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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

&c &c &c

From the Officer commanding in the Baramahal — States that the conduct of the Aumildar of Malpaddy had been such as to render it necessary for him to use compulsive measures in laying the assessments in his District — Encloses a letter from his Assistant Collector on the subject.

Sir

The demands of the Sirkar requiring that all the districts in the Baramahl should be duly assessed for the different articles of supply I have — included that of Malpaddy which belongs to the Nabob, the Aumildar having refused to furnish his quota I was obliged to obtain it by force and am led to suppose that he will make a Complaint to his Master which may be finally laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council I have therefore to request that you will communicate to his Lordship the cause that has actuated me to adopt this measure, and has entirely proceeded from the non compliance of the Aumildar to the necessary assessment levied on his District —

I am
&c &c

Kistnagerry
5th February 1799

(Signed) A. Read
Lieut.t Colonel Commg
& Supt.
Ceded District

P.S.

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P.S. The accompanying letter I inclose for the inspection of his Lordship and which I have received from my assistant Collector of the Northern Division.

To Lieutenant Colonel Read
Superintendent
&c &c &c

Sir

I beg leave to state to you that my endeavours to obtain supplies of any kind, or assistance of any sort from the Manager of the Mallpaddy Sagbire on account of the army or for the publice service have proved entirely fruitless — I have to add that very great inconvenience has for a long time been experienced by merchants and others belonging to the Baramahl from his vexatious demands of Road duties also that he has refused to admit into his district servants sent thither by the Sair former to collect the Customs in which he has no right to interfere —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. G. Graham
Ass.t Coll.r

Douletabad
1st February 1799.

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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 — enclose copy of a letter and enclosure from Lieut.t Colonel Murray respecting the buildings at Connaloreton which they request the determination of the Board — enclose the reports of the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore & Arnee up to the 4th Instant —

1. We do ourselves the honor to forward to your Lordship by desire of the Commander in Chief a Letter and Enclosure from Lieutenant Colonel Murray, and beg to be honored with your Lordships Commands on the subject as speedily as may be convenient —

2 We also forward for your Lordships information Reports of Paddy issued and remaining, and Rice received at Vellore and Arnee respectively up to the 4th Instant —

We have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite

Patrick Ross

Fort St George
7 February 1799

To General Harris

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a List.

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List of what is done at the Cantonments of Coimatore and beg leave to know from you whether or not I shall continue the Building of the Stables — I have addressed the Military Board on this head but received no answer, Should you approve of my going on I beg leave to mention the number of people I would wish to look over the Artificers in my absence, One Serjeant, One Naigue and four privates those people I had before employed they are not the best men of the Regiment

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) Jn°. Murray
Lieut. Colonel

Camp near Vellore
2d February 1799.

A true Copy

(Signed) John. Macleane
Dep. Sec. Mily Board

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A List of Buildings Works, and Stores carrying on at Connatore

5 Barracks new Built and Completed with doors windows lock & Keys &c. &c.

1 Barrack repaired — Do — Do — Do — Do —

1 Standard Guard new built & completed with Do — Do

1/4 Troop Horse Stable 40 Stalls finished

3/4 Troop Do — Do — 40 — Do — Do

3 Stables foundation laid the end Walls & some pillars built up

1 Lack and 50,000 Bricks ready Burnt

50,000 Sun dry'd Bricks, besides Making more —

One Lack of Tiles ready burnt —

50,000 Sun dryed Tiles, besides Making more —

300 Pieces of Palmira ready Trimed at the Stables

600 Do — — Do — ready near Amboor —

250 Whole Trees cut down near Amboor

Iron Nails &c Making —

(Signed) In.o Murray
Lieut.t Colonel

Military Board
Office 7th February 1799

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Dep.y Sec.y to the Mil.y Board
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Report of Paddy Issued, and remaining, and Rice received at Arnee
4th February 1799

	Paddy in Store —			Rice in Store —		
	Garces	Merc.s	Seers	Garces	Merc.s	Seers
Remaining on the 28th January as per last Report	605	135	1	29	"	"
Issued from 28th January to this day	19	200	"	"	"	"
Received from Do to Do	"	"	"	9	"	"
Total Remaining	585	335	1	38	"	"

Military Board Office
6th February 1799

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Deptg Secy Milty Board

(Signed) J. H. Skardon
G Storekr

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Report of Paddy Issued, and remaining and Rice received at Vellore —
4th February 1799 —

	Paddy in Store			Rice in Store		
	Garces	merch.	Seers	Garces	merch.	Seers
Remaining on the 28th January as pr. last Report	293	208	9 1/4	72	"	"
Issued from 28th January to this day	30	133	4	"	"	"
Received from Do. to Do.	"	"	"	14	"	"
Total Remaining	263	75	5 1/2	86	"	"

(Signed) J. H. Skardon
G. Storek.

Military Board
Office 6th February 1799 —

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Dept. Secy. Mily. Board

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The Right Honble The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military auditor General - reporting on the Paymaster General additional estimate of the 6th Instant and authorizing the issue of Pag.s 12.886.24 - from the Treasury ---

In reply to Mr Secretary Webbe's - letter of yesterday's date accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency for the current Month amounting to Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty six Pagodas and Twenty seven fanams (Pag.s 12.886-27.) I have the honor to - report that this sum is admissible and may be - issued from the Treasury being required for the purpose of discharging Bills for the Passage Money of the - Officers of His Majesty's 28th Light Dragoons and Scotch Brigade lately arrived from the Cape of Good Hope for the Payment of the Families of the different Corps in the Field for the hire of or an advance to Public Followers proceeding to Corps with the Army and for Sundry other Charges, the Bills for which have been passed in my Office under the authority of - Government signified thereon -

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I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George 8th February 1799

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

Order of Council

Military Department

8th February 1799

Ordered that the Sum of Twelve Thousand
Eight Hundred and Eighty six Pagt and Twenty seven
fanams (Pagt 12.886.27.) be advanced from the Treasury
to the Military Pay master General on account of his
additional estimate enclosed in his letter of the 6th
Instant —

Cash ordered to be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General Pagt 12886-27-

By order of the Right Honorable
the Governor General in Council —

(Signed) J. Webbe

Secry to Govern.t

Sent the following Letter to the Governor
of the Cape of Good Hope —

To

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To His Excellency
The Right Honble the Earl of Macartney K.B
Governor of the
Cape of Good Hope

My Lord

To the Governor at the Cape of Good Hope informing him of the arrival of the Troops from the Cape of Good Hope —

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships letter of the 14.th September and 17.th October last, and to inform you, that the greater part of the Troops embarked at the Cape under the command of Major General Baird for the service of this Presidency arrived here on the 7.th ultimo and the remainder on the 17.th following

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

Fort S.t George
7.th February 1799 —

(Signed) Mornington &c. Council

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. N.os 57-58-59 —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

From Mr. Campbell enclosing invoice bill of lading &c.a of Rice shipped on the Fazarabaunnee for this Presidency —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board enclosing

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to them invoice and bill of lading and musters of rice — shipped on the Fazaralaunnee for this Presidency, which they are directed to have landed —

To the Military Paymaster General —

See Mr. Rocbuck informing him that Pagodas 12,836-27-4) will be advanced to him from the Treasury on his application. —

Substance of a letter to the Peishwa —

Sent a letter to the Peishwa entered in C.C. № 31 Congratulating him on the intended nuptials of his Brother —

Received the following Letters from the

Governor of Columbo —

The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Governor of Columbo — encloses a list of Military Stores which he has the articles therein mentioned; are much wanted, he earnestly requests may be complied with — the Company of Bengal artillery are to embark for Pulycorin two days after the date of his Letter —

I had on my arrival here given Orders for the making a considerable number of Gun-Carriages as there were none serviceable in the Place; and as there was some Wood fit for their fabrication — already cut and seasoned, for Iron to Complete them. Major Barton, who was charged with the making them wrote —

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wrote to Bengal and we expect but are not sure of
its arrival by the Cinnamon Ships. as well as that
of many articles of Store for which I have indented
upon that Government. But as the Report of the
sailing of admiral Rickey will not allow me to
remain without the Certainty of obtaining such
articles as are absolutely necessary for the Defence
of the Post on this Island I enclose to your Lordship in
Council the List of such as are indispensibly and immedi-
ately requisite for the Safety of this Place and Galle —
which I request you to order to be sent to me as soon as
possible —

Your Military Board has a perfect
knowledge of what is necessary for Trincomalee &
that Place has long been looking to it for the —
promised Supplies of which it is in the greatest want
Let me beseech your Lordship in Council to hasten
their Departure if they are not already gone —

The artillery Company which I was
obliged to disembark will embark again for —

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Tutacoryn on the Day after Tomorrow —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) Frederic North

Columbo
28th January 1799

To The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General in Council &c &c &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord

As your Lordship wishes me to receive three Hundred more Malays on this Island and to incorporate them with those who are already here and as they can be of no Service to any Government but this I will request your Lordship in Council to give over the whole of that Body to this Government from the Madras Establishment to which it now belongs and at the same time that it may be brought into same kind of Discipline I will request you to — send me Two officers of the Madras Establishment besides those who are here and Ten European Sergeants prudent and sober men to whom I will give — comfortable situations in the Corps, which I believe I

From Ditto - requests that the whole of the Malays at present on the Madras establishment may be transferred to Ceylon requests also that two officers & ten European Sergeants may accompany them -

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I can raise to Eight Hundred It will however be necessary for me to encrease their Pay —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) Frederic North

Columbo
22d January 1799

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos 60 61 62

From the Resident at Poona —

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer — acknowledges the receipt of the intelligence transmitted to him on the 9th ultimo —

From the Town Major

From Captain Grant — mentions that a number of Sepoys belonging to the Bengal — volunteers had been sent into the General Hospital without any person being appointed to look after them and that the Surgeon is only authorized to furnish them with the medicines they may want — He — requests that he may be allowed to draw pay for them —

To the Governor of Ceylon

To the Honorable Mr. North informing him that a supply of provisions has been forwarded to Trincomallee —

Received

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Received the following Letters —

The Earl of Mornington K. P.

Governor General in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord

From the Governor of Ceylon Requests to be informed of the period to which the accounts the Island have been adjusted —

In order to ascertain the period when the audit department of this Island should commence, I must request that your Lordship in Council would be pleased to transmit to me, as soon as convenient an account shewing the periods to which the Revenue Commercial and Military accounts of the Island have been audited at Madras, with the account of Retrenchments outstanding in each department specifying whether such retrenchments are upon audit Re-audit or final audit —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) Frederic North

Columbo
29th January 1799

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The Earl of Mornington

My Dear Lord

From Do Do Requests that the officers belonging to the Kings Regiments which have been reduced who shall remain in the Country may be — Permitted to serve with the Malay Corps on Ceylon — States different arrangements he proposes to make with regard to this Corps —

It has just occurred to me that since the late Reduction of several of his Majestys Regiments in India many subaltern Officers must necessarily remain without Situations. If it should therefore be your Pleasure to give over the Malay Corps — entirely to this Government it may be possible to place several Gentlemen in it who would — otherwise be obliged to return to Europe on Half Pay That Body is so well commanded by Lieut. Whittle of the Madras Establishment, that I hope He may be allowed to remain with me as well as Lieutenant Hazard the Adjutant —

The other Officers I may procure from the drafted Kings Regiments without calling on those of the Honorable Company's Establishments whose Services are necessary elsewhere and whose Situations would not be improved by the proposed Arrangement

The Malays at present receive Dutch Pay and European allowances when on Service —

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I propose to place them in both Points on the same
Footing with Seapoys I do not indeed suppose that
this Reduction of their casual will at all compensate
the Increase of their regular Expence, but the Pay
is at present too small and the just Increase of
it will easily persuade a great number of free —
malays and Deserters who are now leading a wander-
ing Life in the Country to the Terror and Damage
of the Inhabitants to enlist themselves under
Military Discipline and I hope that with those
whom your Lordship will send me, I shall be able
to raise their numbers to at least Eight Hundred
& not more —

I am with great respect and regard

&c &c &c

(Signed) Federic North

Columbo
30 January 1799

To
J. Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

from the agent for the purchasing horses encloses copy of a letter he had addressed to the Government respecting the seizure of 42 horses belonging to the Company by the pirates of Sawandroog —

Having in consequence of information which I received from a Soucar immediately previous to

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to very embarkation from Bombay on the 13th Instant
conceved it my duty to write a letter to the ——
Government of Bombay of which the inclosed is a
Copy, and as the Subject will no doubt be brought
before his Lordship by the Resident at Poonah I
take the liberty of laying it before him and I have
the pleasure to state that the Foals and Horses mentioned
in it to have been captured by the Perabs of Sawan-
droog have been released and are arrived safe at
this place a boat with Camels in which however
I have no concern which was in Company has been
carried into Sawandroog and made a prize of.

As this Subject is now before his
Lordship I beg leave to add that Sixteen Horses
which were captured in the year 1796 by the —
Malwans and of which I advised the Governor in
Council of Bombay have never been restored —
Mr Duncan I understand corresponded with the
Rajah on the Subject and the answer he returned
I am told was that the Vessel not being English
property on which they were embarked the Rajah
deemed them a lawful prize - how far this mode
of

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of reasoning ought to be admitted his Lordship must be the best judge but as it is very seldom practicable to get Vessels under English Colours to bring horses from such out of the way places I hope I shall not be considered as doing more than My duty in mentioning the Circumstances on the present occation —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery

Agent for horses

Cochin
26th January 1799

The Honorable J. Duncan Esqr

Governor &c &c in Council

Bombay

Honble Sir,

I have this Instant heard that the Pirates of Sowandroog have Captured two Boatillas with forty eight horses belonging to the Honorable Company there Vessels the Saugar Pussa, and Sooksary Sollbhoy have hopes from this Government not — having it in My power to do any thing further than be represent the Circumstance to your Honorable Govern.t

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Government I leave the whole in your hands, convenced that you will use all proper measures to secure the Company's property release the Vessels and to prevent the like circumstance occurring in future —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery

agent for horses for the Madras Govt

Bombay
18th January 1799

A true Copy

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery

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

Governor General in Council

Fort S. George

My Lord.

From the Government of Bombay - they shall comply as far as they possibly can with Captain Montgomery's Drafts on them, for the purchase of horses the state of their treasury is however such as will put them under the necessity of immediately redrawing for all advances they may make -

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo and shall pay every attention in our power to Captain Montgomery's drafts on us for the purchase of horses but the state of our treasury it must be added is such as will oblige us to redraw immediately on your Lordships Govemt

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To Government, for whatever supplies of money he may be thus furnished with —

We have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Bombay Castle
25th January 1799

(Signed) John Duncan
" J. Stuart
" Jam.s Rivett
" William Jaye

Sent the following Letters entered in

MB. N.o 63-64-65-66-67-68 —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board transmitting extract of a letter from the Governor of Ceylon with the indent therein referred to and desiring them to report how far it may be practicable to comply with it —

To Ditto - the terms of the contract for transporting to Sankery droog the gunpowder on the Southern Contract approved the Paymaster at Trichinopoly has been authorized to make the proportionate advances - the amount disbursed by the Garrison Storekeeper in the Baramahal under the

To Ditto - Ditto

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The Sanction of the Commanding Officer for the procuring of Bullocks approved the Several bills recommended by the Military Board have been passed for payment

To Major General Sydenham approving the establishment recommended by him for the acting Brigade Major to the Kings Troops - Lieutenant Sayler appointed adjutant to the Madras Militia - he is directed to authorize the payment of batta to the Havildars Nayes and Sepoys employed in drilling the Madras Militia, and that four Portuguese orderlies be allowed to draw two Pagodas each per month until further orders - Quarter Master Levill of the 28 Dragoons to be allowed to draw the usual passage money to Europe Copy of the agreement to deliver at Sankerydroog the remainder of the gram due on account of the - - Southern Contract inclosed and the Pay master at - - Trichinopoly to be authorized to make the proportionate advances - the advances made by Mr Jackson for the procuring of Bullocks under the authority of Colonel Read to be authorized - Sundry Bills to be sanctioned.

To the Military Genl

To Major General Brathwaite

To Major General Brathwaite - inclosing to him copy of a letter from the Governor of Ceylon and desiring

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desiring him to report his opinion as to the best mode of transferring to that Island the whole of the malays on the Coast —

To Lieutenant Colonel Palmer-

To the President at Poona

transmitting to him Copy of an English and Persian Letter despatched to the Peishwa —

To Captain young - accepting the terms on which he agrees to engage his Ship to proceed to Madacca with Stores, and to return from thence with the proportion of Troops stated in the Master attendants letter on the Subject —

To the master of Ship Penang -

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Received the following letter from the resident at Hydrabad —

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for the Notice of Government the Miscellaneous Correspondence of this Residency in continuation from the 31st December to 31st Ultimo omitting however such parts there of as have been already forwarded to Government from time

From the Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Miscellaneous Correspondence of his Residency from the 31st December to the 31st Instt

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time to time —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Hydrabad
4 February 1799

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Resident

Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident
at Hydrabad

Sir

The Governor General in Council having empowered me to Correspond with you upon the Subject of the Contingent of Troops to be furnished by his Highness the Nizam — I shall be glad to hear from you occasionally upon all matters relative to this Force which may appear to be necessary for my information and Chiefly their State of preparation the amount of their Force in Infantry, Cavalry and Ordnance, and their established means of Supply —

I am also desirous of having the

names

15 Names of the several Sirdars serving with the Contingent Force in any situation of trust, with your Opinion of their Talents and Disposition —

I could wish to have the most precise information upon the Arrangements that may have been formed with the Banyarries, whether for the supply of the Contingent, or the Subsidiary Force —

You can, for their encouragement make known to such principle Banyarries as may appear disposed to enter into Engagements to supply the Troops, that great attention will at all times be paid by me to ensure for them a Security of Communication, with the Army wherever it may be Stationed —

You have been already informed by Lord Clive that a Detachment of not less than 3000 would be immediately encamped for the purpose of moving to Tripetty to meet Azeem ul Omrah —

The Officer Commanding this Corps will be instructed by me to pay every attention to

your

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your requisitions —

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24 December 1798

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Geo. Harris

Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident &c &c &c

Hydrabad

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you the accompanying Packet this moment arrived by Express from the Right Honorable the Governor - The instructions I have received are to send it on to Candapah, with all possible haste, in the event of your not being there, they are to proceed on the direct road to Hydrabad, until they meet Colonel Roberts Detachment.

Nellore
24 December 1798.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Nat. Forbes Captain
Commanding

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident &c &c &c

Sir

Hydrabad

As the recruiting Service is ordered to be

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be continued here, to a much later period of time than at first expected and the Detachment under Colonel Roberts marched from hence nearly a month since, I find the Funds nearly exhausted, that received from the Pay master for the use of the Recruits — and as there is no other person I can apply to here on the subject, I have the honor herewith to transmit to you an Estimate of the money I expect will be requisite for their use previous to their arrival on the Coast —

I am very respectfully
&c
(Signed) Tho.s Longan
Lieut.t & acting adj.t in Charge

Camp near Hydrabad
6th January 1799

Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident &c &c &c
Hyderabad

Sir

By desire of Lieutenant Leigh I have the honor to enclose you a Copy of a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Rowley Post Master General of Fort St. George

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I have also the honor to inform you that the Detachment crossed the Kistnah at the Beckum Gaut yesterday Morning —

I have the honor to be &c

Signed / Geo. Roberts

Colonel

Camp S. Banks of the Kistnah 1st January 1799 —

To Lieutenant Richard Leigh

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that Government have been pleased to resolve that the Office of Deputy Post Master with Colonel Roberts' Detachment shall not be abolished, "but that he "should not interfere with the superintendance of the "Pappals which are exclusively Committed to the "Resident at Hydrabad and that he should be confined "to the distribution of letters in the Detachment only"

I am &c

(Signed) John Rowley

G. P. C.
Fort St. George
24 December 1798

Captain Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hydrabad

Sir

As I intend proceeding with the whole of

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of my charge on the 20th Instant to the Carnatic, I have to beg that you will procure me the necessary Purwannah for Two hundred and Forty (240) Horses Sixteen (16) Camels Ten (10) Tattoos and Five (500) hundred Followers —

I have the honor to &c

(Signed) C. Dallas
Lieut. of Cavalry

Hydrabad
13th January 1799

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident
at Hydrabad

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14 Instant addressed to the Persian Translator with its Enclosures, and shall immediately forward them to him at Madras —

I am &c

(Signed) Claud Russel
acty 2nd Trans.r

Fort William
31st December 1798

True Copies
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

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Colonel George Roberts

Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment

Sir

I have to request you will deliver to —
Captain White out of the Public Treasure in your Custody
the Sum of Twenty five thousand Rupees (Rupees 25000)
to enable him to make good the Engagements I have
entered into with the Banyanahs —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resd

Hydrabad
2d January 1799.

Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief &c &c

Sir

Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 24th ultimo —

You will have been apprized I presume
ere this by Lord Clive of the new arrangement here,
which precludes my proceeding with his Hyghness the
Nizam's Contingent of Troops - a Change of Measures — which

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which independant of other Considerations I cannot but
lament as depriving me not only of the honor of your
Correspondence, but of the prospect also which I had for
some time past indulged of a Personal introduction
to you —

Upon Colonel Roberts's March from
hence I directed him to advise you frequently of his
Progress, and to transmit to you whatever accounts
relative to the Troops under his Command he might
judge necessary to your Information — My Instructions
to Captain White (the Officer who attends his Highness's
Contingent on my part) were to transmit to you
as soon as possible authentic and particular Information
on all the points touched upon in your letter,
and to address you occasionally hereafter respecting
the Contingent at large —

I will not fear however be in the
power of that Gentleman to transmit you the required
information respecting the Sirdars of the State, serving
with the Contingent Force, before it reaches the Kistnah,
as I do not expect that the quota of Cavalry (which is
fixed at ten thousand) will by any means be complete
before

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11 before them —

The same observation will apply in some degree to the Subject of Banyarris, on which I cannot as yet venture to speak with that implicit confidence I could wish, and you may require — I have the pleasure however to inform you that I have already entered into written Engagements with some Head Banyarah for the Service of Fifteen thousand Bullocks, laden with Grain, for the exclusive use of the Company's Troops, as long as they may be required; and that I am at this moment engaged in a Negociation for Eight Thousand more so that I hope to be able to advise you shortly of twenty five thousand at least of these useful Cattle laden with Grain, being at your entire disposal, by the time the Contingent joins you, or at all events very soon after, near Fifteen Thousand of them being already on their way to Vellore which they will probably reach as soon if not sooner than Meer Allum and Colonel Roberts —

Exclusive of the above number the Minister reckons upon Twenty Eight Thousand for the particular supply of Meer Allum's Bazar with Provisions

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Provisions. and according to the detailed account sent
to me by the Kurrorah of Hydrabad. part of the above
Number are at this moment in Meer alliums Camp
and the remainder assembling in the Nizams Southern
Districts so as to join him on the Route to Kurpah —
This Statement though in some respects not perhaps
to be much relied upon. is sufficiently correct —
however in the main. as the enquiries I have made
satisfy me that independant of the Banjarrah —
Bullocks that are or may be retained by me
the number immediately dependant on the Moghul
Camp will not fall short of Twenty Eight or
Thirty thousand either by the time it reaches —
Vellore or in the Course of a fortnight or three Weeks
after ——

I shall not fail to give in your
name to the Banjarrahs I have engaged. those —
assurances authorized by the fourth Paragraph of
your letter. and which are well calculated to
inspire them with the requisite degree of confidence —

My answer to Lord Clives letter

of

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of 13th ult.mo will have shewn that the same — necessity fortunately does not now exist for any — Detachment of the Company's Troops being sent to Tripetty to favor the junction of his Highness's Contingent which (in answer to your Inquiries) I have the pleasure of informing you Consists of Twelve Thousand Regular Infantry and Ten Thousand Cavalry with a train of Forty Field Pieces of which Thirty eight are Six Pounders, and Two Twelves —

Having witnessed the great benefit which the European Corps derived during the late War. from a part of the Camp Equipage of each — being carried on Elephants. I applied to the — Minister for a loan of Fifty of these useful Animals to Government during the eventual War with — Tippoo Sultaun and I have the pleasure to inform you that my application has been successful, Meer Allum having received an order to deliver to you as many of the above number as may be eased of their present loads of Treasure by the time of Junction and the remainder upon your providing any other

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N. B. The Cypher appears incorrectly written, but these are evidently the words intended to be used
(Signed) G. B.

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sort of Conveyance for the Treasure that may be laden upon them I have the pleasure to enclose for your Information and eventual use, a Copy and — Translate of Meer allum's written Engagement to me for the delivery of the number of Elephants in question —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident

Hydrabad
1st January 1799

P.S. Since writing the above I have concluded the — Negociation with the Banjarahs alluded to in the Third Paragraph of this Letter, so that I have twenty three thousand laden Banjarah Bullocks that are engaged to pass Muster (even the latest of them) at the expiration of six Weeks from the present date at Vellore, or at such other Place at a similar distance as I may fix upon in the interim, and to be entirely at your disposal — until the conclusion of the eventual war with Tippoo Sultaun —

J.

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To

T. Myers Esqr.

Accountant General

Sir

Fort William

I have the honor to transmit you a Register of Bills drawn this day by me, upon the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, likewise a Register of Bills drawn upon the Resident at Benares —

Some doubts having arisen in my mind regarding the forms of Bills prescribed by your letter of the 7th Ultimo I beg leave to put the following queries, to which I request you will favor me with your answer —

Whether the numbers of Bills drawn upon the Governor General in Council and the Resident at Benares, should run in succession, or be numbered distinctly ?

Whether Bills drawn upon the Governor General in Council, and the Resident at Benares should be included in the same Register or registered separately ?

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If the Weekly Register is to be
considered sufficient, or whether the Letter of advice
hitherto addressed to the Secretary to Government
is nevertheless requisite also if there is any —
occasion for transmitting a blank Register
Weekly when no Bill has been drawn during
the week —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Hydrabad
3 January 1799

Lieutenant Langan
In charge of the Hydrabd Recruits

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of this date, enclosing an Estimate
of the sum requisite to pay the Recruits under
your charge for the Current Month —

As I have at present no funds —
whatever in my hands appertaining to the Residency
of Fort St. George, it is not in my power to furnish
you with the sum specified in your Estimate,

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and would recommend you therefore to lose no time in applying to the Paymaster of Masulipatam (for which Garrison your Recruits are immediately — destined) for the requisite pecuniary supply but should your wants be pressing before such supply can reach you. I shall have no objection to apply a temporary relief to them —

I herewith return you the Estimate you enclosed to me, and with a view of obviating any doubts that the Paymaster at Masulipatam may entertain as to the propriety of furnishing you with Cash for the use of the Recruits under your Charge, I have certified at the bottom of it that the purpose for which it is required is one that has been regularly authorized by the — Government of Fort St. George —

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6th January 1799

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

William

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To
William Gordon Esqr.
Paymaster
Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you, that I have this day drawn a Bill upon you, at three days sight pay able to Lieutenant J.R. — M.cDonald, or to his order for a.t Rupees fifteen Thousand (a.t R.s 15000) value received here at par being an account of an Advance I have made to Lieutenant Long an the Officer in Charge of the Sepoys enlisted here by order of Government —

I am &.c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Hydrabad
11th January 1799

Colonel George Roberts
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment

Sir

I have to acknowledge the — Receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant advising me of your Detachment having crossed the Kistnah at

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at the Beekum Ghaut on the preceding day —

From the Copy which you enclose me of the Post Master General's letter to Lieutenant Leigh it would appear that the former one from that Public Officer communicated to me by — Lieutenant Leigh announcing the annulment by Government of his appointment of Deputy Post Master to the Detachment under your Command, was ill founded, and I have therefore to request you will direct Lieutenant Leigh to resume the functions of that office —

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

Hydrabad
12th January 1799

Colonel G. Roberts
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment

Sir

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor General having taken into consideration the long services and various proofs which he has received of the — attachment

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attachment of Bauker ali khan to the Common Interests of the Company and the Nizam, has been pleased to make an addition of two hundred — Rupees to the monthly Salary which he at present receives as principal Durbar Agent to the Subsidiary Force — His Lordship has been further pleased to direct that this additional allowance do Comm: ence from the 7 of September last —

I have to desire you will make known to Bauker ali khan the present liberal proof of Lord Mornington approbation of his Zeal and Services; and that you will issue the necessary Order on the subject to Mr. Paymaster Cherry —

I have the honor to be &c

Hydrabad
16th January 1799

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Thomas Myers Esqr.
Accountant General
Fort William

Sir

Conformably to the directions which
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I have received to that effect from the Vice President in Council & now transmit you an account of Subsidy in which (as you will perceive) I have introduced two Items amounting to Thirty two Thousand Rupees beyond the Sums received from this Court on account of the Old and new Subsidy; and which I drew from private Funds in my possession belonging to Mans. Dixon and his Officers - The new Subsidy being payable only Quarterly, I could wish to be informed whether a Quarterly account Current, will not answer your purpose equally well with a Monthly one, which latter it will not at all events be in my power to furnish you with; - until the return of the Subsidiary Force to this Quarter - as my Disbursements however when that event takes place will be Monthly, though my Receipts only Quarterly, I will be obliged to you for Forms of the Monthly accounts mentioned in your address of the 4th Instant to the Vice President in Council for my guidance, if notwithstanding the aforesaid Circumstance you should still continue of Opinion that Monthly accounts Current of Public

Receipts

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Receipts and Expenditure at this Residency are — requisite —

I also herewith transmit to you an account Current of the last Kist of Paishcush, together with seperate accounts of the Sums — issued to the Commanding Officers of the Bengal and Madras Detachments since the last — Statements transmitted by me to Government.

I have the honor to be &c.

Hydrabad
23d January 1799 —

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

R. Woolse Esqr.
accountant General
Fort S.t George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for your information Copy of an account Subsidy, also of an account Current of the last kist of Paishcush, together with Copies of the separate accounts of Sums issued to the Commanding Officer

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Officer of the Bengal and Madras Detachments since the last Statements transmitted by me to Government —

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

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

From the Military Paymr. General —

Received a letter from Mr. Roebuck — entered in MB N° 69 enclosing an additional estimate of Cash amounting to Pagodas 36991 —

In consequence of the above Letter the following Order of Council sent to the Clerk of Treasury —

Order of Council
Military Department
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Cash ordered to be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Pay master General the sum of Pag.s 36991 —

Ordered that an advance of Thirty Six Thousand Nine hundred and Ninety One Pagodas be made

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11th made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 1st Instant —

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council —

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Government

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB No. 70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer —

From the Resident at Poona —

acknowledging the receipt of the intelligence transmitted to him on the 14th Instant —

From Mr Skardon — states that General Harris has drawn on him in favor of Major Dallas for 10,404 Pagodas —

From the Paymaster at Vellore

From Mr Cochrane — enclosing an account sale of Cast horses sold by public outcry —

From the Military Paymasters at Fort St George

From Captain young — gives his final concurrence to the agreement entered into with him — respecting the Ship Penang —

From the Masters of the Ship Penang —

From Messrs Chase Swell and Chase —

From Messrs Chase Swell and Chase request

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request that Venganah Chitty may be permitted to return to Madeira they engage to be answerable for his good Conduct —

To the Secretaries at Bengal Bombay - residents at Poona & Hydrabad and Malabar Commissioners

To Messrs Barlow - Richards - Spencer Palmer & Kirkpatrick - transmitting to them Copies of the latest intelligence received from the Mysore Country —

To the military auditor General -

To Major General Lydenham — enclosing to him the Paymaster General's additional estimate of cash of the 1st Instant - the amount of which has been already issued from the Treasury —

To the military Paymr. General -

To Mr. Roebuck - informing him that 36991 Pags will be advanced to him on his application on account of his additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 1st Instant —

To Major Dallas — Principal agent for — Bullocks — —

To Major Dallas transmitting to him the regulations for the Department of the — Commissaries of Grain and Provisions —

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Received the following letters

The Right Honorable The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military auditor General. Refers to the determination

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Agreeably to the Orders of Government contained

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determination of the Board a claim of Lieutenant Macgregor to the amount of Pags. 785-34-64 for extra Bullocks - States the — Particular of the case - Enclose copy of a Letter from the administrator to the Estate of Mr. C. M. White gives it as his opinion that in Consideration of the Circumstances therein stated a demanation of Pags. 72. 5. 16. may be — admitted in the amount of the Retrenchment still appearing against the Estate Refers a claim of Doctor Briggs to full batta, Serving the period of his being as Leave at the Presidency - as also a claim to full batta from Captain Kingston since the period of the Corps to which he is — attached being removed from Ceylon -

contained in the last paragraph of Mr. Secretary Webbs — Letter of the 17th october 1798, directing that the Charges in the accounts of the Grain agents of His Majestys 19th Regiment Light Dragoons and the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry for Extra Bullocks authorised by Major General Floyd might be admitted conformably to the Generals explanation in his Letter to Government dated the 26th August 1798. the Bill of the agents were accordingly passed for such Bullocks to the periods that the Regiments arrived at the place of their respective destinations, but it seems that Lieutenant Macgregor, the Grain agent of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry, under the conception that he could not discharge such Extra Bullocks without — authority from the Military Board or Major General Floyd continued them in the Service from the 15th August, the date of the arrival of the Regiment at Velour, to the 16th September following, (when he received an Order from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment to discharge them) by which an additional expense was incurred of Pagodas 785-34-64 which he has affirmed on Honor to have been actually disbursed on that account and has accompanied such Declaration by the enclosed Certificate from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, that the number of Extra Bullocks (Viz.t one hundred and twenty seven) charged for that period, were actually

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and bond fide employed on account of the public —
Service — On these grounds, and on the further explanation
given by Major General Floyd in the accompanying
Letter on the subject, he hopes that Government will
be pleased to authorize the payment of the Sum above
mentioned —

2 In compliance with the desire expressed
in a letter (of which the enclosed is a Copy) from M.r G. Parry
administrator to the Estate of the late M.r Evans Marsh
White, Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at
Ongole &.c I beg leave to submit for your Lordship's
final Decision a Retrenchment of Pagodas 485. 31. 71.
still outstanding against the Estate, on account of —
16 Garces 4/41 Mercals and 5 Seers of Paddy written off
as Extraordinary Wastage in M.r White's Return of
Grain received at Cottapatam and Mootipilly from
Nagore, which wastage was stated to have been
occasioned by a difference of measurement between
the Parah of the latter, and the Pucka Seer of the
former places —

3 In consequence of the reasons urged
by M.r Parry in support of his claim to a remission
of the above Retrenchment, I directed the Deputy

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Military auditor General to apply to Mr. W H. Sorriano by whom the Grain was sent for such Explanation as it might be in his power to afford me on the subject, and have the honor to enclose a copy of his reply, together with copy of an attestation from certain Merchants at Nagore relative to the measurement in question, from both which it appears, that the actual difference between the Parah with which the Paddy was measured at that place, and the Madras Mercals of 12 Pucka Seers, was only 2 Mercals in each Garce, which difference I am of opinion should be admitted in reduction of the Retrenchment, which will then stands as follows —

Balance Outstanding against the Estate --- 485. 31. 71

Deduct for 2 Garces 171 Mercals & 3 Seers being the difference in Measurement between the Nagore Parah & Madras Mercal at Pagodas 29. 29. 44 — } P. 5. 16

¾ Garce the prime cost ---------- ---

Balance still chargeable against the Estate 468. 26. 55

which Balance, as well as the sum of Pag.s 4214. 18. 12. already paid on accounts of Retrenchments against the Estate by Mr. George Read attorney to Mr. George Parry the — administrator

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administrator. I conceive should be also discharged — unless the arguments aduced by Mr. Parry should appear to your Lordship deserving of favorable consider: ation —

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I have the honor to enclose a Reference to Government on the subject of a Charge for Full Batta made by Doctor Briggs Head Surgeon on Ceylon — during the period of his obsence on leave at the Presidency which charge was Retrenched agreeably to the General Order of 12th July 1797. together with a reference on a claim of Captain Kingston Pay master at Trincomallee to the difference between Half and Full Batta since the period that the Corps to which he stands appointed was removed from Ceylon, that allowance having been retrenched for the reasons stated in the enclosed paper ——

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily. Aud. Genl.

Major

Military auditor Genls Office

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Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

Lieutenant Macgregor Gram agent to the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry, is under considerable difficulty about a number of extra Bullocks which were hired by my Orders - reported by me to the Military Board - and explained to Government to Satisfaction - The object of my report and explanation was to exonerate the Gram Agents of the 19th Dragoons and 3d Native Cavalry - Lieutenant Mc Gregor wrote to the — Military Board reporting also his extra Bullocks and asking the Orders of the Board how to dispose of them - His answer was that as I had ordered them, he must take my directions as to the disposal - He thus waited for orders which I was not empowered to give - and about a Month after he received orders from Lieut. Colonel Orr to discharge them - This period does not appear to me, I must confess, to be fairly Chargeable to Lieutenant Macgregor, for I had reported to the Board, and he had — asked the Board what he was to do - from which I should have thought it rested with the Board to order, especially as

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as I observed to the Board that upon the arrival of these Regiments at their Stations these extra Bullocks might be made over to such Department or to be otherwise disposed of as the Board judged fit —

I beg the favor of you to consider those circumstances in order that if you see just grounds for it Macgregor may be relieved from this difficulty —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. Floyd M.G.

Trichinopoly
December 10th 1798.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) P. Bruce

Asst. Milty. Audt. Genl.

To. Major General Wm. Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Fort S.t George

Sir

Immediately previous to my embarkation for this place, I was by a perusal of Mr. Secretary Webbs letter to you of the 25th September apprized of the resolutions of the right Honorable the President in Council on the final audit of the accounts of Mr. E. M. White late acting Paymaster &c at Onjole and in the Guntoor Circars

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The Subject generally was so fully and clearly explained for His Lordship's ultimate decision, that I readily abide by the determination that has passed —

There is however one point to which I beg, through the medium of your Office once more to draw the attention of Government a liberty which in justice to the estate I assume from an apprehension that I have not been so fortunate as to make myself clearly understood that is a retrenchment of Pagodas 485.. 31.. 71 on account of a deficiency of 7 Candy 201 Measure 7 Seer of Paddy at Mootapilly, and 8. 33 Measure 9 Seer at Cottapatam arising not from any neglect on the part of the Storekeeper or from any cause which he could at the time have obviated, but from an actual difference of measurement between the parahs sent by Mr Soriano, and by which the paddy was received at those places, and the Company's pucka Seer by which the same paddy was served out from the stores to the Troops &c at a fixed price —

After requesting you to Submit this point for the reconsideration of Government with such observations from yourself, drawn from the papers already before you as you think may tend to elucidate the Subject, I shall only observe as a justification of my conduct in thus soliciting the indulgence of the Board that I ground my

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my belief of the justice of my present claim to a remission of the Sum before stated, as well upon Mr. White's different representations to the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions (particularly of the 4th November 1795 when, to prove the fact now asserted he offers to send the measures and measuring men to Madras, as upon particular information since received on this point from Captain Darley and the principle native Servant employed in the Grain Department by the late Mr E. M. White

The amount due to the Company by Mr White's Estate on the final audit of his accounts with a reservation of the above sum, will in this have been discharged by my attorney Mr George Read to whom I request you will communicate the determination of the Right Honorable the President in Council on the present reference

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) George Parry
Admr. to the Estate of
E. M. White Decd

Calcutta
27th December 1798.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton
Dept. Mily. Audr. Genl.

To

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To. Major James Brunton

Deputy Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant with the Enclosure In answer I beg leave to transmit you Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 10th June 1795 in reply to One I wrote him dated the 5th of the same month by which you will observe that I was authorized to send the Grain to Mootipillee and Cottapatam by the measurement by the Purrah it only remains therefore to ascertain that the Purrah — used Continued exactly two Madras mercals — This has been done repeatedly and the most to be sure of this I had occasion in the month of January 1797 to make a Trial by measuring a Garce of Paddy by the Parrah and the madras mercal by which it appeared that there was no more than 2 Mercals in a Garce in favor of the madras mercal This Trial was made in the Presence of four respectable Merchants

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of Nagore, Two of which were of the Cholias Cast and two of the Malabar Cast who were desired to see a fair and leisurely measurement made and give their report truely without — partiality a Copy of their Testimony I herewith transmit The People who transported the Paddy carried the Parriahs with them they were allowed 4 pr Cent wastage which was 1/2 Cent less than the usual allowance made by the — Merchants and they were so fortunate as to deliver it without the Difference of more than 3 p Cent ——

This is all that I can say on the Subject —

Sam
&c &c

(Signed) W. H. Torriano
Resident —

Nagore
22 January 1799

A true Copy
Signed) P. Bruce
Asst. Mily Aud.t Genl.

Translation of an Attestation given by Assana Lebbe Lomby Mercoir Mahomed Nina Mercoir Copoo Chitty and — Sanapah Chitty Merchants of Nagore to Mr W. H. Torriano Resident at Nagore Dated 9th January 1799 —

Whereas the Resident has desired us One

Garce

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Garce of Paddy to measure out with Parrah and then after to examine it with Madras Mercall and to inform him of the Measurement We therefore have measured for one Garce of Paddy 200 Parrahs. and on remeasuring it with Madras Mercall. we found 397 Mercalls being a deficiency of 3 Mercalls ℔ Garce —

(Signed) Afsana Sebbe Tomby Mercoir

Mahomed Nina Mercoir

Copoo Chitty

Sanapah Chitty

A true Copy
(Signed) W. H. Torriano

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Asst. Milty. Audr. Genl.

The Earl of Mornington K. P.

Governor General in Council

&c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Governor of Ceylon
Express his willingness — to

In answer to a Letter which I had the honor to receive from Lord Clive in Council dated 10

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to receive the malays proposed, in the letter to him of the 10 January to be sent to Ceylon. States different particulars — relative to the appointment of Officers to the Malay Corps serving on Ceylon —

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10th of January I beg leave to assure you that I will willingly receive the malays His Lordship proposed to send me as I know that the only manner in which they may be rendered of use, is by incorporating them in to a military Body —

As the number of their European — Officers and non Commissioned Officers is even at present extremely inadequate, I take the liberty of Submitting to your Lordship in Council the Expediency of giving that Body entirely to this Government and I will endeavour to provide Officers for them from among the reformed Subalterns of His Majesty's drafted Regiments. I request your Lordship in Council to allow — Lieutenants Whittlie and Hazard of your Establishment to remain acting with the Corps, as I have the greatest Dependance on the Good Sense and — Experience of those Officer to which it is owing that the malays are on so Good a Footing under every Disadvantage —

As malays left to themselves are rather dangerous, I will request your Lordship in — Council to Send them under the Command of some

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reformed Kings Subaltern who may be willing to —
accept of a Company of them and with Some —
European noncommissioned Officers —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Colombo
1st February 1799

(Signed) Frederic North

From the Officer Commanding the Detail of Cavalry at the Presidency —

Received a letter from Captain Grant entered in MB. No 19. mentions that he has — agreeably to the directions he received, raised a troop of Supernumerary Cavalry, which has already made considerable progress in its different exercises - suggests that the last lots of horses purchased by Lieutenant Montgomery be ordered to the Presidency for the purpose of being broke in - he has already raised one hundred Light Infantry, and hopes to be able in a few weeks to complete them to three hundred he recommends Serjeant Major Turner as adjutant to the Corps - he has purchased 242 Saddles, which he is fitting up, he requests that the Military Pay master may be directed to discharge his Bills for the amount he has paid for them —

At

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Tuesday
12th February 1799

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable
The Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
William Petrie
Ernst and Willm Fallofield } Esqrs
Lieutenant General Harris
absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Read the following letter from the Military Board

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

My Lord

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government's Letter of the 30th of January as also of Mr. Secretary Webb's Several Letters under date the

From the Military Board recommending in consequence of a suggestion proposed to them by the Chief Engineer, that the construction of the two

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...o large boat intended
... the Cavery be for the present
...continued - Enclose two
...lls of the Chief Engineer
...hich they recommend
... payment —

the 1st and 4th Instant - and to report that the orders they contain have been sent to the different Departments to which they had reference —

Major General Ross the Chief Engineer

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having laid before our Board and represented that — from an attentive consideration of "Sections of the Cauvery "on the South and Coleroon on the North of the Island "of Seringham, shewing the depth of water at the fullest" he is of opinion that the Boats recently ordered for those branches of the River should be made more shallow than those in use on the Godavery which draw three feet water when loaded - and having further stated that no Teak Timber can be procured for their — construction nearer to Trichinopoly than from the — Presidency and that there are now repairing at that Station, three Boats belonging to His Highness the Nabob, each of them capable of carrying from 100 to 120 People and also a double Pontoon building with a Flat from, calculated for the transportation of Guns and Horses, which will be sufficient for keeping up the communication across both branches of the River

and

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and our Board entirely concurring in opinion with the Chief Engineer, We do ourselves the honor to recommend, that the construction of the two large Boats before ordered may be, for the present, dispensed with —

3 We have the honor to enclose two Bills from the superintending Engineer for the repair of public Buildings at Ponamallee, the one amounting to Pagodas 84.22.73. the other after deducting the amount of the advances received by Colonel Gent. to Pag.s 3189.24.30 and it having been reported by a Committee of Officers ordered to survey the buildings, that the repairs have been well executed and conformably to the Estimates, we beg leave to recommend that payment of the Bills be authorized —

We have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
5th February 1799.

Minute thereon -

The Board concur in the recommendation of the Military Board for postponing the Construction of the large boats intended for the passage of the rivers —

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Cavery and Coleroon —

Resolved that the Bills recommended by the Military Board be passed for payment —

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

My Lord

From the Military Board recommend an advance of Pags. 25.31.24.26. to the Agent of Supply, with an advance of Pags. 21.1.40. to Lieutenant Colgrave. enclose two accounts disbursements of the Paymaster in the Cedel — Districts on account of Grain purchased by him under the authority of Government —

1st Having in conformity to the regulations authorized an Indent upon the Agent of Supply for various articles of Military Store required for the Service of the Arsenal during the ensuing Quarter ending the 30th of April next. the cost whereof is estimated at Pagodas 7594.28. we do ourselves the honor to recommend that an advance of Pagodas. 2531.24.26. equal to one third of such Estimate, be accordingly made to Mr. Webbe on that account —

2d We beg leave also to recommend that authority may be given for an advance being made to Lieutenant Colgrave of Engineers of Pagodas 21.1.40 being one third of the Estimated expence of alterations ordered to be made to the Magazine on the Hill Fort of Amboor —

3d We enclose two accounts Disbursements from

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from the Paymaster in the Ceded Districts on account of Grain &c purchased under the authority of Government the one amounting to Pagodas 9658.19.68. the other to Pagodas 1013,40,62 both of which Bills being — supported by the requisite Vouchers we recommend that payment there of may be authorized —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross

Fort S. George
9th February 1799 -

Minute thereon -

Resolved that payment of the Bills and advances recommended by the Military Board be authorized —

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

My Lord -

From the military Board recommend an advance of Pags. 1810 - to Colonel Gent on account of different works the articles of ordnance and Stores of every discription required from

1st

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 8th Instant and to report that orders have in consequence been given for landing the Cargo of the Grab Fazarabaunee —

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from the Arsenal for the battering train &c have been supplied and Despatched to Camp-

2d We beg leave to recommend that authority may be given for advance to Colonel Gent. the Superintending Engineer of 1810 Pagl being one third of the amount of Estimates for the following Works - Viz.t For completing the Palasades on the Sea line, for laying six Stone Platforms on the Sea Line, and for two Drawbridges for the Wallajah, and St. George's, Ravelin Gates of — " Fort St. George - for repairs of ordered at Tripassore and for the construction of two Sheds, for the protection of Water Casks, on the North Esplanade of Fort St. George —

3 It is with peculiar satisfaction we do ourselves the honor of reporting to your Lordship, that the whole of the articles of Ordnance, and Stores of every — " description required from the Arsenal, for the — " Battering Train, and for completing the Field — " Equipment of the Army, have been supplied, and despatched to Camp —

We have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite

" Patrick Ross

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10th February 1799 -

Minute thereon -

Resolved that payment of the advance recommended to be made to Colonel Gent be authorized.

Read —

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Read the following letter from —

Bombay —

To the Right Honorable
the Earl of Mornington K. P.
Governor General in Council
at
Fort S. George

From Bombay enclosing Copy of a letter from the Military Board at that Presidency and of a Minute of the Commandant of Artillery on the subject of making up a sufficient Number of Gun Carriages - at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief they propose immediately to Authorize the making up the Carriages for the field train mentioned in the Minute referred to - In order that this work may be expeditiously performed the Military Board have been Authorized to entertain such a Number of extra Artificers as they may judge Necessary -

My Lord.

The Military Board at this Presidency have lately addressed us on the subject of completing this Garrison with a sufficient number of Gun Carriages in the manner detailed in the accompanying Copy of their Letter of the 21st Instant & of the Commandant of Artillery's minute therein referred to, but as the extent of that proposal will greatly exceed the present pecuniary resources at our Command, it becomes — expedient to submit the Subject to your Lordship's previous consideration, at the same time that the posture of Public affairs has induced us at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, to — authorize the making up of Carriages for the — field train mentioned in the Minute in question, under the Superintending therein suggested, beginning with those for the six pounders, as likely to be first

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first wanted under the present Circumstances, and that this work may be performed with expedition the Commissary of Stores is permitted to hire such a number of artificers as the Military Board may judge necessary to be employed in addition to his fixed establishment in assisting to finish these Carriages in the Arsenal —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Bombay Castle
25th January 1799

(Signed) Jon: Duncan
" J. Stuart
" John Rivett
" Willm Page

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan
Governor in Council
Bombay

Honorable Sir

1st We are fully sensible that the accompanying Copy of a Minute by the Commandant of Artillery there is matter of much importance for the consideration of Government, and it becomes — consequently our duty strenuously to recommend, as expeditious a compliance as the State of Public finance

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finance will admit, with his suggestions for mak-
-ing up Gun Carriages in such number & of such —
Calibre as the Commander in Chief may deem —
necessary —

7th We approve of the Garrison Carriages being made by Contract, and the Brass ordnance Carriages &c as per Return or Statement annexed to Colonel Bellasis's Minute to be made up in the Arsenal under the immediate inspection of the Commissary and other Officers in the Arsenal and Artillery Department, but, in order that every possible degree of Economy - may be preserved whilst the work is carrying on, and that the — People employed may be kept entirely distinct from that fixed Establishment, and at the same — time that the expence of the said Carriages &c may be easily ascertained when they are completed the Artificers &c employed should be mustered and drawn for in a separate monthly abstract, and every Item of expence attending the work brought forward by Contingent Monthly Bills agreeably to

the

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the prescribed Rules for the Army Contingencies —

We have the honor to be with the

greatest Respect —

&c &c

Bombay
21st January 1799

(Signed) R. Bowles Major General
" R. Nicholson Major Genl.
" John Bellasis Col. Comg. Artly.
" James Kerr Mily Audr. Genl
" John Little 2. M. G.
" Robert Gordon Adjutant Genl.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) P. Le Mesurier
Sub Secretary

Minute by the Commandant of Artillery

In a minute of mine dated the 2d
3d April 1797 I stated the number of Gun Carriages
of different Calibres, amounting to two hundred and
ninety seven, that would be required for the Garrisons
of Bombay - Tannah and Cannanore. after the
existing Contract was complyed with agreeable to the
Survey

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Surveys and reports before the Board, and the Commissary was directed to make up a Muster Carriage of each Calibre, from a Six Pounder to a thirty two Pounder conformably with a Plan, I had before recommended, all the Garrison Carriages should in future be made, and in which opinion the Board fully Coincided from the reasons I therein set forth "Viz." as being infinitely Superior to those in "present use both as to Strength durability, simplicity "in the construction less liable to be dismounted by an "Enemy from their being less exposed, and not one half the "expence" —

That contract being now completed I conceive it my indispensible duty, to recommend to this Board the very urgent necessity of submitting to Government, a new Contract being immediately entered into for two hundred and thirty Garrison Carriages, only leaving out the Garrisons of Sannah and Cannanore, which may hereafter be taken into Consideration at a period possibly more Convenient to Government than the present —

The following Statement shews the number and nature of Carriages required, upon the most moderate Calculations to complete this Garrison, —

allowing

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allowing one Spare for every Ten —

Viz.t

8 ------ 32 Pounders
66 ------ 24 Do.
73 ------ 18 Do.
30 ------ 12 Do.
25 ------ 9 Do.
28 ------ 6 Do.

Total 230 —— Carriages —

The Muster Carriages are now ready in the arsenal for inspection, finished in a most Complete and Masterly manner, by the artificers in the Company's Department in conformity with the instructions He — received from this Board, as above stated —

Having thus given my opinion respecting the Garrison Carriages, it becomes equally a point of duty in me, to set forth the State of Brass ordnance and Field train, which requires the most Serious — Consideration of this Board — It may not be necessary for me to say more than has already been said — respecting the defective state the Sumbrils and 6ix Pounder Field Piece Carriages lately made by Contract were in previous to their being altered and Strengthened, in the best mode that could be devised, so as to — make them Serviceable: but, I find it incumbent on

me

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me now to remark that, from the Cramped State in which the Arsenal department at this Presidency has ever been kept (at least, ever since, I have been in the Service, now nearly thirty years, and being the greatest part of the time employed in that department. I am unable to speak on the Subject with confidence and certainty) I have at all times observed that whenever an armament was fitted out for the field great and unavoidable delays have ever been the Consequence and Notwithstanding the utmost exertion from every department to complete the equipment, Yet, from the very Circumscribed and (with all submission, I cannot help saying) — penurious State of the ordnance Department, the — Artillery Officer, together with all the Store Officers about him, have been obliged to use every Contrivance their ingenuity and judgement could invent, to get into any sort of order the Field Train necessary for the — Service, such as substituting one Stone for another taking axletrees from one Carriage, wheels from another Limbers from a third then breaking up old Carriages for the Iron works, to patch up, as it were, sling Carts &c &c together with other Carriages of every description such arrangement, it is easy to —

Conceive

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Conceive what must have been the Consequence, and on every Service where I have had the honor to be employed, I have unvariably observed, the Commanding Officer of Artillery in the Field thrown into the most disagreeable and distressed Situation, and this entirely from the Causes above represented and whenever it has occurred that Armies or Detachments from the different Presidencies, have formed a junction the Bombay Equipments, have been held in the utmost derision: though I will take upon my: self, without hesitation to say, that neither — scientific knowledge, ability or Zeal for the public Service, has at any period entitled the other — Presidencies to the smallest preeminence or — Superiority —

The fact is, Bombay, not being the Source, from whence the Spring of Finance flows, those in charge of Government have posibly; not had it in their power to Comply with the necessary requisitions and to such like embarrassment I can only attribute the very scanty State, in which this Department has ever been kept —

Whilst I was forming this minute, not having the Returns immediately at hand, —

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I wrote to Captain Blackall, the Deputy Commissary to know how many twelve Pounder, and Six Pounder Field piece Carriages, were now going in the present equipment to the Coast, and how many of each Calibre would afterwards remain at the Presidency, fit for Service. He wrote me in reply. "Six twelve Pounders, Field Piece "Carriages, and Sixteen Six Pounder Carriages are "now going to the Coast — Four of the Contractors 12 lbrs "will remain two of them without Axletrees, and four "12 lbrs made by Lieutenant Colonel Nugent which are in "want of some repair. — There will remain three Six Pounder Carriages, two of which are without Axletrees — "The reason of those twelves and Sixes, being without "axletrees is that, we have been obliged on the present occasion "to take them off, together with several others from different Calibres, for the supply of spare ones for the Coast" much more the Commissary might justly have added, but, as the above was simply an answer to my note, He might not have thought it necessary, suchas, being obliged to take Carriages from the works, to be sent into the Field, as

travelling

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travelling Carriages for Battering Guns, which are — exceedingly unfit for the purposes &c. &c and in short in various other instances equally embarrassing and — distressing. The above however is sufficient to shew, the Crippled State we are reduced to, in the most important Department to obviate which, it becomes the immediate duty of this Board. I have therefore to the best of my judgement, in Consultation with the — Commissary drawn out a Statement which is hereunto — annexed, setting forth the State of the Brass ordnance, together with their Carriages Limbers and Beds, also the new Carriages &c. &c. indispensibly necessary in my — humble opinion, to be made up with the least — possible delay. Almost Complete six Pounder Field Piece Carriage with its Limbers and Boxes is now ready as a muster and I would further beg leave to submit that it be recommended to Government, for the whole to be made in the Company's department, and that he may be directed to employ additional artificers for that purpose ——

Comparisons in general are unpleasant but

but as I have thought it a duty, to enter thus fully into a very disagreeable task, I cannot but remark, how widely different is the Picture I have endeavoured to draw of the Bombay Equipments, to what I have seen from the other — Presidences particularly from Bengal, when the Detachment from thence was on this side of India during the — Maratta War. some of the ornamental Part of the Field piece Carriages was of bwinsped brass, and other parts Gilt —

I would be as far as any Gentleman at this Board, from recommending one Item of escpence, which I did not believe in my conscience to be necessary and for the advantage of the public Service, but I should suppose every Gentleman will agree in the same sentiment that, if a state cannot comply with the supplies absolutely necessary for its safety and support it must be in a very tottering state indeed — I should think myself extremely unwarrantable to offer sentiments, without Doors, tending to expose the weak state we are in, but I conceive it my indispensable duty, to represent to this Board, for the information of Government, the real

situation

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situation of the department I have the honor to be at the
head of without a mask, it being the regular Channel
for such information to be conveyed to Government, and
the surest mode of remedying the evil in future ——

I have one point more, on which I must
beg the Boards attention before I conclude — By a Letter
I received a short time ago from Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence,
dated Cannanore 28th November last (where He then was,
on his third Tour of inspection) He says "in a conversation
"this morning with the Deputy Commissary of Stores, I find,
"the Limbers to the Field Pieces sent down in 1795, are as
"weak and unserviceable as the Carriages and Sumbrils,
"and which, He tells me, He reported some Months ago
"to Major General Hartley. This is the first intimation
"I have had of it, of course it will be reported upon when
"my tour of inspection is concluded" ——

This leads me Gentlemen, to offer my —
opinion on Limbers now in general use, and to point out
some great defects in them, which I propose perfectly to
remedy in the new ones, I have recommended should
be made — 1st they are in general made with one —
Limber

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Limber Box only which is placed infront of the Axletree, and by which means the whole weight is brought on the Bullocks Neck, which alone is a sufficient reason to object to the constructions of them, and in the next place, — whenever there is a necessity to take it off, to pass through a nullah or otherwise it is so very unwieldy it requires at least four People to carry it, the sort I propose have two — Limber Boxes, which together contain as much ammunition as the Single one, and by being placed upon the Axletree, the weight is totally taken off the Bullocks neck, and — when required to be taken off the Limber, two men — carry each with the greatest ease — 2.dly they are in general mounted on wheels much two low, to obviate this inconvenience a great deal of complex Iron work has been introduced, in order to raise the Limber Box further from the Ground: but, on the other hand, the Iron work is very liable to get out of Repair, and, from the — lowness of the wheels, the Draught still remains undi: minished. I propose the wheels of the Carriage, Limber and Tumbril, to be exactly the same, which will facilitate the Service exceedingly particularly, should

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a disembarkation take place in the Night, and in the Face of an Enemy, for which everywheel comes first to hand will fit any place it is put to Carriage, Limber or Tumbril and the front and hind wheels being of equal Height, agreeable to the established Rules in Mechanism, renders the Draught the most easy — The Six Pounder Field Piece carriage and Limber, now in the Arsenal as a Master, mentioned in the former part of this Minute, I have had constructed on the above Principle with several other very considerable improvements for the observation of this Board — I fully intended to have brought the whole of this business before the Board, a very considerable time back, but in the first place, I waited for the late Contract for Gun Carriages being completed: and Secondly there being Thirty 6 Pounder

Field

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Field Piece Carriages and ten 12 Pounder
Field piece Carriages in the Contract, besides
old Carriages which answered for Practice
and exercising I did not conceive there would
be that urgent and immediate Necessity to
make up a new Set. There are now on
the Arsenal Forty three new Six Pounder
Field Pieces, lately sent out by the Company.
the Twenty four new Carriages I have
recommended to be made are for those Guns:
they are Constructed longer than those
formerly sent out, I have tryed them at
the Byculla Practice, and find them to be
incomparably good —

I will only beg leave to add,
that, it would Appear from the Resolutions
of Government, founded on the late Army
Arrangements to be incompatible with
with Military Etiquettes for a Colonel of
a Regiment to continue to do duty with
his Corps, after having attained the
Rank

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Rank of Major General, and as there is a probability from my present standing on the Army List of my being included in the next promotion, I am extremely anxious in the mean time to benefit the Public Service, wherever it may be in my power, by the experience and knowledge I have acquired in the Artillery Department, throughout the whole of the Service, from the time I was the youngest Lieutenant fireworker, by regular gradation to the high Rank I have now the Honor to hold -

(Signed) John Bellasis
Coll. Comm. Artillery

True Copy
(Signed) Frances Warden
My Board Secry

A true Copy
P. Lucklepurier
Sub Secry

Return

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Return and State of Brass Ordnance with their Carriages, Limbers and Beds

	Ordnance			Carriages			Limbers			Beds		
	Serviceable	Reparable	unserviceable	Serviceable	Reparable	unserviceable	Serviceable	Reparable	unserviceable	Serviceable	Reparable	unserviceable
18 Pounder Gun New	6	"	"	6	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto Old	1	"	"	6	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"
12 Pounder Guns	10	"	2	14	7	4	14	7	4	"	"	"
9 Pounder Guns	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6 Pounder long New	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto Old	2	"	2	4	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto Field piece New	62	"	"	15	4	"	19	"	"	"	"	"
ditto Old	24	"	"	"	"	9	"	"	9	"	"	"
3 Pounder ditto New	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1 Pounder ditto Old	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8 Inch Howitzer New	4	"	"	3	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto Old	4	"	"	2	"	2	2	"	2	"	"	"
Ditto without Screws	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
5½ Inch Howitzer New	2	"	"	3	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto Old	8	"	2	3	"	3	3	"	3	2	"	"
4½ Inch Howitzer New	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto Old without Screws	5	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	4	"	"	"
13 Inch Mortar English	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"
ditto French	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"
10 Inch Mortar English	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	1	"
8 Inch Ditto Ditto	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
5½ Inch Ditto	24	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	"	"
4½ Inch Ditto	21	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

True Copy
(Signed) Francis Warden
Milit.y Board Sec.y

True Copy
P Le Messurier
Sub Secy

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New Carriages Required to be made

New Carriages and Sling Carts required to be made up immediately as stock for the Grand Arsenal

20 Sling Carts with Limbers

12. 18 Pounder Travelling Carriages with Limbers for Iron Battering Guns

12. 12 Pounder Travelling Carriages with Limbers for Iron Battering Guns

2 Carriages with Limber Required for these Guns

4 Ditto . . Ditto . . Ditto

2 Ditto . . . Ditto . . Ditto

24 Tumbrils . . . . . Ditto

2 Ditto . . Ditto . . Ditto

4 Ditto . . Ditto . . Ditto

2 Ditto . . . Ditto . . Ditto

2 Hanging Bed Required

6 Carriages with Limber required

6 Ditto . . . Ditto

5 Hanging Beds required

2 Beds required

2 Beds Required

10 Beds Required

16 Beds required

4 Beds required

Bombay 21st January 1799 (Signed) John Bellasis
Col Commt Artillery

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Minute thereon

Considering the very low condition to which the Ordnance Department under the Bombay Presidency appears from the foregoing letter and its enclosures to be reduced the Board cannot help expressing their surprize and regret that an earlier attention should not have been paid to this important object.

Resolved that the Bombay Government be desired to provide as many gun carriages of the different dimensions stated in the above Minute, as the Commander in Chief may judge immediately necessary; and that they be enjoined to pay the strictest attention to the construction of them upon the most efficient plan, and in the most economical mode

Resolved that the Bombay Presidency be desired, as soon as their Commander in Chief shall have determined the Number of Carriages to be provided, to furnish the Board with an estimate of the expence, in Order that the Vice President in Council of Fort William

may

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may prepare funds to the Amount—

The Board proceed to read and pass

their Resolutions on the following proceedings

of the Medical Board

From the Medical Board containing sundry Recommendations. enclosed by a Letter with its Enclosure from Dr Riggs

Resolution of Government in Consl. 12 February 1799

Approved

Medical Board 11th. February 1799

Mr. Mein Head Surgeon in the Circars having represented to us that he is much in want of Assistant Surgeons, to enable him to carry on the duty in the Garrison of Masulipatam—and as we conceive Mr. Assistant Surgeon O'Donoghoe at present stationed under Mr. Bowie at the Factories of Madepollam and Ingeram might be more usefully employed under Mr. Mein, we Recommend that Mr. O'Donoghoe be removed from the Factories and Ordered to

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to do duty in the Garrison
of Masulipatam.

We recommend that
Mr. James Gilmour Surgeon
at present attached to the
13th Regement of Native
Infantry be removed to the 2nd
Regement Native Infantry in the
room of Mr. Goldie Appointed
to the 1st Battalion Artillery
the 13th Regement being complete
in Asistant Surgeons the
2nd having only one Asistant
and the whole of it on Service

We also Recommend
that Mr. Asistant
Surgeon David Scott
who is at present attach-
ed to the 12th Regement
Native Infantry with
which the Surgeon is
at

Approved

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at present be appointed to the 2nd
Regiment Native Cavalry in the
room of Mr. Mackintosh appointed
to Poonamallee-

We have the honor to forward
for the consideration of Govern.ment
Copy of a Letter with enclosure
from Mr. John Briggs Head
Surgeon on Ceylon-
signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General
U Raine Chief Surgeon

Mr. Briggs to return to
his duty on the Coast

By Order of the Right Honorable the Governor
General in Council-

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General and President Vice Members
of the Medical Board

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward for
Your information a Copy of Government G. O. Vice & G. O. by
Brigadier

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Brigadier General de Meuron annulling the &c
Appointment of Head Surgeon &c &c &c on
on the Island of Ceylon — Inconsequence of which
orders I immediately applied through the Commander
in Chief of the Forces on Ceylon to his Excellency
the Governor for permission to Notify the same
to the Hon.ble the Governor &c &c President in
Council Madras and having obtained his Excellencys
the Governors permission — I loose no time in &c
Requesting You will do me the favor to report
the same through Your Board to the Hon.ble the
Governor &c &c President in Council Madras
whose orders I shall wait Respecting my
future destination — and I look with confidence
to Your favorable Report of me to the Hon.ble
the Governor &c &c President in Council

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) John Briggs
Head Surgeon &c &c
Island Ceylon

(A true Copy)

(signed) Alex.r Boswell
Acty Secry Med.l Bd.

Columbo
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Head Quarters — Columbo 28th January 1799

G. O. By Brigadier General de Meuron

The following Order by the Honorable the Governor is published by his desire to the Troops on this Island.

G. O. By the Governor.

The Office of Head Surgeon to the Army on Ceylon being annulled, the allowances hitherto drawn by Doctor John Briggs who held that Office to cease on the 31st Instant.

Columbo 28th January 1799

By Order of the Governor
in absence of the principal & Deputy Secry

(Signed) Wm. Boyd
1st Assistant Secry to Govt.

(A true copy)
D. Robertson
Depy Adjt. Genl. on Ceylon

(Signed) D. Robertson
Depy Adjt. Genl. on Ceylon

A true copy
(signed) Alex Boswell
Acty Secty Mil. Bd

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Read the following letter from the
Board of Trade
Commercial Department

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

From the Board of Trade reporting on the deficiency in the rice relanded from the Osterly

My Lord

We have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter under date the 29th Ultimo directing us immediately to "Proceed to "ascertain the state and exact quantity of the "Rice relanded from the Honble Company's Ship "Osterly, and to investigate the Causes which "have produced the deficiency Reported by the Garrison StoreKeeper".

In the letter from Mr. Brodie the Garrison StoreKeeper to the Secretary to the Military Board it is Stated that the "Bags apparently have been Opened on board "Ship and not in the boats, for all of them

that

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"What were employed by him, the Garrison Store-
"keeper, have each a Sepoy to prevent the Rice
"being pilferred by the boat people-

In pursuance of these Instructions
We directed the Master Attendant to report the
State of the Rice which still remained on
board the Osterley, and whether any was
Secreted

This Order, Mr. Taswell was
directed to execute immediately, with the
view of Preventing Measures of Concealment,
which might be adopted, as soon as it should
be known that the deficiency was supposed
to have Arisen on board-

Messrs. Chamier and Clerk attended
by our Secretary, then proceeded to the Beach,
and Afterwards to the Godown for the purpose
of examining the Rice Relanded- of this
they found many Bags, Chiefly Single ones,
very deficient-

The Report from the Master
Attendant

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Attendant stated the Bags on board to be Mostly two thirds full, but badly sewn and he added that there was not any Appearance of Concealment

The Remainder of the Rice was then landed, and the whole Weighed under the inspection of our Conicoplies, and in presence of the Garrison StoreKeepers Servants -

The Deficiency was as follows

Rice shipped on board the Osterley as per Garrison StoreKeepers Amount Double

		Cwt	lb
Bags 4775 Weight		7078.	0. 1
Rice Relanded Double			
Bags 3727			
Do Do Single Do 1048	4775. Do.	6,064..	0.. 26
Amount deficient Cwt.		1013..	3.. 3

Although the deficiency is much less than the Garrison StoreKeeper apprehended it was still, so great, as to demand particular enquiry as to the causes and We Accordingly summoned all the parties concerned, and examined them as

will

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will more particularly appear in the accompanying Paper which we have the honor to lay before your Lordship—

The Evidence given on the Enquiry does not afford positive proof, where the Responsibility should attach, but We think it is clear, that no want of Attention should be attributed to the Captain and Officers of the Asterley, and if this be admitted it seems to fix the Thefts upon the boat people, or the Garrison Store Keepers Servants—

Mr. Brodie in his letter above quoted, Acquits the boat people, because a Sepoy was placed in each boat, but this does not convince us of the impracticability of pilferage at all times but particularly on those of Scarcity—

It is hereto be observed that the Rice was not delivered to Captain Piercy by weight, which if it had been done, would have rendered him

Answerable

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Answerable for the quantity he received, whereas he had only to deliver the same Number of Bags which he Received.

It is also to be remarked that altho' by the Standing Regulations of the Garrison Storekeeper's Office none but double Bags should be used it has appeared that there were 1048 Single Bags.

Mr. Brodie Asserts, that no Single Bags were sent from the Shore but this declaration We cannot Admit, because We observed on these Single Bags which We inspected, the Mark on the outside, so that it is difficult to understand how the inside bag could have been removed.

We are of Opinion that at least half the Amount of the deficiency is to be attributed to the Single Bags. The weight of each Single bag is calculated at Cut 1.1. 2 1/4 lb

We

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We are sorry that We have not been
able to execute your Lordships instructions
with such accuracy as to fix Positively,
where the Neglect has been and by whom
the Theft was committed, but We trust that
the Subject has been investigated with all
the care and attention of which it was
capable

We have the honor to be
Gen. Sea

(signed) E. W. Tallofield
C. B. Dent
John Chamier
Robert Clerk

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Mr. James Brodie Garrison Store Keeper

Questions	Answers
State the Weight of the Rice Shipped and Number of Bags	Bags 4775 Weight Cwt 25 lb 7078.0 1
Whether in Single or Double Bags	Double Bags
Is it not a standing order on Your Department, that no Rice shall be sent off except in Double Bags	Yes it is
What was the Condition of the Bags when shipped . .	Very good as received from Bengal
Did you deliver the Rice to Captain Percy by Weight	I received it by weight from the Ship from Bengal and immediately sent it on board It had never been in Store
Was it weighed before it was put into the boats and who was present to take an Account of it	The Conicoply was present
How do you establish that the deficiency did not take place in the boats . . .	From having a Sepoy in each boat to see that none was pilfered the only means I had
Did one or more Sepoys go off in each boat	Only one in each
To what Battalion do they belong	I dont Know
Produce the Receipts . .	Which is done

Some

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Mr. Brodie Continued

Some of the receipts Specify the bad Condition of the Bags and that they were not full - State the Steps you took in Consequence

They were never Reported to me I know nothing of it

Did it occur to You that began immediate Complaint to the Master Attendant informing him of the Number of the Boats in which the deficiency Appeared that the theft if Committed by the boat People might have been discovered . . .

Not having Seen the Reports I of course could not make the Complaint

How long did the Rice lay on the Sea Beach after it was received from the Bengal Ships before it was reshipped on the Osterly . . . . .

I gave orders to my people as I could not always be on the beach Myself in order to save time, that the Rice should be sent off to the Osterly as soon as received from the Bengal Ships but I find on more particular enquiry that it was all taken from the Granary to the beach when Sepoys had charge of it until the Boats took it away I cannot particularly say how long it Remained there, but I believe never longer than the Boats were Ready to receive it

and

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And what guard was placed over it to Present Pilferage till put into boats } Sepoys

Captain Piercy of the Osterly

Questions	Answer
Did you receive any Report from your Officers in regard to the Rice Laden on your Ship on the Company's account, and to what purport	I gave the Necessary Directions for stowing the Rice with great Care I received a Report from the 2nd. Mate Mentioning that Several of the Bags were deficient on which I applied to the Garrison Storekeeper to repair the Bags I directed the Officer to Report their State also
Have you any further Communication make on this Subject	No
Were there any Lascars Working on board	Yes, but were not Suffered to Work in the Hold being employed at Tackle falls

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Mr. Pitt 1st Officer

Questions	Answers
Did you make any remarks on the State of the rice received on board the Osterley	I was not on board when the rice was shipped, but observing on the Redelivery that the Bags were deficient, I enquired of the Junior Officer if they were in that state when Received on board Particular care was taken in stowing of the Rice and never shifted until the Redelivery —
Did you report such Remarks to whom and when	No- this was the first day of delivering the rice I intended to have Reported it when I received a letter from Captain Piercy enclosing a Note from the Garrison Store Keeper on the Subject of the State of the Bags I mentioned in the last Note sent on Shore that the Bags were badly sewed, and that I had Collected 13 Bags or rather More of rice swept up

Mr.

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Mr. Godfrey 2nd Officer

Questions	Answer
Were you Commanding Officer on board when the Rice was Received	Yes I was
What was the State of the Bags in which the Company Rice was contained, when received on board the Osterley	There were in that State that I was obliged to apply to Captain Piercy to send some person on board to repair the Bags
Did your receipts Specify them to be in that State	In the receipts I invariably mentioned where the Bags were wet or deficient We were very particular in stowing the Rice so that no pilferage could have taken place on board upon the Arrival of each boat, I was particular in examining if any Rice was Secreted under the Dunnage

John Wheeler Midshipman

Questions	Answer
Had you an Opportunity of Seeing all the Rice, as it was taken into the Ship	The whole of the Rice was Shipped on the Star board Side
	I observed a good Number of the Bags in a very bad State & bursted I reported it to the Commanding Officer who sent on Shore for a packer — what

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John Wheelar Continued

What Number of Bags do you Suppose were in that State — about one third of what I received being full half of the quantity Shipped

Did you observe whether they Single or double Bags — Some were Single and Some double I observed that the Corners of the Bags were doubled over from which it would Appear that they did not Contain so much Rice as might have been placed in them Some of the Bags I remarked Seemed to have been brake Open, as they were Sewed up with different Coloured Twine

Did you observe any pilferage by the Boat People? — Not any I observed that the Boat people had one Bag forward separate from the Rest, which being remarked was returned

Was there a Sepoy in each boat on the receipt and Redelivery of the Rice — Yes there was

Master

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Master Attendant

Questions	answers
It appears by the receipts now laid before You that the Bags sent off in the Boats N.o 24. 37. 882 Were not full of Rice, this Rice was Shipped on the 16.th 17.th and 22.d Ultimo Have You the means at this late period discovering the Theives if the plunder has been in the boats?	I think it is impossible
Could you have discovered whether any Theft had been Committed but the Boat people if an immediate Complaint had been made	If an immediate Complaint had been made on the boats Coming on shore and I had been furnished with the so that I could have taken the people up instantly the Theft if Committed in the Boats, might have been discovered
What means could you have then taken, that are not now equally efficient to the discovery	I could not only have secured the people but it might have been the means of recovering the Rice.

Weighing Conicoply

Questions	answers
State the Weight of the Rice received from the Ship and Number of Bags	Bags 4775.. Cwt 6064.. lb .. 26

Your

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Weighing Conicoply Continued

You were desired to Notice how many were Single . . . } Single 1048

State the result of your Observation } By the Garrison Storekeepers Account there appeared 4775 Double Bags were Shipped Cwt 2r 16 Contg 7078 . . . 1.
By the Amount I took on Redelivery there were Double Bags 3727 } is 4775
Single Do. 1048 }
Weighing . . . Cwt 6064 . . 2r 16 . . 26

What is the Tare of each Bag . . } Cwt 2r 4
2 ℔ making 18 . . 2 . . 14 for the 1048
Single Bags 3/4th of the Double Bags were not deficient the other 4th part about 3 parts full. Single Bags upon an Average 3/4th full

Boat Tindal of Boat No 1

1 Did you attend the Lading your Boat with Companys Rice for the Ship Osterly . } Yes

2. What was the State of the Bags and whether Double or Single } They were all full about 2/3d double and 1/3 Single Bags

of Boat No 2

1st Ditto . . . . . Do

2d Ditto . . . . . Some full others not so full

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3d How many Trips did you make . . . . . } Four or five I am not Certain

4th How many Bags were deficient in each Trip . . } About 4 or five in each Trip

5th Did you notice the deficiency to the Concoply } Yes – he desired me to take them away as they were of Boat No 5

Ditto . . . . . Do

Ditto . . . . . Do

of Boat No 4

1st Ditto . . . . . Yes

2nd Ditto . . . . . One or two Bags deficient in each Trip

Did you Notice it to the Concoply . . . . . } Yes I desired him to sew them up which he did

Boat No 10

Do . . Do . . . . . Do . . Do

The Board then proceed to examine more of the Tindals, and as their Replies seem in General to Correspond with the A Communication above made; It is deemed unnecessary to detain the others any longer from their Duty, by carrying on the Investigation through the whole Number attending and

they

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they are accordingly dismissed

It was the Boards wish to have examined the Sepoy Officer, and Sepoys who attended in the Boats to the undermentioned points, but as several applications have been made and as it is probable publick Duty prevents them from giving attendance the Board determine not to delay the Report to Government for their Evedence —

Sepoy Officer

Questions

What were your Orders to the Sepoys? . . . . .

Did you observe the Condition of the Bags . . . . .

What was it . . . .

Sepoys

What Orders did you receive from your Officer . . .

Did you observe the State of the Bags when put into the boats of which you had the case

Were they delivered in the same order on board a Ship

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A true Copy (signed) James Taylor

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As there appears in the above report an undoubted proof of Negligence in the part of the Garrison Store Keeper, it is resolved that copy of it be transmitted to the Military Board, and that they be directed not only to exhort him to more strict attention to his duty, but also to debit him in the whole Amount of the deficiency which has Arisen in relanding the rice from the Osterly

Minute thereon

Read the following letters from Major General Brathwaite To Josiah Webbe Esqr Secretary to Government

From Major General Brathwaite, detailing different arrangements which have been made with regard to the Southern Army recommending Colonel Croker as a fit person to command at Madura Requests that Lieutenant Barker may

Sir

I Request you to report to the Right Honble the Governor General, that I have received a Letter from Colonel Brown Commanding

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may be permitted to draw the allowance of an Acting Adjutant from the time he has officiated as such

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army under date the 2d instant, reporting to me, that he has received advice from Major Bannerman at Trivandeporam in the Travancore Country under date the 28th Ultimo that the two Battalions which has been required by the Right Honble the Governor General from his Excellency the Rajah at Travancore to Reinforce the Garrisons of Palamcottah and Madura were to March from Alipe on the 1st of February for Palamcottah where they would arrive by the 13th or 14th — that in consequence he had taken measures that day for Assembling with all possible expedition a force for Field Service to consist of six hundred and fifty Europeans, and two thousand four hundred and fifty Native with four brass 18lbrs two brass 12lbrs and eight 6lbrs

That in conformity to Instructions he

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he had received from the Commander in Chief after taking possession of Caroor, Avaracourchy, and Eroade, and thence opening a communication with Lieut: Colonel Read it is his intention to throw the 18 Guns into Caroor, for the more expeditious capture of which place (which is of considerable strength) and the others they are required -

I have approved the activity shewn by Colonel Brown, and have much commended his design of disencumbering himself as soon as possible of his heavy Guns -

I beg leave to call the attention of the Right Honble the Governor General to the present situation of Madura, which owing to the departure of Lieut Colonel Oram, and the present total incapacity for any duty of Captain Key, is Commanded by Lieutenant Smyth, who, although a very commendable Officer, is in my Opinion too Young for such a command more especially as Madura is about to receive into

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at the Travancore Sepoys, and if no Officer has been yet thought on for that Command, I think Lieut Colonel Robert Croker at present posted to the 1st Battalion 9th Native Regiment on Ceylon, but now at Madras as very capable and deserving of that Appointment.

I have the honor to enclose an Extract of a General Order issued on the Island of Ceylon by Brigadier General De Meuron, and to request that Lieut Baker may be permitted to draw the Allowance of Acting Adjutant for the time he has Acted as such as by every Report to me he has proved himself highly deserving of it.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

and Humble Servant

(signed John Brathwaite

Madras
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Extract of General Orders By Brigr. General
De Meuron Colombo 3rd Septr. 1798

Lieutenant Barker of the 1st European Regement Appointed to Act as Adjutant to the Division at Galle in room of Hazard Removed but to draw no Allowances as such till approved by Government -

A true Copy

(Signed) C. A. Agnew

Adjt Genl on Ceylon

Minute thereon

Resolved to inform General Brathwaite that the Board Approve the instructions he has sent to Lieutenant Colonel Brown, and also that they have Authorized Colonel Brown to Require the Services of the Commandants of Manapara Nellore Tutacoryn if he Judges it Necessary.

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 7th instant and to Report, that what is therein directed has been carried into execution and I have duly been honored with your Letter of the 9th instant covering the copy of a Letter from his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon, and communicating to me the desire of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council that I should report my opinion upon the best means of transferring to that Government the whole of the Malays on this Coast –

I have no means of Knowing the Number of Malays now on the Coast as all those which are now on it are Prisoners, but by Reference to the Town Major of Fort St. George from his Office I have obtained a Return of them, which I have.

From Major General Brathwaite encloses a list of a Malay Prisoner of war on the Coast gives his opinion agreeably to the letter addressed to him on the 9th Instant regarding the best mode of sending them from hence to Columbo He is of opinion that M. Worths Request to have two additional officers and ten additional non commissioned officers sent from hence for the purpose of being attached to the Malay Corps on Ceylon cannot be well complied with Recommends that Lieutenant a Mac Neile who has been appointed to act as Adjutant to the detail of the Scotch Brigade remaining at the Presidency may be permitted to draw the allowances annexed to that appointment

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have the honor to enclose — this comprises the whole of that People now Prisoners of War on the Coast of all descriptions, except seven who I am informed are at Chenglepet, and my Opinion is that the best mode of transferring them to the Government of Ceylon will be to send them in a Vessel bound direct to Columbo, but as there are two among them called Princes and as I understand, some that are aged and infirm perhaps it would be grateful to these Men and productive of good effects to the Eastward, if the option was given to them of going to Malacca as freemen and the means of their going thither provided at the expence of Government under present circumstances it will be very difficult and inconvenient to comply with his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon's wishes in regard to two additional Officers, and in regard to the ten good Serjeants it is utterly impracticable in my Opinion

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to send them from this Coast, From the Number
of Officers that have Necessarily been taken to
the field we must labor under a great want
of them in the Carnatic, and I really know of
no one Officer that could be employed as
his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon wishes
to employ him unless it is Lieutenant Bore
the Town Adjutant and Post Master at
Pondicherry, should it be deemed Necessary
to withdraw him from these employs he
might be so employed, but as he was sent in
charge of the Malay Corps at its first institution
and marched it to the place of its embarkation
he would Naturally expect if so employed to
Command the whole, more especially as he
is Senior to the Officer in Command of the
Malay Corps now on the Island of Ceylon
In regard to the ten good Serjeants we have
no possible means of furnishing them from

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the Honble Company's European Establishment of this Coast, one half of which is detached on foreign service, and the half which remained is about to take the field to the Southward &c and besides keeping up its own complement of non commissioned Officers, is the only resource we have for filling up the Casualties that occur among the Staff Serjeants of all the Native Corps on the Coast establishment Thus circumstanced it is not possible to draw from it ten men such as I could recommend to be employed as his Excellency proposes and I do not see any means of giving Serjeants to the Malay Corps on Ceylon but by borrowing from his Majesty's Regements on that Island the Number and description of men required, who are as applicable to this Service as any of our men can be as we have none that have yet served with any Malay Corps

On

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On the Representation of Major &
Drummond Commanding the detail of the
Scotch Brigade doing duty in Fort St. George, I
request that Lieutenant Archd. Mc Neile of that
Corps whom the Major has Appointed to Act as
Adjutant, may be Authorized to draw the &
Allowances annexed to the station of Adjutant
from the day of his Appointment as during the
Absence of the proper Adjutant in the field I
think that such an Appointment is &
indispensibly Necessary to keep up the &
discipline of the remaining detail, and that
the Officer who discharges the duty well merits
the allowance &

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
and Humble Servant
(signed) John Brathwaite

Madras
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Monthly Return for January 1799 of the Batavia Companies of Mallay Prisoners of War in the Garrison of Poonamalle

Poonamalle 1st. February 1799

	Princes	Captain	Captain Lieut.s	Lieutenant	Ensigns	Cadets	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Total	Women	Children
Total	2	8	1	5	10	3	30	25	1	193	277	45	84

Alterations and Casualties Since last Return

Names	Rank Companies	Dead	Deserted	Runaway	From	To	Day of the Month Inclusive	Exclusive

N B 28 Officers and Privates at Ceylon with pass included in the body of this Returns

(signed) I. L. Jones
Fort Adjutant

A true copy

(signed) Will Shaw
Fort Adjutant

N B Seven Mallay Prisoners of War at Chingleput not included above

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the plan proposed by General Brathwaite for transferring the whole of the Malay Prisoners to Ceylon, and it is Resolved that he be desired to give the necessary Orders to Lieutenant Boxe to hold himself in readiness to proceed with them thither by the earliest Opportunity

Resolved that an extract of the foregoing letter be forwarded to Columbo for the information of his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon—

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Pondicherry

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

From Captain R M Grant detailing an Account of the Embarkation of the French inhabitants at Pondicherry on the Triton encloses a list of those who have embarked

Sir

I have the honor to inform You that the Cornwallis and Triton have loosed their topsails ready to sail after having received

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on board of the latter Vessel the french Inhabitants contained in the enclosed list— those excepted from the General one with which you once favored me, are either Natives, Fathers of large families, or so extremely ill as to be unable to embark I can however assure you with great truth, that those Characters from whom most was to be apprehended are off—

During this painful Service I have had infinite obligation to the Chevalier de Coursen who Superintended the embarkation of these people and who by his activity and attention facilitated the Service extremely—in the collection, distribution, and other detail regarding these people—a Service by no means free from danger Lieutenant Bost the Fort Adjutant both by his Knowledge of the Language and active Conduct afforded very considerable Assistance—and I trust that when it is known that no steps had been taken to apprise these people of the fate which awaited them that the Right

Honble

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Honble the Governor General will be pleased
with the dispatch that has been made -

Captain Dunlop of the Triton &
having required as positively essential for the
arrangement of his Passengers that Hamocks &
should be provided for the good of the Service I
purchased ten bolts of Canvass which he promised
to have made up on board - I trust that I shall
be allowed to make this charge on the Company's
treasury -

I request that I may be allowed
to Indent on the Store at Cuddalore for Tents for
the Accommodation of my Detachment and French
Officers &c on their march to the Presidency; as
also for the apportionate number of Carriage &
Bullocks and as several of the Inhabitants must
be provided with provisions on the march may
I request to know what arrangement will be
adopted on that score

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In respect to the poor distressed families that have been deprived of their Husbands and fathers I was led from the Right Honble the Governor General's Humane Consideration of their Case, as announced to Me in Your letter of a late date, to promise them some provision I shall wait for Your instructions on that head, and &c barely say that they are deplorably wretched &c &c endued —

Had it been in my power to have embarked more of this people than have already gone, I should have been prevented by Captain Dunlops letter to Me of this day, wherein he Asserts that the situation of those on board was such, as to prevent his receiving more than had there been sent off —

I have the Honor to be Sir
Your &c &c
(signed) R. H. Grant
Capt.n Comm.g
List

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List of Inhabitants embarked on the Triton by Order of the Right Honble the Govern General in Council — Pondichery 9th February 1799 -

Monier - - - - - Quit inoffensive man
W Alepanche
D' Elbret
Fran' Petit
Bastien Richard
Chas. Pottier
Alex' Bory
Louis Bory
Hipolite Giles
Claude Millois
Jean Jacque Lemery
Bestand St Michel
Franc. Aubert
Jean Dukeger
Franc's De Verger
Meramon
Carcasone
Rene Tardevel
Bofsu de Montreau
Chas de Montreau
Prudent Boutroux and Son
Louis Blanchette
Antonie Sclose
Louis Choulleax

Theodore

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Theodore Gardelle — a Sedulous fellow
Jean Marten
Louis Pierre Terray
Louis Pierre Terray — Son
Frances de Brandu — Gentleman
George Louis Carenac — Do
Louis Mercier — Do

Waver
Templier
Franc.s Follevelle
Fra.s Joly
Barthelmi Gracecourt
Jean Bastion Jules
Marten Le Normand
Morapin
Reve Guillard
Antonie Pillavoine
Blaise Le Maitre
Cha.s Fra.s Cordon
Terte
Morspean
Claude Ferrier
Jacques Mercier
Mahu
Didier Joguet
Richardin
Houdon

(signed) R.d Grant
Capt. Commanding

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Minute thereon

Resolved to express to him the most perfect satisfaction of the Board with the manner in which he has conducted himself in the embarkation of the French Prisoners, with the selection he has made, and with the expedition with which he has accomplished this unpleasant duty –

Resolved to inform him that the Board will make a suitable provision for such families as are left unprotected, and destitute of the means of support, and that they approve the Assurances he has given them to this effect – resolved that he be desired to furnish the Board with a Report of the families thus circumstanced and to state his opinion of the allowances he considers as adequate to Maintain them –

Read the following from the Sub Secretary at Bombay –

To –

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From the Sub Secretary at Bombay encloses Sic Nos. received by a Despatch from Bussorah

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government General

at

Fort St. George

Sir

I am directed by the Governor in Council to request, that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the enclosed Copies of Letters, with their respective Accompaniments this day received from the Residents at Bassora and Bagdat

I have the honor to be

Sir Your Obt Servt

(signed) J. A. Grant

Sub Secy to Govt.

Bombay Castle
26th Janry 1799

To the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqrs

President and Governor &c. in Council

at

Bombay

Honble Sir

I have the honor to transmit per Drake a Continuation of the Bussorah Diary from the 26th November to the 1st Instant Contain-ing Duplicates of my address per Shrombolo, in the

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the Political Commercial, and Public Departments,
and Duplicate Copies of various Papers, which &
Accompanied them -

I have on consideration deemed it &
unnecessary to introduce into the Bussorah Diary
intended for the Presidency, Copies of your Commands
to me, and I shall therefore discontinue that Practise
flattering myself that the Arrangement may meet &
Your Approbation and Sanction -

I beg leave respectfully to inform You
that the Kia Bacha has marched from the Vicinity
of Bussora, and made considerable progress to the &
Southward in his Expedition against the Mahala
Shaik -

The public Expence, which has &
attended the visit of the Kia to Bussora will appear
in the Honble Companys Cash Account for the Month
December, and although it has unavoidably been
a considerable one I deem the Opportunity, which
has presented itself of further conciliating the &
friendship of the Kia, by liberality of Conduct &
towards

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towards him, to be an Event of a fortunate nature
the Kia is a peculiar favorite of the Bachar, whose
only Daughter he has receved in Marriage he
is a Young Man, not yet Manifesting any decided
Character, but posessing a high Spirit, and that
Amiable warmth of disposition, which by proper
Management and attention may be brought to
feel, and Value Eligible Attachments during our
recent intercourse, I have taken Successful means
of inducing him to believe, that I entertain a
very high opinion of him I have flattered him
by the Manifestation towards him of degnfied
Honble Attention and Civility, — I have experienced
in his conduct towards me a Degree of Cordiality
promising future more consequential Acts of
friendship and I shall endeavour during his
Absence on his Expedition, by Letter, and on
his return to Bussora, personally, to fix his
present apparent partiality to the British Nation

and

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and to impress on his mind a Conviction, that by
Supporting the Credit, and the Privileges of the
Honble Company in this Country he will essentially
promote the Interests of the Bashalic of Bagdat, and
Bussora, and may possibly facilitate his own &
private views and personal Advancement ~

On the 25th Instant returning &
Messengers arrived from Aleppo, and I have now
the honor to transmit Continuations of the Lloyds
Evening Post from the 29th September to the 12th
October and of the Journals de Francfort, from the
8th to the 25th of the latter Month, containing &.
interesting Intelligence ~

I have also the honor to transmit
Extracts from a Letter from the Agent at Constantinople
dated the 24th November and from the Agent at
Aleppo, dated the 9th December to which I make
a respectful reference ~

I am much concerned that the Agent
at Aleppo, has not yet had it in his power
to

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to obtain any Clear and decided intelligence &c
respecting the Situation of the French in Egypt -

On the 27th Instant I received a Letter
from Harford Jones Esqre dated the 15th preceding, of
which I have the honor to enclose a Copy, accompanied
by a Packet to your address, which I transmit Per
Drake -

I flatter myself that you will approve
my Conduct in returning the Drake to the Presidency
before the Princess Augusta, and I entertain a
Hope that I shall early have the pleasure to send
You, under the care of Lieutenant Kegs enteresting
Political Intelligence, and the Yet Missing &c
Commands of the Honble Company -

I have the honor to be with the greatest
respect -

Bussoriah
28th December 1799

Yrs Yrs Yrs
(Signed) Samuel Manesty

A true Copy
(signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secy to Govt

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Extract from a Letter from the Agent at Constantinople Dated the 24th November 1798.

By recent Advices from the Ship Stationed off Malta we learn that the Fort was likely very soon to Surrender to the Fleet or Natives who were all under Arms, and posessed the whole Island excepting the Fortress where the French were Retired, and under the extremest Distress for Provision It is reported that the Enemy has quitted Corfu.

Extract from a Letter from the Agent at Aleppo Dated the 9th December 1798.

It is necessary to inform you that the News communicated to one in the abovementioned Extract of Mr. George Abbott and Mr. Tooke relative to the taking of Cairo by the Turks, no Credit ought to be given to it, as mentioned in my last as that News is since contradicted by Ibrahim Pashaw of Damascus who had forwarded it to Constantinople by Several expres Tartars as mentioned in my last, since that time we have no manner of News from Egypt nor from the British Fleet Cruising before

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before Alexandria neither I have Received any letters from the Coast of Syria or Cyprus.

Your Letter for Mr. Charles Rossetti at Cairo I have Received and shall endeavoor to forward it to him with surety by an occasional Conveyance if possible, but I am very Apprehensive it is not practicable to send any Letters whatever without falling into the hands of the French as they have Guarded properly all the passages of Egypt however I shall try to convey it to him.

True Extract

(Signed) Samuel Manesty

(A true Copy)

J. A. Grant
Sub Secy to Govt

To Samuel Manesty Esqr.
Resident
at Bussora

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Duplicate of my Letter of the 21 December, and Acknowledge the Receipt on the 14th Instant of your

Several

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Several favors of the 7th the 10th and 22d November
for which I beg your Acceptance of my best thanks.

I have the honor to enclose unsealed,
for your Perusal a Packet for the Honble the President
in Council at Bombay containing much important
Information, which I beg leave to Request after
having read, and Sealed you will be good enough
to secure a speedy, and safe transet to Bombay.

I have also the honor to enclose, a Letter
to your address which I received this Morning from
the Honble Companys Agent at Constantinople.

I have made the following Agreement
with the Nogueda of the Caraphy on which my
present Despatches are conveyed.

If he arrives at Bussora in Nine
Days reckoning from the 19th December in the Morning
he is to receive 16 Piastres Dana, and for every
Day he shall Diminish from that Number that
he receive 16 Piastres of each Day.

May

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May I beg the favor of you to pay him whatever may be due on this Account on Account of the Honble Company —

I have the honor to be with Respect
Yr. Yr. Yr.
(signed) Warford Jones

Bagdat
15th December 1798

True Copy
Samuel Manesty

A true copy
(signd) J. A Grant
Sub Judg to Govt

To the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr
President and Governor &c. &c. in Council at
Bombay

Honble Sir, and Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose duplicates of my letters to your Honble Board of the 29th November and 2nd December, and the duplicates also of the papers alluded to in them

This Morning one of the Pashaws' Tartars arrived here after a journey of 23 days from Constantinople I have the honor, to enclose, a copy of a letter received by him from the Honble Company's Agent at Constantinople to me, dated the 15th November

and

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and the British Chronicle from the 14th to the 28 September
Your Honble Board will from these papers remark
the defeat and capture at Ballenamuck of the French
troops, which landed at Killala, and the important
information of the sailing from Brest of a considerable
Armament destined as is supposed for Ireland—

I beg permission also to enclose a &c
translate extract from a letter from Coja Reuber Ibn
Jalch to Coja Abdullah Ibn Euroof dated Constan=
-tinople the 20th November, which informs any of the
principal points of the intelligence I had the honor to
transmit on the 2nd instant—

The anxiety I entertain to secure the
early arrival or Bussora of any present dispatches
prevents me transmitting to Your Honble Board
several papers and Accounts appertaining to this
business of this Mission as those papers are not
immediately ready—

I have the honor to be with the greatest
respect &c &c
(signed) Harford Jones

Bagdad
the 15 Dec. 1798

A true Copy
(signed) J. A Grant.

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Constantinople the 15th November 1798

Harford Jones Esqr

Resident at Bagdad

Sir

It has been displeasing to me that no occasional Messengers have offered whereby I could address you since the 8th ultimo date of my preceding Letter – Judging that your Apprehensions are likely to be in constant Agitation respecting the Affairs in Egypt However, very little material News has reached us from the interior parts of that Country & since I had last the honor to address You, but it is a general Opinion that the enemy is in great distress for want of provisions and by Sickness &

Annexed I have the honour to & transmit to you an Extract of a letter dated the 25th ultimo for His Majestys Consulat Smyrna relating solely to the position of the Enemy at & Alexandria, which is generally credited &

On the Appearance of the Combined Turkish and Russian Fleets in the Neighbourhood

of

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of the late Venetian Island the French Troops
embarked for Corfu where they are now collected to the
Number only of about 4000 the inhabitants of the Islands
have adopted the Russian Flag but no troops have
been stationed on any one of them Alle Pashaw of
Albania on the 1st intimation of war being declared
by the Porte attached a Body of the Republicans on
that frontiers and Killed 200 whose scalps have
been lately exposed at the Grand Signors Gate—
It is reported just now that the Governor of Rhodes
Hassan Beg was arrived and had landed
with 2000 Men at Aboukeer where he was to be
joined by 8000 Barbary Troops to act in
Conjunction with the Combined fleets against
If the Enemy is drove out of that place, the position
of the Army in the interior will certainly become
very critical – Respecting Affairs in this Neighbourhood the Rebel at Widden still bids defiance
to the Grand Signors Troops, and very lately made
a terrible Slaughter amongst them the Captain
Pashaw

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Pashaw narrowly escaped the same fate.

The Letter you honoured me with the 30th September reached my hands on the 2d Instant The Packets for the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, and for the Honourable Jacob Bosanquet were expedited on the following day by the Ordinary Mail under cover as you directed to Sir Morton Eden at Viana

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In the event of any extraordinary & Intelligence from Egypt I shall not fail to communicate it with the greatest speed possible

I have the honor to be with due respect

I request your care of the enclosed for Samuel Manesty Esqr

Yrs Yrs Yrs

True Copy

(signed) Wm Ford Jones

(signed) Pet Tooke

Agent

Smyrna the 25th October 1798

Sir

Letters are received from Scala Nova brought there by a Vessel in 15 days from Alexandria which state the French at that place to be in a very distressed situation for want of provisions and water: it appears

that

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that in consequence of this Situation, they meditated to embark and rather then Surrender to the Arbs to throw themselves into the hands of the English they have liberated 25 sail of Turkish Vessels loaded with Coffee &c. but no Rice which have sailed and are on their passage to this place and other portes in the Levant/ The letters say that the effects of the Nations at Alexandria have not been plundered and that the Seals are taken off of the Magazens— all these acts of the French I think indicate their wish to get off they continue to read firmans to the populace as if they were received from the Porte, and declare that their sole Motive of Landing was to punish the Beys, which done, they were Contented—

It is worthy Notice to inform You that flags of truce from our Ships to the Shore and the Reverse are very frequent our Ships have not been reinforced—

(signed) Frances Werry
(signed) J A Grant
Sub Secy to Govt

True Copy
(signed) Warford Jones

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Extract of a letter from Coja Reuben Saleh dated Constantinople the 20th November to Coja Abdullah Ibn Eusoof of Bagdat and Received the 15th December

Three days ago, News was received from Cairo that Bounaparte had imparted to the Kia of Beker Pashaw, whom on his first taking possession of Cairo, he had appointed to command in the Town his wishes, that the Mahammedans would Shave their Beards to which the Kia replied that such a proceeding could only be adopted by the Authority of the Mufte and Casir

Some time afterwards Bounaparte through the Kia of Beker Pashaw, made a Requisition, inform of a Pott tax of 10 Reals from each Inhabitant on which an Assembly was held at the Mekurneh, when complaints were made that instead of fulfilling the promise he made of Justice and protection Bounaparte was every day inventing some new Mode of

Innovation

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Innovation and Oppression Bounaparte hearing
of this Assembly of the people sent one of his Generals
Accompanied by about 60 persons to appease them
The General on his first arriving at the Mekumch
began to threaten, and upbraid the people when
a Man of Barbary drew his Canjar or dagger,
and stabbed the General in the Breast on which
the people at the Mekumch shut the gates of it
and massacred all the 60 persons who attended
the General which being concluded they Opened
the doors, and sallied forth with drawn Swords
falling on every Frenchman that came in
their way.

Beker Pashaws Kia in consequence
of his employment under Bounaparte found
Means in this Moment under the Appearance
of friendship to gain Admittance to small
fortress on which were about 500 French-
-men whom he put to the Sword -

Bounaparte

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Bounaparte seeing this, collected his Soldiers and marched out of Cairo he first made an attempt to retreat to Alexandria, but for want of Boats this was found impossible he then made an attempt to join the 4000 he had sent into the Red against Morad Beg. but was prevented in this, by the Arabs having therefore no choice left, he retreated to Bolaak on which the Inhabitants of Cairo besiged Bolaak and sent away Intelligence of what had to Constantinople by way of Damascus, the Parhaw of Damascus sent five Tartars with the Intelligence to Constantinople, and on the arrival here of this News the grand Segneor commanded a continued Salute of Cannon and Musquestry to be fired from Morning till night

Faithfully Extracted
& Translated

A True Copy
(Signed) I. A. Grant
Sub Secy to Govt

(Signed) Harford Jones

Entered

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a Bill for two thousand Pagodas to be drawn on Bengal in favor of the Master of the Ship Penang.

Ordered that a Bill for two thousand Pagodas (2000) be drawn on Bengal at the exchange of 382 a Rupee in favor of Captain Young Master of the Penang, in part payment of the Sum for Amounting to four thousand Pagodas (4000) for which he has agreed to convey a supply of Stores to Malacca and to bring from thence to the Coast a proportion of that Garrison

Read the following letters from Malacca -

To Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From the Commandant at Malacca enclosing the proceedings of the College of Justice at Malacca in the trial of three Malays &c. Convicted of Murder

Sir

I beg leave to request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honble the Governor in Council the accompanying Papers and Proceedings of the College of Justice on the Trial of three Malay Men convicted and found Guilty of Murder — As the Instructions from —

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from Government dated the 3rd. of May 1796, direct that no Sentence of Death or Mutilation shall be carried into Execution in Malacca until Report be made to and the Orders of his Lordship in Council received thereon, I beg you will favor me with an early communication of his Rt. Lordship's decision on the present Cases

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir Sir
(Signed) Ad Taylor
Maj Comg Malacca

Malacca
23d November 1798

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Proceedings of the College of Justice at Malacca enclosed in the above letter be transmitted to the Attorney General for his Opinion thereon

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

From the Commandant at Malacca stating different particulars regarding the Revenues at Malacca enclosed a

My Lord

In my Letter under date of the 8th. of October

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a Statement of the customs levied by the Dutch for the last three years that Malacca was in their possession Apprehends that He will be under the Necessity of disposing of part of the damaged powder in store and of the Iron work of some of the Gun Carriages to enable him to relieve the immediate wants of his garrison

October last which I forwarded (via Anjengo) by the Asia Captain McInnis I took the liberty to state the circumstances which led to the present Tax on Fish brought to this Market and recommended the continuation of that Tax which is likely to bring in a handsome Revenue to the Honble Company. I have now Rented this Farm for the ensuing Year for the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars per month which after making a Deduction of four Spanish Dollars per Month for a Superintendant of the Market brings in an Annual Revenue of One Thousand five Hundred and Twelve Spanish Dollars— The Conditions on which this Farm is Rented is that the Farmer Relenguishes it in case of your Lordships disaproval of the Tax containing on the Article of Fish — which I trust on your Lordships considering the Reasons I assigned for it will not be the case

In my Letter of the 8th October I

also

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also mentioned my wishes to furnish Your Lordship with a Statement of the Farms and Taxes in Malacca during the Dutch Government — I have now the honor to send you an Authentic & Statement of the whole, for the last three Years the Dutch had possession of Malacca, and in Order that Your Lordship may in One View behold the Average difference between the Revenues Collected by the Dutch and the Farms now Rented by the English I take the liberty to send you a statement of them also — The difference Arising from the Farms/ I have taken the liberty to & Recommend being again Rented out/ is so very considerable that I trust and hope your Lordship will find them worthy your particular attention — It is with much pleasure I have to acquaint Your Lordship that I have Rented the Farms (Viz) Boom — Gaming — Opiums Pork. Betle Leaf and the Arrack Farm for the ensuing Year for the

Sum

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Sum of Fifty three Thousand Spanish Dollars which
is Four Thousand five hundred and five Dollars
more than it Rented for the last Year

Should Your Lordship approve of my
Renting out the other Farms I have every Apearance
they will Rent for a much greater Sum than
what they rented for during the Dutch
Government

A great quantity of the Dutch Gun
powder and a number of Dutch Gun Carriages
are in that damaged and decayed state that
they are fit for no Kind of use whatever having
received a Letter from the Depy Commissary of
Stores stating the Condition of these Articles I held
a Committee to examine them, The Proceedings
of which Committee I have forwarded to the
Milulary Board — As this Garrison is now
much in Arrears and we have not a sufficient
Sum to make an Advance of half a Months Pay
to the Troops on the 1st of Next Month and the
Season

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Season not Admitting of our expecting a Vessel from Madras with a supply of Cash I hope I shall be excused by Your Lordship in Council if I should Anticipate the wishes of the Military Board by Disposing of a part of the Gun Powder and the Iron Work of some of the Gun Carriages in Order to raise a sum sufficient to pay the Troops half a Months Pay on the 1.ˢᵗ of February Next — The Powder &ᵃ although perfectly useless to us will sell well &ᵃ Among the Malays and the Iron Work of the Carriages will also sell well

That part of my Letter of the 8.ᵗʰ October Respecting my own personal situation on Command of this place will I hope meet your Lordships favorable Attention — I beg leave &ᵃ again to Assure you that my present Allowance for a Table and Servants is not equal to my unavoidable expences on those Head as can

be

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be testified by my Predecessors and I hope your Lordship will have the goodness to make some Addition to the Allowance I now receive

I beg your Lordship to believe that my particular and constant attention will be but on the Increase of the Companys Revenues and the good of the Settlement during the time I have the honor to Command

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect - Yr Lo & Obt

(Signed) Alx Taylor
Maj Comg

Malacca
26 December 1799

Dutch

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Ditch Farms Rented in Malacca in the Years of 1793. 1794. & 1795

Farms	Years 1793.	1794.	1795
Duties on the Custom House or Boom. Rix Dollr.	77.535.	62.050.	42.975.
do. on Weighing Goods at the Boom	2780.	2.225.	2.225
do on what the Malays call Mawdat (or Opium Farm)	2550	2.550.	2.550
do. on Chinese Gaming houses	6.970	5.250.	4295
do on Sea or River Fish (excluding Salt or Dried Fish imported	2505.	2.300.	2100
do on Chinese Poll Tax	1770.	1.075.	1150
do on Retailers, Boliques or Shops	730.	600.	670
do on Stalls for the sale of Rice	675.	605.	660
do on Betle Leaf	700	700	850
do on Arrack	500	470	310
do on the Slaughter of all Animals for Food	500	440.	450
do on Timber	305	285	230
do on the Anchorge of Prows	350	220	330
do on Prows passing the Bridge	250	255.	310
do on Measures & Weights	130	140.	60
do on Cock Pitts	25	25.	25
do on Public Travers (pro forma)	10.	10.	10
do on Inland Prows	275	275	275
Total Rix Dollars	98580.	79535.	59515
or Spanish Dollars	69586.	56143.	42011

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Farms Rented out by the English in Malacca in the Years of 1796. 1797. & 1798

Farms	Years 1796	1797	1798
Boom Farm or Duties on Import & Export — Spar: Dollars	33650	44800.	31760
Gaming	2.600	4085.	4500
Opium	3800.	3250.	2510
Cork	1,230.	1.710.	700
Betle Leaf	740	775.	595
Arrack	7000	5.880	5430
Total Spanish Dollars	49020	60.500	48495

Suppose the Revenues formerly Collected by the Dutch (marked thus *) are added to those received by the English in the Years 1796 1797. & 1798 taking as a Medium for those Years the Dutch Collections in the preceding Ones which is 6.928. 5.771. 5.707

The Total Amount of the Revues for the Years 1796. 1797. and 1798 would then have been 55.948. 66.271. 54202

Computation

The Average of those Three Years is Spr. 58.807 Per Annum

The Average of the Revenues which have been Collected by the English in the same Years. as Per Account of Farms Rented is 52.671

Difference of Revenue Annually in favor of the Honble Company would be 6.136

NB

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N B. A number of Pieces of Land belonging to the Dutch Company remain yet unsold – There has been neither Land Tax, or quit Rent, Yet Collected since the E.t English have had possession of Malacca

The Fish Market which is now Rented for the ensueing Year at the rate of 130 Spanish Dollars per Month, deducting 4 Spanish Dollars per Month for a Superintendant, will (after Paying the balance of Amount for building the New Bridge bring in a Revenue to the Honble Company of 1.512 Spanish Dollars ℔ Annum

Signed/ Ad Taylor
Maj Comg Malacca

Ordered to lie on the Table

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Read the following Letter from Bombay

To

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To the Right Honble

Richard Earl of Mornington K P

Governor General in Council

at

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Bombay transmits an Account of the Revenues of 11 Purgannahs on Tippoo Country

1 We should sooner have had the honor of Acknowledging Mr. Secretary Barlows Letter of the 30th. Novr. but from the difficulty experienced in Acquiring any Information the least to be relied on, in respect to the Amount of the Revenues Collected by Tippoo Sultaun from his Territories on the Coast, between the Cavary, and Goa

2 Such Indications, as our President has hitherto been able to trace on this Subject from Ayaz, or Hyant Saheb, Mr. Henshaw or Mr. DeSousa he informs us that he has already forwarded to your Lordship: and having now

laid

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laid before us a more full and particular Statement, since obtained by him from a Native of that part of the Country, We have the honor to forward a Copy of it on the accuracy of which some degree of Reliance may, we think, be placed, aswell, from its General Corroboration by Mr. DeSouza's Statement which had the Concurrence of Hyat Saheb, as because Ram Row the party furnishing it, discribes himself as a Despandia, or Land Register in the Purgunnah of Ankal, and to be well acquainted, also, with the Value, or Assessment of the other Ten, of all which he has likewise promised to deliver to the Governor the best Calculate in his Power of the Charges of Management and Defence, - which we accordingly hope very shortly to be able to transmit -

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

Bombay Castle
22nd January 1799

Signed Jon. Duncan
Stuart
William Page
P.S.

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P. S. Since closing the above Ram Rou having delivered in his promised Calculate of the Expenditure on Account of the tract of Country above alluded to the same is herewith forwarded -

(signed) J. Duncan
Stuart
William Cage

Memorandum of the Revenue of the Country on the Sea Coast belonging to Tippoo Sultaun from Sadasheo Ghur District of Seweswer on the Southern frontier of Goa to the Nelleswer in the Jurisdiction of Mangalore, in all Eleven Purgunahs, Containing 25 Forts, and 19 Rivers including Batty Grounds Gardens Customs Contingencies as fines &c. Pagod- Allowance and Collections for Alms and from donations Amounting to Pagodas 5,50,000 Viz.t-

1 Purgunah Called Ankoli in the Province of Seundah
Saunery Pagoda. Rs
5,000 a 3/4 per each
N.B. In this Purgunah are
3 Forts Viz.t Sadasheo
Ghur, Coreim Ghur & Aneolla
& 3 River

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10 following Purgunahs under Bednore Dist

1 Merzan or Merjee, under Bednore ... Ekary Rag 1 12000 d° d° pr each and 1 Fort Merzan and 1 River

1 Onore ... Ditto Ditto 30000 D° 2 D° Buseva Roy drooga in a Island and on the Main Raz= Mandroog and 3 Rivers—

1 Gerce Sopah D° D° 18000 D° 2 D° Goverdhern Gerce and Munky

1 Seravaley Moordeswar D° D° 7500 D° 1 D° Moordeswer

1 Bhutkool ... D° D° 9000 D° 1 D° Bhutkool, and 1 River

1 Condapore ... D° D° 46000 D° 5 D° Condapore Hofsangury, Benegura Gungawalley and Byendoore and 4 Rivers—

1 Barkoor ... D° D° 85000 D° 2 D° Durga Phadoor Gur, on an Island and on the Main Droog and 3 Rivers

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1 Mulkey under Bednore Ekary Pagodas 12000 @ 1½ per each called
Mulkey and River

1 Karecul . . Do . . Do . . . . 17000. Do 2 Do Karecul
and Erney Holey

1 Mangalore . Do . . Do . . . . 26,3500 Do 5 Forts Jamalls
Pagodas 550000 Gar or Jemeulabad
Bekal Nelleswer
Chunder Gurey
Coomblay Caperculs
and Rivers 3
25 Forts & 19 Rivers

The following proportion is on Account of Customs

1st of Ankoll Saundry Hoons 33000

2 of Merjee & ca 10 Peng hs . . . 65000

Total . 68,300

To turn the above into Rs

1 Ankole 50,000 Pagodas @ 3/4 Rs 1,62,500 Rs

2 Merjee & ca 10 Peng hs 500,00 Do @ 4 Do 200000

Rs . 262,500-

The above given, as the present Summa, but said by Ram
Row to be much more than the Country can bear

A true Copy
signed J A Grant
Sub Secy to Govt

Memorandum

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Memorandum of the Produce, and Charges of the Following Purgunahs

	The Amount of Revenue Produce as per Separate Account	Amit or Managing Charges including all Civil Debts	Killah or Fort Charges	Barror Regular Troops	Total Amount of the Expences	Balance with Amount of the Revenue Produce
1 Anckolla Purgunah, under Sowndae Sownary Pag.a	50,000	7260	17370	6600	31230	18770
1 Meizan Do Bednore Ekary Pagodas	12000	1194	3040		4234	7766
1 Onore Do Ditto Ditto Do	30,000	2660	9000		11660	18340
1 Geeree Sopah Do Ditto Ditto Do	18000	1826	4897		6723	11277
1 Seravely Moordeswer Do Do Do Do	7500	600	1298		1898	5602
1 Bhutkool Do Do Do Do	9000	1050	1200		2250	6750
1 Condapore Do Do Do Do	46000	6380	9000	7781	23164	22836
1 Barkoor Do Do Do Do	85,000	10,000	9819		19,819	65,181
1 Mulkey Do Do Do Do	12000	1094	2790		3884	8116
1 Keracul Do Do Do Do	17000	1984	3600		5584	11,416
1 Mangalore Do Do Do Do	263500	21800	68000	18000	107800	155700
Sownary & Ekary Pagodas	550000	55848	130014	32384	218246	331,754

A true
(signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secy to Government

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Commandant at Pondicherry

To Josiah Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Commandant at Pondicherry acknowledging the receipt of the Orders for the embarkation on the Triton Encloses a list of Persons whom he thinks it would from particular circumstances be improper to send to Europe together with a list of others &c whom he has substituted in the room Several French Officers have requested to be allowed to retire to Cuddalore Requests that Money be sent for payment of the Arrears due to his Detachment

I have the Honor to Acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 2nd. Instant, and to &c inform You that the Orders of the Right Honble the Governor General shall be carried into execution with as little delay as possible after the arrival of the Triton.

In the List which I have had the &c Honor to receive from You this Morning there are about twenty six Half Cast Men Marked down to it to be embarked on the Triton— The greater part of these are very black indeed, and I imagine it is not the intention of Government to send such &c people to Europe I have in consequence &c Substituted those Names Marked in No 1 by the Names of eleven Europeans very indifferent Subjects

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Subjects

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Subjects and for in my Opinion from being worthy of the exemption — Their Names are in No 2 — Those persons whose names are with drawn from your List can accompany the Detachment when it Marches to the Presidency —

In the list which I had the Honor to transmit to you some time back, you will Observe many Names of Inhabitants so aged and at the same time infirm, as to render it impossible for them to under take so long a March among these there are some of examplary good Conduct, with and without families, and possessing property in Houses to a Considerable Amount and who if required could give undeniable Security as to their future Actions for these I would by the Consideration of the Right Honble the Governor General as men from whom nothing can be

Apprehended

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Apprehended and who's Removal from their almost
Place of Nativity would be attended with infinite
Distress - of these however the Number is inconsiderable
I should deem it inexcusable were
I not to bear testimony to the Regular conduct
and valuable Services of Lieutenants Leride and Lefebure,
my Depuites in the Police Department - These Gentlemen
were appointed by Major General Brathwaite to that Office,
and they have uniformly merited and received the
greatest encomiums from Succeeding Commanding Officers
- General Brathwaite will no doubt speak to their
Conduct, Character and Principles as He has ever found
them - The former is Brother in Law to Captain Sequeira
who has obtained The Right Honble the Governor &
Generals permission to Reside at Cuddalore - The favor
I would solicit for both these Gentlemen, would be
their Choice of Residence in some British Settlement

on

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on the Coast —

There are many Married Officers Prisoners of War here with large families and with very Moderate Incomes, they have solicited me to intreat permission to remove to Cuddalore in the event of the Cantonment being evacuated, they are truly objects of compassion and all of the Men of Staunch principles —

It will be absolutely necessary that same Money should be sent to this place to pay the Detachment the last Months Pay and likewise the Prisoners of War and Pensioners — I have spoke to the Paymasters Vakeel who says it will require about five Thousand Pagodas to Clear every thing up to the 1st of this Month — May I therefore request that you will have the goodness to represent the Matter to the Governor General as without Money I really do not know how I shall be able to bring them to Madras —

I

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I have likewise to request that I may be allowed to Indent on Cuddalore for Tents &c.a for the Detachment and for the French Officers & Prisoners of War —

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c.a &c.a
(signed) R. Allgrant

Pondicherry 1st of 4th February 1799

A List of Half Cast Men who's Names were on the List to be embarked on the Triton —

Labat fils
Brunet fils
Coria fils
Adam fils
Louis Lamaury
Paul
Lee Forgue fils
Bonnefoy fils
Millois fils
Raufset
J. Bory
Louis Bory
Alexr Bory
Jean Coria
Mora fils

Lefebure

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Lefebure Aine
Quintual fils
Quintual fils
Arson fils
Lemoisier
Lemoisier
Lanoy
Garro
D'albert

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Signed R. M. Grant
Capt Commg

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Francois Baurband
Francois Banlet
Elennier Lautier
Pierre Torray
Antone Alguier
Claud Ledoza
Jean Pelulur
Pierre Ferrier
Theodon Gardell
Pierre David
Pierre Morpun

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Total 11
Signed R. M. Grant
Commg

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From Commandant at Pondicherry Mentions that the Cornwallis and Triton had arrived that Morning

To Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the Honor of Acquainting you that the Cornwallis and Triton arrived here this Morning— I hope in the Course of this day to get the greater part of the Prisoners Embarked

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(signed) R. H. Grant

Pondicherry
8th. February 1799

Messrs. Fraser, Hebbl, Parish, Gawaw, Court, Gawan, Randall, Watts and Moon assistants in the Public Department take the oath of secrecy.

The Board deeming it expedient that the Oath of Secrecy should be Administered to the Asistants in the Public department of Government, in Order that their services may be called for in the Secret Department when found Necessary the usual Oath of Secrecy is Accordingly Administered to the following Gentlemen

Messrs.

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Messrs Thomas Fraser, George G. Hebbe, George
Parish, William Garrow, David Court, George
Gowan, Benjamin Randall, John Nicolson
Watts George Moore.

" Cleiss

" Wm Peile

" Ebt Tallofield

A. Barclay Secy

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Diary

12th

Received the following Letter.

His Excellency the Earl of Mornington
Governor General &c &c
Fort St George

My Lord

From Admiral Rainier requests that the Surgeons to His Majesty's Ships may be supplied with medicines from the Company's Stores —

From the advantages that would accrue to His Majesty's Ships in contributing to the recovery of the Sick and the preservation of the general Health of their Crews as also at the representation of the Surgeons — I am induced to solicit to your Lordships indulgence in —— allowing them to be supplied with Medicines —— gratuitously from the Honorable Company's dispensaries — The demands or Indents to be signed by the Surgeons attested by the signatures of their respective Commanders, and approved of by my own when present any apparent abuse I shall always be extremely ready to correct on representation from proper Authority —

I have the honor to be

/ Signed / Peter Rainier

Trident
Cannanore Road
12th
January 24. 1799

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to the Government General
at
Fort St George

Sir

The Malabar Commissioners having under the 16th Ultimo submitted a Tender from the Agent of Captain Bannerman for the Supply of four Lacs of Rupees on terms less advantageous than his Agreement for the preceding Year, and at the same time advising of that Gentleman's intention to remit one Lac and a half, for which in case of the disapproval of his present terms he professed himself willing to take Bills on those of his former Contract, I am directed to signify for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council that the Governor in Council has rejected the Offer under a reservation of course in favor of the latter stipulation for the whole or such quota of the Lac and a half as may have been already remitted, affording him moreover a latitude of making further supplies on the same terms as are procurable from others—

From the Secretary at Bombay encloses Copy of proposals delivered in by Messrs. Colt Baker Day & Co. for supplying the Malabar Treasury with Money, which he states have been accepted; states different particulars relating to Money transactions with the Agent of Captain Bannerman—

With this communication I am instructed to enclose a proposal from the House of

Messrs.

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Messrs Colt Baker Day and Co. for the positive —
payment into Malabar Treasury of Rupees 50.000 per
month for six months certain on terms which are
deemed under existing circumstances as advantageous
as can be obtained. The proposal is therefore accepted
by the Governor in Council. —

The rates at which Messrs. Colt
Baker Day and Co tender the Star Sultance —
Behadre Ikary and Portnovo Pagodas. the venetians
and Surat and Bombay Rupees correspond with
the established rates in the province. But as it is —
uncertain how far the other coins particularized by
them bear the fixed rates specified in their letter or
vary according to the demand these latter are to be
accordingly received into the Malabar Treasury
at whatever may be their current price at the time
of payment. It is also stipulated that the said
Contractors shall not be allowed to pay above one
third of the amount of their present Agreement in —
Calicut Gold fanams on the principle of this coin.
not answering as well as the others for payment of
the Troops in the northern Division of the province -

I am further directed to express the
Governor

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Governor in Council's hope that this negotiation may be honored by the approbation of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) A Richards
Sec.y to Govt.

Bombay Castle
th
13 January 1799

Henry Fawcett Esq.r
Accountant General &c &c to the Government
Sir of Bombay

We beg leave to submit the following Proposal to the Governor in Council &c &c — that we will pay to the Commissioners of the Malabar Province. at Calicut. and Cochin's Fifty thousand Rupees for six months — certain — The first payment to take place. within six weeks. from the date of acceptance of the present proposal. Repayable in Bills to be drawn by the said Commissioners as follows — on the Governor General in Council &c &c of Fort William. for one moiety — payable in Sicca Rupees in Cash. 30 days sight. for Premium of three p.r Cent: that is 103 Bombay Rupees. for 100 Sicca Rupees — on the Governor in Council &c of the Government of Bombay for the other moiety.

payable

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payable in Bombay Rupees in Cash at par 3 days sight – We propose the Commissioners to receive the following and Customary Coins at the usual prices specified opposite the Coins Viz.t

	By Rs gr ees
Star Pagodas	3 .. 2 .. 50 each
Sultanee / Behadre Pagoda / Ikary	4 .. – .. 50 Do
Venetians full weight	5 Do
Bombay and Surat Rupees	Par
Porto nova Pagoda	3 .. 1 .. – do

In addition to those Coins we propose the Commissioners to receive the following which are equally current in the Malabar province at the undermentioned prices for which Mr. Day was informed the said Commissioners granted Bills at the time he was there about six weeks ago Viz.t –

	By Rs or rees	
Companys Arcot Rupees	95 –	for 100 Comp.a Arcot 100 Rs
Gold Portugal Dollar	18	each
Gold Portugal St Thome	6	do
Persia Rupee	Par	
Scott or Negapatam Pagoda	3 .. –	each
Bombay Mohurs	16	Do
German Crown	2 .. 1 –	Do

Spanish

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Spanish Dollar - - - - - - - - - 2.. 1 — d°
Gold Calicut Fanams - - - - - - 1.. — for 3 ½ Gold Calicut fan.s
Poonah Rupee - - - - - - - - - Par
Moidans - - - - - - - - - - - - 17.. 12 annas each

We request the option to encrease the proposed Monthly payment to one Lack. and half Rupees. and to suggest the necessity of all the Coins — specified in the present proposal. being received by the Commissioners as the only means. towards — encouraging and securing the proposed additional monthly payment. —

We solicit to be furnished with an Escort to Conduct the Treasure from Anjengo to the Malabar province. whenever a Sum of consequence may arrive at Anjengo —

We beg to be favoured with an answer to the present proposal. as early as your convenience admits: in order to enable us to — facilitate the completion of the proposed first — Payment —

We have the honor to be &c &c
/Signed/ Colt Baker. Day & Co.

Bombay
January 17th 1799

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ P Le Mesurier
Sub Sec.t

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Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in M B Nos 80. 81. 82. 83. 84 —

From Commandant at Amboyna —

From Lieutenant Colonel Mc niele

giving assurances of the assiduous attention he has —

bestowed in bringing up the Military Accounts at —

Amboyna —

From Ditto

From Ditto entering into a full

vindication of his conduct with respect to interference

with the duties of the Civil power at the Moluccas —

From Commandant at Bellumcondah

From Captain John Markham

mentions that he has assumed the Command of —

Bellumcondah —

From the Fort Adjutant at Palamcotah

From Lieutenant Knowles encloses

a Bill for Postage which he had expended on account

of different Letters on the public Service —

From Messrs Stephens and Cockell —

From Messrs Stephens and Cockell

request that Government will determine on the Legality

of the seizure of the Susannah Amelia, without —

referring it to the Government at Columbo —

Sent the following Letters —

To

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To Benjamin Sulivan Esq.
Attorney General

To the Attorney Genl. enclosing to him the trials of three persons condemned at Malacca for murder and desiring him to report his opinion on the subject —

Sir I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to enclose for your examination the trials of three persons at Malacca for murder, and to desire that you will report your opinions upon these cases for his — Lordships information.

Fort St George
the 14th February 1799

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

To Captain W Davison
Commanding at
Tutacoryn

To the Commandant at Tutacoryn, Manapra Mellore directing him to obey all orders that he may receive from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division —

Sir The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council judging it expedient that the Commanding officer of the Southern Division should have authority to order you into the field if he should deem it necessary directs me to desire that you will obey the orders which you may receive from Lieutenant Colonel Brown, or Officer — commanding

Commanding for this or any other purpose —

I am
Sir
your most obedient Servant

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The same to Captain Gepp
Commandant Manapar

Captain P Dallas
Mellore

To Lieutenant Colonel Archd. Brown
Commanding the Southern Division
at Trichinopoly

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to acquaint you that Captains Davison, Dallas, and Gepp, Commanding at Tutacoryn, Mellore, and Manapara, have been ordered to comply with your summons to take the field whenever you may judge it necessary —

As the Governor General in Council conceives that a small body of pioneers may prove extremely beneficial to the Service entrusted to your charge he authorizes you, if you should not have already been authorized by the Commander in Chief to

To the Officer Commanding Southern Division the Commandants at Tutacoryn, Manapara and Mellore have been directed to comply with his Orders to take the field when he may judge it necessary to which he is authorized to raise a small body of pioneers to serve with the Troops under his command. the several Collectors and Paymasters in the Southern Division has been directed to correspond with him and to afford him such information as he may require. he has not power to interfere with the disposal of the Southern revenue till further Orders, unless the communication may be cut off —

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to arise a small body to serve with the Troops under your Command —

The several collectors in the Southern Division has been ordered to communicate to you from time to time the balance of Cash in their — respective cutcheries, and you are hereby authorized to call upon the several paymasters for Copies of their Monthly indents that if necessary the best — appropriation may hereafter be made of the southern Revenue but you are not to direct the disposal of it without farther orders unless the communication should be out off —

Fort St George
the
14 February 1799

I am
&c &c

(Signed) J Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

To Captain R M Grant
Commanding at
Pondicherry

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant —

The Governor General in Council desires me to express his perfect satisfaction with the — manner

To the Commandant at Pondicherry — approving his conduct during the embarkation of the French prisoners at Pondicherry — the expence incurred by him in purchasing Canvas &c has been ordered to be reimbursed to him orders have been given for providing with tents, provisions &c. the remaining Inhabitants during their march to the Presidency. The families that have been left distitute and unprotected shall be provided for — he is directed to furnish a particular report of them —

manner in which you have conducted yourself in the embarkation of the French Prisoners, with the selection you have made, and the expedition with which you have accomplished this unpleasant duty —

The expence incurred by you for the purchase of Canvas has been already ordered to be — reimbursed to you —

Orders have been issued to the Military Board for providing you with Camp equipage and — Bullocks, and to the Storekeeper for victualling such part of the prisoners during the march as may require it —

In regard to those families, who may have been deprived of their Husbands or fathers, the Governor General approves the assurance you have — given them of an adequate provision for their support: but before his Lordship can fix the amount, he expects your farther report upon the number of the families thus circumstanced and the condition in which they may have been left together with your opinion of a sufficient allowance for this purpose —

I am &c &c

Signed J Webbe Sec.y to Govt.

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M B N.os 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91 —

From Commandant at Putacoryn —

From Captain Davison mentioning the arrival of the Bengal Artillery attached to Ceylon at Putacoryn —

From Lieutenant Colonel Brown. intimating that he had just received information of the Bengal Artillery attached to Ceylon having — arrived at Putacoryn. and mentioning the steps he had taken preparatory to their march to Trichinopoly —

From the Officer Commanding Southern Division —

From the Paymaster at Vellore —

From Mr. S Kardon. stating that the 10.404 Pagodas which he had received an order from General Harris to pay to Major Dallas had been returned —

From Messrs. Tulloh Brodie & Co.

From Messrs. Tulloh Brodie and Co. —

enclose a Bill for canvas and other articles purchased by Captain Grant Commanding at Pondicherry for the use of the french prisoners on board of the Triton. — which they request may be paid —

To the President at Poona

To Lieutenant Colonel Palmer — forwarding a parcel of dress and Jewels for the Peishwa which he is directed to deliver —

To

15th

To Mr Roebuck desiring him to

To the Military Paymr Genl — direct the Paymasters of the Southern Division to — transmit to the Commanding Officer Copies of their monthly indents. and to furnish him with such — further information in regard to the amount of the probable demands upon them as he may require —

To the Military Board. enclosing

To the Military Board — to them a statement of provisions which the Garrison Storekeeper has been directed to send on board of the Penang —

Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in Cc Nos 32-33 —

From the Nabob. earnestly requests that

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob — the Grain in the Nellore district at present in a state of requisition may be regularly measured out and received on the Company's Account —

From the Rajah of Calastry. stating

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry — that Colonel Roberts Detachment had arrived at Pallampetah and had proceeded to Joirpetah: and that he and Captain Malcolm had expressed themselves satisfied with his behaviour towards them —

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to the Government
Sir of Fort St George

From Mr Parry at Anjengo, transmits a Bag Letter from the Rajah of Travancore to the Governor General, together with a Letter from himself for the Bombay Government —

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter for the Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay and as it contains only a Bag letter from the Rajah of Travancore to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, allow me to request you will inform his Lordship thereof, and in case he should think proper to open the Packet that he will favor me with noticing the same to the Government of Bombay that I may not incur there displeasure —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Geo Parry

Anjengo
4th February 1799

To the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esq.
President and Governor in Council
Honble Sir at Bombay

I have the honor to enclose you a Bag Letter received this Morning from the Rajah of Travancore to the address of the Right Honble

the

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the Governor General. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Geo Parry

Anjengo
6th
5 February 1799

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

My Lord

I beg leave to have the honor of informing Your Lordship, that on my arrival in Command of this Garrison, and since, Having received the most pressing letters from Captain Malcolm and Colonel Roberts detachment, to forward the Hydrabad — Banjarries, that should come here to purchase Salt, by every inducement in my power to carry grain to that Detachment, and to the Army, and finding, by Your Lordships care, the Bramin now administring as Amildar for the Nabob, invested (by his own — information at my first interview with him / with his Highness's Sunnud exempting them from all duties and promising of His Cowl and protection in conveying

From the Commandant at Ongole complain strongly of the Conduct of the Bramin Acting as Amildar in the Ongole District, as having used every means to obstruct his endeavours to afford assistance to the Benjarries —

Grain

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Grain to the army I conceived this essential Service to be easily accomplished by the seeming zeal with which the Bramin undertook it, and the very Laudable and provident encouragement which Captains Kirkpatrick and Malcolm gave the Chiefs of the Benjarries to expect: which on my — arrival and my first interview with their Naiks and the Aumildar, they Shew'd such preference to as to reject his Cowl or protection, without my guarantee which I gave, as they desired —

I hope my Lord it is now unnecessary for me to trouble your Lordship, with a detail of the duplicity of this Bramin which has since — occurred. Having requested before of Captain — Malcolm to represent it to your Lordship, and particularly detailed it to Lieutenant Col. Agnew with my request that he would do me the honor to communicate the subject to your Lordship + I have since only to add that having been enabled to — send 4,000 only, out of above 60,000. By the Aumildars contrivance and duplicity, towards accomplishing his plan of engaging them all to buy his Salt —

certainly

certainly a bold push to make his fortune on Money for the Nabob - at the expence of their protectors / and by depriciatiating their power and authority in this Province —

The aumildar thought proper to go away the next day. and send to all the Villages. and salt manufactories - to intercept them from coming farther. and to sell them salt and dispatch them. I have not my Lord been honored with any instructions of — Government how to act in this busines. but I have thought it my duty. on a certain knowledge of the Wants of the army of Grain - and on very insolent messages. to my remonstrances to the Brammin (who has never since returned / to send small guards to intercept the Bengarys and to prevent the sale of salt for the present which has made him send a proposal this Evening to me. acknowledging his faith less conduct and offering to send 2000 out of 30.000 which are now at Pondamy a salt work 12 miles off. which I went to. without his knowledge. with a small guard three nights ago - and have left them there since —

Tho

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Tho' this is not a rice Country My Lord, it abounds in good small grain, Bullocks and — Sheep of the best kind in Indostan which, I must beg leave to state my credit to your Lordship, this man wants to plunder and depopulate for what ready money he can raise immediately — The — miserable inhabitants all think this —

I Beg Leave to have the honor of requesting your Lordship's further instructions, how to act being — undoubtedly at present, without any authority what= =soever, out of the Garrison and being liable to daily complaints on the part of the Nabob, which as they are very customary, I understand without any agression - I may expect in abundance on this occasion - and of course will need the honor of your Lordships protection.

This Garrison my Lord consisting of only ~~seventy~~ six old Invalid Sepoys, with an officer, or Surgeon - in the center of a coast of 200 Miles in — extent, of and a fruitful rich nursery for the best Cattle - I beg to have the honar of submitting to your Lordship the expedriency of its speedy and effective augmentation as was conceded by the Commander in

Chief

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Chief on my acceptance of his offer as it in its present state. I trust in your Lordships kind excuse for the length and incorrectness of this letter, which the departure of the Tappal prevents my transcribing. —

Having the honor to remain

&c &c

(Signed) D FG Griffen

Capt.n Comm.g Ongole

Ongole

11th February 1799

15th Sent the following Letter to Major General Brathwaite —

To Major General Brathwaite

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 6th and 11th Instant —

The Governor General in Council approves the instructions you have sent Lieutenant Col.o Brown; and has authorized him to require the surveys of the Commandants at Manapara, Mellore and Tulacoryn, if he should require them in the field —

The Governor General in Council will consider of a proper officer for the Command of Madura; and his Lordship has authorized payment of Adjutants allowances

To Major General Brathwaite the instructions sent by him to Lt. Col.o Brown appeared a proper officer for the Command of Madura shall be considered of Lieut.t Barker to draw — adjutants allowances This plan for transferring the whole of the Malay to Ceylon approved, and Lt. Boser to proceed with them by the first opportunity to Columbo Lieut.nt Neile of the Scotch Brigade is to be permitted to draw Adjutants allowances. —

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allowances to Lieutenant Barker, while he performed that duty —

The Governor General approves the plan you have suggested for transferring the whole of the Malays to Ceylon, and desires that Lieutenant Bo[illegible] may hold himself in readiness to proceed with them by the earliest opportunity to Columbo —

The Military Auditor General has been authorized to grant the allowance of Adjutant to Lieu.t Arch.l Mc Neile of the Scotch Brigade —

Fort St George
the 14 February 1799

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

Dispatched the following Letters by Express —

To Benjamin Torin Esq.r
Resident at
Tanjour

Sir

The Right Honorable the Governor General having received information that his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour has at present in his service one complete troop of Cavalry well mounted and clothed

besides

To the Resident at Tanjore desiring him to apply to the Rajah for the loan of the Troop of Cavalry in his service and of as many of his irregular horse as may be situated, in order that they may be sent to serve under Col.o Brown. It is the intention of the Board that these horses should be mounted by the dismantled troopers who marched from the Presidency

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Presidency for Trichinopoly on the 24 Ultimo. until the arrival of Lieutenant Montgomerys horses which are expected from Cochin - after those horses shall have joined the Rajahs Troop of Cavalry shall come under Colonel Browns Command. —

besides about one hundred irregular horse directs me to desire that You will lose no time in stating to His Excellency the importance of employing these horses with the force about to be assembled under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Brown —

A body of dismounted troopers marched to Trichinopoly from the Presidency on the 24th Ultimo in order to mount the horses which Lieut. Montgomery the agent for purchase, has been ordered to procure. — But as there is reason to suppose that the supply of horses from the Malabar Coast will not arrive at Trichinopoly in sufficient time for the service committed to Lieutenant Colonel Brown, and as that officer represents a small Corps of Cavalry to be essentially necessary to his early movement as well as to his — ultimate success, the Governor General desires that you will in his name request the Rajah to spare the horses of his regular Troop, and as many of the irregular horse as may be selected, for the service under Lieutenant Colonel Brown —

In the perfect confidence that his — Excellency will comply without delay with his —

request

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request an order has been transmitted to Major Innes to receive charge of the Horses and to forward them to — Trichinopoly —

It is the intention of the Governor General that the dismounted troopers sent from the Presidency should be mounted upon the Rajahs horses, untill the supply may arrive from Cochin: but that after those horses shall have joined, the Rajahs own Troops of — Cavalry shall serve under Lieutenant Colonel Brown —

Fort St George
the 18th February 1799

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
/ Signed / J. Webbe Sec.t to Govt.

To Major James Innes
Commanding at
Tanjour

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you that directions have this day been transmitted to the Resident at Tanjour to request the loan of a regular troop of Cavalry and as many of the irregular Horse now in the Rajahs Service as may be selected, to serve with a body of Troops about to be assembled under the Command of Lieutenant Col.o Brown. —

In the perfect confidence that his Excellency will readily comply with Mr. Torins application, I am

directed

To the Commandant at Tanjore informing him of the application which the resident has been directed to make to the Rajah for the loan of Horses and desiring him to receive them and to take the proper means for marching them immediately to — Trichinopoly —

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directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to desire that you will receive charge of the horses and take proper means for marching them — immediately to Trichinopoly —

Fort St George
15th February 1799

I am &c &c
/Signed/ J Webbe Secy to Govt

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Commanding the Southern Division
at Trichinopoly

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to acquaint you that in order to remedy as much as possible the delay, which may be expected in the arrival of the mares and horses from Lieutenant Montgomery intended for the Troop which marched from hence on the 24th Ultimo. to serve under your command and being fully aware of the importance of adding a small Corps of Cavalry to the detachment about to enter the enemys Country, the Governor General has this day directed the Resident at Tanjour to make application to His Excellency the — Rajah for the loan of his regular Troop and as many of his irregular horse as may be selected for this — Service

To the Officer Commanding Southern Division informing him that the Resident at Tanjore has been directed to apply to the Rajah for the Troop of Cavalry in his service and for such of his irregular horses as may be situated, with a view to their joining the Detachment under his Command. instructions given him as to the disposal of them - as it is apprehended that some inconvenience may arise from employing the irregular Cavalry expected from the Rajah of Travancore inconsequence of Major Bannermans application, he is directed to endeavour to form an Arrangement for purchasing from among them the number of horses that he thinks he is likely to require for the public service he is informed that a part of the Nizams Cavalry will be detained for the defence of the Baramahal, and that it is the intention of the of the Governor General in Council that the Cavalry under his Command should be reinforced from that Body - the Reverend Mr. Ball to be ordered to joint the Army

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Service.

In the perfect confidence that His Excellency will readily comply with this application orders have also been transmitted to Major Innes for receiving charge of the horses, and forwarding them — with all practicable dispatch to Trichinopoly —

It is his Lordships desire that upon their arrival they should be appropriated to the — dismounted troopers sent from the Presidency until the supply of horses and mares expected from Cochin may arrive; but that after that event the Rajahs own Troop should be permitted to serve under your Command. This exchange however must depend upon the convenience of the service of which you will be able to form a proper judgement. —

The Right Honorable the Governor General having received information that Major — Bannerman has applied to the Rajah of Travancore for a similar assistance, in horses and irregulars — Cavalry; but apprehending that some difficulty may arise in adjusting the unnecessary arrangements, and that much inconvenience may be expected from such an irregular Corps, thinks it most adviseable that

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as many of the horses as may be required for the service should be purchased directs me to desire that if the horses should have left Travancore before you receive this letter You will endeavor to make an arrangement for this purpose upon their arrival at Trichinopoly; but if you should have reason to believe that they are still at Travancore you will lose no time in making a communication to this effect to Major Bannerman—

I am further directed to inform that a part of the Cavalry which proves the contingent of His Highness the Nizam will be detained to act on the Baramahal under the Orders of Lieutenant Colonel Read, and that it is the intention of the Governor General in Council to reinforce the Cavalry under your Command from that body—

His Lordship desires that the Rec.d M.r Ball may be ordered to join the grand Army—

I am
&c &c

/Signed/ J Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M B N.os 92-93-94-96-96-97-98-99-100

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100-101-102—

From the Secretary at Bengal.—

From Mr. Barlow - enclosing Copies of two letters giving an account of the appearance of two french frigates in the Bay—

From Ditto

From Ditto - enclosing copy of further — information regarding the two french frigates that have appeared in the Bay - mentions that the Commander of the Hamburgh Ship Amilia had brought accounts of a signal having been made at the time of his leaving the Cape for the approach of eight Ships, supposed to be the fleet that was ready to sail from England at the end of August with Troops—

From Commandant at Ganjam—

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton encloses a letter from the conductor of Stores at Ganjam stating the difficulties under which he laboured with respect to the postage of the public letters he had occasion to dispatch—

From the late Commandant at Penagra.—

From Captain Jn. Innes - stating that he has delivered over the Command of Penagra to Lieutenant Le Mesurier and that he has procured to Camp to — join the Company to which he is attached—

To the Resident at Tanjore—

To Mr. Benjamin Torin - informing that Lieutenant Blackburne's services at Tanjore are considered as

15th as of too much importance for him to be permitted to join the Battalion to which he is attached agreeably to his application —

To the Officer Commanding Northern Division.

To Colonel Vigors - Major Shippy to be permitted to draw the amount of the extra escpence incurred by him in entertaining the french Officers at his table during their march to Coringa - he is however to affirm on honor as to the amount. —

To Captain Grant - orders have been

To the Town Major

issued to the Military Paymaster General for the payment of the Bengal Volunteers left at the Presidency, of the Light Infantry and additional Troop of Cavalry which have been ordered to be — raised, and of the expence incurred in the purchase of Saddles - the Commander in Chief has been — requested to order Sergeant Major Turner to the Presidency —

To Mr. Cleghorn - enclosing to him

To the Secretary to the Government at Ceylon. —

extract of a letter from Major General Brathwaite, and informing him that it is the intention of the — Board to take the earliest opportunity of transferring the whole of the Malay prisoners at present on the

Coast

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Coast to Ceylon, under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Bose, —

To the Secretary at Bombay. —

To Mr. Rickards - transmitting to him Copies of papers received from Bengal relative to the appearance of french frigates in the Bay. —

To Admiral Rainier

To Admiral Rainier on the above subject. —

To the Secretarys at Bengal Bombay — Residents at Poond Hydrabad and Malabar Commissioners

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

Substance of a letter from Bonrauze

Received a letter from Bonrauze entered in CC. N° 34 - stating the exertions he had used to procure supplies of provisions for our Troops. —

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Received the following Letter

Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

From Mr. John Wallace at Karical - states different particulars respecting the endeavour that was made by the Osterley to overtake the Vessel on which Mr. Dubree with Tippoos Vakeels embarked from Tranquebar. mentions that a Letter from M. Pignolet to Tippoo had been intercepted. offers his services to which the Conduct of Tippoos Agents at Tranquebar. —

Sir

Having received intimation the night — before last from Captain Piercy that the Osterley had arrived at Tranquebar. I proceeded to that place — Yesterday Morning when I had the mortification to learn from Captain Piercy, that he had failed in

the

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16th the object of late cruize - Captain Peirey has so fully —
detailed in the enclosed address to You his proceedings
since he left Tranquebar in pursuit of Dubuc, that
I shall not trouble You with any remarks on that
subject - it appears to me from what Captain Peirey
told me, and from what I saw on his Journal, that his
not falling in with the Vessel in which the Dubuc
and the Vakeels are, was occasioned by his having —
outsailed her the first night after he left Tranquebar -
this I am the more persuaded of, as the Vessel in question
is a notorious bad sailor - Captain Peirey sailed yesterday
for Bengal -

It may not be improper to inform
You that I yesterday, while at Tranquebar, got —
intelligence that the Danish Government, intercepted
Yesterday morning, a letter from Monsr. Pignolet (the
Chief of the late plot at Tranquebar and who is still
in prison) to Tippoo - my stay at Tranquebar was so
short, that I had not time to learn the particulars of
it. Mr. Pignolet had some days before been deprived
of Pen, Ink and paper he contrived however to write,
subsequently to that deprivation, the letter I have
just

16th just mentioned. It is of course known to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that Tippoo has still a Vakeel at Tranquebar. Should his Lordship in Council think proper to authorize me to seek for information at Tranquebar, or to watch the motions of Tippoo's agents and Partizans at that place, I will venture to assure his Lordship, that he will not find me unworthy any confidence or trust he may think expedient to place in me —

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J Wallace
Junr.

Sent the following Letters

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
Governor in Council
at Bombay

Honorable Sir

We have received your letters of the 10th Instant —

To Bombay acknowledging the receipt of their letter of the 10th Instant It is with surprize and regret that the Board find that an earlier attention has not been paid at the Bombay Presidency to such

Considering the very low condition, to which your ordnance department appears by the — report of Your Military Board and the minute of

Your

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such an important department as that of the Artillery — the different Gun Carriages that the Commander in Chief may judge necessary ought to be immediately provided, and particular attention is to be paid to their being constructed on the most efficient and at the same time the most economical plan that may be possible an estimate of the expence of the Gun Carriages that may be judged necessary must be furnished, in order that the Bengal Presidency May be directed to provide funds for the Amount — The Board are prepared to expect the Bills which may be drawn on them on account of the advances made to Lieutenant Montgomery

Your Commandant of Artillery, to be reduced, we must express our surprize and regret that an earlier attention has not been paid to this important subject —

We agree in the proposition of your Military Board for providing as many Gun — carriages of the different demensions, as the — Commander in Chief may judge immediately necessary. and we desire that proper attention may be paid to the construction of them upon the most efficient — plan and in the most Economical mode —

As soon as the Commander in Chief shall have determined the number of Carriages to be constructed we desire that you will furnish us with an estimate of the expence; and we shall — direct the Vice President in Council of Fort William to provide you with funds to the amount — We are prepared, expect your bills upon us for the sums which you may have advanced to Lieutenant Montgomery for the purchase of — horses —

We have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Mornington

&c Council

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter dated 12th Instant —

Under the circumstances, which you have explained, his Lordship concurs in your recommendation that the extra expence of Pagodas 285:34:64 for Bullocks detained in the service by Lieutenant Macgregor may be admitted in his account —

For the reasons you have stated the Governor General in Council consents that the sum of Pagodas 72:5:16 may be remitted from the retrenchment standing against the estate of the late Paymaster at Ongole — and desires that the remaining balance of Pagodas 413:26:65 may be immediately discharged —

I have the honor to return the decision of the Governor General in Council on the reference of Mr. Head Surgeon Briggs and Captain Kington —

I am directed to inclose copies of two Letter from the Town Major and to desire that provision

may

To the Military Auditor General under the circumstances explained in his letter of the 12th instant the extra expence incurred on account of Bullocks detained in the Service by Lieut. Macgregor may be admitted the Board consent that the sum of Pags. 72:5:16 be deducted from the retrenchment against the estate of the late Mr. E. W. White. Copies of two letters from Captain Grant enclosed, and the expences therein stated to be authorized. Lieut. Mc. Neile to be permitted to draw Adjutants allowances. Copies of letters from the Military Paymasters at Fort St George and Vellore, enclosed. Payment of sundry Bills and Advances authorized.

may be made for the payment of the Bengal Volunteers who remain at the Presidency. for the payment of the Light Infantry which the Town Major has been authorized to raise for the service of the Presidency, and for payment of the saddles which he has purchased for the use of the additional Troop he has interlained—

The Governor General in Council desires that Lieutenant Barker, appointed by Brigadier General De Meuron to act as adjutant to the Detachment of the 1st. European Regiment at Point de Galle may be permitted to draw the allowances during the time he performed that duty—

His Lordship also desires that Lieut. Archd. Mc. Neile appointed to act as adjutant to the detachment of the 2d Scotch Brigade in Garrison may be permitted to draw the usual allowances—

I am further directed to inclose for your information Copies of letters from the Paymasters of Fort St George and Vellore—

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

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The two enclosed Bills of the Superintending Engineer for the repair of public buildings at Poonamallee; the one amounting to eighty four Pagodas, twenty two fanams, seventy three Cash /84.22.73; the other after deducting the amount of the advances already made to three thousand one hundred and eighty nine Pagodas. twenty four fanams. thirty Cash. /3189.24.30/

An advance of two thousand five hundred and thirty one Pagodas. twenty four fanams and twenty six Cash /2,531.24.26/ to which the agent of supply; being one third of the estimated cost of the articles of Military Store required for the service of Arsenal during the ensuing quarter, ending the 30th. of April next

An advance of twenty one Pagodas. one fanam forty Cash /21.1.40/ to Lieutenant Colgrave of the Engineers; being one third of the estimated expence of alterations ordered to be made to the magazine in the Hill Fort of Amboor

An advance of one thousand eight hundred and ten Pagodas /1810/ to Colonel Gent;

being

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being one third of the amount of his estimate for different works he has been directed to execute —

The Governor General in Council —

approve the two enclosed accounts disbursements of the Paymaster in the Ceded Districts and desires that payment of them be authorized —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

/ Signed / J Webbe Sec.t to Govt.

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To Benjamin Torin Esq.r
Resident at
Tanjour

Sir

Understanding that his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore has a number of Elephants, which the Governor General in Council thinks may be of essential use in the detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Brown, his Lordship directs me to desire that you will make immediate application to his Excellency for the use of the elephants of which the whole expence will be defrayed by the Company — I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / J Webbe
Sec.t to Govt

To the Resident at Tanjore - desiring him to request the Rajah to spare his Elephants for the use of the detachment under Colonel Brown the whole expence of them while in our service will be defrayed by the Company —

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Commanding the Southern Division
Sir at Trichinopoly

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 12th Instant and to desire that Vibert may be sent to the Presidency under a guard —

To the Officer Commanding at Trichinopoly acknowledging the receipt of his Letter of the 12th Instant and directing him to send the person therein mentioned to the Presidency under a Guard informing him that application has been made to the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore for their Elephants to be employed in the service intrusted to him. —

In addition to my letter of yesterday — I am directed to inform you that application has been made to His Highness the Nabob for the use of his elephants at Trichinopoly and to His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore for the Elephants at Tanjour for the services entrusted to you —

I am
&c &c
(Signed) J Webbe
Secy to Govt

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the
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To Major General Brathwaite
President &c Members of the
Gentlemen Military Board

We have received your several Letters of the 5th 7th 9th and 10th Instant —

To the Military Board the Board approve the deferring to construct the large boats intended for the passage of the Coleroon and Cavery the construction of the

We concur in your recommendation for postponing the construction of the large boats — intended

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the stables under the superintendency of Lieut.t Colonel Murray ought also to be postponed. In consequence of the report received from the Board of Trade on the deficiency of the Rice relanded from the Osterly. The Board conceive that the Garrison Storekeeper must have been neglectful of his duty, and desires that he be debited for the whole amount of the deficiency. the payment of the several bills and advances recommended by the Military Board has been authorized. as Pondicherry is about being evacuated and the detail under the command of Captain Grant with the remaining inhabitants are to proceed to the Presidency. the necessary arrangements must be made for providing them with Tents. provisions &c during their March.

intended for the passage of the rivers Cavery and Coleroon — We also think that the construction of the stables formerly authorized under the superintendance of Lieutenant Colonel Murray should be postponed — Having caused a particular enquiry to be made by the Board of Trade into the cause of the deficiency in the grain relanded from the Osterly and are sorry to observe unequivocal proof of the negligence of the Garrison Storekeeper: We desire therefore that you will not only exhort him to a more serious attention to his duty, but that you will debit him for the whole amount of the deficiency — We have authorized payment of the several bills and advances, which you have recommended — Having ordered Captain R.t M.c Grant to evacuate Pondicherry and to march to the Presidency with the detail under his Command and a considerable Number of French Prisoners we desire that means may be taken for providing his detachment with as many tents as can be spared for this service and that

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16th that the Storekeeper may be ordered to supply a proportionate number of Cattle and to provide for victualling such of the french prisoners during the march as may be necessary —

We are
&c &c
(Signed) Clive
&c Council

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 103. 104. 105 —

From the acting Secretary to the Medical Board

From Mr. Boswell stating that Mr. Assistant Surgeon David Mudie has returned to India from furlugh to Europe. —

To Admiral Rainier transmitting to

Admiral Rainier

him extract of a letter from the Commander of the Osterley, containing a discription of the ship in which Mr. Dubree embarked at Tranquebar —

To the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay residents at Poona &c Hyderabad and Mahratta Commissr. Country

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

Received a letter from the Nabob entered

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

in CC No 35 incloses four letters containing complaints of the forcible seizures of Grain by the Commanding

Officer

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18 Officer at Nellore —

Received the following Letters

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The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K.P.

&c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Audr. General enclosing an account Current transmitted by him by the attorneys of Lieutenant Colonel Bowser: the balance of which he recommends may be discharged as it appears correct. —

Having examined the enclosed account transmitted to me, by the Attorneys of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Bower, of sums disbursed by that Officer for victualling the European Troops at Dindigull in the year 1790 /1/. upon which Government decided in consequence of the reference made with my letter of the 31st January 1799 and finding the Balance stated in his favor to be correct, I presume your Lordship will be pleased to authorize the amount Viz.t Pagodas one thousand six hundred and seventy eight fanams Eleven, and Cash two /Pag.s 1678..11..2/ to be paid accordingly —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ W Sydenham

Mil.y Audr Gen.l

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
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The

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The 19th Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General
&c &c &c

My Lord

I had the honor to receive the Letter of your Lordship and Lord Clive dated the 26th January: in consequence where of, I immediately ordered a — Field Officer, and five companys of His Majestys 19th Regiment at Columbo, to hold themselves in readiness for embarkation: —

From the Governor of Ceylon. He has ordered five Companies of the 19th Regiment to be ready to embark for Negapatam encloses an embarkation return. The London and Walpole have arrived at Columbo.

I am happy to inform your Lordship that the embarkation of the Detachment, at least the greater part of it (for I have not yet been able to procure sufficient tonnage for the whole) will take place in a few days to be landed at Negapatam —

I have the honor to enclose copy of the Return of the Troops under orders to Embark — The Honble Companys Ships Walpole and London destined to take on board the Cinnamon Investment, arrived here yesterday —

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

Return

Return of the Field Officers and five Companies of His Majestys 19th Regiment of Foot that are ordered to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the Coast.- Columbo 8th February 1799

Companies	Commissioned Officers					Staff			Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Total
	Lieut. Colonel	Major	Captains	Capts. & Lieuts.	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutant	Quar. Mast.	Surgeons	Mates & Surgeons			
Lieut. Colonels	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	1	5	5	2	82	98
Captain Vincents	"	"	1	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	5	5	2	81	96
" Honners	"	"	1	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	5	5	4	75	93
" Forbes	"	"	1	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	5	5	2	84	99
" Evans	"	"	1	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	6	5	2	77	93
	1	"	4	"	8	2	"	1	"	1	26	25	12	399	479

/ True Copy /
/ signed / Wellr. Boyd
Secy. to Govt.

/ Signed / G Dalrymple
Lieut. Col. 19th Foot

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To Captain Gray

Sir

To Captain Gray directing him to take the Command in the absence of Major Coleman of the Detachment entended to escort the Treasure to Camp desiring him to march with the Utmost expedition until he meets with a Belief from the Grand Army—

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to desire that in the absence of Major Coleman You will take the Command of the detachment destined to escort the Treasure to Camp—

His Lordship desires that you will use every exertion to effect the march in the most expeditious manner, which is of the utmost importance not only to guard against delaying the grand army but to provide against danger from the enemy—

It is the intention of the Commander in Chief to relieve you by a detachment from the Army; but as it is uncertain where the relief may be stationed You will proceed on the route of the Army untill you meet it—

You will then deliver over the charge of the treasure to the Officer Commanding and return with the Detachment under your

command

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Command to the Presidency —

Upon the junction of Major Coleman,

You will deliver over the command to him together with this Letter, by which he is hereby required to be guided —

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the 18th February 1799

I am
&c &c

/Signed/ J Webbe Sec.y to Gov.t

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in the M B Nos 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115 —

From the Military Aud.r General. — From Major General Sydenham — encloses copy of an application from Colonel Vigors for table allowance encloses copies of letters regarding doolies employed under Dr Harris at Malacca — states his opinion regarding the number he thinks may be allowed —

From Ditto. — From Ditto encloses an additional indent for stationary for the current year which he requests may be sanctioned —

From the Offic. Comm.g Southern Division — From Lieutenant Colonel Brown — encloses two letters from Lieutenant Crumpe at Karical

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Farrical with a declaration of the Frenchman therein mentioned, whom he has ordered to be Kept a close prisoner until he shall receive instructions from the Board regarding him —

From Assistant Secretary to the Medical Board. — From Mr. Boiswell — states that he has directed Mr. Surgeon Nicol and Mr. Asst. Surgeon Mudie to proceed on board of Lady Bille. —

From the Resident at Boona. — From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer — acknowledges the receipt of the intelligence — transmitted to him on the 22 and 26th Ultimo —

From the Town Major. — From Captain Grant — encloses a Letter from Dr. Anderson who wishes to have six or seven Stand of arms — enclosed a letter from Lieutenant Carr of the Bengal establishment and requests that he may be permitted to draw his subsistence during his stay at the Presidency —

From Major Robert Bell of the Artillery — From Major Robert Bell — states that he had been unable to procure the usual certificate of the period to which he had been paid before leaving London — mentions the time up to which an advance had been given him. —

and

and requests that he may receive an Order to draw his pay here from that time —

From Lieutenant Dalrymple requests

From Lieut.t Dalrymple of the Artillery —

that he may be allowed to draw some addition to his allowances for the period he Commanded the Artillery to the Eastward — states different circumstances in support of his application —

From Lieutenant Le Mesurier —

From Commandant at Benagra. —

stating that he has received the Command of Benagra from Captain Innes —

From Captain R.t M.r Grant acknow= =ledges the receipt of the letter to him of the 11.th Instant he has collected a considerable Number of Arms — Requests that Lieutenant Bose may be permitted to proceed direct to Camp from Pondicherry —

From the Commandant at Pondicherry —

Transmits a complaint from the Bishop at — Pondicherry against Father Lambert of the order of Jesuits He has examined all the papers found in posseson of M Pignolets Dubash —

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K P

Governor General

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

William Petrie and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Tuesday
19th February 1799

Lieutenant General Harris absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letters from the Military Board

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K P

Governor General in Council

From the Military Board the Articles specified in the "Indent for Stores for the Service of the Island of Ceylon can be immediately supplyed all the Articles already applied for thro the Medium of the Military Board for the Garrison of Trincomalee have been already forwarded thither recommending sundry Bills for payment.

My Lord &c &c &c

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter under date the 9th Instant, with its enclosures, and to report that the Articles specified in the "Indent for Stores for the service of the Island of Ceylon" can be supplied from the Arsenal

Arsenal immediately —

2 We deem it necessary to observe in consequence of the including Paragraph of the letter from His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon, (and we have much pleasure in making the report) that all the supplies applied for through the medium of our Board for the service of the Garrison of Trinkomalee have already been forwarded thither —

3 We have the honor to forward a Bill from the Gun Carriage & Contractors amounting to Pagodas 4,813.42.60 for Articles furnished by them for the Service of the Army in the Field which articles having been approved upon survey by a Committee of our Board, We beg leave to recommend that payment of the Bill be authorized. —

4th We have also the honor to enclose two Bills from the Agent of supplies at the Presidency for Articles supplied, upon Extra Indents, to different Departments, amounting together to Pagodas. 3058:9:23: which being supported by the necessary Vouchers, and affirmations upon Oath, We recommend that payment thereof may be authorized —

We have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross

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Resolved that the Military Board

Resolutions thereon.— be directed to hold in readiness the Military Stores —
required for Ceylon, until tonnage can be permitted for
the conveyance of them —

Resolved that the Bills recommen=
=ded by the Military Board be passed for payment —

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

My Lord,

1st

From the Military Board enclosing Copies of the reports of the Quantity of Rice and Paddy in Store at Arnee and Vellore on the 11th Instant — recommend a further advance of Cash to the Agent of Supply. —

We have the honor to enclose for
Your Lordships information, Copies of Reports of Paddy
issued and remaining, and of Rice received, at Vellore and
Arnee, respectively on the 11th Instant —

2 Having been under the necessity of authorizing
under date the 30th Ultimo a further Extraordinary Indent
upon the Agent of supply for Stores for the service of the
Arsenal of Fort St George, We beg leave to recommend that
an advance of Cash may be made to Mr. Webb for the
provision of those articles to the amount of Pagodas 1270.18.
being one half of their estimated Cost. —

We have the honor to be &c &c

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/Signed/ John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross

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Report of Paddy issued and remaining and Rice received at Vellore —

11th February 1799

	Paddy in Store			Rice in Stores		
	Garce	M	S	Garce	M	S
Remaining on the 4th February as pr. last Report	263	75	5 1/4	86	"	"
Issued from 4th to this day	30	133	4	"	"	"
Received from Do. to Do.	"	"	"	14	"	"
Total remaining	232	342	1/4	100	"	"

N.B.

Rice received from Mr. Brodie Garrison Storekeeper of Madras to this day. 16 Garces and 200 Mercalls 30 Garce more arrived but not yet Measured. —

(Signed) J.H. Skardon
Garrison Storekr.

Military Board Office
16th February 1799

(True Copy)

(Signed) John Macleane
Depy. Secy. Milty. Board.

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Report of Paddy issued and Remaining and Rice received at Arnee 11th February 1799

	Paddy in Store			Rice in Store		
	G	M	S	Garce	M	S
Remaining on the 4th February as pr. last Report	585	335	1	38	"	"
Issued from 4th to this day	10	333	4	"	"	"
Received from Do. to Do.	"	"	"	5	"	"
Total Remaining	575	1	9	43	"	"

Military Board Office
16th February 1799

(Signed) J H Skardon
Garrison Store Kr.

(True Copy)

(Signed) John Macleane
Depy. Secy. M.G.Bd.

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Resolved that the advance recommended by the Military Board to the agent of Supply be authorized —

Resolution thereon

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

To Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to the Government
of Fort St George

Sir

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. encloses copies of correspondence regarding the exchange at which the different Rupees are to be issued to the Bengal Detachmt. serving in the Circars. the Paymaster of the Detachmt. to be authorized to draw Bills upon the Presidency at Bengal or any of the treasuries within the Companys provinces, provided he ascertains by a reference to the Collector or Officer of the Madras Government, whose province it may be to procure money for the Bengal Detachmt. that it is advantageous for the public interest that supplies of money should be procured by Bills in Bengal —

Par. 1st. I am directed to request you will inform the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that the Honorable the Vice President in Council, in consequence of the proposition of the Military Paymaster General and the opinion of the Accountant General, contained in the accompanying Papers has authorized the Deputy Paymaster to the Bengal Troops Serving in the Northern Circars to draw Bills for Money required for the payment of that Detachment, in concert with, and under the Sanction of, his Command=ing Officer, either upon this Presidency or Lucknow, or any of the Revenue Treasuries within the Companys provinces under this Presidency as may be at the time most advantagious to the Company.

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2 With a view however to prevent any competition between the Collector and the Paymaster in negotiating such Bills, the Vice President in Council has thought proper to prohibit the Paymaster from drawing Bills upon Bengal until he shall have previously ascertained by a reference, to be made in each particular instance, to the Collector, or Officer of the Madras Government, whose province it may be to provide money for the payment for the Detachment, that it would be desirable to raise supplies for the purpose by Bills upon Bengal, and that such bills cannot be negotiated with so much advantage to the Company by the Collector, as by the Paymaster

I am &c &c

Signed J. Hook

Subsc.t

Fort William
the 14th January 1799

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

My Lord Fort William

I beg leave to solicit your Lordships

Commands

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commands on the subject of a letter from Captain Hume, the Paymaster to the Bengal Troops in the Northern Circars copy of which, and the correspondence it refers to, are herewith submitted.—

The supplies required for the use of the Southern Detachment under General Erskine were provided thro the Coast Collectors by means of their own Bills granted on Bengal, and the exchange was charged as high, as Captain Hume has represented.—

In deliberating on this subject it may be useful to refer to the Proceedings which relate to the Minutes of Council under date the 11th of August 1797. when some regulations were formed regarding the exchange at which Bengal Troops serving on the Coast should be paid.—

By these regulations the Arcot Rupee is ordered to be issued at a rate which makes it 19: 3: 1 p.r Cent worse than Siccas, whilst the intrinsic Value of a Sicca Rupee is not Eight p.r Cent better, so that a comparative loss of 19: 3: 1 p.r Cent will be sustained even at the rate

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rate that Captain Hume expects to be able to draw;
and which is 10 pr Cent more favourable than that
which was charged last year by the Coast Collectors
for the supplies raised by means of their Bills on
this Presidency for the use of the Bengal Southern
Detachment.—

If therefore the Collectors have
not effects for the purpose of supplying the Bengal
Paymaster, without drawing bills on Bengal, it —
appears a question seemingly worth consideration,
whether such supplies as it may be, by that means
necessary to raise, might not, with more probable
advantage to the Public, be negociated by him —
under the sanction of his Commanding Officer —

In limitation of such a License
and for the information as well as the satisfaction
of all parties - attestations derivable from Collectors
and other Residents on the Spot, where it may be
necessary to raise supplies, might from time to time,
be furnished by the Paymaster, setting forth the

Current

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"current rates at which Money is generally obtainable
for Bills on Bengal—

I have the honor &c

Military Pay Office
the 20th November 1798

/Signed/ Wm. Farquharson
Mil.y Paym.r Gen.l

To William Farquharson Esq.r
Military Paymaster General
Fort William

Sir

Par. 1st I have the honor to transmit You my account Current, with disbursements in duplicate and accompanying Voucher for last Month—

2d By the first, you will perceive, that I have debited the Lucknow Sicca Rupees as Arcots. Should Government allow Batta thereon, in consequence of Mr. Gordons Letter of the 16th Ultimo, already transmitted you, it will be made out as a contingent charge—

3d On application to the different Collectors in the Neighbourhood for Money to pay the Troops for last Month, I am informed that their collections for some time to come, are specifically appropriated by Orders from Government: and as all

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all the Money brought round in the Bombay Frigate has been sent round to Madras. I am afraid the Troops will experience irregular payments —

4 By the Minutes of Council of the 11th of August 1797 Bengal Troops Serving on the Coast are paid at the exchange of 320 Sonats Fr. p. Star Pagodas equal to 366 Arcots. which makes the payments brought to account in Sa. Rupees Arcots 119.3.1/2 Fr. p. Siccas —

5th All Bills granted by me are paid for at the same exchange, which being for above the Common rate, between this and Bengal, private remittances are obtained, and hence the return of more than one fourth of the Disbursements is cut off. independent of which many individuals have applied to me for Bills, and I conceive the Troops might be nearly supplied in this Manner were I admitted to grant bills at the usual exchange —

6th On enquiry at a House of Agency here they offer Arcot Rupees for Bills on Bengal for the same Number of Siccas, and the Shroff demand 110 Siccas for every 100 Arcots at which rate they say the former Collector took up money from them for the payment

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payment of the 4th Bengal Regiment were I therefore
allowed to grant bills at the former rate or as near it
as circumstances admit for small Sums to individuals
it would break this combination of the Shroffs: for
if large Sums are to be raised from them by the
Collectors. I have reason to think he will not obtain
them on more advantageous terms

I have the honor &c

/Signed/ John Hume
Paym.r Beng.l Fr Mor.s Cor.s

Masulipatam
5th November 1798

/True Copy/
A Kelso Just.t

To Captain Hume
Paymaster

Sir

Having issued the Lucknow Rupees
I received from you at the rate of Arcot to the Sepoys
of my Battalion. I beg leave to acquaint you they
have represented to me that the Rupees are not the
currency of the place, and bear a discount in the
Buzar of thirty Cash on each Rupee, and the Shroffs
demand the same in exchanging them for Arcots

Considering this Cess a very great
hardship to the Solduers, I have to request the Marine
Battalion

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Battalion may either be paid in the currency of the
place, or the Batta on the Rupees allowed them —

I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ R Hamilton
Major Comdt Marine
Battn

Masulipatam
15th October 1798

P.S.

I also understand that there is a
discount of half an anna on these Rupees at the
Mint at this place —

/Signed/ R Hamilton

To William Gordon Esqr
Baymaster at
Masulipatam

Sir

Having made an advance to Lieut
Colonel Hamilton, for the payment of recruits, of a
small sum of the Lucknow Rupees I got from you
on the 11th Instant, and acquainted him (in conformity
to former expence) that all Rupees on the Coast were
of the same value, and consequently he was to
receive the Lucknow Rupees as Arcots: accompanying
I beg leave to send you copy of a letter from him
of this date, on the subject, by which you will

Observe

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observe that the Shroffs exact a Batta of half an anna, or thirty Cash on each Rupee, and that the same discount is charged at the Mint, as I am also well informed —

I have therefore to request the favour of your acquainting me at what rate of exchange you pay, or you are to pay, this Specie to the Madras Troops at this Station, per hundred Star Pagodas, that I may regulate my payments accordingly, and what Batta, if any, is to be allowed between them and the Arcot Rupees —

I have the honor &c

/Signed/ John Hume

Dep.t Paym.r

Masulipatam
15th October 1799

To Captain John Hume

Baymaster

Sir

I was yesterday duly favoured with — your letter and enclosures, and in reply beg leave to inform you, that I am not authorized to draw — Money from the General Treasury for the payment of the Troops within my range, nor am I — authorized to pay them in Silver, being always

Satisfied

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Supplied

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Supplied in Gold by the Collectors, exchange for —
Madras Pagodas into Stars at 10 p.r Cent —

As Lucknow Rupees have never
before been received into the General Treasury it is
not in my power to take upon myself the allowing
difference of Batta, said to exist between them
and Arcots, without Orders from Government for
which purpose I will this day dispatch a Copy of
your Letter and enclosure to the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council for their instructions on the
subject —

I have the honor &c

Masulipatam
th
16 October 1798

/Signed/ Wm. Gordon
Paym.r

/True Copies/
/Signed/ John Hume
Dept.y B. M

To William Sarguharson Esq.r
Military Paymaster General
Fort William

Sir

I do myself the honor of trans-
-mitting you some Correspondence I have
had on the subject of Receiving
Lucknow

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Lucknow Sicca Rupees

I have the honor &c

/ Signed / John Hume

Dept. P.M.G.

Masulipatam
20th October 1798

/ True Copies /

/ Signed / A Kelso

Asst.

To His excellency the Honorable

Lieutenant General Sir A Clarke. K.B.

Vice President and Deputy Governor of

Honorable Sir Fort William

I have been honored with Mr. Sub
Secretary Hooks Letter of the 14th Instant. transmitting
to me a Letter from the Military Paymaster General
together with a Copy of the correspondence to which
it refers. and desiring me to report to Government.
whether I am aware of there being any objection to
the proposition for authorizing the Paymaster of the
Bengal Troops in the Northern Circar to take up
Money for the Service of the Detachment and
if not. that I will state the mode in which such
authority may be granted. with the greatest
advantage to the Public

2 In conformity to these directions

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I have the honor to report that I am not aware of there being any objection to the adoption of the proposition in question; provided that the authority to be granted be regulated and defined, as to prevent the Bengal Paymaster and Madras Collector being led to out-bid each other, in the negotiation of their Bills —

3 I would therefore recommend, — with a view of preventing their being drawn into such a competition that the Paymaster should be — restricted from negotiating Bills upon Bengal until he shall have previously ascertained by a reference (to be made in each particular instance) to the Madras Collector, whose province it may to provide Money for the Detachment, that it would be desirable to raise supplies for the purpose, by Bills upon Bengal, and that such Bills could not be negotiated, with so much advantage to the Company by the Collector, as by the Paymaster —

4 Under the event of your being pleased to adopt the proposed measure under the restrictions above suggested, I would further recommend that the Paymaster may be authorized to draw Bills for the service of the Detachment, in

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in concert with, and under the Sanction of the Commanding Officer, either upon the Presidency or Lucknow, or any of the Revenue Treasuries within the Company's provinces, as may be, at the time being most advantageous for the Company —

I have the honor &c

/Signed/ Thos. Myers
Act. Genl.

Fort William
Accountant Genls. Office
The 2d December 1798

S S Enclosed I have the honor to return the papers which accompanied Mr. Sub Secretary Hooke's Letter

/True Copies/
/Signed/ L Hook
Subsc.y

Resolved to inform the Bengal Government that the Board are of opinion that the Detachment of Bengal Troops at present serving in the Northern Circars is so small, that it is unnecessary for either the Paymaster or the Collector to draw Bills on the Vice President in Council, on their account; and that the Paymaster at Masulipatam shall be authorized to make the necessary advances to the Paymaster of the Detachment — Resolved

Minute thereon.

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Resolved to suggest to the conside-
-ration of the Bengal Presidency, whether there be a
necessity for having a seperate Paymaster for so small a
Corps as the Bengal Detachment now at
Masulipatam

Read the following Letters from the
Resident at Tanjore

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir
Fort St George

I have the honor to report to you for the
information of the Right Honorable the Governor
General in Council that the Rajahs payments in the
course of last Month amount to the sum of Fourteen
thousand three hundred and fifteen Star Pagodas
four fanams and thirty three Cash (14.316.. 4.. 33) which
is equal to the January List

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing an account of the receipts and disbursements of the three Soubahs under the Rajah mentions the Rajahs wish to celebrate his nuptials, which he urgently requests may be complied with, states some particulars regarding the expence that may attend it

Enclosed is the account of His Monthly
receipts and Disbursements for January I have
complied with two requisitions from the Paymaster at
Trichinopoly and which I hope will be approved

On

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on the 12th Ultimo for the sum of 5.5000 Pagodas. as I have already reported. and on a very pressing letter from Mr. Hawkins for a further supply I dispatched to him the sum of 10.000 Star Pagodas on the 30th Ultimo —

There is still a balance of 16.000 — Pagodas in the Treasury —

The Rajah can no longer resist the entreaties of His family to promote the Celebration of His marriage and has expressed his desire to have the Ceremony performed in the present month. His Excellency has for some time restrained from any further applications to me on the score of its expences. and seems to be much perplexed between the necessity of performing His Nuptials on very limited means, or of remaining in a situation. which. according to the customs of his Country and in the General opinion of his people. is disreputable even to a common person of His age. where the family is not prevented by absolute poverty.

The Rajah. I have reason to believe. discontinued his applications in the hope that some arrangements would have taken place by

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by which it might have been in his power to have set apart a portion of his revenue for this occasion, or that in the event of his being allowed to settle with the Company for the revenue of the present year on the terms of the Treaty of 1792, that he could then have appropriated his quota to the accomplishment of his wishes - in either case he would have been satisfied, but in the present state of Tanjore Affairs, He is left no choice but to account to me for the daily — receipts — hitherto the Collections have only — amounted to the Companys Monthly Rists and to the most necessary disbursements of the Rajahs public and private expences, in future the receipts from the Peshcanum Crop will exceed all these expences - The Balance His Excellency wishes to appropriate to His marriage, but as it will not fall to him in time for the Ceremoney and as I find the marriage cannot be any longer delayed, I venture to suggest to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council a mode of complying with the Rajahs wants, without any material inconvenience; and

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I press it the more upon his Lordships attention as it will save the Rajah from any wish to recur to a temporary supply from Loans which it will afford the Company the Credit both with his Excellency and His people of contributing towards the happiness of the Family upon this important occasion. The Kists by the Treaty of 1792 commenced in November and ought to have been paid at Madras on the first of the Month as they fall due on before the 15th. It is proved by the receipts from the Country that the daily Collections of the whole Month would not allow the Kist to to be paid either on the 1st or the 15th but near the end of the Month. The Company have already suffered this delay without much inconvenience and I have reason to think if it should still prove incompatible with the Companys present circumstances to remit from the Rajahs subsidy the sum of 20,000 Pagodas for His marriage, that His Excellency will get be very thankful, if His Lordship will consent to postpone the payment of the February Kist to the Month of March, and allow the Rajah to appropriate the receipts

for

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for February to his marriage the sum can be no more than His Excellencys due on the future adjustment of Accounts. and there is besides revenue sufficient in the two Soubahs to save the Company from loss — by this trivial alteration in the period of the Rajahs instalments —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Resident

Tanjour
th
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To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir

Fort St George

I had the honor to report to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor — General in Council that the Rajah of Tanjour has expressed His wish to celebrate His marriage in the present — month. I am now to acquaint you that His Excellency has sent to inform me. that the Ceremony can be no longer deferred and that the entreaties of His Family and other considerations. prevent him from postponing the accomplishment of an object on which his present and future happiness immediately depend —

From the Resident at Tanjour urging again the Rajah of Tanjores anxious wish to be permitted to celebrate his Marriage —

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The Rajah has of course made up his mind to have the marriage performed on the most Oeconomical terms, and seems prepared to ware every other consideration but that of obtaining the acquiescence of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council—

His Excellency is aware that the Ceremony might be postponed to a future period when he may also look for the aid of Government in making the Nuptial more suitable to his Rank and Dignity—but He trusts His Lordship will have the Kindness to believe that there are other very pressing Causes which influence him to dispense with a Form, if that Form is only to delay His Happiness—

Under these Circumstances the Rajah has no doubt, but he will meet with the influence of the Right Honorable the Governor General, and has desired me to entreat His Lordship to grant His consent, and with it such orders to the Commanding Officer at Tanjour as may Secure to

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to His Excellency the uninterupted performance of His marriage Rites attended by the Troops of the Garrison, if he should require them and by the Services of His Own Troops and Sibbendies in the usual procession thro the Streets of His Capital —

The differences of opinion that have lately prevailed between the Commanding Officer and the Rajah relative to His Sibbendy &c render this application very necessary, and the Rajah hopes His Lordship will in consequence be so far favourable to His wishes as to issue the requisite Order to Major Innes —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Benjn Torin
Resident

Tanjour
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Resolved that the following Letters be dispatched to the Resident, and to the Commandant, at Tanjore —

To Benjamin Torin Esqr
Resident
at
Tanjour

Sir

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

To the Resident at Tanjore complying with the Rajah of Tanjores wish to be permitted to celebrate his Nuptials, and every degree of respect and attention is to be paid to the solemnity as the Southern Revenues are to be appropriated for

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receipt of your letters dated 4th and 15th Instant —

In compliance with the urgent solicitation of his Excellency the Rajah his Lordship consents to the celebration of his marriage at this period; and accordingly desires that you will upon this occasion pay every degree of attention to the solemnity, to impress the Rajah & his subjects with a just sense of the protection and security which he enjoys under the Company's Government —

Orders have also been transmitted to the Commanding Officer to afford the Rajah and yourself every assistance in regard to Troops and guards which it may be practicable for him in the reduced state of his garrison to afford —

As the Rajah has urged the celebration of his Marriage at this particular juncture of public affairs the Governor General in Council concludes that he will have reconciled himself to the inconveniences which must naturally be expected —

You are aware of the formation of a considerable body of Troops at Trichinopoly for field service, under Lieutenant Colonel Brown, it will therefore be necessary for you to make his Excellency sensible

for the payment of the Troops under Colonel Brown, the payment of February Bill cannot be deferred until march — He is to continue to supply the Paymaster at Trichinopoly with money, and to take his Bills on the Military Paymaster General for all advances that He may make to him. He is to communicate occasionally to Colonel Brown the Amount of Cash remaining in his hands — Copy of a Letter to Major Innes enclosed —

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sensible of the indispensable necessity of appropriating the revenues of the Southern provinces to the expences of this Detachment —

Under this impression the Governor General in Council feels it impossible for him to consent that the payment of the February Kist should be postponed untill the Month of March, and his Lordship — accordingly directs that it may be held in readiness for Military purposes. —

The Governor General in Council approves your compliance with the application of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly for Money, and his Lordship desires that you will continue to supply him with Cash to the full extent of your Means. —

For the Sums which may be so advanced to Mr Hawkins you are to take his Bills upon the Military Paymaster General upon the general Treasury when the necessary adjustment will be made of his Excellency's Kist —

The Governor General in Council desires that You will occasionally communicate to Lieutenant Colonel Brown the amount of Cash in your hands and the amount which You may expect to

receive

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receive at particular periods —

I inclose for your information copy of

my letter to the Commanding Officer —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

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(Signed) J Webbe Secy to Govt

To Major James Innes

Commanding at

Tanjour

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you that the

Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has

given his consent to the celebration of his excellency the

Rajah's marriage at this period —

To the Commandant at Tanjore informing him that the Governor General in Council has given his consent to the marriage of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore directing him to take every precaution that may be in his power to ensure the greatest respect and attention to the solemnity —

Upon this occasion his Lordship has

enjoined the Resident to pay every degree of attention to

the Ceremony in order to impress the Rajah and his —

subjects with a just sence of the protection and security

which his Excellency enjoys under the protection of

the Company's Government —

With the same view I am directed to

enjoin the most particular attention as your part

to the Celebration of a Ceremony which his Excellency

attaches considerable importance; and for this —

purpose

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purpose the Governor General in Council desires that Your detail arrangement of the Garrison may be so made as to admit of the uninterrupted — performance of the marriage Ceremony. that his Excelleney may be attended with such a proportion of the Garrison as it may be possible for you to allot to this Service, that every mark of personal respect and honor be shewn to his Excelleney by yourself and beg the Troops and Your Command. and that His Excellencys own Troops. and Sibbendies may be permitted to attend the processions through the streets of Tanjour —

You will perceive by the tener of their instructions that it is his Lordships wish that the utmost degree of attention should be paid to his — Excelleney. and his Lordship accordingly expects that You will be guarded by the spirit of these orders in every case which may occur during the Celebration of this Ceremony —

It is not however intended that such a latitude of indulgence should be granted.

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as may actually tend to indanger the safety of the place —

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Sam
&c &c

(Signed) J Webbe Sec.t to Govt

Read the following Letter from Major
General Brathwaite —

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir

I desire you will inform the Right
Honorable the Governor General in Council that from
the report I have received from Colonel Vigors —
Commanding the Northern Division of the Army, I am
strongly induced to recommend that the Sepoys lately
recruited at Hydrabad and brought to Masulipatam
by Lieutenant Longan may be ordered immediately to
the Presidency, and on their arrival formed into an —
extra Madras Battalion. The Colonels report is much
to the credit of Lieutenant Langan, and indeed very
favorable to the recruits who have hitherto conducted —
themselves well, and who, with some few exceptions of
men who have been entertained on account of —
connections, are in general stated to be good recruits.
The detail arrived at Masulipatam something more
than

From Major Genl. Brathwaite proposes that the Sepoys lately recruited at Hydrabad should be brought to the Presidency —

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than Seven hundred strong, and has suffered no —
diminution since, and Colonel Vigors is of opinion that
they might be brought to Madras by Lieutenant
Longan, to whom they seem attached, with very little
desertion; and when I advert to the severe duty which
must inevitably fall on the few native Troops, we
have here, and the posts, I shall shortly wish to —
Establish in the environs of the Presidency, I am rather
solicitous that the measure, I have proposed should
meet with his Lordships approbation, In the event its
doing so I beg leave to recommend that an order may
be issued, directing Colonel Vigors or the Officer
Commanding the Northern Division, to send the detail
of recruits lately arrived from Hydrabad under the
charge of Lieutenant Longan to the Presidency, —
issuing arms and accoutrements to such a proportion
of them as he may judge expedient, and have the
means of doing without immediate prejudice to
the service in his Division. —

I request of you Sir also to lay
before the Right Honorable the Governor General
in Council my desire that Captain George Hadow
may be appointed to act as my Secretary with the
usual

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usual allowances attached to that station, so long as I shall retain the Command of the Forces remaining in the Carnatic; this Officer was lately in the — Command of Ambore, but the Commander in Chief has had the goodness to receive him by Captain Crane with the view that I might avail myself of his services. Should the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council be pleased to acquiesce to my — recommendation —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/ Signed / John Brathwaite

Madras
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P S — From a fluctuation in the Forces particularly in the Northern and Southern Divisions, I have not yet had it in my power to lay before His Lordship in Council a return of the force which is to remain for the duties of the Carnatic, with my ideas of the best mode of distributing that force, and I apprehend — I shall not have it in my power to do it properly — until the Grand Army shall have finally left the Carnatic —

/ Signed / J B

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Minute thereon.

The Board approve General Brathwaites suggestion regarding the recruits lately raised at Hydrabad. and it is resolved that they be immediately ordered to proceed to the Presidency under the charge of Lieutenant Longan —

Resolved that agreeably to General Brathwaites recommendation, Captain Hadow be appointed to act as his Secretary during the time that he may remain in Command of the Carnatic —

Read the following letters from the adjutant General to the Army —

To J. Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Adjutant General of the Army containing various recommendations of the Commander in Chief enclosed a Statement of the Horses wanted in the different Regiments of Cavalry &c.

The Commander in Chief has directed me to address you on the following detail, which he requests You will communicate to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council —

Of the four Lots of remount Horses — reported to have been forwarded from the Malabar Coast by Lieutenant Montgomery two have arrived in Camp amounting to 152 Horses, and have been inspected and delivered over to Regiments agreeably to the enclosed — Statement, from which you will observe that 396 Horses are

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are still wanting to complete the 6 Regiments of Cavalry, owing principally, to a considerable proportion of Horses having been lost about a month since, by general Casting Committees, and to the circumstance of the late Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors, establishing Regimental Rise in the Cavalry, having added three Privates to each Troop in the several Regiments, an augmentation which has rendered the Privates that were supernumerary in these Corps, effective.

Of other Ranks there are at present supernumary in the Four Regiments of Native Cavalry, a considerable Number of Native Commissioned Officers, and a few Havildars, and Naigues, and as the Service of these Men, are not required in the Field, and some of them having in use, choice Horses which may be more beneficially employed in mounting effective Men in the different Regiments, the Commander in Chief has given directions for these Supernumaries being sent to the Presidency and to Trichinopoly where he thinks it probable they may be usefully employed.

The detail of Supernumaries destined for the Presidency will have in charge the 12 Horses which from youth have been rejected by the Committee that examined the Lots, the Commander in Chief being of

opinion

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opinion that as they are fine Horses though too young for immediate Service in the Field, they may yet be very desirable for the Body Guard.—

In charge of these Officers are also 13 Horses, which though unequal to the duties of the Field may be capable of mounting any Troopers who may be entertined to serve with the Body Guard—

In order to simplefy the Returns of the Native Cavalry Regiments and from the probability that Government may find it expedient to direct— an Augmentation of the Body Guard, the Commander in Chief submits it for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, whether it maynot be adviseable to order that the Details composing the Body Guard be struck off Regiments, and this Guard be considered hereafter as an— independent Corps—

The third Lot of Horses from Lieut.t Montgomery and the two hundred purchased at— Hydrabad by Lieutenant Dallas, are expected to join the Army in the Course of a few days.—

The Commander in Chief has not yet received any report of the 4th Lot of Horses from

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from Lieutenant Montgomery having arrived the Southern provinces. He would Hope however that they may arrive in time to join the Army but in the event of their being too late, he conceives they may be usefully employed to the Southward or otherwise in the Carnatic as Government may please to direct.—

It was originally intended that Cornet Grant of the Cavalry should have date of Rank from the day that Cornet Mason was permitted to join with His Majestys 19th Regiment of Dragoons, should be struck off the List of the Army but much time having elapsed without the arrival of any information from Home of that Officers appointment to a Commission in his Majestys service having been approved of Cornet Grants date of Commission was fixed from the date of Rank which he had held as Ensign on the Infantry List as determining his Rank as Cornet by such Rule, was convenient and just towards all parties. The Commander in Chief is desirous that the dates of Rank of Cornets Munt and Lushington should be determined by the same standard and that the former should accordingly have date of Rank from the fourteenth day of March 1796 and the latter from the

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the sixth day of August 1797 and that the same should be notified in an order of Government as soon as convenient.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) B.y Close
Adj.t Gen.l of the Army

Head Quarters
Camp near Vellore
13th February 1799.

Statement of Horses wanting in the Regiments of Cavalry and the allotment made from two Lots of remount Horses
Camp February 11th 1799

Regiment	Horses wants	Horses receives	Horses still Wanting	allotted
19th Dragoons	75	"	75	"
25 Drag.s	115	41	74	41
1st N Cavalry	96	22	74	"
2 D.o D.o	70	"	70	"
3 D.o D.o	139	65	74	"
4th D.o D.o	29	"	29	87
Officers Horses European Lot	9			
D.o D.o Native	3			12
Unfit from youth but good horses				12
Total number of remount horses in 2 Lots				152

(Signed) B.y Close
Adj.t Gen.l of the Army

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Sir The Commander in Chief has directed me to signify his recommendation, that

Lieutenant Warburton be appointed —

From the Adjutant General of the Army signifying different recommendations of the Commander in Chief

adjutant to the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment vice Dod and to receive the allowances from the date of Captain Dadi's appointment to be Muster master —

That Mr. Hawkins be appointed — —

Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions and Captain Limrick Quarter Master of Brigade to the Troops — assembling for field service under Lieutenant Colonel Brown, which he requests you will lay before the Right — Honorable the Governor General in Council —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Head Quarters

Camp near Gariattam

16th February 1799

/Signed/ Bv. Close

Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Resolved that the necessary Orders be given for carrying into effect the recommendations proposed in the above letters —

Minute on the foregoing letters —

Read the following letter from His Highness the Nabob also entered in CC No. 36 —

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Chailleaux - and aged Mother supported intirely by His Industry—

Scolze ---- Wife

Leard --- Wife

Bottier --- Wife two Daughters left distitude.

Morpin --- Six Children entirely distitude—

Upon the strictest enquiries I find that these families are in the deepest misery - and bear fair Characters - this list would have reached you sooner, but that we were deligently seeking for the necessary information on this Subject. you will observe the —— amount of Subsistance granted to some of them —— heretofore by Government—

I remain
&c &c
/ Signed / R. M Grant
Capt.n Comm.g

Pondicherry
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Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir

I had the honor to receive your public Letter this day, and herewith to transmit a Return of families with remarks and sums which appear to me to be at least sufficient to subsist them - and I beg leave

From the Commandant at Pondicherry, encloses a farther List of families whose fathers or husbands have been embarked on the Triton, and who are left destitude of the means of support - mentions the death of the wife of one of those who embarked on the Triton, and the dangerous state of another - encloses a farther application from M. Bourgine to be permitted to join his Ship - requests that Lieut. Farthorne may be allowed to proceed to Cuddalore—

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leave to assure you, that I have only mentioned what I barely supposed to be adequate to this purpose —

In the List which I sent yesterday, I had omitted a few names which upon further enquiry I find well entitled to consideration. I have consequently added them to the present one —

I am sorry to announce, that the wife of one of those embarked, died yesterday, in consequence of the alarm and grief which the sudden seizure of her husband caused her — She was pregnant, and this went brought on a premature labor, that carried her off — another in an almost similar situation now lies at the point of death, so that both these pensions will in all probability be erased from the List, or at least considerably diminished —

I enclose at the earnest desire of Young Monsieur Bourgine, his further application to join his Ship; he is in the Service of the King of Travancore, he offers not to disembark at Tranquebar, should the Government find it necessary to forbid it —

I am sorry that in the List of Officers forwarded for the Right Honorable the Governor General's

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Names	Married	other Departments	Remarks	Subsistance
Jean Bte Martin	"	An aged Mother left without support	Brought Over Rs	184
Franct Dufergerr	"	an aged Mother left without support	ditto	6 Rs
Jean Du Verger	"		ditto	6 Rs
				Rs 196

It is probable that a few other names may hereafter appear that may deserve the Consideration of Government

/ Signed / R. M Grant
Capt in Com d

Resolved that the following Letter be dispatched by express to the Commandant at Pondicherry

To Captain R. M Grant
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter dated the 17th Instant and to express his Lordships most serious regret and concern at the fatal mistake which you have committed in regard to the discription of Persons embarked on the Triton

When the General List of Inhabitants transmitted in Your letter of the 27th Ultimo was received

To the Commandant at Pondicherry expressing the deep concern of the Governor General in Council at the unhappy circumstance of so many heads of families having been embarked on the Triton, entirely contrary to his intentions. He is informed that the whole blame of the melancholy consequences which he have resulted, are charged upon him, as the erroneous List which he transmitted has been the fatal cause He is directed to make public these Circumstances amongst the different families, and to inform them that every care will be taken of them. He is to proceed without delay to the Presidency

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received at the Presidency, a second List was prepared from it; and all those persons who appeared by your orders description to have families were excepted from considerations of humanity alone, although marked as offensive characters by you.

The List formed upon this principle was transmitted to you in my letter of the 2d Instant in which it was particularly pointed out to your observation that none of those who appeared to have families were included: and in transmitting those orders formed upon the information received from you, the Governor General was perfectly confident that provision was made for every cause of real distress as well as for the national character by the exception which his Lordship had made in favor of the heads of families—

Under this impression it is impossible to express the grief and astonishment of the Governor Genl. in Council upon the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant by which his Lordship observes that half of the whole number embarked on the Triton appear at this late Moment, when it is impossible to correct the unhappy error.)

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error to have been heads of families —

The disastrous effects of this fatal error his Lordship is compelled to charge upon you: and he directs you to inform the Inhabitants of Pondicherry that it was not the intention of Government to separate any father of a family from his Wife and Children that any such separation which may have taken place, is to be imputed exclusively to your own error in having transmitted an incorrect list to the Governor General in Council and subsequently in omitting the necessary steps for explaining the effects of an order founded upon that erroneous information. You will further assure the Inhabitants of Pondicherry that orders will be immediately dispatched to the Cape of Good Hope directing that every father of a family embarked on board the Triton from Pondicherry — in consequence of your error shall be returned by the earliest opportunity and that in the mean while provision will be made for all such families, as have been deprived of their husbands and fathers —

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In Order to enable the Governor —
General to remedy the consequences of your error, as far
as it may now be possible, his Lordship desires that you
will yourself proceed with the utmost degree of —
expedition to the Presidency, leaving to the next senior
Officer of the Command of the detachment and the
execution of such parts of his Lordships Orders in regard
to the evacuation of Pondicherry, as may not yet have
been carried into effect —

It will be of the utmost importance
to the unfortunate families who have been deprived
of their fathers and husbands that the intentions of
the Governor General contained in this letter should
be communicated to them without a moments delay —

I am
&c &c
(Signed) J Webbe
Sec.y to Government

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Read the following letter from the
Commandant at Tanjore —

To

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To the Right Honorable

Earl Mornington K.B.

Governor General in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord

I beg leave in consequence of the Detachments that have been made by order of Lieut.t Colonel Brown Commanding the Division as per annexed particulars, to state to your Lordship, the situation of this Garrison, which with Officers and Men already on Command is reduced very low indeed and puts it totally out of my power to comply with any further requisitions from Collectors, or to afford any protection to the Country should an enemy approach. I have lessened the Guards as much as possible and am under the necessity of putting on a proportion of Recruits, at the same time the old Sepoys on Guard must remain there without relief — this not only keeps my new Men back, but occasions desertion among them and the greatest difficulty in

From the Commandant at Tanjore stating that the Fort at Tanjore is falling to Ruins — that the Garrison is very weak — offers diffe: rent Suggestions on the Subject.

From the Commandant at Tanjore is writing to inform us that the garrison is very much — short of different Requisitions on the Collectors

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in getting men to replace them. — The Fort is besides very much exposed from the bad state of the fortifications the particulars of which are very fully detailed in the annual survery report transmitted to the Military Board on the 19th January and if a timely attention is paid to what is therein recommended, an enormous expence will be saved to the Honorable Company and which must otherwise be unavoidably incurred should it be determined to reestablish the works at a later period. every day adding fresh injury to them - There is nothing to prevent an enemy getting easily into the Fausse Bray / owing to the dryness of the Ditch occasioned by the bad state of the Balardeaus, and the multiplicity of Breaches in the Fausse Bray and Counterscarp / at many places in the large and small Forts / an extent of Rampart of upwards of three Miles and most of the Sally-Port Gates through the Main Rampart into the body of the place, totally unserviceable; nor can I afford a sentry to them or on the Rampart of the small Fort - The Guns are rendered almost useless by the want of Men to work them as there are only One Corporal and ten

artillery

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Artillery Men left for this extensive Fortress — Four hundred of the Sepoys are untrained Recruits very lately enlisted — It is necessary Government should be made acquainted with these Circumstances; but at the same time I must assure your Lordship no attention or exertion will be wanting on my part to make the most of what is left me, to promote the public Service —

I take the liberty to state that this place should not be left, during war in particular without one hundred, or sixty Europeans at least, to be instructed in the Gun exercise; but if this arrangement cannot be conveniently made, I respectfully recommend that sixty Sepoys and Stone Luscars of the Garrison be selected and thought the Gun exercise with the usual addition of one Rupee per month each, and that one or both of the Battalions of Sibbendy Sepoys / about 500 Men each / in his Excellency the Rajahs Service, by authority of Govern.t and the Semidar and fifteen Goolandars be brought under the immediate authority of the Commanding Officer of the Garrison by the Fort Adjutant Lieut.t Butler being appointed to take charge of and to discipline them; or such other Officer as your Lordship may

think

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think proper to name — Thus will this body of men be rendered useful to the general cause without any — additional expence to the Company, or without — inconvenience to the Rajah as they can furnish parties for the Revenue duties he may require them for; and as he has besides a considerable Body Guard of Horse and Sepoys and also Sword Peons. —

Having, as I consider it my duty, stated my sentiments on this subject to your Lordship. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Ja.s Innes

Majr Comm.g

Tanjour

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	Subs.ts	Subs.y	Jem.s	Hav.rs	Naij.s	Drums.	Buck.s	Sepoys
4 Sep.y Detached to Mayaveram or revenue Service to remain with the Collector	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	100
19 Sep.y Detached to join the Detachment forming at Trichinopoly	2	2	2	10	10	2	2	200
Total	3	3	3	15	15	3	3	300

	Sergts	Gunners	Matrosses	Tendals	Gun Lascars	
Do Do Artillery	1	2	8	3		40

(Signed) Ja.s Innes

Ordered

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To be on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Clive

Wm Petrie

Elk Fallofield

A. Barclay Secr.