fort may be immediately completed: and accordingly desire that orders for that purpose may be issued. —

We authorize an increase of the Garrison Storekeeper's Establishment to the extent of twenty Pagodas per Month for the pay of two Europeans to be employed as long as you may judge absolutely necessary in superintending and landing Grain: and we consent that two additional Sheds be erected on the North — Esplanade for the protection of Water Works. —

We understand that the new measures established

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22d established by the Committee of Police have been used in the issue and receipt of the public grain. —

We have prayed for payment the several Bills recommended by you. —

We are &c &c

Signed Mornington

&c Council

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To. Mr Charles Maxtone

Mr John Chanier and

Mr George Coleman

Gentlemen,

To Messrs Maxtone, Chanier and Coleman appointing them a Committee for the purpose of investigating and reporting their opinion on the claims of sundry Bullock Maistries for arrears stated to be due to them enclosing different documents relating to the subject —

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to inform you, that he has been pleased to appoint you a Committee for the purpose of investigating and reporting your opinion on the following points. —

1st Claims of certain Bullock Maistries for

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22nd. for Sums said to be due to them on account of Bullocks supplied by them to the Army under the Command of the late Sir Eyre Coote during the year 1782 and 1784. Vide No. 1 with its enclosure No. 2.

2nd. A Petition from different Inhabitants of the Guntoor Circar and Masulipatam districts against Veeras any Head Bullock Dmistry for sums stated to be due from him to them Vide No. 3.

3rd. A claim from certain Bullock Dmistries for a Balance stated to be due to them on account of Bullocks they had supplied to Colonel Baillies Detachment. Vide No. 4 with its enclosures from No. 5 to No. 12.

In order to aid you in your investigations I am directed to transmit to you Mr. Shardons report No. 13 on the two first points of your enquiry with enclosures No. 16 and No. 17.

A considerable proportion of those who have subscribed their names to the enclosed Petitions

are

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22nd are now at the Presidency, and will be directed to attend you, and to furnish you with such further information as they may be possessed of. —

I have &c.

Signed I. Webbe

Lt. to Government.

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 198-199-200-201-202. —

From the agent for the purchase of Horses. —

From Lieut. Montgomery - gives an account of what he has lately done towards the execution of his Commission - mentions that he has drawn different Sets of Bills on this Presidency to the amount of 25.000 Pagodas. —

From Lieut. Charles Dallas -

From Lieut. Charles Dallas - giving an account of what he has done towards completing his purchases of Horses - suggests for the consideration of Government a plan for his effecting a junction with the Camp. he is to be at Nellore on the 7th of February —

From

22nd.

From the Commandant at Ryacottah—

From Major Doveton—acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun, covering one from the Grand Signior, which he immediately forwarded.—

To his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon—

To Mr. North—the Ship Susannah Amelia was detained by Lieut.t Colonel Kirkpatrick on the presumption of her being a legal Prize: but a subsistence has been granted to such of the Crew as have arrived at this Presidency—Lieut.t Grannont is one of the Officers about to Embark for Ceylon—

Copy of a letter from the Resident at Tanjore respecting the Polygar of Palicaud enclosed.—

To the Military Auditor General—

To Major General Sydenham—enclosing additional Estimate from the Paymaster General of the 21.st Instant for his Examination.—

Substance of a letter to the Nabob—

Sent letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 18. acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 14.th Instant. expressing satisfaction at the regular payment of his Kist.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General,

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Lieutenant General Harris

William Petrie and

Ernst William Falloofield } Esquires

Tuesday

22nd January 1799.

The Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following letters from

the Military Board. —

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 containing different arrangements proposed to be made in the Medical Department. enclosing copies of the last Weekly reports of the Garrison Store Keeper at Vellore and annexed.

1st. Having attentively considered a letter from the Head Surgeon of the Army, to the Medical Board under date the 9th instant, which was submitted to our Report by the Commander in Chief. We are of opinion that a Provision of Wine and Sundry Medicines, should be carried with the Army for the European Sick, in the event of the Commander in Chief finding it necessary to establish a General Field Hospital, and as the Head Surgeon of the Army cannot reasonably be expected to carry such Stores at his own Expence, under the uncertainty

of

of their being wanted for the above purpose. We recommend that the Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency be directed to provide at the public expence in the first instance Wine and Country Medicines sufficient for 300 European Sick for one Month, and to place this Store in charge of the Field Apothecary, to be issued upon regular Indents to the Surgeon of the Field Hospital, who is to pay for the same at the rates charged to the Company by the Medical Storekeeper, with the addition of 10 per Cent on account of Charges; that the Field Apothecary should in consequence, make out a Bill against the Hospital Surgeon, charging for each Article, on the above principle, and upon its being countersigned by the Head Surgeon, transmit it to the Pay Master, who will recover the amount from the Hospital Surgeon, and carry it to the Credit of the Company, under the Head of "By "Cash received for Medical Stores issued by the Field "Apothecary

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"apothecary to the Surgeon of the General Field Hospital
"as per Bill of particulars." — which Bill is to accompany
his account current to the Military Pay Master —
General, and a Copy thereof to be sent with his abstract
of Receipts and Disbursements to the Military Auditor
General —

2nd. We are also of opinion that one months
supply of Wine, and Country Medecines will be sufficient
to carry with the Army, as the Surgeon of the Field
Hospital, it is supposed, can always obtain an immed-
=diate supply from the Regimental Surgeons, to be
repaid by an equal quantity when the Field Apothe-
=cary may have received the whole, or any part of the
three Months Stock directed by the 28th. Article of the
late Medical Regulations to be kept at all times in
Readiness at such advanced Station, or Stations, as the
Commander in Chief may direct, for the purpose of
supplying the Sick of the Army, when the original
quantity

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quantity carried for their use shall have been expended.—

3rd. With respect to the Native Sick who may be occasionally ordered into the General Field Hospital, We are of opinion that sixty (60) Cash per Day for each man will be an ample allowance for the Surgeon having charge of them, and accordingly recommend to your Lordship that the same be adopted.—

4th. We have the honor to lay before your Lordship the enclosed Copies of Reports from the Garrison Store Keeper at Arnee and Vellore, of the Receipts and Issues of Grain during the last Week at those Stations respectively.—

We have the honor to be

Hon. Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

(Signed) John Braithwaite

" Patrick Ross

" W. Sydenham

" Jno. Richardson

" B. Close.

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22nd January 1799.

Report

Report of Paddy Stores and Rice Received at Arnee ——— 11th January 1799 ———

	Issued			Received		
	Paddy			Rice		
	Garces	Marcals	Seers	Garces	Marcals	Seers
Issued and Received, as per last Report dated 7th January 1799	26	333.	4	12	200	"
From 7th to this day	9	300	"	4	200.	"
Total	36	233	4	17	"	"

Military Board Office
16th January 1799.

(Signed) J. H. Skardon
Garrison Storekeeper

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

Report.

Stores issued & Received 11th January 1799.

Report of Paddy Issued and Rice Received at Vellore 16th. January 1799

	Issued Paddy			Received Rice		
	Garces	Marcals	Seers	Garces	Marcals	Seers
Issued and Received as per last Report dated 7th. January 1799	73	266	8	32	225	"
From 7th to this day	24	312	6	11	375	"
Total	98	579	4	44	"	"

Military Board Office
16th January 1799.—

(Signed) J. H. Skardon
Garrison Store Keeper

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierre
Sec: Mily Board.

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Rice Received 44 Garces
January 1799 —

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Minute thereon.

The Board approve the foregoing Arrangement suggested by the Military Board, and direct that it be accordingly published in General Orders.—

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

From the Military Board. enclosing an Estimate of the expences of substituting Brass for Iron work in the Powder Magazine of the upper Fort of Arnbore. recommend a Bill of Exchange thereon in favor of Lieut. Blane amounting to Pags. 16. 34. 20. for payment. Enclose a draft of an advertisement for procuring supplies of Grain which they recommend to be published. —

My Lord.

1st. We have the honor of submitting to your Lordship in Council the enclosed Estimate amounting to Pagodas 63. 4. 62. for substituting Brass for Iron work to the Powder Magazine in the upper Fort of Arnboor: and as we measure tending to the greater security of the Building of recommending that authority be granted for the performance of such Work. —

2nd. We beg leave to recommend also that

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That payment be ordered of the accompanying Bill of
Lieut.t Colonel Shawe, amounting to Pagodas 116"
3/4 " 20. for repairs made under the authority of Government
to the Soldiers Barrack at Wallajanbad. —

3rd " As from a probability that the whole
of the Gram in Store at Coimatore, and Arcot will
be carried with the Cavalry Regiments proceeding
on Field Service, it appears to our Board desirable
that measures should be immediately taken to —
obtain a fresh supply of that article sufficient
to answer the probable demands of the several Corps
until April 1800. We accordingly recommend that
Advertizements agreably to the enclosed Draft.
be published for the purpose of inviting proposals
& Contracts for the supply of two thirds of the —
quantity of Gram required for the Cavalry for one
year. - one half of which Quantity to be delivered

at

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at Arnee, and the other half at Vellore, and form a separate Contract to supply the remaining third to complete the Yearly Stock, at Trichinopoly, where we are of opinion it will be very conveniently placed either in the event of any Regiments of Cavalry returning to that Quarter after the War, or to transport if necessary to Sankerydroog, and on which account We have judged it necessary that the proposals should specify at what rate the Contractor will engage to carry it in at either Station. —

We are
Fort St. George
19th January 1799.

Your Most
Obedient Servants
(Signed) John Braithwaite
" Patrick Ross.
" W. Sydenham
" Jno. Richardson
" B. Close.

Estimate

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Estimate of the expence of substituting Copper instead of the Iron Work to the Magazine on the Hill Fort of Amboor.

			lbs or dr.				P	C.
4	Pr.	of Copper door Hinges with Nails Weight	65	15	13 @ 11/2 P. lb.	18	2	68
4	Pr.	of Copper Hooks	dr.	11	11	15 @ Ditto	3	9	5
2	Pr.	Copper Bolts	dr.	8	14	15 @ Ditto	2	18	57
64		Copper Door Nails	dr.	5	12	8 @ Ditto	1	24	38
2	Pr.	Chains Hasps and Staples	dr.	1	13	9 @ Ditto	"	21	19
2	Pr.	Copper Locks and Keys	dr.	3	1	13 @ Ditto	"	35	63
		Copper Gratings to 4 Windows	dr.	133	1	4 @ Ditto	36	18	32
						Total Star Pagodas	63	4	42

Amboor 20th November 1798.

Signed R.d John Cotgrave
Lieut.t & Engineers

Military Board Office
19th January 1799.

True Copy
Signed Fred.k Pierce
Sec.y Mil.y Board

Notice is hereby given, that Sealed Proposals will be received at the Military Board Office addressed to the Secretary, on or before the 28th day of February next. for supplying by Contract Grass for the consumption of the Several Regiments of Dragoons

and

and Native Cavalry, deliverable to the Garrison Store Keepers at Vellore, Arnee, and Trichinopoly, upon the conditions, at the Periods, and in the Proportions hereafter mentioned. -

At Vellore three hundred and forty (340) Garce. -

At Arnee the same quantity. - and

At Trichinopoly the same quantity of three hundred and forty Garce. making in the whole one thousand and Twenty (1020) Garce. -

Separate Proposals will be received for any part of the above quantity, deliverable at each Station, not less than 100 Garce. -

The Grain to be of the best quality of the present year's Crop, and the Contractor or Contractors are to furnish the Garrison Storekeepers at the before mentioned Stations, with Musters thereof, fifteen days previous to the delivery of each Parcel at the periods hereafter stated, and upon such Musters being approved, the delivery is to commence immediately, but should any

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any part of the Grain appear to be Old, or of an inferior quality, a Committee of Officers will be appointed by the Commanding Officer of each Station to inspect it, and the Contractor, or Contractors, shall abide by the decision of such Committee when approved by the Military Board. —

The quantity of Grain required at the before mentioned Stations, whether engaged to be furnished by one, or more Contractors, is to be delivered in the following proportions. —

2/8ths in the Month of April.

2/8ths in the Months of May, and the remaining 4/8ths in the Month of June. —

The Proposals must specify the Country, or District whence the Grain is to be supplied, the rate to be in Star Pagodas per Madras Garce, including Carriage, and all other expences until delivered to the Store Keepers at the foregoing Stations. —

Advances

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Advances of Cash will be made to the Contractors through the respective Garrison Store Keepers in the following Proportions Viz.t— one third at the time of concluding the Contract. one third more when half, or four eighths of the quantity Contracted for shall have been delivered, and the remaining third to be paid when the quantity Contracted for shall have been completed, which will of course be reported to the Military Board by the Garrison Store Keeper.—

The Contractors are to find two good and sufficient Securities for the due performance of their engagements, and the Contractors with their Securities shall become bound in a Penalty of 25 per Cent upon the Contract price of quantities short delivered at the Stated periods or rejected by a Committee of Officers under the approbation of the Military Board, and in a Penalty of 50 per Cent. for a total failure of the terms of the Contract.—

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19th January 1799.—

Signed Fred.k Pierce
Sec.y Mil.y Board.

Recorded.

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that the Military Board be authorized to publish Advertisements agreeably to the draft enclosed in the foregoing letter. for supplying the Cavalry with Grain. —

Resolved that the Military Board be authorized to give the necessary directions for substituting Brass instead of Iron work at the powder Magazine in the upper Fort. at Ambour: and that payment of the Bill of Lieut. Colonel Shawe for repairing the Barracks at Vellajahbad be sanctioned. —

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

From the Military Board recommending for payment a Bill of the Gun Carriage Contractors amounting to Pags. 3009.22.4

My Lord.

1st. We have the honor of recommending that

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That payment be ordered of the enclosed Bill, amounting to Pagodas 3009.22. - for Articles of Military Stores - which have been supplied by the Gun Carriage Contractors, and found in every respect fit for the Service, on inspection by a Committee of our Board. -

We have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham
" Jno. Richardson
" B.y Close

Fort St. George
20th January 1799.

Minute thereon.

Resolved that payment of the foregoing Bill of the Gun Carriage Contractors be authorized. -

Read the following Letter from the Commissioners at Calicut. -

To.

436 Fort St. George 22nd January 1799.

To the Right Honble Richard Earl Mornington K.C.

Governor General and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast giving a Statement of Bills drawn by them on this Presidency for money received from Major Bannerman &c.

The Honble the President in Council of Bombay having authorized us to receive four Lacs of Rupees into our Treasury from Major John Bannerman on the same terms on which he supplied ten Lacs in the course of the year 1798. We have the honor to advise you that two Lacs of this Sum have this day been received, for which we have drawn the undermentioned Bills on your Lordship in Council, payable forty days after Sight in favor of Major Bannerman - Viz.t -

Nos. 126	For Sicca Rupees	5,000	" "
127	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
128	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
129	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
130	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
131	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
132	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
133	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
134	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
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136	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
137	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
138	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
139	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
140	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
141	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
142	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
143	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
144	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
145	Do. Do.	5,000	" "
	Carried over Sicca Rupees	1,00,000	" "

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No.			
	Brought over Sicca Rupees	100,000	" "
146.	For Sicca Rupees	5,000	" "
147.	D° D°	5,000	" "
148	D° D°	5,000	" "
149	D° D°	5,000	" "
150.	D° D°	5,000	" "
151.	D° D°	5,000	" "
152	D° D°	5,000	" "
153	D° D°	5,000	" "
154	D° D°	5,000	" "
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162	D° D°	5,000	" "
163	D° D°	5,000	" "
164	D° D°	5,000	" "
165	D° D°	5,000	" "
		5,000	" "
	Total Sicca Rupees	2,00,000	" "

The active Military preparations
going forward on this Coast, demanding extraordinary
supplies, and our own funds being totally inadequate
to the great increase of expence, which will necessarily
be incurred, should hostilities actually take place, we
have on the present occasion ventured to exceed the
usual Amount of our Drafts. —

A Duplicate

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A Duplicate of this Letter has been forwarded to Fort William, agreeable to the directions contained in your Secretary's Letter of the 14th Ultimo.

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir

Signed S. Spencer

" Jas. Hartley

Calicut
8th January 1799.

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

Medical Board
21st January 1799.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 12th Instant, and altho it has never come to our knowledge that any Indents on the public Stores

From the Medical Board to the Head Surgeons of the different Divisions, informing them that the Assistant Surgeons attached to the Revenue Battalions may be permitted to indent on the public Stores for Medicines for their use - enclosing Copy of a letter from the Medical Board to Bengal respecting Medicines which they recommend may be purchased for the use of the public Service containing sundry recommendations -

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Stores for the use of the Revenue &
Corps have been refused. we have
directed our Secretary to write to
the Head Surgeons of the different
Divisions that the Assistant
Surgeons attached to the several
Revenue Battalions may be
permitted to indent on the public
Stores for Medicines for their use.

We recommend that Mr.
Mein Head Surgeon at Masulipatam
may be directed to take charge of
the 2nd Division of the 2nd Regiment
European Infantry. as well as the
Effective Europeans in the Garrison
of Masulipatam during the absence
of Mr. Alexander Anderson.

Mr. Alfred Jones having
arrived with Indentures from the
Honble Court of Directors. we do
recommend

Approved

The 2nd Battalion 2nd
European Regiment being
ordered into the Garrison
of Fort St. George will of
course be attended by the
Garrison Surgeon.

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recommend that he be admitted
an Assistant Surgeon on this
Establishment and appointed
to do duty in the General Hospital
at Vellore. —

Approved and Ordered.

We recommend that Mr.
Assistant Surgeon Williams
be appointed to do duty
with the Collector of Chicacole
District in the room of Mr.
Neale promoted. —

There appears to be no
necessity at present for
attaching an assistant
Surgeon to the Collector
of Chicacole. —

We have the honor to
forward Copy of a Letter from the
Apothecary with a List of
Medicines which he states to
be necessary for the public
Service, and requests permission
to purchase them. — These articles
appearing to us to be absolutely
necessary

General Orders upon this
Subject have already been
published. —

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necessary we recommend that
Government may sanction the
purchase.—

The Apothecary having laid
before us a letter addressed to him
by the Adjutant General, intimating
the desire of the Commander in
Chief, that a Stock of Country and
Bazar Medicines may be lodged at
Kistnagherry equal to three months
consumption for the Army, and having
pointed out the necessity of having
a place allotted there for their reception;
we recommend that Mr. Assistant
Surgeon may be directed to take charge
of them, and that his receipt be
considered as the Apothecary's Voucher.—

Approved

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General.
" W. Kaine
Chief Surgeon.

&c.

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To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General & the Members of the

Medical Board.

Gentlemen

Having but very small quantities in Store of the Medecines mentioned in the enclosed List, and by no means adequate to the Demands for them for the field I have annexed the quantities that can be procured with the prices and have to request your authority for their purchase if you deem them essentially necessary.—

I have the honor to be

Gentn Yr

Signed Andw Berry

Med. Storekeeper.

Fort St. George
16th January 1799.

A true Copy

Signed Alexr Boswell

Sec. Med. Board.

List

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List of Europe Medecines &a. principally required for the Store with the quantities asked that can be procured and the prices at which they may be purchased.

		Rup.s	F.	G
To Lb 40. Calomel ppt.				
Lb 15. Cantharids	@	3	7½	Pa.
Lb 2. Lunar Caustic	@	3	5	
Lb 100. Flour of Salt	@	"	12	Lb.
10. Setts Long Splints	@	1	8	Lb.
50. Pieces Broad Tape	@	"	12	Pieces
Lb 15. Thread	@	Rup.s 12	8	Lb.
Lb 60. Europe Lint	@	3½	0	

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15th January 1799.

Signed Andw Berry
Mid.e Storekeeper.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Copy of a Letter from the Commander in Chief in India.

Lieutenant General Harris.

Copy of a Letter from the Commander in Chief in India to the Commander in Chief on the Coast enclosing Copy of a Correspondence which had passed between him and his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon regarding the demolition of the Fort of Trincomalee

Commander in Chief &a &a &a
Fort St. George

Sir.

The subject of a Letter which I have lately received from Mr. North the Governor of Ceylon being of importance, I think it advisable to transmit a Copy of it to you, together with one of my Answer thereto. —

The

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The Ideas suggested by Mr. North.
so far as they relate to the Destruction of part of the
Works at Trincomallie, and the relieving His Majesty's
19th and 80th Regiments by two of the expected Corps, —
merit attention: and as the accomplishment of the —
latter proposition seems particularly desirable in the
present situation of affairs on the Coast. I am to request
you will submit the expediency of the measure to
the Governor General: and that you will, with His
approbation, take such steps for carrying it into —
execution as you may judge most conducive to the
Public service. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Alured Clarke

Calcutta
5th January 1799. —

To His Excellency
Lieutenant General Sir Alured Clarke K.B.
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.
Calcutta

Sir

I have lately been honored by a —
communication

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communication from the Governor of Fort St. George, on the subject of the Destruction of all the Works at Trincomalee excepting the Fort of Ostenburg, a measure recommended to my consideration by that Government as affording the means of assisting them with a considerable part of the Troops now in Garison at Trincomallee without weakening the defence of that Post. This subject is too important to be hastily decided upon, and the measure at present does not appear to be one which I could be justified in adopting, without the most positive orders from Europe, or from the Supreme Government of India. But it has occurred to me in reflecting upon the subject, that a more considerable addition of efficient force might be made to the Army on the Coast by another arrangement, which I therefore take the liberty of submitting to your Excellency.

The European force now on the Island, His Majesty's 19th and 80th Regiments, consists of

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of Men who are habituated to a warm Climate by two years Residence and fit for any Service; those Corps expected from Europe cannot without great loss take the Field for some time after their arrival - might not two Regiments of this expected force be sent to Ceylon where they would be gradually inured to the Climate, and those now here be sent to the Coast. I submit this proposal to your consideration in the hope that should you approve it, you will take the necessary steps for procuring orders to be sent by the supreme Government for carrying this plan into effect.

The nature of the Posts on Ceylon and their importance will make it impossible to withdraw any part of the small force now here unless relieved by equal numbers with safety to the Island. indeed it would be extremely desirable could it be encreased so as to allow a Detachment

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of four hundred men to be stationed at Point De Galle,
Two hundred at Jaffnapatam, and an encrease of
between Two and Three hundred Europeans at Trincomallee
Though I am far from conceiving that we have an excess
should be taken from Troops which may be useful
on the Coast.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
Obedt. Hble Servt.
Signed Frederick North

Columbo
26th. November 1798.

His Excellency the Honble Frederick North
Governor of Ceylon &c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have been honored with your Excellency's
letter of the 26th. of November acquainting me of the
communication that had been made to you by the
Government of Fort St. George respecting the Destruc-
tion of all the works at Trincomallee excepting
the Fort of Ostenburg which I quite agree with you
in thinking a measure of too much importance to
be

be hastily decided upon: and particularly as a
Temporary expedient for the purpose that seems
to have given rise to the proposition: which will
certainly be much better answered by adopting
the plan you mention which had not only occurred
to me as proper, but had been mentioned to the
Governor General with a view of carrying it into
effect, when the arrival of the Troops from Europe
should make it practicable, and I have no doubt
that the Commander in Chief on the Coast, with
the Lord Mornington's concurrence, take measures
accordingly. -

Stone for the fortifications at
Trincomallee are in their present state defective,
either in point of defence, or from their requiring a
larger Garrison than might be necessary is a matter
of serious consideration, and merits an early
investigation by the best professional men that
can

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can be employed in order to their being put in such a state, as shall at the same time ensure the safety of that important Post, and make as small a Garrison compatible to this purpose as possible. This is desirable in every respect, but extremely so on account of the unhealthiness of the situation, which has proved very fatal to the constitutions of the Troops in general, and particularly to the Europeans, who have suffered greatly from it, as the Loss by Death in His Majesty's 72nd and 80th Regiments during their residence there will shew.

I am fully aware of the importance of most of the Posts within your Excellency's Government and equally desirous with yourself that they should have Troops sufficient for performing the Duties that may be requisite, and in this view I have in a General distribution of the Kings Regiments allotted two for the Service of Ceylon, which as they will render

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the new arrangement be very strong. I hope may furnish a sufficient number of men to enable you to Garrison all the Places mentioned in your letter. though possibly not quite to the extent therein stated. The decrease in your Artillery will I fear be very inconvenient. and it was not without the greatest reluctance, that I yielded to the necessity of withdrawing one Company with its Lascars from Columbo. but the very great deficiency in that most essential arm for the Services in contemplation on the Coast. and the impossibility of sending more than one from this Presidency. where we have only four left for the Duty of Fort William. and all the other Posts in Bengal. &c. from Allahabad inclusive to the Sea. left no alternative, and I am persuaded will justify the measure in your opinion. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signd. Alured Clarke

Calcutta
1st January 1799.

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Major General Geils. —

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

My Lord.

From Major General Geils transmitting different papers which he requests may be forwarded to the Court of Directors. Requests to be permitted to publish his papers. Complains of the hardships with which he says he has been treated. Regrets that he cannot be employed in the Field. and intimates an intention of Embarking for England by the first favorable opportunity. —

I some days ago received the honor of a Letter from the Honble Mr. Wellesley in consequence of a Letter which I used the freedom to address to your Lordship. containing an application to go into the Field. in which I unfortunately have proved unsuccessful. as Mr. Wellesley tells me. that your Lordship in Council had fully considered my case, and that it was left to the decision of the Court of Directors, and had that fact been known to me earlier, I should not. beg leave to assure your Lordship have

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have presumed to trespass on your Lordship's time on that account, but would patiently have waited until the pleasure of the Court of Directors had been known — The purpose of the present instructions is to lay before your Lordships in Council a continuation of my correspondence, and a further mass of Evidence in support of the various Statements, I have from time to time submitted to Government, and I entreat the favor of your Lordship, that it may form a part of the first Dispatches to England. - I am aware how trifling such matters are, compared with the important matters that engross your Lordship's attention, but I am persuaded, from a sense of your Lordship's liberality and goodness, that those circumstances which may tend to do justice to the honor and character of an individual, who has served his Country in the field, and on every occasion, there obtained the approbation and applause of his Superiors, will not be deemed by your Lordship unworthy

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unworthy of notice: and I humbly hope that my Honble
Masters, whom I have so long and so faithfully served,
will not allow my sufferings to continue, and my
Conduct to stand condemned upon the bare ground
of a Party, that had long been formed against me, and
had used every means in their power to do me an
injury before this event, which they by every species
of design, and a total deviation from the truth have
worked up into a crime against me: my Honble
Masters will I am hopeful, order a Court Martial
to investigate that which has been objected to me,
and to afford me that opportunity which is granted
to every accused Person, the opportunity of confronting
my accusers, and being heard in my defence.—

Accustomed from my Infancy
to a Military life, and having been much in Camps,
I have not learnt to dissemble, nor praise those who
deserved censure; my language has ever been as
dictated

dictated by my feelings, and I have always strictly spoken
the language of a Soldier, but such a despotism —
accompanied by such principles, were ill received by
those amongst whom I lived, and became the object
of their unjust resentment; and they had art enough
to deceive others into their purposes. — The proofs
that have already appeared to your Lordship, and
those that form a part of this address will strict —
evince to your Lordship, that neither Innocence,
Truth nor Justice, have been the characteristics of
my adversaries, and perhaps your Lordship may be
of opinion that some at least of those against whom
I have preferred charges, ought to have been brought
to trial, and if not conscious of their guilt, that they
themselves ought to have urged the measure, to —
shew the World that they were free from impropriety,
and that no crime could be justly imputable to them —

I have

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I have only to add, that as I perceive that I cannot be employed in the Field against the Enemies of my Country, which I shall never cease to regret, and as I cannot remain an unconcerned Spectator, I propose, should the Orders from the Honble Court of Directors not arrive in the interim, with your Lordships permission going to England by the first favorable opportunity. I now most respectfully take my leave of your Lordship, repeating my entreaty, that this Letter, together with the papers that accompany it, may form a part of the next dispatch and that my Character may no longer remain in suspence. That I be indulged with your Lordships permission to publish the whole of the correspondence.

I cannot conclude without praying your Lordship to accept my grateful sentiments for the politeness your Lordship has been pleased to

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to shew me. —

I have the honor to be with the

highest consideration and respect. —

Your &c.

St. Thomas's Mount
15th January 1799. —

(Signed) Thomas Teils.

Resolutions thereon.

Resolved that the packet inclosed by General Teils to the Board be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors. —

Resolved to inform General Teils that as the whole of his case is already under reference to the Honble Court it would be unbecoming the respect which is due to them to admit of the publication of his papers until their determination is received, even if the measure could be in itself deemed unobjectionable, and that he is therefore expressly prohibited from publishing them. —

Resolved that General Teils be permitted to proceed to England by the earliest opportunity that may offer. —

Resolved

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Mr. William Stewart to be appointed Adjutant to the Black Town Militia and to have charge of the French Prisoners until they Embark for Europe.

Resolved that Mr. William Stewart be appointed Adjutant to the Black Town Militia & Vice Barclay ordered to the Field and to take charge of the French Prisoners until they may Embark for Europe.

Supernumeraries to be added to the detail of Cavalry doing duty at the Presidency, and Captain Grant to be permitted to select such horses as he thinks will be fit for the Service from among the Cast horses of the different Cavalry Regiments. Regulations laid down for the formation of the Supernumeraries.

It being judged necessary to form a temporary Corps of Cavalry for the protection of the environs of Madras, and to cover supplies coming from the Country, it is Resolved as the readiest and cheapest mode of accomplishing this object to add Supernumeraries to the detail of Cavalry now doing duty at the Presidency, and that the whole of the Horses lately Cast from the different Regiments be delivered over to Captain Grant in order that he may select from among them such as may be fit for the Service on which they are to be employed.

That Captain Grant be directed to raise men as Supernumeraries to the Corps he now Commands to be mounted on the Horses above mentioned and on such as may hereafter be procured from the Nabob or otherwise.

That these Men and Horses be regularly mustered

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Mustered and Subsistence drawn for them in the same manner as for the Detail of Cavalry already at the Presidency, with the exception of the additional Rupee now granted to each man of this Detail.—

That they be formed into one or more Troops as their number and circumstances may admit.—

Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers by temporary promotions from Captain Grants Corps.— The names so promoted to be returned on the strength of that Corps. as at present, and the difference of pay only to be drawn in the Abstract, and during the continuance of this temporary Corps.—

That Captain Grant be directed to fit up such old Saddles as he may find in the Arsenal, or about Madras and purchase the number wanting to complete, on the most reasonable terms on which they can be procured.—

That he be directed to Indent for Arms and accoutrements on the Military Board, and that he be authorized to make up Cloathing at the same rates as charged by the Contractor.—

That a reasonable proportion of Buckalties Mootchies, Chucklers and other Artificers be allowed with a Farrier and black Doctor to each Troop.—

Ordered that the Military Auditor General and Captain Grant be furnished with Copys of the foregoing Resolutions.—

Resolved.

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Maja General Braithwaite to be appointed to command the Troops in the Carnatick

Resolved that Major General Braithwaite be appointed to command the troops in the Carnatic as soon as the Commander in Chief may have quitted the territories dependent upon this Presidency; and that he be called upon to furnish a return of the troops who may remain and to point out such a distribution of them as he may judge best calculated for the protection of the Honorable Company's possessions —

" Clive

" Geo. Harris

" Wm Petrie

E W Falkofield

A Barclay Secy

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Diary

22d Received the following Letters

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting for the information of the Right Honble Governor — General in Council - Extract of letter received from the Tahsildar of Pylney -

Tippoo's policy is to get the chiefs of the most respectable Ryots into his power to ensure the obedience of their dependants they are flying from his people and seeking refuge under the — Company -

In the Aravacouchee, Daraporam and Coimbatore Countries are many powerful — Ryots who by having the management of three — four and more villages arrogate to themselves the

State

From the Collector at Dindigul enclosing extract of a letter he has received from the Tahsildar of Pilney - states different particulars respecting Tippoos endeavours to get the Chiefs of the most respectable Ryots into their power in order to secure the obedience of their dependents requests the instructions of Government how to act towards those of Tippoos subjects who may seek protection in our Territories -

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State of Polygars. They are much indisposed towards the conduct of his Managers and might be made serviceable to ourselves.

I have directed the Tahsildar to let them come by a Verbal Cowle but to order them to remain quiet.

As however the giving refuge to these people who are flying from oppression, may have unpleasant Consequences — I have to beg the favor of specific orders on the subject for my guidance.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Dindigul
January 17th 1799

Extract of letter from the Tahsildar of Pylney
dated 16th January received 17th

The Delli Polegar by order of the Dewan has plundered Ponoveram and placed a Garrison in it - Ponoveram Tambe Gouds was not taken but escaped his family and herds and flocks are

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are come within our bounds to Megrapatty where they are staying-

The Ryots and others of Tippoo's Country under a Larmaw coming into our bounds-

The Muwady Poligar having left his — pollam is coming with all his goods and Chattels to Pooshpatoor as the Mandaumear of that Village reports to me-

Within Tippoo's bounds they are besieging the principal people and handcuffing them are — sendeing them to Seringapatam on which account they are seeking an Asylum within our bounds.

True Translate

(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Colle.

Sent the following Letters-

To John Spencer Esq.
President &c. Commissioners
at Calicut

Gentlemen

To the Commissioners at Calicut informing them that 6500 Bags of rice have been sent on the Ship Illustration to Cananore and enclosing to them Copy of a letter to the Commanding officer that place a fresh supply of rice is to be sent by the Asterley-

I am directed by the Right — Honble the Governor General in Council to inform You

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Now that his Lordship has consigned to —

Cannanore six thousand five hundred bags of

Rice in the Ship Restoration Captain Galloway.

The Rice is to be received according

to a sample which has been sent on the Ship

to the Commanding Officer at Cannanore —

and receipts for the quantity delivered are to be

passed by the proper Officer that Captain Galloway

may be entitled to payment at this Presidency

according to agreement —

The Governor General in Council —

desires that the rice may be received into Store

for the use of the Troops in the field and held

at the disposal of the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to enclose for your

information Copy of my letter to the Commanding

Officer at Cannanore —

I am also directed to acquaint you

that a farther supply of rice will be sent to

Cannanore

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Commanore on the Extra Ship Osterly which
may be expected to sail in about seven days from
this date

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

Fort S.t George
22d January 1749

To Robert Rickards Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor General in Council to acquaint you
for the information of the Governor in Council
at Bombay that his Lordship has consigned to the
Commanding Officer at Cannanore six thousand
five hundred bags of Rice upon the Ship —•—
Restoration Captain Galloway which the —•—
Commanding Officer at Cannanore has been —•—
directed to receive into Store for the use of the
Troops under the orders of the Commander

in

S.t the Secretary at Bombay informing him that the Restoration has been engaged to carry 6500 Bags of Rice to Cananore

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in Chief at Bombay

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

Published the following Advertisement

Government Advertisement

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Government asserting that orders have been given to all the Standing Guards in the environs of Madras not to allow any Palankeens to pass and that the Military Paymaster has been authorized to press all the palankeen bearers he may find for the public service.

Notice is hereby given that the Right Honble the Governor Generalen — Council has found it necessary to order that no palankeens whatever shall be permitted to pass the standing guards in the environs of Madras and that the Military Paymaster is authorized to press all Palankeen bearers he may discover for the public service.

By order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council.

Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in Mb. Nos 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212.

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From Governor of Columbo.

From the Governor of Columbo he has appointed Lieutenant Kerr Paymaster General of the Kings troops on Ceylon.

From the Governor of Columbo

From the Governor of Columbo he has been unluckily disappointed in the Conveyance he expected to have procured to convey the Company of Bengal Artillery serving on Ceylon to Tuticorin he however hopes to find another one immediately—

From Mr. Campbell enclosing invoice

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

and bill of lading of rice shipped on the Success Galley for this Presidency—

From Mr. Gleilson transmits one

From the Paymaster at Vizagapatam.

collateral security bond and promises to forward the other immediately.

From Mr. William Gordon —"—

From the Paymaster at Masulipatam

transmitting two collateral security Bonds.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board transmitting to them Invoice and Bill of Lading &c. of rice shipped by the Supreme Government on the Success Galley with directions to have it immediately landed.

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To the Military Auditor General

To Lt. Major General Lydenham directing him to authorize payment of the Staff allowances due to Major General Baird and to his Brigade Major from the time of their leaving the Cape until their arrival here.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board desiring them to give the necessary directions for issuing to the agent for Bullocks from the Stores at the Presidency sixty garces of rice and eighty garces of Paddy from the Stores at Arnee and Vellore they are at the same time directed to furnish the Paymaster to the Army with a Statement of the charges of this Grain in order that the necessary deductions may be made from the Bullock people.

To the Military auditor General

To Major General Lydenham informing him that an order has been given for issuing 140 Garces of Rice from the public Stores to the principal agent for Bullocks and that the Military Board have been called upon to give a Statement of the charges of the Grain

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grain in order that proportionate stoppages
may be made from the hire of the Bullocks
the deductions to be made from the Bullock Masters
on account of the advances which have been granted
to them, are to be diminished from the 1st of the
ensuing Month.

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To Messrs Barlow. Richards
Spencer Palmer and Kirkpatrick transmitting
to them copies of the latest intelligence received
from the Mysore Country.

23d Received the following Letters.

To the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay Commissioners in the Malabar Coast Resident at Poonah and Hydrabad.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort S.t George

Sir

I request you will inform the
Right Honble the Governor General in Council
that I have this day been able from the
punctuality of the Rajahs Supplies to dispatch
to the Grand Army by the way of Attore two
thousand Cattle and four thousand Sheep.

From the Resident at Tanjore mentions that he has been enabled to dispatch to the grand army 2000 head of Cattle and 4000 Sheep he shall use every exertion to procure double Bearers but dispairs of being able to collect more than 3 or 400 he has sent six thousand Pagodas to the Southern Paymasters.

I am

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I am also assembling Dooly — Bearers but from the Southern Boys being — unaccustomed to a Camp life and unwilling to proceed on that Service I fear I shall not be able to engage more than three or four hundred and those principally from Trichinopoly and Tanjour — no means will be left untried to secure their Service.

I have already reported to Government the amount of Cash in my hands and have only to add that I have complied with an application from the Southern Paymaster to the extent of six Thousand Star Pagodas for the purpose of conveying his supplies to the army.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c

Tanjour
19th January 1799

(signed) Benj. Torin
Resident

&c

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The Right Honble the Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General in Council

&c &c &c

My Lords,

In order finally to close the accounts of the late Mr. John Wynch Paymaster at Vellore &c, and that Government may recover from the Estate the Balance which may be outstanding against it on account of Retrenchments, for which there are sufficient assets as appears by a letter from the Executor enclosed in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter to me of the 18th October 1798. I have the honor to submit to your Lordships decision the accompanying Reference on Retrenchments made on the late Mr. John Wynches Disbursements while Paymaster to the Army before Pondicherry in the months of July, august, September, and October 1793.

From the Military auditor general lays before the Board a reference on retrenchments appearing against the late Mr. Paymaster Wynch at Bellore States that the Auditor General at Bombay had objected to sanction a charge for Writers made by the Paymaster at Aleppo, to enable him to keep the accounts of the troops belonging to the Bombay Presidency - gives it as his opinion that as that charge was incurred entirely on account of the Bombay Troops it ought to be placed to the debit of that Presidency as he concludes that the advances which may be made by major Bannerman for the hire of Bullocks will be carried to the Debit of the Bombay Presidency he requests that Government will make the necessary communications to him on the subject, in order that he may furnish Major Bannerman with such forms as will enable him to conduct the business of his employment with regularity.

2d The Paymaster at Colombo

Having

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having been directed on the 1st month of December
1798 to pay the Bombay Troops on Ceylon in conse-
=quence of a Representation from the Government of
that Presidency that the expense of a separate Pay
Office would be saved by such an arrangement and
Mr. McDowall having requested to be allowed an
additional Writer for making up two sets of accounts
Disbursements for those Troops one of which he
was ordered to forward to Bombay and the other
to this Office I was induced from the reasonable-
=ness of this request and as Government has been
pleased to leave to me the carrying the before-
=mentioned arrangement into execution to authorize
him to charge a Sum not exceeding 25 Pagodas
P. month for that purpose directing him to carry the
same to the Debit of the Bombay Presidency the
Military Auditor General there having however
objected to the admission of the charge and stated his
opinion that it should be defrayed by the Madras
Government I have therefore to request, your

Lordship's

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Your Lordships' decision on the subject and beg leave to submit whether as this additional expense has been incurred solely on account of the Bombay Troops it should not be charged to that Presidency as well as the other Sums disbursed which have been invariably admitted to that Head.

3 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 19th Instant enclosing for my information and guidance copy of a letter to Major Bannerman upon the subject of providing Bullocks for the use of the Army on the Malabar Coast and concluding that the amount of advances or hire on account of such Bullocks is to be carried to the Debit of the Bombay Presidency I request to be honored with your Lordships authority for that purpose and shall communicate to Major Bannerman the necessary Forms to enable him to keep his accounts of such hire and advances in conformity to the Regulations lately established for the Bullock Department under

this

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

My Lord

Report of the Military Auditor General on the Military Paymaster Generals additional estimates of 19th & 21st instant and sanctioning the payment to them of Pags. 2818.32-63

I have the honor to be with great Respect.
My Lord
Your Excellency's
Most obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Wm Sydenham
Military Auditor Genl

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 19th instant accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the present Month amounting to Pagodas 20193. I have the honor to report that on adverting to the Sum before passed on account of arrears due to His Majesty's 84th Regiment stated Pagodas 20529 and having communicated with the Military Paymaster General on the Subject I find that a Balance of Pagodas 336 remains in his hands in consequence of his having only advanced Pagodas 60,000 to that Regiment on account and for which Bombay

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Presidency has been debited accordingly.

2 I have also examined the additional Estimate forwarded with Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of yesterdays date for Pagodas 7389. 2. 75. on account of a Bill passed in any Office to the Gun Carriage Contractors on the authority of Government from which the Military Paymaster General has deducted the sum of Pagodas 4,204. 18. 12. which he was instructed from this Office to receive from the Attorney of the Administrator to the Estate of the late Mr. White Paymaster at Arcot on account of Retrenchments outstanding against the Estate which had been confirmed on final audit. The Balance on this additional Estimate Viz.t Pagodas 3184. 32. 63. is unobjectionable and after deducting therefrom the overplus of Pagodas 336 on the additional Estimate first mentioned. The sum issuable from the Treasury will be Pagodas 2848. 32. 63.-

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

(signed) Wm. Sydenham
Military Auditor Genl.

Military Auditor
Genl's Office
Fort St. George
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The following Order of Council sent to the Clerk of Treasury.

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Military Department
23d January 1799

Cash ordered to be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General the sum of Pagodas 2818.32.63. agreeably to his estimates of 19th & 21st Instant.

Ordered that the Sum of Two thousand Eight Hundred and eighteen Pagodas thirty two Fanams and sixty three Cash (Pag.s 2818.32.63.) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimates enclosed in his letters 19th and 21st Instants.

By order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council.

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

Dispatched the following letter to the Governor of Ceylon by Express.

To

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To His Excellency the Honble
Frederic North
Governor of the Island of
Ceylon &c &c &c

Honble Sir,

The Right Honble the Governor

To the Governor of Ceylon permitting His Excellency the Governor to proceed to this Presidency as soon as he conveniently can

General in Council having received from your Excellency an intimation of your wish to proceed to this Presidency for the purpose of communicating with him on the affairs of your Government, and being of opinion that considerable advantage might result to the public service from such a communication His Lordship in Council hereby authorizes your Excellency to proceed to Fort St. George whenever you shall find it expedient to be absent from the Island of Ceylon during his Lordships Residence at the Presidency

We have the honor to be
&c &c

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[Signed] Mornington
" Clive
" Geo. Harris
" Wm Petrie
" D.N. Fallofield

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Received and Sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in 1113 to 1213. 214. 215. 216. 217 218. 219

220. 221. 222 223. 224. 225: 226.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Hoole enclosing a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal to the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency

From Captain Macleod

From Captain Macleod enclosing charges for procureing Intelligence for the month of October November and December 1798 the amount of which he requests may be paid into the hands of Messrs. Hindersley Watts & Co.

From the Officer Commanding at Vizagapatam

From Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham he has received charge of the Vizagapatam District

From Lieutenant Colonel Muat

From Commandant in the Ganjam Circar

From Lieutenant Colonel Wahab containing heads of Intelligence requests the determination of Government on the subject of employing Hircarrahs.

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From Lieutenant Charles Dallas —

From Lieutenant Charles Dallas

States that he has completed the purchase of 200 Horses and that he has made one March from — to Hydrabad —

From the Military Board encloses a Bill of Captain Johnstone of the Engineers for the construction of the County Boxes amounting to Pagodas 9537. enclose a Bill of Lading in Duplicate for 132 Casks of Salt Provisions shipped for Trincomale

From the Military Board

From Do recommends a Bill of the Tent Contractor to be paid. Propose that Andrew Allan mentioned in the Letter from Government to the Board of the 9th Instant be employed in the Arsenal at Fort St. George —

From Ditto

From Mr. Brodie reports that the Rice tendered by Captain Galloway of the Restoration appears to be of a good quality —

From the Garrison Store Keeper

From Mr. Ruebuck encloses a — Statement of the expences of the army for February 1799 —

From the Military Comptroller General

From

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From Military — Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck annexes a Copy of a Letter from the Commissary of Grain to the Army who requests a further advance of 2000 Pagodas

To the Military Board

To the Military Board enclosing a List of Military Stores that were shipped by the Supreme Government on board of the Lord Duncan which they are directed to have unimediately landed.

To the Military and Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham enclosing for his examination the estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the ensuing Month and directing him to state separately the amount required for the Troops actually in the Field.

To Do.

To Do enclosing for his examination the Hon.ble Deputy Paymaster Generals' accounts from 25th. October to the 24th. December 1798.

To Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck informing him that agreeable to the Auditor Generals' Report on his estimates of the 19th. Instants Pagodas 2818.. 32.63. will be advanced to him from the Treasury

on

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on his application.

Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in CC N° 19. 20. 21.

From the Peishwa mentions that the

Substance of a letter from the Peishwa

nuptial of his Brother are to be celebrated on the

23 May next and requests the presence of the Governor.

From Bamnauze acknowledges the ——

Substance of a letter from Bamnauze

Receipt of the Letter to him of the 11th Instant he

has used his utmost endeavours to comply with

the contents of it by collecting supplies of Provisions

and by dispatching people in search of the Dooly

Bearers that may be in his Districts

From D°. acknowledging the receipt

Ditto Ditto.

of the Letter to him of the 17th Instant he will ——

endeavour in every respect to conform with the ——

Requisition it Contains.

24th Received the following letter from

Messrs. Chase Lovell and Chase Hunter Thomas

Chase and Robert Clerk.

To

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

My Lord,

We, who are the only remaining Bond Holders in the Registered debt of the Rajah of Tanjore the Payment of which is sanctioned by the Legislature and which is now in train of Liquidation by half yearly instalments issued by the Rajah thro' the Honble Company's Treasury beg leave to offer to give up our Bond bearing 12 p.Cent Interest provided your Lordship in Council will grant a Bond at 10 p.Cent Interest for the amount due to each Individual as particularized in the enclosed Statement or if your Lordship will allow such amount to be subscribed to the decennial Loan.

From Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase Hunter Thomas Chase and Robert Clarke propose that Government should grant them 10 per Cent Bonds for the amount of the Tanjore Bonds in their possession or that they be permitted to subscribe those Bonds to the Decennial Loan.

We have the honor to be
&c &c.
(Signed) Chase Sewell and Chase
For the British Bank
J Hunter
Thomas Chase
Robert Clarke

Madras
5th January 1799

Statement

Statement shewing the remaining Debt of His Excellency the late Rajah of Tanjore due to the following Creditors

Nos of Bonds and Certificates	Names of Bond Holders	Amount of Principal Sum Certified to be due on the 12th July 1787.	Amount of Pagodas 46.3.19 ℔ Cent in full of balance of Interest due to the 1st January 1799 @ 12 ℔ Cent ℔ Ann.	Total amount of Principal and Interest due on the 1st January 1799
1	Messrs. Chase Sewell & Chase	5720 32 54	2644 25 39	8365 22 13
1	Lieutenant Thomas Clerk	3400 " "		
"	Ditto	3000 " "		
"	Ditto	1500 " "		
		7900 " "	3652 26 1	11552 26 1
"	Robert Clerk Esqr.	8500 " "	3929 16 15	12429 16 15
"	Thomas Chase Esqr.	1300 " "		
8	Do.	7425. 31. 65.	8925 31 65	41261 17 2 13052 7 37
12	The Revd. M.r Swartz This not included	1000 "		1000 "
		Pagodas	32046. 28 39	14352 20 27. 46399. 12 66.

N.B No Interest to be allowed on the above said Bond N.o 12 for Pag.s 1000

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236.

From Resident at Poonah

From Mr. Palmer acknowledges the Receipt of the Mysore Intelligence.

From Captain Forbes forwards five Letters he had received by express from Colonel Roberts Detachment.

From Commandant at Vellore.

From Captain Ridge of the 1st B. 8 R. N. I. late Commandant at Rampore

From Captain Ridge states that while he commanded at Rampore he was necessitated to purchase a house there as a Commanding Officers quarter he requests that the building may be taken on the publick account.

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Lydenham encloses Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster at Masulipatam respecting eight french Prisoners who had arrived there from Hydrabad he requests to be informed if it be the wish of Government that the same allowance of half Pay be made to those Prisoners as was granted to others in

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Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 22d ultimo

From Military Paymaster General -

From Mr. Roebuck annexes Copy of a letter from Major General Popham who requests to have 3000 Pagodas on account of himself and his Officers to be afterwards accounted for.

From Ditto.

From Do encloses an Additional " estimate of Cash required to answer the Demands on his Office for Pagodas 4000.

From Captain A Grant states that

From Town Major

he has selected 25 East horses which he thinks will be fit for the duties of the temporary Corps of Cavalry that is proposed to be formed.

To Mr. Cleghorne inclosing him a Bill

From the Secretary to the Government at Columbo -

of Lading for Provisions Shipped on the Schooner Flora for Trincomalie together with an invoice of the Medical Stores forwarded to Columbo.

To Mr. Jacob Vilbracht informing

To the late Chief at Pulicat.

him that twelve months Salary will be advanced to him on his application by the Civil Paymaster General but that this advance is to be in lieu of all further charges whatever.

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To the Civil Paymaster General.

To Mr. Balfour informing him that Mr. J. Elbracht the late Chief at Pulicat has been permitted to draw for Twelve Months Salary on advance.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered on C.C. Nos 22.23.

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob.

From the Nabob enclosing Copies of Letters he had received complaining of the conduct of Captain Macleod

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry.

From Calastry Rajah acknowledges the receipt of the Letter to him of the 17th Instant he shall do his utmost to procure all the supplies required of him he shall attend to what has been mentioned to him respecting Dooly Bearers and shall in every other respect seek to conform to the wishes of Government.

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Received the following Letter from the Commandant at Trichinapoly.

Josiah

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To
Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

In consequence of Major General Hartleys requisition to the Rajah of Travancore for 3 Battalions, of which Government will have been informed by Major Bannermans Letter to you of the 15th Current it appearing probable that delay in detaching the 1000 Troops required from the Rajah by the Right Honble the Governor General for Palamcotah and Madura may ensue and that if detachment of the 3 Battalions shall be take place in the first instance the Troops for this Quarter after increased delay may be composed of new Levies of men of inferior description to obviate this I have this day sent a discretionary order to Major Bannerman a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose for the information and I hope the approbation of the Right Honble the Governor

From Commandant at Tuticorin having been informed that General Hartley had sent a requisition to the Rajah of Travancore for 3 Battalions he expresses his apprehensions that in the event of this being in the first instance complied with the reinforcement of 1000 men intended for Madura and Palamcottah will be delayed he has therefore sent a discretionary order to Major Bannerman a Copy of which he encloses and which he hopes will be approved by Government.

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Governor General in Council.

Truchenopoly 25th January 1799

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ A. Brown.

Major John Bannerman
Commanding Pallamcotah and Troops in the
District of
Tinnavelly

Sir,

The Right Honble the Governor General having by letter of the 5th. Current to the Rajah of Travancore requested that he would forthwith detach a thousand of his Troops to reinforce the Garrisons of Madura and Palamcottah I have the honor to enclose a Copy a Letter — transmitted to me by the Secretary of Government and as the speedy arrival of these Troops at the places of their destination is of great importance to the public Service and may be impeded or delayed by the requisition for three Battalions of

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The Rajahs Troops which by your letter of the 13th instant I perceive has been made by Major General Hartley should the Service committed by Government to your immediate charge admit of your absence from — a — Palamcotah for a few days I request you may proceed with all convenient Expedition to the place of the Rajahs Residence and there urge his Excellency to detach the auxiliary Troops required for Palamcottah and Madura with the least possible delay repeating to him the assurance relative to the treatment they may expect as contained in the Letter I had the honor to address the Rajah and forwarded to you for — transmittal on the 18th Current with Translate for your information —

In event of your finding yourself at liberty to comply with this provisional order which is left to your discretion as you can better judge than me who am not fully informed of the points of the Service committed to your execution

you

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you will be good enough to acquaint me of the time of your departure from and probable return to Palamcottah and with the name of the Officer who will be left in charge during your absence that I may transmit the information to Government and the Commander in Chief whom I have this day advised of this Communication

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) A Brown

Truchenopoly
21st January 1799

Sent the following Letters.

To Major General Braithwaite

Sir,

The Right Honble the Governor General having been pleased to appoint you to Command the Troops in the Carnatic as soon as the Commander in Chief may have quitted the territories dependent upon this Presidency directs me to desire that you will furnish his Lordship with a return of the Troops which may remain together with such a distribution of them as you may judge best calculated for the protection of the Honble Company's

To Major General Braithwaite intimating to him his appointment to Command the Carnatic in the absence of Commander in Chief and directing him to furnish the Board with a return of the Troops that may remain together with such a distribution as may be judged to be best calculated to ensure the protection of the Country.

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Company's possession-

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

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To Major General Geils.

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 15th Instant with the accompanying Packet for the Honble Court of Directors.

To major General Geils acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 15th Instant with the packet that accompanied it permitting him to proceed by the first opportunity to Europe he does not be permitted to publish his papers-

The Right Honble the Governor General in Council permits you to proceed to England by the earliest opportunity that may occur but as the whole of your case has already been referred as you were informed in my Letter of the 20th October last to the consideration of the Honble Court his Lordship thinks it unbecoming the respect which is due to them to permit the publication of your papers during the reference if even the measure itself could be deemed unobjectionable he therefore expressly prohibits you from publishing them.

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

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Received and sent the undermentioned

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244. 245. 246.

From Colonel Rogers Commanding 1st Battn. Tulipaland.

From Colonel Rogers enclosing a Bill for repairs done by him to the Sepoy Barracks at Conjeveram which he requests may be sanctioned.

From the Adjutant General of the Army.

From Lieutenant Colonel Close encloses a List of Natives whose cases had appeared to the Awarding Committee as particularly deserving of Indulgence

From Military Auditor General.

From Major General Lydenham encloses copy of a letter from Captain Cunningham Muster Master of the Southern Division who requests to be permitted to join the Army and to transfer for the present his appointment to Lieutenant Peacock

From Ditto Ditto

From Do transmitting the usual letter of Audit on the account of Captain Keith Young from 25th August to 24th September 1798.

From the Garrison Storekeeper.

From Mr. Brodie encloses a letter he had received from the Commander of the Triton applying for

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for different articles which he states to be necessary for the use of the Ship encloses a List of Provisions that will be required on Board of the Triton

From Military Pay-master General

From Mr. Roebuck encloses an — additional estimate of Cash required to answer demands on his Office for the current month being Pagodas — 3000

To Military auditor General

To Major General Sydenham encloses the Resolutions of the Board on the Retrenchments appearing against Lieutenant Colonel Bowser and the state of the late Mr. Lynch the Government of Bombay have been requested to admit to the debit of that Presidency the expence for Writers incurred by the Paymaster at — Columbo on account of the Bombay Troops serving on Ceylon the Board approve his intention of furnishing Major Bannerman with the necessary instructions to enable him to keep the accounts of the Bullocks he has been directed to procure he is authorized to debit — Major Bannerman disbursements on that head to the Bombay Presidency Major Bannerman to be — authorized to indent on the Paymaster at Madura for the

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the cash that he may require Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Vellore with an account of Sales of the cast horses he was directed to dispose of. the — payment of the Sundry Bills authorized.

To the Secretary at Bombay.

To Mr. Rickards informing him that it is the wish of the Governor General in Council that the expence incurred by the Paymaster at — Columbo on account of the Bombay troops be — placed to the Debit of that Presidency further — informing him that Major Brunerman has been authorized to provide Draft and Carriage Cattle for the Army on the Malabar Coast and that the — account of the charges on this account is to be brought to the Debit of the Bombay Presidency.

To Mr. Conolly Surgeon &

To Mr. Conolly permitting him to transfer his property in the Lunatic Hospital to Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board directing them to issue the necessary orders for substituting brass instead of Iron work to the powder Magazine in the upper Fort at Amboor. The accomplishment proposed by

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there for supplying the Cavalry with Grain to be published the several Bills recommended by them to have been passed for payment. Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Bengal respecting the Supply of Gunpowder which was applied for enclosed.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble

The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Lieutenant General Harris

William Petrie

and

Ernst William Falkofeldt } Esqrs

Friday 25th January 1799

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

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

Governor General in Council

&c &c &c.

My Lord

We the Principal agent for Draft and

From the Military Board enclose an Indent

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indent from the agent for draft and carriage Bullocks for the Month of January 1799 amounting to — Pags. 69000 which they recommend may be complied with — Lay before the Board copies of the last weekly reports that have been received from the Garrisons — Storekeeper at Vellore and Arnee.

and Carriage Cattle having laid before our Board the enclosed Indent for Pagodas 69000 being the amount required for the disbursements of his Department in the Month of January 1799. We recommend that such Advance of Cash be made to him accordingly.

We do ourselves the honor of laying before your Lordship in Council the accompanying Copies of Reports from the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore, and Arnee of the Issues and Receipts of Grain during the last Week at those Stations respectively.

We have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordship's very Obedient

humble Servants

(Signed) John Brathwaite

" Patrick Ross

" Wm Sydenham

" Jn Richardson

" By Close

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Report

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Report of Paddy Issued and Rice received at Vellore 21st January 1799.

Report of Stores Issued 23rd January 1799

	Issued Paddy			Received Rice		
	Garces	Mers.	Sers	Garces	Mers.	Sers
Issued and Received as per last Report Dated 16th January	98	179	4	46	"	"
From 16th to this day	30	133	4	12	"	"
Total	128	312	8	58	"	"

Military Board Office
22d January 1799

A true Copy
Signed Fred Pierce
Lieut. & Military Board

Signed J. H. Skardon
Garrison Store Keeper

Report of Paddy Issued and Rice Received at Arnee 25th January 1799

	Issued Paddy			Received Rice		
	Garces	Mds	Seers	Garces	Mds	Seers
Issued and Received as per last Report dated 14th January	36	233	4	17	.	.
From 14th to this day	11	366	8	5	200	4
Total	48	200	.	22	200	.

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Military Board Office
23d January 1799

True Copy
(signed) Fred Pierce
Secy Mily Board

(signed) J. H. Shardon
Garrison Store Keeper

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Resolved that the Assurance recommended to the principal agent for Bullocks be authorized -

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

January 25th. 1799.

Memorandum.

If the Detachment of the 2d. European Regiment could be spared from this Garrison it would be very desireable to ship it immediately for Negapatnam where Camp Equipage might be ordered to meet it from Tanjore - The reinforcement even of this Corps would facilitate Colonel Browns drawing together at Trichenopoly a force that might act with effect in securing the Coimbatore and so cooperate with Colonel Read in the important object of forwarding supplies to the Army

The enclosed Note shows the state of

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief suggesting the expediency of immediately embarking the Detachment of 2d. European Regiment for Negapatam in order that they may strengthen and cooperate with the force under Colonel Brown proposing that three hundred rank and file should with the same view be withdrawn from Trichinopoly or Madura or that the 76th. Regt. be if it can possibly be spared brought from Bengal for the protection of the Southern countries

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of the Garrison of Trincomalli – It is possible that a detail equal to 300 Rank and file might be drawn away without any serious inconvenience but should the state of affairs in Bengal admit of their parting with the 76th. for the further reinforcement of the Southern Army Colonel Brown would be so strengthned as to enable him to act offensively on the South side of the Cavary with very great prospect of success.

[Signed] George Harris

Minute thereon

The Board entirely approve the foregoing Memorandum and do Resolve that orders be given for the immediate embarkation of the Detachment of the 2d Regiment for Negapatam.

Resolved also that the following letter be dispatched to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon –

To

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Fort St. George 25th January 1799

To His Excellency the Honble Frederic North

Governor of

Ceylon

Honble Sir,

To the Governor of Ceylon requesting him to dispatch as soon as possible five Companies of the European Force on Ceylon to Negapatam they shall be replaced by the troops expected from Europe -

The necessity of augmenting our force in the Southern Division of which your Excellency is already apprized in consequence of the Prospect of impending hostilities with Tippoo Sultaun induces us to request that you will give orders for embarking with all practicable dispatch five Companies of Europeans to be landed at Negapatam for the Service of this Presidency -

We leave it to your Excellency to detach this number of men either from His Majesty's 80th Regiment at Trincomalle or from the 19th Regiment at Columbo as may be most convenient to your Excellency's Government -

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Having reason to expect the early arrival of the reinforcements intended for India from Portugal & Gibraltar we shall take the earliest opportunity of replacing the force which we have now requested your Excellency to detach from the Island of Ceylon.

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We have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Mornington &c
Council

The President lays before the Board the Letter from the Nabob with the following Draft of a letter to His Highness the Nabob in reply.

Also entered in CC No 24 A 24 B
Vide entered Letter from the Nabob - 24 January -

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

May it please your Highness!

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Highness's friendly letter dated the 24th Instant I am always happy to receive the assurances of your Highness's Attachment and Friendship to the Company and request you to accept my acknowledgements for the personal Regard and esteem which you have done

To the Nabob acknowledging the receipt of his letter to the President of the 24th Instant accepting his Highness proposal rid to the Company in the manner and on the terms proffered by him - Copy of the Governor Generals Letter to the President on the subject enclosed - He recommends to his Highness to pay the money at an early period.

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me the honor to profess for me-

In consequence of a Conversation with the Right Honble the Governor General upon the subject of your Highness's letter transmitted a private Note to your Highness informing you that I was authorized to accept your Highness proferd aid to the Company upon the terms and in the manner proposed by your Highness upon farther Consideration of your Highness's proposition I thought it a matter, which required the determination of the Governor General I therefore transmitted a Copy of your Highness's letter to his Lordship; and at the same time that I convey to your Highness his Lordships and my own acceptance of your proposal I think it necessary in order to prevent any misconception of the precise terms upon which the acceptance stands to furnish your Highness with a Copy of Lord Mornington's letter to me upon the subject-

Concurring with the Governor General in recommending to your Highness an early payment of the Money which your Highness so landably intends to contribute to the Present exigency of public affairs-

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Clive &c.a
Council

Resolved

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Lieutenant John Collett appointed a Cornet of Cavalry.

Resolved that at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief Lieutenant John Collett be appointed a Cornet of Cavalry.

Clive
Geo: Harris
Wm Petrie
E Wallscott

A Barclay Sec.