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To

Thomas Oakes Esqr.

Collector

Masulipatam.

Sir,

His Highness the Nizams Prime Minister Azim ul Omrah, has requested me to address you on the Subject of certain fugitive Defaulters of this state who after committing sundry disturbances in his Highness's Territories are charged with taking Refuge either with Vas Reddy Yenkiah the Zemindar of Chintapilly or with Keisar Venskut Narseng Row, and Bhobokè Ras Desmooks of Mungaul and by their assistance or connivance making predatory Incursions into the Nizams Dominions, in the course of which they have plundered several Villages in the Talooks of Neelgoondah and Dewircoondah - The Names of these three Defaulters are as follows. —

Burrooly Ram Kistnapah Daishmoah of the Pargunnah of Perose. —

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To

Teree Kishen Rao — Daishmook of Dewulpully
Murrecaul Gaandnah — Daishmook of Chentiaul and
Mâry pully in the Talook of Dawurcoondah

Permit me to Request that you will
afford the Bearers of this Letter, who are Servants of
Meeraun Yar Jung the Talookdar of Nelgoondah
and Dewurcoondah, such assistance as may be in
your power, and you may deem proper for the
purpose of apprehending the said Fugitives and
Recovering the Property they are Charged with having
carried off from the plundered Villages. —

I have the Honor to be &c.a

/Signed/ J. A Kirkpatrick
Resident —

Hyderabad
1st February 1799.

P. S. It might eventually be useful to me to Know
whether the Ministers Orders for full compensation
to the Sufferers in the Company's District by the
Incursions from the V Aummeemaut Sirkar Noticed
in your Letters to me of September last have been —
duly attended to by the Naub of that Sirkar. —

Written to Verbatim as above, with the
exception.

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&
Exception of the Postscript to G. A Ram Esq.
Collector at Guntoor.—

T. Myers Esq.
Accountant General

Fort William,

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you a Register of Bills drawn by me upon the Vice President in Council from 1st to the 6th of February 1799 inclusive and to be.—

Sir &c.

Hyderabad
6th Febry 1799.

/Signed/ J. A Kirkpatrick
Resd.t.—

Register of Bills of Exchange drawn by the Resident at Hyderabad on the Vice President in Council of Fort William from the 1st to the 6th February 1799 inclusive.—

Date.	Month.	Cavil Number.	In whose favor Granted—	on what Account drawn.	Amount Hyderabad Rupees.	Amount in Calcutta Sicca Rupees
February	5	7	Messrs. Dawnie & Maitland	Expences of the Residency	5100 " "	5000 " "

/Signed/ J. A Kirkpatrick
Resident.

G. A. Ram

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G. A Ram Esqr.

Collector

Sir,

I Gentloor

The accompanying Statements —
respecting Various Defaulters to this State, who are
described as taking Refuge in the Company's Districts
and from thence committing Depredations on his Highness
the Nizams Territories have been laid before me by
his Highness's special Order, accompanied by a Most
urgent request on the part of the Prime Minister Azim
ul Omrah, that I would use my utmost and immediate
endeavours to remedy in the first instance the Serious
disorders therein complained of by Causing the apprehension
of the several Fugitives who excite them, and by
proposing some Means, for preventing their recurrence
in future. —

Permit me to request your
attention to the enclosed Documents, together with
your Sentiments on the practicability of Meeting the
wishes

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&

Wishes of this Court on the points stated in them. —

Hyderabad
9th February 1799 -

I have &c.
/Signed/ J. A Kirkpatrick
Resident -

Translate of Papers regarding fugitive Zemindars Communicated to the Resident at Hyderabad by His Highness the Nizams Prime Minister Azeem Ul Omrah on the 8th February 1799. —

No 1 -

The Talook of Madrah which was formerly under the Kooloo Kool Zemindar at the particular recommendation of the late Meahemeent was transferred about two years ago together with the Diamond Mine Villages at a certain Rent to Vas Reddy Venkatadry Nair who after holding the Same for two years lately made them over to another Zemindar who will neither accept the Charge himself on the terms offered nor allow the Kooloo Kool zemindar to resume it. The consequence are, contant intestine broils and Warfare, to the great annoyance of the Inhabitants whose

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*2. whose agriculture has entirely been put an end to
by which means there are twenty thousand Rupees
due of last years Rent, and no Rent whatever
realised for the present year. Both the Zemindars
here spoken of Namely the Kooloo Kool Vallah
and his Opponent are Dependants of the Company's
Government, and have both of them on repeated
Instances carried off by force his Highness's
Subjects from the Talook of Mudrah into the
Circar of Nartzarney gur / Guntoor / where they
detain them Prisoners. —

No 2.

Meyah Ghees Goosain who is
indebted the Sum of Twenty Thousand Rupees
to the Circar has fled and taken Refuge in the
Village of Jangumpaint / about Twenty Cosses from
K Huanmunnait / belonging to Vas Reddy Venkatadry
Nair a Zemindar of Guntoor and of course a
Dependant of the Company's Government. —

No 3,

Gunnesh Rad or Keesurwar

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for the Name is not distinctly written in the Original

a Zemindar of Khummummait was advanced fifteen hundred Rupees by Zeem ul ubdien Khan, the late amil of that District to avoid payment of this Sum he has fled to the Village of Sheerpoor in the Company's Territories and only Six Cos from Khummummait There he resides protected by the Zemindar of that Place.—

No 4.

Appah Nursemhoo Rao.

Rhagoo Rao and Gopaul Rao three Brothers & Zemindars of the Pergunnah of Anuntgherry — Sirkar Khummummait, and Inhabitants of the border Villages of Pochumchorla. Rewer and Bhae issuing therefrom at the head of a Joint force of Seven Hundred Peadahs, lay waste the whole Neighbourhood, and upon the approach of the Sirkar Troops to Chastize them for their Rebellious Conduct they invariably retreat into the Company's District where Manick Rao and Vas Reddy Venketadry Nair Zemindars of Guntoor as invariably give them

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to
Them protection. —

No 5

An accomplice of the Kunnackgherry Zemindar Hemmunt Reddy Ramchunder who has been punished for his repeated Misdemeanors makes predatory Incursions into the Kunnackgherry District at the head of two hundred Peons and returns with his Booty and Cattle to the Village of Goonpul Koochel in the Company's Territories and about forty Coss East from Khummummait. —

No 6

Ushraj Zemindar of Koot Koondy a Purgunnah of three Villages in the District of Kunnackgherry likewise makes predatory Incursions into that District from whence he returns with his Plunder to the aforesaid Village of Goonpul Koochek in the Company's Territories. —

No 7.

Rajah ashwack Rao the Zemindar of Balaanchch who has long been in a State of Rebellion, and is always at the head

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of two thousand Coodahs whenever attacked
or threatened with an attack from the Troops
of the Sirkar crosses the Godavery, and retreats
to the District of Noozed, about Seventy Cos from
Khummumnaid, and in the Company's Territories

No 8

Mursaury Tinapah Talook-
-dar of the Purgunnah of Nehaul Condapillay
having in concert with Rajoo Rao Zemendar
of the Purgunnah of anantghury set upan &
Impostor as the Identical Suddasheo Reddy,
the late Rebel Zemindar of Maiduk they
have in this Impostors name, and under the
incouragement and protection of Vas Reddy,
Venkatadry Nair and other Zemindars dependant
on the Company laid waste the greatest part
of the Province of Khummumnaid in which
they have already plundered Twenty five
Villages and are still carrying on their
Depredations which they are now extending
in all directions —

True Copy & Translate -
Signed A. Kirkpatrick
Resident -

Written

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To

Written to the following Gentlemen Verbatim as above, —

Thomas Oakes Esqr.
Collector
Masulipatam.

Cornish Gambier Esqr.
Collector — Rajahmundry

Benjamin Bransfield Esqr.
Collector - Ellore,

G. A. Ram Esqr.
Collector
Guntoor,

Sir, —

The Kirkarrahs Sent by you to point out the Delinquents mentioned in your Letter of the 8th November as having taken refuge in the Province of Khummummait proceeded thither on their arrival here. furnished with the requisite orders from this Durbar for their apprehension I am sorry to acquaint you however that they are returned hither without having accomplished the

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&
By the object of their errand, in consequence as they Report of the Fugitives in question having rented from thence, and of its being out of the power of the Aumils owing to the troubles which as you will learn from my Letter to you of the 9th Instant desolate that Province, taking any measures to ascertain the Place of their further Retreat.—

I have &c.
/Signed/ J. Kirkpatrick
Resident.

Hyderabad
12th February 1799.

G. H. Barlow Esqr
Secretary to Government,
Fort William

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of Government, that Captain Hemming's acting Paymaster to Lieutenant Colonel Wyndham's Detachment has been advanced the Sum of Fifty five thousand Rupees as per his Receipt of the 9th Ultimo.—

I have the Honor to be &c.
/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resd.

Hyderabad
12th February 1799.

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A.

The unremitted care and attention which you evinced in the discharge of the duty then entrusted to you, is well known to me. and I shall at all times have great pleasure in bearing testimony to it. —

I have the honor &c.

/Signed/ J. Kirkpatrick,
Resident.

Hyderabad
20th February 1799.

Colonel Wilkes,

Commanding the Northern Division,

Masulipatam.

Sir,

You will herewith receive charge of two French Prisoners delivered up to me by the Government Their names are. —

Rofsignat

&

Olivier de Boelle,

The former was an adjutant upon a hundred Rupees per Month in the late French Party commanded by Mr. Piron and the latter a Serjeant upon thirty Six Rupees a Month in another

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8. Partizans Corps here these Men will of Course be entitled to the Same proportionate allowance / whatever that may be / according to their respective Grades that is made to the other Prisoners at Masulipatam. —

The Serjeant / Boole / I beg leave to recommend as a Man of general good Character, and of very opposite political principle to those which prevailed in the late French Party. —

I have the honor to be &c.ª

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick,
Resident.

True Copies

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resᵗ.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqʳᵉ

Secretary to the Government General,

at Fort St George,

Sir,

From the Collector at Ganjam - Contains intelligence received from Mr. Dring who was taken on Board of the Chance by the french frigate La. Forte - states different particulars regarding the Strength of La. Forte & the Captures she had made. —

I have the honor to communicate the following Intelligence received from Mr. William Dring who was a Passenger on

the

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The Ship Chance Captain Johnston bound to Madras with 10500 Bags of Rice. — The Chance was taken by the French Frigate La Forte on the 20th February. — This Frigate was three Months from Mauritious and had not taken any thing until she Captured / on the 19th February / the Brig Recovery Captain Neil Mc Henry laden with 3000 Bags of Rice. On the 20th February La Forte also Captured the yarmouth Captain Bath laden with 8000 Bags of Rice and on the 21st the Ship Surprize Captain S. Moore, in Ballast fell into her Hands

The Commander of La Forte was prevailed upon to put all his Purmier on Board the Brig Recovery and to permit her to proceed to Madras with them on Faith that from thence the Prize would be allowed to proceaded unmolested to the French Islands. —

after parting with La Forte the Brig recovery on 25th February fell in with the English Frigate La Sybelle Captain Cook who took on Board the Sybille the Chief Officer of the Ship —

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Chance / who had been on Board La Forte and presumed he knew her well / and proceeded in pursuit of the Enemy who is represented to carry thirty 24 Pd. on her Gun Deck. — and Eight 32 Pd. Carronades and fourteen long pieces and Eight Swivels on her upor Deck. — It was expected that they would get sight of La Forte the same day the 25th. February. —

The Yarmouth and Chance were dispatched on the 21st. February for the French Islands and it is my duty to Mention that it has been Suggested that a Vessel dispatched from the Southern part of this Coast Might intercept them. —

The Surprize remained with La Forte when the Recovery with the Prisoners parted from her, and the Recovery has come into the Roads of Ganjam for Water and Provisions. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

/Signed/ Thomas Snodgrass
Colr

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government General

at Fort St George.

Sir,

From D. B. Encloses Copy of a protest he had Recd from the late Commander of the Ship Recovery Captured by La Forte together with Copy of his answer Encloses a detail of occurrences drawn up by the late Commander of the Chance & by Mr Dring Captured on board of that Ship.—

Since my address of this Morning I received a Species of protest from the late Commander of the Recovery which with my answer I have the Honor to Enclose.—

Subsequently thereto I received from the Beach Master a formal Detail of occurrences drawn out by the late Commander of the Ship Chance and also Subscribed by Mr William Dring a Passenger on that Vessel which I have the honor to communicate for the Information of the Government General.—

I have the honor to be

Yrs Yrs

/Signed/ Thomas Snodgrass

Collector.

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To Thomas Snodgrass Esqr

Sir,

The two Gentlemen Captains Beete

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and Captain Moore who came on Shore before me has informed you of our Misfortune, and also the Intention of a few Passengers now on Bord the Recovery to proceed on to Madras.—

I have to Request of you on the Name of Mr. G. Tyler Owner of the Recovery to Detain her and the H. C. Cargo as I Conceive she is not a lawful Cartel.— All the Prisoners except a few Passengers means to quit her hear. therefore, should you allow the Recovery to quit this port under the Command of the Frenchmen.— The Consequence I fear will be the loss of the Vessel and the Honble Company's Cargo.—

I Remain,

Y.ca Y.ca

/Signed/ Neal Mc. Henry

A true Copy,

/Signed/ Thomas Snodgrass

Collector.

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On the night of the 19th the Chance left the pilot about ten Clock in Company with the

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The Yarmouth - at day-light the Yarmouth was hulls- to in the N.W. Quarter — about Sun-rise we Saw two Vessels Standing to the Norward, and about Seven Clock Could plainly distinguish one of them to be a Frigate, and the other a two Masted Vessel — at eight Clock were assured of the Frigates being an Enemy, by seeing the Yarmouth / to which Boats had been sent from the Frigate / bear up and steer after us to the westward — it shortly after fell Calm, when two Boats, manned and Armed, were sent on board the Chance, which Ship was taken possession of about ten Clock — and we then learned that the Frigate was La Forte, of 54 Guns. —

By Order of the Commander of the Frigate, the Captain — and Officers of the Chance were sent on board her, and it was left to the option of the Ladies on board the Chance / Mrs Dring and Miss Rutledge / either to go to the Mauritius on the Frigate, or on the Chance. The

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& Ladies preferred remaining on board the Chance,
as there was no apprehension of any Engagement
taking place should an English Ship of War
meet her.— and the Gentlemen who were passengers
determined to go with them.—

After being several Hours on
board the Frigate, we prevailed on one of the
Officers / M. La Fayett to intercede with the
Captain to Grant the Recovery to the Prisoners to
Carry them either to Madras or Bengal as he
pleased: and with much difficulty M. La Fayett
procured permission to delay the Chance until 9 o.
10 Clock that Night / the 20th / and if in that time
the passengers and their baggage Could be got out
for her, he would determine, in what manner to act

Having obtained a Boat from
an arab Ship, which had been brought to by the
Frigate, and the Chances boat, with some exertion
we got the ladies and Mr. Dring on board the
Frigate, and the other passengers on board the

Recovery -

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To

A Recovery, with some part of the baggage — and about ten, o'clock the Chance got under way — the Yarmouth Sailed in the Evening. —

After the Ladies were on board the Frigate some time, a Consultation was held by the Captains and Officers of the Frigate, the Results of which we suppose to be a determination to Send us to Madras; for the Captain of the Chance was immediately asked whether we would pledge our Honours to go to Madras, if the Recovery should be given us: to which he answered in the affirmative, and Communicated the Business to such of the Gentlemen as he saw that night, who all agreed to follow whatever Instructions might be given. —

On the Morning of the 21st a paper was made out giving over the Recovery to the different Prisoners, but before every thing was in order. It was determined to Send her as a Cartel, and the Captain of the Chance was particularly asked whether he thought the Madras Government would detain her, on account of the informality

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&c. of her not being Condemned — His answer was
that as the Vessel was given at our entreaty,
and particularly on account of the ladies, he
did not imagine the Madras Government would
take advantage of any informality to detain
a Vessel, which but for the Compliance of the
Captain of La Forte with our wishes in all
probability would never have been in their
power — we were sent on board that day, and
expected to have Sailed in the evening, but
were disagreeably delayed by the Surprize,
Captain Moore, from Madras being taken —
the whole of the Night was passed in tranohipping
Rice from the Recovery, to the Surprize and on
the morning of the 22d We Sailed. —

Before we left the Roads, the
Frigate had Stood to the Eastward, and had made
a Signal, as we Understood for Seeing two Sails
— The Surprize was Standing backwards &
forwards under easy Sail —

As there was a great Number

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of people on board the Recovery and not much
Water, the Lieutenant who was put in Command
Consented to put into Ganjam for a Supply but
our principal object was to send Intelligence
to Madras and Bengal; as Should there be
any men of War at the former place, there is
every reason to Suppose they would be Sufficiently
early to relate the prize — the Winds when we
left the roads being unfavorable for getting to
the Southward It was fortunate that we did
Stand along shore, for on the 25th. We were Spoke
by the Sybil Frigate Captain Cook, to whom we
gave every Intelligence respecting the Forts
and the other Ships — Captain Cookes on learning
the Conditions on which the Recovery was given
us allowed her to pass without hesitation —
only saying that it would depend on the
Madras Government whether She should
be detained or not. —

We experienced the greatest
politeness from the Captain and officers of the Frigate

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and deemed it no Small alleviation of our Misfortune
that we were Captured by men who were so much —
Gentlemen. —

/Signed/ G.W. Johnston,
late in Command of the Chance.

Ganjam
1st March 1799.

/Signed/ William Dring
Passenger on the Chance.

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters in M.B No. 42. A. 42, B. / 43. 44. 45,
A. B.
46, 47. - 47. —

From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Barlow — Encloses Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Marine Board at Fort William with Copies of the enclosures therein referred to. Containing Several particulars of the French Frigate which has appeared off the Sand Heads. —

From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Barlow — Encloses Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Marine Board, together with Copy of a report from George Winter one of the Pilots of enemy's Ship Seen off the Sand Heads. —

From

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From Bengal

From Bengal — State the Measures that had been taken for Sending Supplies to Mallacca agreeably to the letter from this Government of the 3. December — Mention the Mode they had proposed to Mayor Taylor for Conveying to the Coast the three European Companies proposed to be withdrawn from the Garrison of Malacca. —

From the Resident at Cuddalore —

From Mr. Kinchant — Encloses Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Nagore regarding an enemys Ship which had been seen off that place —

From the Resident at Nagore —

From Mr. Toriano — Encloses Copy of a Letter from the Mr. attendant at Nagapatam, — Regarding a French Vessel that had appeared off Nagore, and Captured a Vessel richly laden. —

From the Commandant at Ganjam. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton gives an account of the arrival of the Recovery who had been Captured by the French Frigate La Forte

Extract of a Letter from the P. D. to the Secretary to the Government at Colombo —

Extract of a Letter to Mr. Cleghorn from the Public Department — Mentioning to him that his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon will have observed by the letter to him of the 19th ultimo —

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6th That the head quarters of his Majesty's 19th Regiment are still to be at Columbo.—

From Colonel Roberts transmits different Vouchers forwarded to him by the Commissary of Supplies to his Detachment.—

From the Officer Commanding Nizams Detachment—

9th Received the following Letter,

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government,

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the acting Paymaster of this Garrison. Captain Lieutenant Farquhar has with my approbation taken up on the Honble Company's account the Sum of One hundred and five thousand Spanish Dollars, for Bills on the Paymaster General at Fort St George payable at thirty days after sight, at the exchange of One hundred and fifty Spanish Dollars for One hundred Star Pagodas — Taking up this Money on account of the Honble Company appears to me under such favorable

From the Commandant at Malacca states that he has been fortunate enough to obtain a reasonable Supply of One hundred & five thousand Spanish dollars for Bills on the Paymaster General—

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To

B. favorable circumstances that I am led to hope my conduct on the occasion will be approved of by the Right Honble the Governor in Council — In the first place the Honble Company are secure from — Risques in sending Money from the Coast and the freight is also Saved both of which objects in time of War are with attending to. — We have now Sufficient Cash in the Treasury to pay up all arrears due to the Troops, and enough to pay them up regularly to the Month of July. without Reckoning the Receipts from the Revenue which will by that time be sufficient to pay the Garrison two Months full allowance, therefore if a supply of money has not already been embarked for this place from Madras I beg it may not be sent. —

Such frequent opertunities offer at this place of taking up money at the same Rate of the present Bills, that if the Right Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to approve this measure / which I beg to recommend / can through the

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the year get Cash sufficient for the payment of the Troops in Garrison.—

Should Money have been sent from Madras for malacca before this Letter reaches you. it may if Government think necessary be forwarded from hence to the Malacca Islands where I am told Cash is scarce—at all events any Money that may arrive here from the Coast shall be kept in readiness to be disposed of as Government may think proper to direct.—

I have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

Malacca
12th February 1799—

/Signed/ Alx. Taylor.
Maj. Com.g

Sent the following Letter.

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjour,

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated 1st Instant.—

The

To the Resident at Tanjour
The Governor General does not think that it would be desireable to assemble a large Body of Armed Peyaars as proposed by the Rajah—His Services at Tanjore cannot at present be dispensed with, a due sense is entertained of his zeal in offering his horses for the public Service, but there is at present no necessity for depriving him of them. Mr. Irvine to be assistant to the Residency

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The Governor General is well pleased to observe the Willingness, which you have reported in his Excellency the Rajah to assist the publick Service; but does not think the probable Risk of an incursion from the enemy so great as to counter= balance the certain inconvenience of assembling so large a Number of polygars in arms as his Excellency proposes.—

During the continuance of the Detachment in the field under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Brown and the Consequent Necessity of applying the Resources of the Southern Districts to the exigence of the Service His Lordship cannot dispense with your presence at Tanjore—

The Governor General directs me to convey to you his sense of the Zeal you have shewn for the public Service by the Voluntary tender of your horses to serve with the Cavalry under Lieutenant Colonel Brown but as there already are a considerable Number of Supernumerary horses at Trichinopoly so unwilling to put you to any inconvenience and has therefore

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9th Directed your horses to be returned.—

His Lordship has been pleased to appoint Mr. Irvine to be your Assistant in the room of Mr. Charles Torin.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your &c.

Fort St George
8th March 1799.

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secretary to Govt.

10th Received the following Letter,

To J. Webbe Esqre
Secretary to the Government,
at
Fort St George.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal stating that the ship London has been engaged for the purpose of conveying Stores to Prince of Wales Island, Malacca & Amboyna, agreeably to an enclosed List, and that it is the intention of the Bengal Government to engage another ship of Moderate size for the purpose of conveying further supplies to the Malaccas.

Sir,

The Honble the Vice President in Council has directed me to acquaint you, for the Information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, that the Ship London, about 350 Tons burthen, will sail shortly from hence for Prince of Wales Island, Malacca, and Amboyna with Provisions

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No. 10 Provisions, Money and Stores &c.a according to the enclosed Statement.—

2. I am also directed to acquaint you for the Information of his Lordship in Council, that the Honble the Vice President in Council has given Orders for taking up another Ship, of a Moderate Size, for the purpose of sending further Supplies to the Troops at Malacca and the Moluccas.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c.a &c.a

/Signed/ L. Hook

Sub: Secy

Fort William
the 22d. February 1799.

Statement of the Cargo of the London about 350 Tons burthen.—

Amboyna

	Tons
500 Casks of Salt Provisions of 360 lb. each	100
200 Mairds of Ghee	
5000 Gallons of Rum	1
4000 lb. Pepper	20
Treasure 70,000 Dollars	11
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Malacca

250 Casks Salt Provisions of 180 lbs each, 25—

5000 Gallons of Rum — 20—

Sundry Small Stores including Shoes for the Troops — 20—

25,000 Dollars

Shoes 2200 pairs.

Prince of Wales Island

Troops — one officer & 33 men European Infantry / with Baggage — 50—

Military Stores — 20—

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N.B. The Spare Tonnage to be filled up with Rice, which will amount to about 1000 Bags.—

/Signed/ L Hook,
Sub. Secy

Sent the following Letters.

To Major General Braithwaite
President &c.a Members of the
Military Board,

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board

We have received your Letters of the 27.th

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To the Military Board
The Repairs recommended for the Fort at Chengalpaut to be for the present post-poned - The Repairs which may be necessary for the Commander in Chiefs House in the Fort, to be authorized - Lieut. de Havilands plan for the Repair of the fortifications of Dendigul to be adopted The Bills & Advances Recommended by them have been authorized -

Fort St George
the
1st March 1799.

To Major General Sydenham,
Military Auditor General,

Sir.

To the Military Auditor General the Masters Mastars cannot be exempted from the Regulations established for the Post office An increase to the establishments of the Baymasters at

the 10th, 27th ultimo and 2d. Instant. —

We think it advisable to post pone for the present the execution of the repairs which you have recommended for the fort of Chengalpaut. —

We desire that you will authorize the repairs, which may be Necessary to the Commander in Chiefs house in the fort. —

We also desire that you will authorize the execution of the proposed repairs of the fortifications of Dendigul according to the plan Submitted to you by Lieutenant De Haviland —

We have ordered payment of the Several bills and advances recommended by you. —

We are,

Your Your

/Signed/ Clive,
Your Council -

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble

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To
The Governor General in Council to acknowledge the Receipt
of your Letters dated 4th & 5th Instant. —

This Lordship cannot exempt Masters
= Masters from the General regulations established for the
past office, but consents to the increase which you
recommend in the establishments of the Paymasters at
the Presidency and Vellore during the War, for the purposes
you have stated. —

The Governor General is sensible of
the Merits of Major Brunton; but as the Salary
annexed to the Station of Deputy Military auditor
General is in itself liberal; and as a Substantial
reward has already been provided for the services of
Major Brunton by the Orders of the Court of Directors,
— his Lordship sees no reason to increase his present
Salary. —

The Governor General desires that
you will authorize the following payments. —
An advance of Pag.s 727. 36. 60. —
Seven hundred and Twenty Seven Pagodas thirty Six
Fanams and Sixty Cash to Lieutenant Fotheringham
of

at the Presidency & at Vellore authorized during the War — Major Bruntons Application for an increase of Salary cannot be complied with — an advance to Lieut.t Fotheringham of the Engineers & to the Agent of Supply at the Presidency — authorized Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Bam = bay enclosed & the information therein required to be furnished. —

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p. 10 of the Engineers for the works under his Superintendance in the Bara Mahal.—

an advance of Two thousand One hundred and Ninety five /2195/ Pags. to the agent of Supply at the Presidency for the provision of Sundry articles ordered by the Military Board.—

I am directed to enclose copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Government at Bombay and to desire that you will furnish the information therein required.—

Fort St George
8th March 1799.

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secretary

To Lieutenant Colonel O'Brown
Commanding the Southern Division
at Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated 26th & 28th ult.o.—
as the conduct of the Brahmins upon

To the officer commanding the Southern Division the Nabob has been requested to inflict on the Brahmins at Trechinopoly such a mark of his displeasure as their contumacious conduct merits—general Brathwaite has been furnished with the

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the necessary Instructions for the disposal of the Horses at Trichinopaly as there appear to be already a Considerable Number of Supernumerary Horses, there Mr Torines Horses to be returned to him.—

10 The work appears to have been most unreasonable and wanton in opposing the public Service, his Highness the Nabob has been requested to inflect an adequate mark of his displeasure,—

The commanding officer of the Troops in the absence of the Commander in Chief has been furnished with Instructions for the disposal of the horses at Trichinopoly; and as there appears to be already a considerable Number Supernumerary His Lordship desires that the horses of Mr Torin, whole liberal zeal for the public Service he has observed with great Satisfaction may be returned to that Gentleman.—

I am

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ S. Webbe
Secry to Govt.

Fort St George
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From the Secretary at Bengal

Received Letter from Mr Barlow entered in M B No. 48. Enclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading of Rice shipped in the Doney called the — Mungapatty for this Presidency.—

Received the following Letters

South

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To

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

From the Commander of the Ship Cornwallis Reports his proceedings Regarding the French Prisoners on board the Triton –

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council that I anchored in Pondicherry Roads at 8 Clock the morning following that of my departure from Madras with the Triton under Convoy. I immediately Sent for Captain Dunlop to Learn from him how the Prisoners on Board were, as likewise to prepare to Receive the others in the course of the day – he gave me to understand that they were all much dissaffected in consequence of their Provisions being much Smaller than what they drew while at Prisons on Shore, being now allowed only three Eighths of a pound of Bread a day which they could not Subsist on and one Dram, their allowance of Rice they gave Captain Dunlop to understand they could do nothing with having no Cooks appointed to Dress it Captain Dunlop begging I would adopt some mode to guell these People. Sir

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10th Inconsequence addressed him the Enclosed letter /No 1./ which upon his reading to them had the effect intended — The necessity of some people to keep the others in Subordi= =nation appeared absolutely Necessary. I therefore sent Captain Dunlop a Roll of the Prisoners on Board which I received from the Town Major which pointed out the Serjeant Majors. Serjeants and Corporals belonging to their respective Companies having invested these people with leave to look after the others every duty on Board as yet by this means appear to go on very well — accompa= =nied with Captain Dunlop I waited on Captain Grant at Pondicherry and the Triton received in the course of that and the Next day 52. Prisoners who embarked as per List and Letter /A & B/ among whom some were Men of Proper= =ty these I recommended Captain Dunlop. to Board at his Table he Rejected. alledging he did not know who — would reimburse the Expence incurred on their account I took upon myself to assure him that he would be indemnified in Europe for any Moderate Expence he may incur on their account which I would recom= =mend to the Admiral at the Cape or Government in

Europe

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I Carope to Settle and Hope what I have done will meet the Right Honble the Governor Generals approbation — Those People being Gentlemen and Men of large Property by their being treated in the above Manner I judge will induce them to help Captain Dunlop in the Management of the others who are or may appear to be Refractory. —

The day after we left Pondicherry I sent my first Leutenant on Board to see how the Prisoners embarked there were disposed on his Return back informed me that they were in distress of a Number of Small articles and were on that account in a constant Murmer and delivered me the Enclosed Letter No. 2. from Captain Dunlop on the Receipt of which I sent on Board 15. Hammocks 30 Tea Cups 30. China Dishes and 30 Metle Spoons with a Letter to Captain Dunlop / N°3. / also permitted him to allow the wants of the Men as represented in his Letter I have since I spoke her to enquire how they were on Board and am happy to inform you received for Answer that all were on Board well and perfectly quiet It is with much Satisfaction I have to lay before you / N°4. / the last letter I received from Captain Dunlop of the Ship

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to 10. Triton I have also supplied them with some Materials
to Supply the defects of their Cabouse. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir[a] Y[o]r[s]

Signed G. Romaine

H. C. Ship Cornwallis
at Sea Lat[d] 7. 40. N:
the 16.th February 1799.
Ceylon bearing W.

P. S. The Carey's sort Capt.[n] Tunner joined us the day we left
Pondicherry She is now about leaving as and I have taken
the opportunity to forward this Packet by her. —

Captain Dunlop,
of the Ship Triton,

Sir,

I return you the Signals again —
which you will keep until I get others made out
I also send you a Roll of the French Prisoners you
have on Board by which you will see the Serjeant
Majors, Serjeants & Corporals to each Company which
you will please to call upon and desire them from
me that I hope they will assist you in keeping good
Order and good Management in their Companies, and for
which you will acquaint them from your Report

I will

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I will recommend them in Europe to receive every Recompence and Indulgence that can be allowed them and further that you desire that they will appoint four Cooks from among themselves and that you will inform them from me that they will be allowed thirty Shillings per Month from this date until their landing in Europe.—

I am,

Your &c.

/Signed/ G Romaine

A True Copy

(Signed) G Romaine

H.C. Ship Cornwallis
Pondicherry Roads
9th February 1779—

List of Inhabitants embarked on the Triton by Order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council
Pondichery 9th February 1779.—

Names	Remarks
Monier	Quiet Inoffensive man.—
Villefranche	
D. Elbert	
Trant Pelt	
Bastien Richard	
Chs. Bottier	

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Names.	Remarks—
Alexr Bory	
Louis Bory	
Hipolite Gillies	
Claude Millois	Volunteer,
Jean Jacque Lemery	
Bertaud St. Michel	
Francois Aubut	
Jean Du Verger	Quest goodman,
Francois Du Verger	do
Meramon	do
Carcassone	
Antoine Brel	
Rene Tardive	
Bossa de Montreau	Gentleman,
Chas de Montreau Son	
Prudent Bonteause &	Lieut. of the Republican French
Son,	
Louis Blanchetta	
Antonio Lebosse	
Louis Chaelleux	
Theodore Gardelle	Sedituno fellow—

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Jean Martin ——— Gent Youngman

Louis Purri Terry ———

Louis Purri Terry Son

Francois De Brandes ——— Gent Merchant

George Louis Carsenac ——— D°

Louis Mercier ———

Waser ——— D°

Templier ———

Francois Tolleville

Francois Solly ———

Banthelime Grain Court ——— Asst Gool Mar.

Jean Bte Jules ———

Martin Le Norman

Morspin

Rene Guillard

Antoine Pelavoine ———

Chas Franc Cordon

Tertee

Morrjean

Terrier ——

Jacque Mercier ——

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Maher -

Dedier Joguet

Richardier.

Maudier. —

A True Copy/
/Signed/ G: Romaine.

Captain Romaine,

Commanding the armed Ship

Cornwallis,

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you List of Inhabitants of Pondicherry embarked on board the Ship Fortan, by Order of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council. —

I also Request of you to deliver the accompanying Packet to its address in your arrival in England and to Remain, Sir,

Your &c.

/Signed/ R. M. Grant,
Capt.n Comm.g

Pondicherry
9.th February 1799 -

I have Requested Captain Dunlop that in event of a greater number than detailed in

the

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This List having embarked he will be pleased to add their names thereto, and apprize you of the alteration I have to beg that in such case you will be pleased to correct the ones Enclosed for the Secretary to the India House and afterwards pass a Wafer in to the Packet.—

/Signed/ R. M. Grant,

A True Copy

/Signed/ G. Romaine.—

Captain Romaine,

Sir,

I think it would be very proper for quietness and the Safety of the Invalids that you would authorise me to allow the Serjeants Majors, Serjeants and Corporals of each Company as also the Cooks and a few of the better sort of Inhabitants embarked at Bombay Cherry a Double allowance of Biscuit which would be three fourths of a pound each per day their allowance only being three Eighths also double allowance of annock which would be two Drams each.—

10th February 1799.

Sam Vce V.ce

/Signed/ David Dunlop.

Comp.y the Invalids.—

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If you could spare me about Forty Six Hammocks as the Prisoners that were embarked at Pondicherry have only Six amongst the whole indeed they are in want almost every necessary article for their Victuals and Drink If you could supply the above it might be of the utmost importance. —

/Signed/ D. D.

A true Copy

/Signed/ G Romaine,

Captain David Dunlop,
Ship Triton,

Sir,

I was happy to learn from you that my Letter to you of Instructions respecting complying with the wishes of the French Prisoners of War on Board the Triton gave them Satisfaction but knowing the wish of Government that every indulgence and assistance should be allowed that can be done with propriety to Satisfy and make them both Comfortable and Contented and for which I have a discretional

Power

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Power from the Right Honble the Governor Genl
in Council to do — I have again to request that you will
make known to them that all I have proposed in that
Letter will be Satisfactory to them and I can assure
them will be taken Notice by Government and be
complied with and agreeable to your Letter of this
date and what you have communicated to Mr Powell
my first Lieutenant who went on Board to know
and enquire after the State of your Ship / that it is
your wish that the Serjeant Majors Serjeants &
Corporals and the better description of Prisoners that
came on Board at Pondicherry be allowed an additional
quantity of Biscuit ℔ day - and One Dram of the
Liquor and that the other part of the Prisoners consent
that these People shall be allowed this Seperate
allowance. I do agree that you do allow it - them
and to give every assistance in my power. — I send
you from my Ships Stores 45, Hammocks 30 Tin
Pots 30 - China Dishes & 30 mettal Spoons for the
people that came on board at Pondicherry who in
the hurry might not be provided with them of

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this kind — I have further to Sugest to you the propriety of your admitting some of the better description of the Prisoners at your Table which will lay a claim on them to assist you in the Management and good Order of the Rest so highly necessary in all Society for the happiness of the whole and for which I will take on myself to assure you it shall be made known to Government and that whatever Moderate Expence you are at shall be returned you and the good Conduct of those that you give that indulgence to shall equally be Represented to Government for their approbation I have now to conclude that the French People will conduct themselves with good Order and regularity and hope I shall never have occasion to use Coersive Measures to enforce, which I have both power and Means to do but hope I never shall have occasion to use it I hope you are all in perfect health on Board which will give me pleasure to hear and to render any assistance in my — power to make all happy. —

I have the Honor to be
Yr ob.t Sr
/Signed/ G Romaine
Capt.n

H. C. Ship Cornwallis
10th February 1799

A True Copy
/Signed/ G Romaine

1403

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Captain Romaine,

Hon^ble Company's Armed Ship Cornwallis,

Sir,

I am happy to inform you that the Prisoners behave themselves much better indeed as well as can be expected. they have been much quieter since you sent the Hammocks &c^a for them that were Embarked at Pondichery there are about Twenty of them that are still a little Trouble some but every day I think they get better and hope in a short time that every thing will go on quietly on Board the five Gentlemen that I have taken to my Table is of the greatest Service to me they take a great deal of trouble in keeping the others quiet & in Order which comes much better from them than me I have no doubt but the Hon^ble Court of Directors will make me a proper allowance for finding them — The Soldiers are perfectly pleased that the Serjeant Majors & Serjeants should be allowed an additional Dram as also the four Lascars who has been perfectly Satisfied since they had your

Com^d

1404

Fort St George 11 March 1799.

Promise of Wages and the Dram I am afraid the Prisoners Cabouses before we reach the Cape will be unfit to Cook in there is one of them that the Bottom is entirely burned out although I have cau-tioned the Cooks after to keep less Fire. —

The Prisoners are all in as good health as when they Embarked there are Twenty Seven on the Sick List but none Ill they are most with Sous. —

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a &c.a

February 14th 1799 —

/Signed/ David Dunlop.

A True Copy

/Signed/ G. Romaine

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

His Highness the Nabobs Manager at Trichinopoly having applied to me for permission to pass out of this Fort Eight Small Guns which he has

Officer Commanding Division writing by Order of Government of the Applica- tion of the Nabob's Manager at Trichinopoly for permission to pass out of this Fort Eight Small Guns

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Commands

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-tioned the Cooks after to keep less Fire. —

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I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

February 14th 1799 —

/Signed/ David Dunlop.

A True Copy

/Signed/ G. Romaine.

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

His Highness the Nabobs Manager at Trichinopoly having applied to me for permission to pass out of this Fort Eight Small Guns which he

has

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has Received Orders from his Highness to Send to Callasgurry a Fort in possession of the Nabob escorted by four Guards, or 28 Non Commissioned and privates of his Highness Sebundy Troops. I have given him to understand that his application cannot be complied with, until the Sanction of Government may have been obtained, and as the Manager acquaints me that the Draught Bullocks are prepared and will remain unemployed, I have to request I may be honored with the Commands of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council. —

I have the honor to be
Y.r Obt. Servt.
/Signed/ A Brown Lt. Col.
Comg. Sec. Dept.

Freshwopoly
7th March 1799.

To Jos. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the Information of the Right Honble

From the Commandant at Ongole Complaining of the Conduct of the Nabobs Aumildars, not having sent the Bullocks he promised to Millers probable loss of Rice from this Circumstance.

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Governor General in Council. That in Consequence of a Letter from Captain Forbes from Nellore this Morning Received, Stating to me the great disap= =pointment and probable loss of Rice, he would experience from its being already beat out of the Husk, in expectation of a Sufficient Number of Bullocks having arrived there before this time from this place which in two Letters of the 22d and 25th ultimo I gave him to expect, from the full assuran= =ces both from the Aumildar, and the Banjary Naiks that 2000 Bullocks at least would be sent off, out of a much greater Number, on the 28th and that 700, with the Naiks, which I had dispatched on the 25th would arrive at Nellore in due time. — I sent for the Aumildar this Morning and find that he has not only, not sent, but privately impeded those from proceeding to Nellore, But succeeded in — prejudicing them Banjarries, generally, against carrying Grain to the Southward, in favor of his Salt trade; By every means in his power, He pretends to have a perwannah sent him by the Head Naik

of

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of 30,000 Bullocks from the Nizam for Salt, and that they have left them near the banks of Kistna, untill the Cowl of Government should be promised them for that purpose — The Naiks acknowledged notwithstanding — that they had 2000 Bullocks within one day's Journey of this, and that the Remainder were waiting at no great distance — those 2000 they however refused to send off this day, which I urged them to, by every encouragement, for the danger of the Rice being Spoiled at Nellore, But in Vain,

I beg leave humbly to state my opinion of the Conduct of this man from my experience of him — that there is no reliance to be placed on him His Views being openly directed this Season to raise every Rupee he Can, by any ways or means without any consideration of former agreements even with the Riots, — or to futurity, with respect To Revenew, population, or Stock of Cattle, for the Next Season. —

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

Signed D. T. G. Griffin
Capt. & J. Engrs

Sent the following Letter. —

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To Major General Brathwaite,

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated 3rd & 7th Instant.—

His Lordship thinks that a Sufficient Number of horses may be appropriated to the gallopus to be equipped at the Presidency from the Supernumerary horses at Trichinopoly; and accordingly desires that a Sufficient Number may be sent for this purpose.—

Upon the arrival of Captain R. Grant the disposition of the force under his Command, which you have recommended may be carried into effect, if circumstances should then permit.—

The Governor General desires that Lieutenant Colonel Brown may be authorized to receive as many troopers, as may be required to prevent his Supernumerary horses, and to equip two Galloping

Major General
to vate a Sufficient
Number of Super-
nerary horses to be
ned to the Presidency
Trichinopoly, for
purpose of being
ched to the Gallo-
s that are proposed
equipped here
ance with Capt.
d to be disposed
his arrival from
dicherry in the
ner recommended
t Coll. Brown to
ermitted to raise
nute Sufficient
ount his Super-
nerary horses & to
two Galloping
es for the use of
Detachment.—

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Galloping guns to serve with the Cavalry under Lieutenant Col. Montgomery —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

Fort St George
9th March 1799-

/Signed/ J Webbe
Secry to Govt —

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B.N.s 49.50.51.52.53.54. —

From Mr. Stracy - Encloses copy of a Letter from the Marine Board, respecting the expeditious landing of the proportion of the 76th Regt. about to be embarked on the Cornwallis on their arrival at Negapatam in order that that Vessel may meet no delay in proceeding on her Voyage to the Malabar Coast. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. —

From Major General Ross - Requests that the Engineers may be exempted from payment of Postage for such Letters as they may have occasion to dispatch on the public Service. —

From the Chief Engineer. —

From Captain Lieutenant Smith Encloses Bills for house Rent on account of the quarters hired from Individuals at Negapatam for the accomodation

From the acting Barrack Master in the Southern Division

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accomodation of the 2d. Division 2d. B. Regiment during their stay at that place. —

From Mr. Cochrane - Transmitts an account Sale of twelve Cast horses disposed of by him by public outcry. —

From the Military Paymaster at the Presidency. —

From Captain Darke - Requests that he may be permitted to draw the difference between half & full Batta, during the period he was left in Charge of the Mount Contonment. —

From Capt.n Darke of the Artillery. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer acknowledge the Receipt of the letters to him of the 9.th & 11.th Instant. —

From the Resident at Poonah. —

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C. C. N.o 39. Enclosing to him copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division and Requesting that he will inflict on the Brahmins at Trechinopoly such a Mark of his displeasure as their unwarrantable conduct merits. —

To His Highness the Nabob. —

8 & 12 Received the following Letters,

Medical. —

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Resolutions of Government 12th March 1799.—

Medical Board 11th March 1799.

From the Medical Board Recommend that Mr Millers allowances be the Same as those of the Staff Surgeon with the Nizams Detachment. Recommend that Mr Assistant Surgeon Steedy be appointed to do duty at Madura and Mr Steele to do duty with the Cavalry, Artillery & Pioneers belonging to the Ln Detachment. and that Mr May be appointed to Palamcottah Recommend that Mr Connell & Mr Thompson be appointed to do duty as Assistant Surgeons under Mr Miller.—

The Recommendation of Mr Miller to be Senior Surgeon of the Detachment Serving under Lieutenant Colonel Browne, being approved by Government. We recommend that he be placed on the same allowances as granted to Mr Kennedy Staff Surgeon to the Detachment Serving with his Highness the Nizam, and that Mr Miller be Styled.— 'Staff Surgeon.' also—

Approved.

The Orders of Government for giving in an arrangement for the Force will in Some Measure be answered by the consideration of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown

to

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to Major General Brathwaite,
Copy of which we have the
honor to enclose. By the
Removal of Mr. Miller and
the above mentioned Letter it
appears that Surgeons will
be wanted for the Garrisons
of Madura, Palamcotah,
the three Corps of Cavalry,
Artillery and Pioneers, and
the Sick that may eventually
be left by the Detachment
in its progress - We therefore
Recommend that Mr. Assistant
Surgeon Reddy be removed
from Ramnad and appointed
to do duty at Madura during
the absence of Mr. Miller,
and as Mr. Assistant Surgeon
Hudie may now find it
Difficult to join the Grand
Army we recommend that he
be

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be appointed to take Charge
of the Corps of Cavalry artillery
and Pioneers, with the Southern
Detachment, — and that Mr
Assistant Surgeon Hay
who has not yet proceeded
to Vellore be appointed to
do duty at Palamcottah —
during the absence of Mr
Inglis. —

It remains only
to Supply assistant Surgeons
to be placed under Mr Millers
direction to take Charge of
the Sick that the Detachment
may occasionally throw into
the different Garrisons in
advancing — We therefore —
Recommend that Mr assistant
Surgeon Connell be removed
from the 2d Battalion of the
10th

Approved

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10th Regiment Native — Infantry, and Mr Assistant Surgeon Dunphage from the Madras Battalion, and ordered on that Service as the Regimental Vacancies at the Presidency can be more readily filled up than those at a distance. —

Sa Anderson
Physician Genl

/Signed/ Wilkaine
Chief Surgeon

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

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown to Major General Brathwaite under date Trichinopaly 6th March 1799 —

As the considerable Body of Europeans, who will move in the Field Detachment under

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under my direction will render it expedient to take into the Field Mr Richardson Head Surgeon of the Division, in which the Scarcity of Medical Men now proves with a considerable degree of inconvenience, as the removal of the 5 Companies of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment from the Head Quarters of the Corps at Palamcotah, and with them the Assistant Surgeon of the Battalion, leaves that Station, where besides the Garrison there is a Commercial Resident and Two Families, with Children, without Medical Assistance, as there is no one of the Faculty with the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment and there is no convenient means of affording Medical Assistance to the Artillery with the Field Detachment, which will amount to 90 Non Commissioned Rank and File, nor to the Troops of Cavalry, or Pioneers, or of attaching a Medical Man to the Line of Head Quarters in Camp, and as it will be expedient to have a Second Surgeon in Trichinopoly, where a considerable Number of European and Native Sick will be left with the Assistant Surgeon only of the 1st Battalion 13th Regiment. I have to request

that

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that a Surgeon or Assistant may be appointed to Palamcotah, that Mr. King. Surgeon of the Garrison of Dindigul may be appointed to take Charge of the Sick of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment. That an Assistant Surgeon may be appointed to take Charge of the Artillery Troop of Cavalry, Gun Lascars and Pioneers. that a Surgeon may be appointed to Trechinopoly. or that I may be authorized to appoint either Mr. Barbor Surgeon with the 1st Division of the 1st Regiment of European. or Mr. Colhoun Assistant Surgeon of the 2d Division of the 2d European Regiment, to Trichinopoly. placing either of these Gentlemen in Charge of the two Divisions which will not exceed 600 Men. and that Mr. Head Surgeon Richardson may be appointed to the Charge of the Field Hospital with two or three Assistants, whom it may be Necessary to place in Charge of the Sick. who may be left in Coimbatore, Carroor. Erode, and —

A true Extract

/Signed/ J. Hadow.
Secry to Major Genl Braithwaite

A True Copy

/Signed/ Alexr Boisvell.
actg Secry MBo

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Officer commanding the Southern Division mentions that the Dindigul district has been threatened by a body of armed peons accompanied by a body of horse - states the measures he has taken to check them -

I Having received Information from Major Lindsay and Mr Hurdis, the Commanding Officer and Collector of Dindigul that a Considerable Body of armed Peons, with 50, Horse under the Direction of Lukkia Naigue, secretly aided by the Poligars of Verapatchy, and by the Sera Naick Poligar of Ramgherry, have assembled on the Western Frontier of the Talooks of Yeriacotta, and Pylemy in the Dindigul District, and that the Inhabitants on the frontier of the latter, extremely alarmed, were retiring from their Villages to the Interior, I have directed Major Lindsay to form a Detachment by Uniting the three Companies of the 1st Battalion 14th Regiment now at Yeriacottah and Pylemy, with 480 of the Collectors Sebundy, and putting himself at the head of it to move Centrically to these two Talooks, whereby I have no doubt he will effectually Check this Body in their Object to plunder, and be enabled to preserve tranquillity

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in the District. to favor which by perfecting Check until the Field Detachment is formed. Captain Robert= =son with Eight Companies of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment, being part of the Force about to take the Field with me and whom early information of Lukkia Naiks preparations favored by two Dewans of Tippoo Sultaun in that quarter, had induced me to detain in the Neighbourhood of Dindigul, has been directed to proceed to a position close to Verapatchy. where he will have arrived this day. and Major Lindsay is directed to order Captain Robertson to proceed to Trichinopoly so soon as the Field Detachment under him is formed. which I expect will be on the 9th Current. —

Towards expediting the publick Service in that quarter I have by Division orders of yesterday's date extended the Command of Major Lindsay to the Troops in the District of Dindigul until the pleasure of Government is known, which I hope may meet with the approbation of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council. —

I have

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I have the honor to acknowledge
the
your Letters of the 28. ultimo, and will pay pointed
attention to the Instructions therein contained Relative
to Lelong, and to Vengama Chitty.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.—

/Signed/ A Brown. Lt. Col.
Comg. South. Divn.

Major General O'Brathwaite,
Sir.

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division Encloses the proceedings of a Court of Enquiry which he had deemed it expedient to hold for the purpose of investigating the Cause of the discontents prevailing among the Hyderabad Recruits If they still continue to Refuse to proceed to the Presidency he will wait the Instructions of Govt how to act towards them.—

I have the honor to forward you the proceedings of a Court of enquiry I deemed it expedient to assemble at Masulipatam in consequence of the Representation of Lieutenant Longan that the Recruits from Hyderabad Refused to March to the Presidency The Proceedings of the Court will shew clearly the cause of discontent among these Men.—

I shall use every means in my power to persuade the party under Lieutenant Longan to proceed on its March, and to instill into them a proper confidence in Government as to the Redress of every.

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every just Grievance- but should they still continue to demur, it may then be adviseable to detain the Detachment until I shall receive your instructions in what manner the Men who's examinations have been taken by the Board of Officers shall be treated, and if they are to receive the promised Reward which it would appear has been made to them on the part of Government by Captain Kirkpatrick, on their arrival at this Station.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Masulipatam
9th of March 1799.

/Signed/ T Wigors.—

P.S. That no time may be lost in making the circum-stance of this Letter known to Government. I have only forwarded the proceedings of the Committee of Officers to you, and shall be obliged by your laying the Matter before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council.—

Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held at Masulipatam on the 8th of March 1799- by order of

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of Colonel Vigors Commanding the Troops in the Northern Division of the Army.—

President

Major Macleod

Captain Brougham Captain Taylor

Colonel Vigors lays before the Court the following Letters /Viz.t/ N.o 1 to 2, which the Court having perused deem it Necessary to Record them.—

N.o 1. Sir, Masulipatam 7.th March 1799.

It is with no small regret I find myself under the Necessity of Mentioning Now officially, what I have hitherto had the Honor to state personally.— that the men in my Charge positively Refuse to March from hence Viz.t— Meer Bahader ally, Mahomed Cawn and Shaik Kodamahn - unless they Receive the difference of pay, which they Now Receive as Havildars, and that which is attached to the Commissions they have been promised, from the day of their arrival at this place, or a promise from you to that purpose, as it is not in my power to make an official promise of the Kind; altho my inclination would lead me

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to it, for the good of the Service. — Those men have great influence over the inclinations of the greater Body, and it may not be thought advisable to use coercion — had I the means in my power, which at present is not the case. — As a Single instance of what I now beg leave to inform you of I think it my duty to add, that this morning when on parade — nearly three Hundred Sepoy's declared they would not proceed without the three beforementioned men, altho perfectly Satisfied in every other respect, and even making acknowledgements to me, at the same time, for my attention to them when so large a proportion openly act in this manner, and declare, that if forced, they know what to do on the March, without any further explanation which they refuse to give, it can readily be supposed, how easily the flame of discontent may probably be spread thro' every man of them, so detremental to the public Service notwithstanding that almost every moment of my time, is dedicated to conciliatory exertions amongst them. —

Situated thus, and anxious as I am, to proceed in the discharge of my duty to the last extremity of my abilities, I have to request your advice and assistance.

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and will gladly obey and orders you may please to issue
on this as on every other subject with that promptitude, that
it is at all times my wish to evince. —

I am with Respect
Yrs &c &c

/Signed/ Thomas Longan,
Lieut. in Charge of New Levies.

Colonel Vigors &c &c &c &c —

N.2 Lieutenant Longan &c

Sir,

I am this instant favored with your
Letter, and as the lateness of the evening prevents me from
taking any immediate Steps to the redress or obviating
any difficulty to the early march of the Recruits under
your Command to the presidency, I have to Request that you
will at 10 Clock Tomorrow morning order the three men
mentioned in your Letter Viz.t — Meer Bahauder ally,
Mahomed Cawn and Shaik Khodaman to attend at
my House at the Gardens, when a Court of officers shall
be assembled to engaire into this Serious cause of
Discontent, to the end that I may be able to account to Govern.t
for the delay in the March of your men, as likewise

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to enquire if any mode can be adopted to the [illegible]
Satisfying the Minds of the three principal persons
of the party. —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Masulipatam
7th March 1799. —

/ Signed / Urban Vigors

The Court proceed to investigate the cause of
Complaint which forms the Subject of the Letter No 1.
Meer Bahauder ally. Mahomed Cawn and Shaik
Kodamahn being called in to Court, the following question
is put to them. —

Question. Did Lieutenant Longan communicate to you
the Station Orders directing his Detachment to proceed
on its march on the 6th Instant. —

Answer. Yes. —

Question. To Meer Bahauder ally. what is the cause of
your not having marched on the day you were ordered
by Lieutenant Longan. —

Answer. Captain Kirkpatrick Resident at Hyderabad
promised me that I should be promoted to the Rank of
Subidar

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Subidar in the Company's Service upon my arrival with the Levies at Masulipatam. and Mahomed Cawn and Shaik Kadamahn to Jemindars, and this Engagement not having been fulfilled we represented to Lieutenant Langan the peculiar hardship we suffered from the disappointment, especially, as our present Pay is inadequate to support the Stations we naturally expected to hold. Meer Bahauder ally further adds that instead of having been promoted at this place according to agreement he is ordered to proceed in his original Situation to Madras and under these circumstances, what Confidence can he hereafter place in the faith of the English.—

The same question being put to Mahomed Cawn and Shaik Khodamahn seperately, they both answered it in the Same manner as Meer Bahauder ally.—

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8th March 1799.—

/Signed/ Alexr. Macleod.
Mayor & President.—

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 55. 56. 57 58.—

From

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to 12

From Mr. Hook States that Major Barton commanding the Bengal Artillery in Ceylon was Entitled to draw forty Rupees a Month as being in Charge of a Corps, agreeably to the usage of the Service in Bengal, which Sum was retrenched from him by the Military Auditor General at this Presidency. —

From Mr. Roebuck - Encloses an addete = =onal estimate of Cash amounting to Pagodas 75,336, 21 Co.

To Major General Sydenham - trans = =mitting to him an account Sale of twelve East Horses disposed of by public outcry by the Military Paymaster

To Do — Do — transmitting to him for Examination the Paymaster General's additional — Estimate of this date. —

to 13,

Received the following Letter. —

The Right Honble the Earl of Mornington K. P.

Governor General in Council. —

&c &c &c

My Lord,

1 At the Request of Captain C. Godfrey

I have)

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From the Military Auditor Genl Encloses Letters Nos 182. from Captain Godfrey stating his Claim to Superior batta during the period of his holding the temporary Command of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment N.I. at Point de Galle gives his opinion regarding the Justness of Captn Godfrey's Claim. Encloses Copy of a Joint Letter from the Assistant Masters of the Northern & Center Divisions - Requesting that they may be permitted to exchange Stations recommends it to the favorable notice of the Board. Encloses a Statement of the Servants he conceives requisite for the Paymr Flammingoay with the Southern Detachment - Lays before the Board a Statement of the Regulations regarding passage money to Officers returning to England - Agreeably to the letter to him of the 8th Inst.

I have the honor to refer for the Decision of your Lordship in Council, a Claim made by that Officer to Major Batta during the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Croker from Point De Galle, in consequence of which the former continued to hold the command of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry at that Station.—

2. Your Lordship will perceive by the enclosed Letters from Captain Godfrey (No 182.) that he supports his claim on the principle of Lieutenant Colonel Crokers not having taken charge of the Battalion previous to his departure for the Presidency, altho it is admitted that the Orders which appointed him to it, had been received at Point de Galle Considerable stress is also laid by Captain Godfrey on Lieutenant Colonel Crokers having, as he states, been absent from Ceylon on Duty but I have been informed that he came to the Presidency with the permission but not by the Orders of Government, and in Consequence of this information the Field Batta drawn for Lieutenant Colonel Croker since his departure from the

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13th the Island. has been Retrenched in my office.—

3 It is proper to state to your Lordship, that it has already been decided by Government in several instances, that an officer who is in the command of a Corps having temporary leave of absence, and not to go off the Coast, does not entitle the Next officer to Superior Batta, because the former is in a situation while absent, to Receive Returns of the Corps and to make them to Head Quarters, but how far an officer having leave of absence from the Island of Ceylon, considered a Foreign Possession, gives the Next 4 officer a Claim to Superior Batta is a question which your Lordship only can decide, as well as how far that claim is strengthened in the present case by the circumstance of Lieutenant Colonel Crokers not having taken charge of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment previous to his departure from Point = = De Galle.— altho the General Order for his appoint = = ment had been about the same time received at that Station according to the Rules of the Service when an officer appointed to the Command of a Corps may not immediately have an opportunity of 4

taking

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13th taking charge of it the Senior officer present, who was before in the Command of such Corps. is considered entitled to the Batta of the Next Superior rank — until the other Joins it. —

14 I have the honor to enclose copy of a Letter from Captain Wynn, Muster Master of the Center and Lieutenant Hewett Muster Master of the Northern Division, requesting to be — allowed to exchange Situations. and the latter be in a Separate address to me, has also stated as an additional Motive for this Request. that his health, has been considerably affected during his Residence in the Circar: — as I do not appre= =hend that any inconvenience to the public Service would Result from this Arrangement I beg leave to Recommend it to your Lordships favorable — consideration. —

15 Agreeable to the Directions Signified in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 28th Ultimo I have the honor to lay before your Lordship.

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13 Lord ship the enclosed Statement of Servantes proposed for the Paymaster & Commissary of Provisions who I conclude will also act as Commissary of Grain to the Field Detachment under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Brown, which Establishment I presume will be found adequate to assist him in the several Duties which he has to perform. —

6 In reply to the last paragraph of Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of the 8th Instant enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Government at Bombay, I have the honor to State, that it has been usual to grant Passage Money to Officers of His Majesty's Regiments ordered to England on the Recruiting Service, but it has been lately — ordered by the Honble Court of Directors in their — General Letter dated 23 May 1798. of which an Extract was furnished to this Office "that Officers "returning to Europe on that Service in future, are "to obtain Certificates from the Commander in Chief "of His Majesty's Troops stating such to be the "Reason of their quitting India, and that upon its

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13 "being verified by the Secretary of War that those officers
"are actually posted in the Recruiting Companies of the
"several Regiments and have been ordered to come on
"that service, they [the Court of Directors] shall be
"disposed to grant the usual allowance of Passage —
"Money according to their respective ranks, but not
"otherwise." —

7 Officers belonging to Regiments which have been drafted into other Corps serving in India, have also been allowed Passage Money returning to Europe, at the following rates, conformably with the Orders communicated in Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 9th February 1798 —

			£ s.
General Officers	250	£. at	625 —
Colonels	200		500 —
Lieut. Colonels & Majors	150		375 —
Captains	125		312 - 21 -
Lieutenants & Ensigns	105		262 - 21 -

8. No instance can be found in the Records of my Department, of an Officer in the Company's Service being ordered to England on Duty but I presume

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presume that in the event of a Company's Officer being so situated, he would be equally entitled to the allowance of Passage money with the Officers of His Majestys Service ordered to England on Duty, and like them without any restriction in regard to Rank, observing only, that this allowance is made in every case according to Regimental, and not according to Brevet Rank. —

It is of course understood, that when Subaltern Officers (in which description are included Brevet Captains who receive the pay of Subalterns) in the Kings or Company's Service are under the Necessity of proceeding to England for the recovery of health, they are allowed Passage money according to the rates before mentioned, upon the Certificate prescribed by the Regulations. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Gen.l &c.a &c.a —

(Signed) W. Sydenham.

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l —

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
13th March 1799 —

To.

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To Major General Sydenham,

Military Auditor General,

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have received your Letter of the 21st ultimo, and agreeably to the Method I thought most Correct, I sent a Letter addressed to you to Mr. Atkinson the Present Payt on Ceylon to be forwarded thro him to you which Letter has been returned by Mr. Atkinson telling me he is not the proper Channel & that I must forward my letter thro Mr. Mc Donall the late Paymaster which I now do. —

All I have to offer in behalf of my getting the Majors Batta is, that Lieut. Col. Cotter has never taken Charge of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment it is true, the Order for him to Relinquish the Charge of the 1st European Regiment and to take the Command of his own Corps arrived the Day the Colonel left this place but I never made over the Command of it to him. —

I am aware when the Lieutenant

Colonel

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Colonel of a Corps Commands the same Garrison in which his Corps is situated altho he does not exercise the Regimental Command thereof that the Officer who falls to that Regimental Command gets no increase of Batta, that my Situation differs widely from this Lieutenant Colonel Cotter is returned "appointed but not Joined had he at any period since his first appointment assumed the Command of the 1st Batt.n 9th Regiment I know I could have no Claim to the difference of Batta. but as he has never done this and had left the Garreson of Galle before I saw the Orders for him to quit the Charge of the European Corps and Join his own. I have some hopes that you will Consider me entitled to Majors Batta.—

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c &c

/Signed/ C. Godfrey Capt.n
Com.g 1st Div.n 1st Batt.n 9th Regt

Point De Galle
11th Dec.r 1798-

A true Copy

/Signed/ S. Brunton
D. A: Gl

To

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To Major General Sydenham,

Military Auditor General,

Sir

I have this day received a Letter from Mr. Mc Donall of the 11th Instant making me acquainted with your Decision respecting my application for Superior Batta since the 18th June last from which Period I have commanded the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment in the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Croker ordered to Madras on duty by Government.—

From the Honble Company's Regulations of the 12th July 1796. I still cannot help thinking Myself entitled to Majors Batta, and I have to Request of you, Sir. that you will do me the honor to lay my application, with such Claims as I have adduced to you in support thereof, before Government.—

I have the honor to be

Y.ca Y.ca

/Signed/ C. Godfrey, Capt.n Commanding 1st B.n 9th Reg.t—

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. Brunton

Dy A.G.

Point de Galle

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To Major General Sydenham,
Military Auditor General

Sir,

Being desirous of effecting an Exchange of the different divisions we at present Muster in by a Mutual Removal, we shall esteem it a particular favor, if our laying our application to this effect before Government, - and by affording us your aid, you will much oblige. —

Sirs

&ca &ca

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1st March 1799.

/Signed/ R. N. Wynn,
Muster Master C. D.

/Signed/ W. H. Hewitt
Muster Master N. D.

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Brunton
D.J. M. A.G.

Proposed Establishment for the Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions to Lieut. Colonel Brown's Detachment on Field Service. —

As Paymaster,

1 Head -

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1 Head Writer	@	30	" "
2 — Do	@	15 each	30 — "
1 Conicoply	@	10	— "
1 Cash Keeper	@	6	— "
1 Moochie	at	5	— "
1 Shroff	at	5	— "
2 Golahs	@	4 each	8 — "
1 Peon		3	— "
Stationary		9	— "
			106 — "

Commissary of Provisions.

Victualling Servants agreeably to the Regulations for Victualling 500 Men Daily including Wood Cutters / the Total Number of Europeans to be Victualled Estimated at 1500 Men — Pay 230 — "

Servants to keep the Accounts

1 Writer		
1 Do		15 — "
2 Conicoplies		10 — "
1 Moochie		10 — "
1 Peon		5 — "
		3 — "
		273 — "

Commissary of Grain.

1 Writer to keep the accounts		15 — "
1 Conicoply		10 — "
2 Assistants — Do at 5 each		10 — "
2 Measuring Men @ 4 Do		8 — "
1 Peon		3 — "
Stationary for this & the Provision Department		5 — "
		51 — "

[Signed] W. Sydenham

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Sent the following Letter.—

To Captain James A. Kirkpatrick

Resident at

Hyderabad,

Sir,

To the Resident at Hyderabad—Enclosing to him Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Northern Division & desiring him to state the particulars of any promise he may have made to the three Native officers mentioned.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to enclose for your information copy of a Letter from the officer command-ing the Northern Division and to desire that you will state for the information of his Lordship the nature of any pension which you may have made to Meer Bahader ally. Mahomed Khan and Shaik Kodamahr.—

If you should have made a promise of the nature described by three persons the Governor General desires that you will transmit the information directly to Col. Vigors.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ S. Webbe

Secry to Govt.—

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Received.

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Received & Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M/B Nos 59. 60. 61. 62. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple

From Lt. Col. Dalrymple of 1st Regt.

Acknowledges the Receipt of the letter to him of the 19th February which he shall be careful to comply with. —

Petition from Ollah Ravanapah Chitty

Petr. of Ollah Ravanapah Chitty

Stating different particulars regarding a piece of Ground of which he complains he has been defrauded by one Chinnee Kistnamah. —

To the Board of Trade. Transmitting

To the Board of Trade. —

to them the Charter Party of Affreightment of the Ship Experiment engaged in the Service of Government

To Do. Do. Transmitting to them

To Do. Do. —

the Charter Parties of Affreightment of the Ships Triton & Penang engaged in the Service of Government. —

Received the following Letter. —

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From the Secretary at Bombay stating that the arrangement specified in his Letter of the 18. Janu= =ary for Supplying the Malabar Treasury with three Lacks of Rupees is from par= =ticular reasons dissolved. —

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The following Passport granted to Count Alexander De Bouget —

Passport permitting Count Alexander De Bouget to proceed to Manar & there to remain. —

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This is to Certify that the Bearer hereof Count Alexander de Bouget has obtained the permission of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to proceed to Manar & there to remain. —

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

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secretary to Govt

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15th

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B Nos 63. A. 63 B. 64. 65. 66. 67

From the Secretary at Bengal —

From Mr Barlow — Encloses a paper containing a particular description of the French frigate which has appeared off the Sand Heads —

From the Baymaster of H. M. 19th Regiment at Negapatam —

From Mr Le Hey Complains that he had been unable to procure from Mr Torriano any Money to Settle the accounts of the Detachment of the 19th Regiment at Negapatam previous to

their

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15 their setting out for Trichinopoly - Encloses copies of correspondence on the Subject —

From Mr. Roebuck - Encloses an additional Estimate of Cash amounting to Pagodas

From the Military Paymaster Genl.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple granting him agreeably to his request permission to remain one month on the Coast, and according the same Leave to Quarter Master Le Hey. —

To Lieut. Col. Dalrymple of H. M. 19th Regt. —

To Mr. Cleghorn - Enclosing to him copy of the foregoing letter to Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple for the information of his Excellency the Governor. —

To the Secretary to the Govt. at Colombo.

To Captain R. M. Grant directing him to proceed to Coonamalle with the french Prisoners under his Charge - he is to leave one of his Companies of Sepoys at the Mount and to March with the other two to Coonamalle of which place he is to take the Command. —

To Captain R. M. Grant

16th Received the following Letters. —

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Fort St George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal. Encloses Copies of Correspondence with the Marine Board, who Recommends that in consequence of the difficulty of Communication at present between Bengal & Canarore, supplies of Rice be if possible & if Judged necessary sent thither from Madras. —

I am directed by the Honble the Vice President in Council to request you will lay before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the enclosed Copies of a Correspondence with the Marine Board at this Presidency in order that his Lordship in Council may give such orders as he may think proper on the suggestion contained in the 2d Paragraph of the Marine Boards letter of the 26th Instant. —

2.

The Vice President in Council desires me to request that you will express to His Lordship in Council his assurances that every practicable exertion shall be made to replace the Supplies which were shipped on the Yarmouth and Recovery. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Servt

(Signed) G. H. Barlow

Secretary to the Govt. —

Fort William

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To John Shore Esqr.

Secretary to the Marine Board

Sir,

In consequence of the Intelligence Received of an Enemy being at the Sand Heads the Vice President in Council desires that if it shall appear to the Board practicable to give intelligence of the Enemy to Ships bound to this Port before they approach the Sand heads, by sending out one or more Small Vessels into the Bay, they will immediately adopt the Necessary Measures for that purpose.—

2. There being reason to apprehend from the Report of the Pilot that two of the Vessels captured by the Enemy are the Recovery and Yar= =mouth laden with Supplies for Cannanore, and it being of the greatest importance that these Supplies should be replaced with all practicable expedition the Vice President in Council desires that the Board will take Such measures as they may think most advisable for that purpose.—

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Sam,
Y.ca Y.o

Council Chamber
25th February 1799.

/Signed/ G. H. Barlow
Secretary to the Govt.

To G. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Government.

Sir,

I am directed by the Marine Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, of this date, - and to inform you, that the Board have directed the Master Attendant, to take such measures as shall appear practicable for giving Intelligence of the Enemy to Ships bound to this Port. - and also to request, you will be pleased to acquaint the Honble the Vice President in Council, that this measure had occurred to them and they intended to have Submitted it to Government after they had ascertained the practicability of it. -

2.

I am further directed to request

You

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you will inform the Honble the Vice President in Council, that the Board will endeavour to replace the Rice supposed to be captured in the Recovery and Yarmouth, but that while an Enemy of Superior force continues off this Port, the sending out any Vessels will be attended with great hazard, and that from the pressure of conveying Troops to Negapatam, the Scarcity of Tonnage in the Port, and the advance of the Season, the Board are sorry they cannot give any Assurance of effecting the object before the Setting in of the South West Monsoon, which renders it highly dangerous, or impracticable, for Ships to land Cargoes at Cannanore. —

I am,
Gen.ca &c.ca

/Signed/ J. Shore,
Secretary Marine Board.

Fort William
the 25.th February 1799.—

True Copies
/Signed/ G.H. Barlow
Secretary to Govt.—

To the Honble Sir Alured Clarke K.B.
Vice President & Deputy Governor, in Council—

Honble Sir

Enclosed we transmit a Report
Shewing

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Shewing the present State of the Supplies, desired to be sent to Cannanore, and are under the necessity of Submitting to you, that from the Blockade of the Port, the advance of the Season, the Scarcity of Tonnage, and the expediency of sending the 76th Regiment to Negapatam, it is uncertain, as intimated in our Secretary's letter of Yesterday, what further supplies can reach that place, and indeed in some measure precarious, whether any further quantities will get there before the the Southwest Monsoon. —

2. We will not relax in our endeavours to send off all that is now ready, and nearly ready for dispatch, and to replace the Rice, on the Yarmouth and Recovery supposed to be taken, but in the uncertainty we have represented, we recommend, that advice, be immediately transmitted to the Governor General in Council at Madras, and that it be suggested to him, to take measures for sending Supplies from Madras, to Cannanore, if it shall appear to him, that

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That the emergency of the Service require it.—

3 The consequences of a failure in the Supplies expected at Cannanore, we cannot pretend to Measure, but admitting, that notwithstanding present appearances, we should be successful ingetting thether, all that has been desired from hence, and that in pursuance of the precautionary step, we have now suggested. Supplies may also go from Madras, the effects may be, that there may be more at Cannanore, than is required, and Government eventually sustain some loss in the Sale of the Superfluous articles, and the Treasury be put to some present inconvenience, in making the Extra purchase.—

4 We think it probable, that Vessels may be met with, ready loaded, in Madras Roads, which may be willing to proceed to Cannanore, on receiving an adequate price, as we understand, there are letters in town mentioning there being a great Number of Vessels, of different Sizes in Madras Roads, delivering Cargo, and that the price of Rice had fallen, to the Rates Noted in the Margin.—

We are with respect
Yrs &c
/Signed/ John Braton.
John Bebb.

Fort William
the 26th February 1799.

Report.

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Report Shewing the Present State of the Supplies

Names of Vessels.	Left the Coast	Bags of Rice	Tons Bags of Rice	Salt & Provisions Casks	Bags Grain	Bales Cinnamon 200 Pieces each	
Sailed,							
Calcutta ..... 9th Feby 99		8600					
Ajax ..... 14th "		6000					700
Tattee Romanie ..... 6th "		2000	16,000				
Supposed to be taken.							
Yarmouth ..... 18th "							
Recovery ..... " " "		8,000					
		3000	11000				
In the River							
Cornwallis / laden / ..... " " "		8000					
Success Galley / Laden / ..... " " "							
Hunter / nearly Laden		3,270					
Zoroaster / loading commenced		3100			930		110
					1500		150
	5430	20,500			2570		260
		48,000	700		5000		500 at Rice 100,000

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Gone and to be Sent to Cannanore —

Remarks —

Bales Bullock.
Bags of 120 Seers
each. —
Bales Twine of
Maunds each
Kegs Rum of
Gallons each.

To land Troops at Negapatam and then to proceed to
Cannanore if she be dispatched from hence by the 7th March If she be
detained later than the 9th to land the Rice at Madras —

35.	5.	150.
34.	7.	97.
56.	13.	153.
125 or.	25 or.	400 or.
Bags.	maunds	Gallons.
15000.	100.	2400.

Intended to be laden as stated but liable to Variation according
to Circumstances in loading — As it Costs no more freight
to send the Kegs filled with Rum than to send them empty
and as the Kegs will be taken better care of & arrive in
better condition by being filled, the Board directed them
to be filled, trusting that the Supply will be acceptable

Signed J. Shore
Secretary Marine Board

Signed G. H. Barlow
Secry to the Govt —

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government.

at

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From Sr. & Encloses Copy of a Letter from the first Lieutenant of his Majestys Ship La Sybille giving an account of the Capture of the french frigate La Forte.

I am directed by the Honble the Vice President in Council to request you will lay before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the Enclosed Copy of a Letter received this Morning from Lieutenant Hardyman First Lieutenant of his Majesty's Ship La Sybille.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Obt Servt

Signed G. H. Barlow
Secrt. Govt.

Fort William
the 3. March 1799.

To General Sir Alured Clarke,
Sir.

I beg leave to inform you that in Consequence of a Report that the French Frigate La Forte was in the Bay His Majestys Frigate La Sybille Sailed from Madras on the 19th February to cruize

for

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for her and had the good fortune to fall in with her in the roads on the 28th when after an action of one hour and forty Minutes, during which she was totally dismasted, with very little comparative Damage to His Majestys Ship. I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that she struck.—

I much lament that to the Intelligence I must add that of the death of Captain Davis of the Staff who came a Volunteer on this occasion and who unfortunately fell early in the action, and with great regret I must also acquaint you that Captain Cooke is / it is much to be feared mortally / wounded.—

The Number of Killed and Wounded on Board La Forte is not yet correctly known, but it is stated to be very considerable; on board La Sybille 3 Killed, Wounded 19.—

I have to request that you will order as speedy a Conveyance as possible for Captain Cooke who if he survive will proceed to Calcutta and that you will please to give the necessary orders— that Conveyances to the Calcutta may be provided

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for the Prisoners and the Wounded. —

I have been induced to direct the Body of Captain Davis to be preserved in spirits for its interment at Calcutta, from the Consideration that it may afford some Satisfaction to the numerous Friends of that Gentleman. —

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a &c.a —
/Signed/ L. Hardyman.
1st Lieut. —

His Majesty's Ship
La Sybille Balasore,
2d March 1799 —

P. S. I have to request that you will Order two Surgeons Assistants to be sent on board His Majesty's Ship La Sybille.

A True Copy,
/Signed/ G.H. Barlow
Secry to Govt. —

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. N. 68. 69. 70. —

From the Military Auditor Genl. —

From Major General Sydenham
Transmits papers from N. 1 to 5, regarding the —
Wreckonings &c of the Malays serving on Ceylon
in

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in compliance with the letter to him of the 21st ultimo—

From Lieutenant Colonel Wahab

Transmit copy of a Letter from the Comandant at
Inacandah respecting the Zemindars mentioned by Lt.
Col. Kinsey in a former as having crossed the Kistnah
gives his opinion regarding the Motives which appear
to have led them to take that state.—

From the Commandant in the Guntoor Circar.—

To Major General Sydenham.—

To the Military Auditor Genl.—

Transmitting to him for his examination the Paymaster
Generals additional estimate of the 15th Instant.—

17th. Received the following Letter.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
at Fort St George,

Sir.

From the Secretary to Bengal Transmits copies of Letters from the Commander of the Nonsuch giving the particulars of the circumstances attending his falling in with the Polverley after she was captured by the La Forte—

I am directed by the Honble the
Vice President in Council to request you will lay
before the Right Honble the Governor General
in Council the enclosed copy of a Letter with its
enclosure from the Commander of the Nonsuch.—

I have

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

/Signed/ G.H. D'Barlow
Secry to Govt.

Fort William
2d March 1799.

To Captain Piercy
Sir.

If the wind will permit our leaving this in the Night. I will hoist 3 Vertical lights at the Mizen Peek, and carry such Sail as will leave you only a Short distance astern.— In the Day time I will hoist the Company's Ensign at the Peek agreeable to your desire should we break ground If I should find it Necessary to send an Officer on Board to Conduct the Osterly into Port as a Cartel, I shall expect in case the Winds do not favor us, and that the La Forte or any other of the Enemys Cruizers should come up with you that Lieutenant Fourrie will pledge his honor that the person so sent on Board may remain unmolested for any other Service, but that alone,—

when

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When we anchor if at night
I will show 3 Horizontal lights where best seen and
fire a Gun if necessary I am extremely happy to hear
your Wound has been but slight at the same time
I congratulate you on the Noble exertions made by
you and every Person on board. —

Sam.l & Ca.

February 27th 1799 — /Signed/ J.s Gray
Commander of the Honble
Company's Frigate Nonsuch

A true Copy
/Signed/ S. G.

Captain Piercy presents his Compliments to Captain
Gray & begs leave to say that he may fully rely on
the most attention being paid to his Signals — that he
may rest assured of the honor of Lt. Fourrie with
respect to the safety of the Officer he is pleased to send
on Board the Osterly. —

Captain Piercy returns thanks
to Captain Gray for his friendly Congratulations. —

Osterly 27th. February 1799 —

To Captn. Gray

True Copy/Signed/ S.G.

Lieut

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List of Prizes that had been taken on or before the 24th Instant as given in to me by Lt. Fourrie

Recovery - Ketch. Captn. Mc. Henry sent as Cartel. —
to Madras Mrs & Mrs. Dring and
Miss Routledge on Board. —

Chance - - - Ship - Captn. Johnstone
Surprize - - Do. from Negapatam Captn. Moore.
Yarmouth - Do. Captn. Beatt. —
Asterly - - - Do. Captain Piercy. —

I could not prevail on the above Gentlemen or Mr. Lewis to inform me the names of those supposed to be taken off Sumatra - saying they would not be justified in doing so. I have reason to believe and hope that they have met with little or no Success there. —

Present state of the La Forte Captn. Barrieu &c.
Coupe Commr.

30 . . . . 24 Pounders French - on e/y Main Deck.
8. 36. Do. - - Do
14. - - - - 9. Long Do. Do. } On e/y Upper Deck.
4 Swivels. . . . . .

Complement 310 Men - 50 of which are only said to be in the Prizes. —

[Signed] J. Gray Comr.
Honble Company's Frigate Nonsuch

J.

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To John Shore, Esq.re

Secretary to the Marine Board.

Sir.

My Letter of the 25th ultimo which I had the honor to forward the same Evening by Mr Bartlet will have informed the Board of the Situation we were then in and found the Enemy you will be pleased Sir to further inform the marine Board that on the Morning of the 26th the Enemy and her prize still in Sight I weighted at 6 a M. & Worked down the Eastern Channel At 5. P.M, having the Fregates Hull completely in View Wore round under Top Sails & Top G.t Sails and again counted 15 ports on one side distinctly her Fore Mast raking aft and her Fore topmast and Top G.t Mast very much so with royal Yard, across which lead a Small round House abaft. with a Yellow Streak carried quite aft this leads me to conjecture that thes cannot be the Ship Seen by Mr Wenter in the South Channel observed at the same time an Indiamans. long Boat putting off from.

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from the Frigate and stand towards the Brig
The Frigate had shifted her berth to the Northward
and Westward of the Indiaman the Evening before
after she had left of Chase and shewed no disposition
to do so this day which I was anxious she should do
at the very Secure destance we were and get her
into shoal Water if possible at all events to seperate
me so far from her prize as to give me an opportunity
either of recovering or destroying her having anchored
the same Evening at 7 P.M. & Weighed again at
1/2 past 5. on the Morning of the 27th. and Stood immes=
=diately towards the Enemy with a Light but fair
wind from the North East at 7. it having the appear=
=rance of a heavy Squal from the Northwest
which came on very Severe Soon after we had
anchored and which obliged us to remain so until
Near 10. at which time it having cleared a little
& perceiving only the Indiaman at anchor, weighed
and Stood with light and Variable Winds render
all the Sail we could crowd toward her, in hopes
we might be alongside the prize before the Frigate

could

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could regain her Station to protect her suspecting she had parted from her anchor during the Squal On approaching the Indiaman she hoisted a Red Ensign at the Fore Top G.t Mast head and the Republican Flag at the Mizen – At ½ past 12, Spoke the Asterly Captain Piercy from Madras bound to this place – had been captured by the La Forte on Sunday the 25.th on the Spot She then lay at anchor and converted by the Captors into a Cartel the day before – under the Charge of Lt. Fourrie of the La Forte and a Mr. Lewis engaged on the part of Captain Borrieu L. Loupe as an Interpreter and to propose an exchange of Prisoners with the Government General. –

In the very unequal Contest, which the Asterley sustained so nobly and with so much credit to every person on board the Casualties are nearly as follows. – One Serjeant Killed 9 Privates Wounded of His Majesty's 28.th Regiment Light Dragoons of the Crew Captain Piercy slightly Wounded in the Knee – 8 Seamen Killed – 6 Wounded out of the Wounded are four amputations. –

I have

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I have since learnt with pleasure by the British Officers who were Prisoners on Board at the time. that the L. Forte had grounded in her attempt to Chase us. —

I have sent Mr. Phillips the Master to take charge and conduct the Osterley into Hedgeree where I shall order her to remain until the pleasure of Government is known. —

Herewith also enclose my letter to Captain Piercy's answer on the Subject also a List of Prizes taken by the L. Forte up to the 21st. Instant. and the present State of that Ship — with a Letter from Lieutenant Fourrie to his Excellency the Vice President. — at the Same time I cannot but feel an heartfull Satisfaction in informing the Board that the utmost attention. kindness and humanity has been shewn by Captain Barrow L. Loupe and his officers to every Description of persons on board the Osterley and it is also by their express desire that I should lay this their Sentiments before you. —

I beg leave to observe to the Board

the

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the extraordinary manner this Ship has been made a Cartel of as it is now evident the Osterley was so damaged in her rigging that the Captors could not well get her away neither could the Frigate leave her then situation to chase others without our retaking the Osterley and I believe so little do the Captors think she will be considered as such by Government that they stripped the Ship most completely before they left her. —

The La Forte I have reason to think still continues a short distance from the Sand Heads and that her Companion is the Prudente. —

I have the honor to be,

Y^ca Y^ca

/Signed/ J. Gray Commander Marble
Company's Frigate Monsuch.

March 1st 1799.
Saugor Roads.

P.S. As there are many of the Kings 78th Regiment on Board I shall immediately M^r Gauledge can spare me a Pilot and the Osterley up to Diamond Harbour & there remain until the pleasure of the Board is known. —

A True Copy
/Signed/ G. H. Barlow
Sec^y to G^t

Rec^d 1st March 1/2 past 10 a.m.

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No. 18.

Received the following Letters

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

From the Officer commanding on the Baramahal Encloses extract of a G.O. containing different Appointments which he had found it necessary to make in his Detachment - States different remarks upon them Encloses a private note from Capt. Orton regarding his Claim to Superior batta - Transmits copy of a Letter from his Secretary to Lieut. Colonel Brown.

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Sir,

My Mind being turned to the Equipment of my Detachment I appointed the Necessary Staff two days ago, and transmit an extract of the order upon the occasion No. 1. to be laid before the Right Honble the Governor General with such remarks as I have here to make on it.—

The appointments of Secretary - Superintendant of Benjaries, and commissary of Grain and provisions with the allowances annexed are already authorised by your Letter of the 28th of February.—

The appointment of a Paymaster on Captains pay is likewise sanctioned by that Letter but Captain Innes the Officer Nominated declines it, on account of the difficulty he apprehended in procuring Servants, the responsibility attached to

the

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the office, and the Smallness of the allowance.—

From a Consideration of those circumstances, his qualifi-
=cations for the office and the immediate necessity for
a paymaster, I have taken upon me to make his
allowance equal to my Secretary and Companys: as appears
by a Letter from him to me on the establishment of Servants
N.o 2. Required for carrying on the business of his
Department the expence will amount to an hundred
Pagodas P Month.—

My Brigade Major Lieutenant
Wilson having represented that Officers in Situations
Similar to his with the Honble Colonel Wellesleys and
Lieutenant Colonel Browns Detachments being appointed
to act as Deputy Adjutant Generals, and that he thought
his claim to that distinction from acting in that capacity
with me was such, as in the liberality of the service
would not be objected to I have under that persuasion
appointed him acting Deputy Adjutant General to
my detachment with the allowances attached to that
office.—

Captain Radcliffe was appointed
by your Letter of the 28.th ultimo Bullock agent on
Captains

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Captains Day but that officer being removed with his Corps from my Detachment. — I have appointed Lieut. Montague Cosby in his room, and having added — Keeper of the flocks "that may be collected for the army" to the Bullock agency. I have thought proper to allow him batta for the consequent additional trouble —

The appointment of Lieutenant Richardson to act as Adjutant to the 2d of the 6th in the room of Lieutenant Marshall incurs no additional expence. —

Having occasion for Serjeant King in another line and judging that Doctor Ord could manage the Post Mastership better than any Serjeant, I have appointed him in the room of King and thought I could not allow him less for it than Lieutenants pay which is 19 Pagodas. —

The Commander in Chief having authorised my raising a Corps of 50 Pioneers and Serjeant King being a Man in all respects fit for the situation. I have appointed him to the Charge of this corps with Conductors allowances. —

Knowing him from the experience

of

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of eleven years that he has served under me. to be a very brave and deserving soldier. I have frequently Recommended him for a conductorship of Stores. and been given to understand that he has been on the Commander in Chiefs list for some time. Being has of course been acquainted with this, but so long ago that he now despairs of promotion - If his Lordship will be pleased to appoint him a conductor of Stores it will be considered a mark of his attention by me. and in doing it will make an old Soldier happy. —

The other appointments I have made are only Serjeants with allowances of 1/. Day and all of them are indispensibly Necessary. —

These appointments incurring a fixed expence for the time my Detachment may remain embodied. and the Orders of Government being thereby exceeded in two or three instances. I have thought proper to Submit them for his Lordships approval. — That might have been done it May be observed — previous to their being put in orders but the times demand promptitude, and as expressed they are —"

Considered

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Considered as subject to such alterations as the
Governor General may think proper— any of them
therefore that may be disapproved of can be modified
or rescinded. Though none of them are unimportant
to the equipment of my Detachment. —

I am

Sir
Your
Obt Servt

Camp near Rayacottah
11th March 1799—

/Signed/ Alexr Read,
Lieut Col Comg of a Detachmt.

I have omitted to State the Claim of Captn
Irton the Officer in the immediate Charge of my Corps.
to the full batta of the rank next above him By
a G.O. of the 12th July 96. he is entitled to it but he is
apprehensive from the tenor of a subsequent Order of
which No 3. is a Copy precluding Officers who may
not be properly qualified to receive reports, that
his Claim to it may hereafter be disputed by the
Auditor General on account of my being pre present
The fact is that he is put into the entire
Charge of my Corps from the impossibility of my being
able in my present situation to attend to the detail
of it and that all reports are in consequence made to
him

him the same as if he were appointed to the Command of it by Government It is therefore presumed that he is fully as much entitled to Majors batta as if I were absent but his Lordships sanction is desired to obviate any difficulty that might be started from the want of this explanation. —

/Signed/ A. R

For the Sake of dispatch No 4 Copy of a Letter from my Secretary to Lieutenant Colonel Brown is forwarded for his Lordships Information —

Extract of Detachment Orders by Lt Colo Read Comg

Camp near Ryacottah 11th March 1799. —

The Right Honble the Governor General in Council has been pleased to allow Lt Colonel Read the following Staff for his Detachment from the 1st of March —

Captain Thomas Munro to be Secretary upon an allowance of One hundred Pagodas per Month. —

Captain J. H. Symons to be Superintendant of Bengarries upon an allowance of One hundred Pagodas per month —

Captain R. Munro to be Commissary of Grain and Provisions upon an allowance of One hundred Pagodas

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2d Month —

Lieutenant Marshall to be D. Master to the Detachment on Captains pay and allowances. —

Lieutenant Colonel Read finding it further necessary for Carrying on the duties of his own Station and those of his Detachment makes the following appointments in addition to the above Subject to such alterations as the Right Honble the Governor General may think proper to make. —

Captain James Innes to be Paymaster to the Detachment upon an allowance of One hundred Pag.s per Month. —

Brigade Major James Wilson to act as Deputy adjutant General to the Detachment on such allowances as are drawn by Officers holding similar situations. —

Lieutenant Cosby to be Bullock agent and paper of the Flanks that may be collected for the use of the army on Captains pay and allowances. —

Mr. assistant Surgeon Ord to be Postmaster to the Detachment on Lieutenants pay. —

Lieutenant Richardson to act as adjutant to the D. Battaleon 6th Regiment Vice Marshall appointed

D.

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D. M. to the Detachment. —

Serjeant King to Command a Corps of 50 Pioneers ordered to be raised by the Commander in Chief on Conductors allowances. —

Serjeant Kish to be D. M. Serjeant to the Detachment on 10 Pagodas per Month. and Corporal Hume of the 1st E. R. to act as D. Master Serjeant to the D. Battalion 1st Regiment. —

Thomas Gregory Private in the 1st E. R. to be Bagage M. Serjeant to the Detachment on 10. Pagodas per Month. — and John Tibble Private in the same Corps to be Serjeant of Pioneers on the usual allowances

A true Extract

/ Signed / J. Wilson.
A. Brigade —

Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Read. —
Commanding the Detachment. —

Sir.

Agreeably to your Orders I have the honor to Subjoin a List of Public Servants y.ca Necessary to Conduct the Duties of my Department

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Department —

1. Head Writer	St. Ps. 25	"
2. Assistant do	20	"
1. Cash Keeper	5	"
1 Conicoply	5	"
1. Head Gollah	3	"
2 Thurroffs	6	"
1. Moochie	3	"
2. Peons	4	"

Extraordinaries —

Package & Expences in transposting the Books Papers &ca "	7	21
Stationary	12	"
Candles &ca " for the Office	9	21
Total St. Ps.	100	"

I have the honor to be

&ca &ca

Camp 11th March 1799 — /Signed/ Jas. Innes Paymaster to the Detachment —

In the Order published by Government under Date the 12th July last it was expressed, that all officers not holding the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel upon

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upon whom the Command of Native Regiments &
Battalions may devolve are to draw the full or
half Batta of the Rank next above the Regimental
Rank according as they may be situated in the
Same manner as at present drawn by Officers under
Similar Circumstances in the Command of Kings —
Regiments and Company's European Battalions. by
which is to be understood. that those officers only
are entitled to the above allowance who are properly
Qualified to receive Reports of the Regiment or
Battalion. whether in a Collected or a Devided state
and in consequence to make Returns as directed
to the Commander in Chief —

Dear Sir.

The above is the Order alluded to
but which still requires I conceive an explanation
from you. as being present in the Detachment
as well as to do away all Litigation from the
Audit Office —

I am
Dear Sir
Your most
Obedt Hble Servt
J. Irton —

Camp
Kelamungle
10th March 1799 —

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Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment.

Sir.

Lieutenant Colonel Read has directed me to inform you that he has received a Copy of your Instructions from the Commander in Chief dated the 25th. February and that he now takes this opportunity of opening a Correspondence with you which Circumstances have prevented him from beginning sooner — He has desired me to transmit you the enclosed paper which contains all the information that he is possessed of Respecting the Never Cavery, and to add that he will take an early occasion of Communicating with you more fully - Should he Move to the Westward he will establish a Tappal to Raicottah and he has no Doubt but that you will also establish one to Namcul or Sankery droog according as the one or the other place may be the nearest point of Communication — He Wishes to be made acquainted with your general plan of operations as they must probably contain something that it will be useful for him to know, and he will in return give you

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the like Information on his part. —

He is of Opinion that from the —
distance of the Countries in which you are respec-
=tively to act and from their being divided by such
extensive tracts of hills and Jungle that you must
collect supplies seperately - and that you can only
Co-operate in carrying them on to the Army - A number
of Bunjarries about forty thousand are shortly expected
from the Northward - Colonel Read proposed at Head
quarters to bring them forward with his own detach-
=ment - but he was told that it would not be safe
as the army was so much encumbered with baggage
&c.a that it would not be able to give him any Cover
in the early part of the Campaign. —

He has received advice from Lieutenant
Colonel Cameron that 12000 of these Bunjarries will
reach Kishnagerry tomorrow he does not think
this a Sufficient Number to advance with - but if
Thirty thousand were collected he would think it an
object of importance to Carry them on to the army
He is Confident that his own Detachment joined

to

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to yours could do this with safety — and he would for this purpose join you any where near Caurerypooram — He will be happy to have your sentiments on this Subject. —

Camp at Raicottah
11th March 1799 —

Sam[l] & Y[e] & Y[e]

[Signed] Tho Munro
Secry to D. C[l] Read —

To Josiah Webbe Esq[r]
Secretary to Government,
Sir

From the Officer commanding the Southern Division — Mentions that he had Recd an offer of a certain Number of auxiliaries from Tondiman of which he had accepted — In consequence of the information he had Received regarding the aid formerly afforded by that Polygar he applied to him for a greater force than the one proposed Requests that an Order may be procured from the Nabob to his Aumildar at Trichinopoly directing him to procure plentiful supplies of Grain. —

For the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council I have the honor to acquaint you that Tondimans Vakeel this day waited on me by desire of his Master to say that he understood a Detachment from Trichinopoly was about to take the Field, and that his Master accordeng to old Custom was ready to send a Body of his Troops to serve with it — In answer I said that 1500 of his best Matchlock and Pickmen would be acceptable, and that I would write Tondiman to have them here in fifteen or Twenty Day's at farthest from this date by which he would

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evince a continuance of that fidelity to the English
Circar for which his family had been so long conspicuous

Since the Vakeel left me having
Received certain Information that Tondeman furnished
3000 Matchlock and Pikemen, and One Battalion
Consisting of 500 Sepoys to Serve with the Detachments
under Colonels Long & Fullarton in the years 1781. 1782.
1783 & 1784 - it is my intention to desire him to send
a Battalion in addition to the 1500 Matchlocks
and Pikemen as it will enable me to garrison Carnoor
and any other Ports it may be Necessary to retain
in the Coimbatoor Country, by a Smaller Detail from
the Field Detachment than would otherwise be
Necessary and the Pike and Matchlock men will
perform essential Service in protecting the Baggage
& Cattle of the Detachment. —

As the Service of the Tondemans
Troops will be obtained at the easy rate of a Lear
of Rice to each Man P day, which will be the
only Expence incurred by Government - the proposal
appeared to me too good to hesitate in embracing it

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and Trust that what I have done may Meet with the approbation of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council. —

As the time when Circar may be attached will depend upon the Movements of the Army and there the Field Detachment will probably halt for some days at Curtallum which is half way between this and Carour. It being of importance that I may be enabled to procure Grain for its Consumption there without using any part of the Rice carried with the Detachment. I have to Request that I may be furnished with an Order from the Nabob to his Manager here to Supply what Quantity of Paddy may be Required for the use of the Detachment during its halt at Curtallum upon Receipt of the Commissary of Grain Countersigned by me the amount of which will be brought to the immediate Credit of Government by deduction from the Pay of those to whom it will be issued: and thus a Saving on the Score of Carriage to Government and to the Nabob will be effected. —

I have the honor to be
Sr. &c. &c.
/Signed/ A. Braver

Trichenopoly
13th Febry 1799

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From Dr. D. Monteano that he had received intima= =tion from the Commandant @ Palamcottah of his having made a purchase of a certain Number of Travancore horses - he has nominated a Committee to Select the horses expected from the Rajah of Tanjore Encloses copy of a letter which he had wrote to the Resident at Tanjore on this Subject - he has sent a Detachment to Cantal= =lum to protect the Country against predatory incur= =sions - a company of the 1st Division 1st Regt had set out to join Lt Col Read - The Nabob has sent Orders to his mana= =ger at Trichinopoly to afford every assistance to the field detachmt. -

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th and 15th Current. and agreeably to the Sanction of Government conveyed by the former I will avail myself of the Services of Captains Dallas. Gepp. and Davison in the Field and have begun to raise a Small Body of Pioneers to Serve with the Southern Field Detachment. -

On Receipt of your Letter of the 15th by Express which reached me yesterday at Noon. I wrote Major Bannerman to purchase as many of the Travancore Horses as may be fit for the Cavalry. and procurable at a Moderate price and I have just now a letter from him dated the 17th Current from Pallamcottah, advising that as he had not received any particular Instructions respecting the Travancore Horses he had taken upon himself to Select /86-/ Eighty Six Horses

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of which from 60 to 70 are fit for any Cavalry for which he had agreed upon an Average at the Rate of 150 / One hundred and fifty Rupees, and for 14 Stout Mares at One hundred Rupees each. he further advises me that they will be at Pallamcottah on the 21st Current and I direct him by this days Tappal to forward them to Trechinopoly with as much expedition as Circumstances may admit— They will arrive in Critical time to mount the new Troop of Cavalry, and dependence seems to rest Chiefly upon them as a letter I have this day from Mr Torin Resident of Tanjour advising the Rajahs readiness to Supply the Horses required by Government, mentions that the Number which may be found fit for the Company's Cavalry probably will be but few. —

The Rajah having expressed a wish to the Resident that a Committee might be named to Select them, I have directed Major Innes with Lieutenant Blackburne to form themselves into a Committee and to proceed to the Selection in the way I have suggested to Mr Torin, and Communicated to them

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them. —

For the further information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council I have the honor to transmit Copy of my Letter of this date to Mr Torrin and to acquaint you that Four Flank Companies with Two 6 ℔ Guns, under the Command of Captain O. Reilly have this day proceeded on their March to Curtallam for the purposes of checking the Incursion of Looty Horse from Canoor, of keeping the Poligars in that quarter in awe, and for Collecting Grain for the use of the Field Detachment. —

I have further the Honor to acquaint you that in Consequence of application from the Manager here to the Durbar, the Nabob has sent him Orders to Supply from Curtallum and the Neighbouring Talooks any quantity of Grain that may be required for the use of the Field Detachment

By Order of the Commander in Chief a Company of the 1st Division 1st Regement marched hence on the 17th Current to Join Lieut. Colonel Read at Kestnaghery. —

I have

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Trichinopoly
19th February

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
[Signed] A Brown

Benjamin Torin, Esqr
Resident of Tanjour.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 18th Current relative to the use of Horses required by Government from the Rajah of Tanjour and to express my hope that my letter to you of Yesterday upon that Subject is now with you.—

There is not any Cavalry officer now here but to meet the Rajahs wish Instructions shall this day be forwarded to Major Innes and Lieutenant Back-burne to form themselves into a Committee for the purpose of Selecting such of the Horses of the Regular Troop as may be thought fit for the intended Service and the most regular and least Objectionable way I think will be to have regular Troops. which I understand Consists of 1— 1 Subdivn Inf. 1 Regt 4 1 1 Troops 87.—

Drawn

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Drawn out mounted on the Horses they have been accustomed to ride — They can then be directed to dismount and unsaddle that the committee, assisted by the Subidar of the new Troop, may examine and Select the Horses which may be found to be fit, and which should then be made over with their Horsekeepers, Grass Cutters, Gram bags, ~~Head~~ and Heel Ropes to the Subidar of the New Troop, with such of the Horses of the Rajah, his friends and Relations, as his Excellency, in his attentions to the Wishes of Government and Zeal for the public Service, may think proper to supply. —

As the Instructions I have had the honor to receive from Government Reckon upon the officers and men of the Rajah's Regular Troop serving on Foot with the Field Detachment that will be under my direction, until a Supply of Horses expected ere long from Cochin is received, when I am directed to remount the Rajah's Troop, should the application you have been directed

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to make His Excellency include the officers and Men of the regular Troop. I know they will be forwarded here with the least possible delay, and I trust under such an arrangement for liquidation of any arrears due to them by the Rajah, as may render future representation and correspondence on that Subject unnecessary.—

From what you say of the wretched State of equipment of the irregular Troop — and the Horses being the property of the riders, a transfer of their Services to the Company does not appear advisable and I would only — recommended that such of these Horses as the Commandant may think fit for the Company's Service and the owners may be willing to dispose of at a fair valuation, may be purchased and made over to the Subidar of the New Troop.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
/Signed/ A Brown.

Trechinopoly
19.th February 1799.

Sent.

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Sent the following Letters -

To Major General Sydenham,

Military Auditor General.

Sir

The Right Honble the Governor General having required the assistance of a body of auxiliaries from his Excellency the Rajah of Travancore to Serve in the Southern provinces, directs me to desire that the paymaster at Madura may be instructed to provide for the discharge of their pay from the time they may enter the Company's territories

His Lordship having also ordered five Companies of his Majesty's 19 Regiment to be landed at Negapatam to Serve with the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Brown has authorized that officer to provide them with carriage & to victual them by means of the Storekeeper at Trechinopoly and I am directed to desire that the paymaster may be instructed to provide for the payment of these companies. —

The Governor General in — Council have been pleased to appoint Mr William Hawkins

To the Military Auditor General - He is directed to authorize the Paymaster at Madura to pay the auxiliaries that have been required from the Rajah of Travancore Lieut. Colonel Brown has been authorized to provide provisions & Camp equipage for the 5 Companies of the 19th Regt who have arrived at Negapatam the Paymaster at Trechinopoly to be instructed regarding the Payment of them - Mr Hawkins has been appointed Bullock Agent to the Southern Detachment, must be sent to him - the Muster Master to be authorized to draw from the respective Paymasters - the amount of the postage of all letters that they may have occasion to dispatch on the public Service. —

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Hawkins to act as bullock agent to the Detachment
under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Brown,
& desires that you will accordingly furnish him
with such instructions as may be Necessary for his
guidance in that Department. —

Upon consideration of that passage
in your Letter of the 4th Instant relative to the
application of the Muster Masters for reimburse
-ment of postage in public letters the Governor
General in Council desires that all Military officers
authorized to write public Letters on the Service
shall be permitted to draw from the Respective
Paymasters the amount of their disbursements on
this account by a voucher to be stamped or counter
-signed by the different post offices. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Yr. Yr.
/Signed/ J Webbe
Secretary to Govt.

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

Fort St George
18th March 1799.

Sam

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To the Military Board informing them that 7500 bags of good rice are to be purchased & are to be delivered to the Garrison Storekeeper for which he is to be debited at the rate of 90 Bag.s per Garce this rice to be immediately conveyed to Vellore— The Storekeeper at Vellore to be directed to forward all the rice in Store at that Garri= =son or at Arnee to Ryacottah or Kistna= =ghery as may be dee= =med most expedient by Col.o Read. they are to call on him to state what quantity of rice he may have it in his power to purchase together with the pro= =bable price. & his means of forwarding it to the frontier Fresh sup= =plies of arrack to be forwarded to Tri= =chinopoly & Kistnaghery

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to inform you that his Lordship has authorized the purchase of Seven thousand five hundred bags of good rice and has ordered it to be delivered to the garrison Store keeper who will be debited for the amount at the Rate of 90 Bag.s p.r Garce.—

His Lordship being desirous that Rice should be forwarded to the frontier for the purpose of supplying the banjarries who may return from the Army to take it up desires that the garrison Storekeeper may be ordered to provide carriage for conveying this Rice to Vellore.—

His Lordship farther desires that the garrison Storekeeper at Vellore may be authorized to forward all the rice in Store at Vellore and arnee to Kistnaghery or Ryacottah as may be deemed most expedient by Lieutenant Colonel Read.—

The Governor General also desires that the garrison Storekeeper at Vellore may be called upon to report what quantity of Rice it may be in his power to purchase— in the Neighbourhood

of

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of Arnee and Vellore with the probable price & his means of forwarding it to the frontiers—

I am directed to desire that supplies of arrack may be forwarded to Trechinopoly and Kistnaghery upon communication with Lieutenant Colonels Brown and Read, for the purpose of being sent into the army as opportunities may offer.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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8th March 1799.

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secretary to Govt.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown,
Commanding the Southern Devision.
at
Trichinopoly

Sir:

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 13th & 19th ult.o & 8th Instant.—

His Lordship authorizes you to employ & to demand from Tondiman as many

* To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division he is authorized to apply to Tondyman for as many peons as he may require. The Nabob has been already generally apprized of the necessity of furnishing supplies of provisions to the troops in the field & any further application is therefore deemed unnecessary The embarkation of the 9th Regiment has been countermanded. Orders have been

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giver regarding the payment of the Travancore Auxiliaries — Mr Hawkins has been appointed Bul = lock Agent to his — Detachment —

Many peons as you may judge necessary for the Service entrusted to you. —

As his Highness the Nabob has been apprized generally of the Necessity of furnishing the Troops in the field with provisions, his Lordship deems it unnecessary to send you a particular order for this purpose to the Aumildar of Curtallum and hopes that your communication with his Highness's principal Aumil of Trichinopoly will have provided for the Supply of your Detachment. —

The Governor General approves the Several measures taken by you as Reported in your Letter of the 19th ultimo. —

His Lordship desires me to inform you that the embarkation of his Majesty's 76th Regiment has been countermanded and desires that your arrangements may accordingly be made without expecting any part of that Regiment to join your Detachment. —

The Governor General has sent directions for the payment of the Travancore — Auxiliaries and his appointed Mr William Hawkins

to

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to be bullock agent to your Detachment. —

Sam.

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18th March 1799.

Ord. Ord.

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secretary to Govt.

Received and Sent the undermentioned
Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 71. 72. 73. 74. —

From the Commissary of Provisions on the Malabar Coast —

From Mr Corsellis - Transmits copies of papers regarding the cargo of the Ship Restoration landed at Conanore - 800. bags of which were found inferior to Muster. —

From the Resident at Cocra. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer acknowledge the Receipt of the letters to him of the 9th 14th & 15th ultimo, as also the Receipt of the — Ords Ord. forwarded for the Beisheva. —

To the Baymaster of H. M. 19th Regt.

To the Baymaster of H. M. 19th Regt informing him that the conduct of Mr Toriano has been disapproved by Government and that he has been ordered to furnish him with the Money required by him to Settle the accounts of the Regt & to reply the advances made by Lieutenant Sober.

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To Mr Toriano Conveying to him the Disapprobation of Government at his having refused to furnish a sum of Money to the Detachment of the 19th Regiment on their arrival at Negapatam — 11 directing him immediately to furnish the Paymaster of the Detachment with the money he may require on his Receipt. —

To the Resident at Nagore. —

19th Received the following Letters. —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government. —
at
Fort St George

From the Secretary at Bengal Encloses copy of a Letter from Captain Piercy late Commander of the Osterley giving an account of his Capture by the french frigate La Forte. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Vice President in Council to request you will lay before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Captain Piercy late Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Osterley. —

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca
/Signed/ G.H. Barlow.
Secry to Govt. —

Fort William
the 3. March 1799.

To

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To the Right Honble the
Governor General in Council
Bengal.—

My Lord.

I feel extremely concerned at being under the Necessity of informing your Lordship of the Capture of the Honble Company's Ship Osterley under my Command the particulars of which were as follows.—

On Sunday the 26th. Instant at ½ past 9. A.M. we anchored in the Eastern Channel in Seven Fathoms Water. the Union Buoy bearing N. W. b. W. distance about two leagues. in Company with a Country Ship. At the same time a Ship in Sight in the Offing Standing in Wind S. S. W. Weather hazy - This Vessel I judged to be either H: M. Frigate La Sybelle or the Honble Companys armed Ship Nonsuch which latter Ship I had been previously informed was Cruizing off the Sand heads. I had already fired a Gun. and hoisted a Signal for a Pilot. and had Ventured as far into

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the Channel. as prudence Would Warrant without one. about 11 A. M. being Resolved not to trust enturely to appearances. cleared Ship for action — keeping a good lookout to endeavour to distenguish what Vessel it was. as She advanced. but the Weather being Still Rather hazy. and She standing Stem on prevented me from making the discovery of her being an Enemy. till She was within point blank Shot. She then at 5 Minutes past 12. P. M. hoisted French Colours. and fired a Shot. on which I returned a Broad Side. the action then Commenced on both Sides. this was on Larboard Side. She then edged away a little Run athwart our Stern luffed up on our Starboad Quarter. Backed her Main Top Sail and continued the Engagement with great Warmth firing her Bow Chases every Now and then. at the Country Ship. who by this time was making Sail to get off. On perceiving this the Enemy filled her Main Top Sail for a few — Minutes to Stand after her. I was now in hopes She would have grounded in the Chase. or that

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the Remaineng Flood Tide would have set her so far to Leeward / Iexpected the Flood to Run half an hour longer however in this I was mistaken as it proved to be the top of the high Water / that I still might have a chance of escaping across the Eastern Sea Reef. or of running the ship a shore: however as above observed in a very little time she backed her Main Top Sail again. & renewed the Engagement which we continued with all the Strength we were Master of. for the Space of 45 Minutes. when finding the Osterley had Received considerable damage in her Hull. the Rigging Nearly Cut to pieces. the Main Mast. Main Top Mast. & Mizen Mast entirely crippled. Several of the Guns Rendered useless by the people being blown up at them: one Man killed & Several Wounded: and finding I could not continue the action longer with any hopes of Succes. & to prevent any unnecessary Sacrifice of the people under me. I was under the painful Necessity of Striking my Colours to the French Republican Fregate La Forte of 52. Guns and 420. Men from

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from the Isle of France and Commanded by Captain
Beaulieu La Loup. —

Unfortunately Situated as I am
it affords me great consolation when I reflect on
the able Support I received during the action from
every person on Board Seamen & Soldier and —
particularly from my Officers Lieutenant Broom =
= head Commanding the Detachment of H. M. 28th Lt.
Dragoons and the other officers of that Body. and
I feel a great ful pleasure in acknowledging the
humane and Gentlemanly treatment experienced
by us all from Captain Beaulieu La Loup and
his officers on Board the La Forte indeed it was
of that sort which entitles them to our warmest
praise. —

A list of the Killed and Wounded
I beg leave to Subjoin as per Margin. and I have
to Request that your will have the goodness to Send
a Vessel down with all convenient dispatch for
the Wounded and the Rest of the Ships Company and
Soldiers to the Asterley who has been permitted to

Convey

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convey us here as a Cartel, —

I have the honor to Subscribe. —

Y.ca Y.ca

/Signed/ J. W. Piercy.

Ship Osterly at an
anchor in Sauger Roads
1st. March 1799.

For the List above mentioned See the other Side. —

A list of the Killed and Wounded

Capt.n J. W. Piercy. Wounded.
Thomas Fountain D.o Serv.t D.o Since dead.
Joseph Innes Seaman D.o D.o
Paul Cocklin D.o D.o D.o
5. John Alvez D.o D.o
Henry Jones D.o D.o
7. Thomas Dallison D.o D.o
Wm Goddard Serj.t of M. M. 2d Lt Dr.s killed.
John Baxter Private D.o Wounded.
Wm Scoles D.o D.o D.o
James Rigg D.o D.o D.o
5. Martin Gleeson D.o D.o D.o
James Westward D.o D.o D.o
Thomas Pritchard D.o D.o D.o

William

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William Roberts . . Do. . Do. . Do.

Thomas Parker . . . . Do. . Do. Do.

10. Wm. Bartley . . . Do. . Do. . Do.

Total.

Seamen Wounded 4. Dead 3.

Soldiers Do. . . 9. . Do. 1.

13. . 4.

/Signed/ J. W. Piercy

A true Copy

/Signed/ G. H. Barlow

Secretary to the Govt.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government.

at

Fort St George.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Vice President in Council to request you will lay before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Marine Board at this Presidency written in Consequence

From Do. Do. Encloses Copy of a Letter from the Marine Board - suggesting the expedeency of dispatching the Cornwallis direct to Cananore together with Copy of a Letter from them to the Commander of the Cornwallis on this Subject The Fleets & Worcester are to be dispatched to this Port with Rice agreeably to the Suggestion of the Marine Board -

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Consequence of information having been conveyed to them of the embarkation of the 76th. Regiment having been countermanded. together with a Copy of a Letter which has been Sent at the Suggestion of that Board to the Commander of the Cornwallis. —

The Propositions of the Board for loading a quantity of Rice on the Fleets and Worcester have been adopted. —

I have the honor to be

Gen. Gen.

/Signed/ G. H. Barlow

Secretary to the Govt. —

Fort William
the 6th. March 1799

To the Honble Sir Alured Clarke K. B.
Vice President and Deputy Governor in Council

Honble Sir.

In consequence of your determination not to send the 76th. Regiment to the Coast We recommend that the Commander of the Cornwallis be Released from that part of his Engagement which respects the Conveyance of Troops to Negapatam &

that

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that he be dispatched forthwith to Cannanore with Such Cargoe as the Ship has on board because if she be detained by you till the 7th Instant the Commander will by his Engagements be at liberty to land the Cargo at Madras. instead of Cannanore. and from the shortness of time and the prevalence of Strong Southerly Wind it is not probable we can put any more Cargo on board before the 7th Instant even if Capt.n Robertson should not object to receive it. —

2 We conclude the Commander will in regard to freight. hold the Company to payment the same as if the Troops proceeded to Negapatam but the loss which thereby arises is a Contingency — which necessarily results from Change of Circum= =stances. —

3. To prevent any delay in the depar= =ture of the Ship under the plea of landing the Provisions and Water Casks which have been laid in for the use of the Troops during the intended — Voyage Captain Robertson may be desired to Carry them on to Cannanore and deliver them to the Officer in Charge of the Public Stores. —

&c.

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4 Captain Robertson may be permitted to wait till the 12th Instant in the Chance of obtaining Convoy on or before that time or of receiving information that the Roads may be perfectly clear of an Enemy but it should be at his risk if he chuses to do it without being entitled to any demurrage. and being fully answerable for the delivery of his Cargo notwithstanding his Stay on account of this permission —

5. The Yarmouth has certainly been captured and also the Recovery but the latter is said to have been released and permitted to proceed — under some conditions of which we are not informed to Madras. —

6. The Cornwallis and Lord Duncans Cargoes in addition to those of the Ships sailed of which we have no intelligence. and those in the River intended for Cannanore, will complete the intended Supplies within three thousand Bags of Rice. —

7 We Submit to you that the Thetis and Worcester may take in some Rice

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for Madras.—

We are with Respect.

Y.ca Y.ca

/Signed/ John Briston

John Bebb.

Fort William
1.st March 1799.

To Captain ---- Robertson,

Commander of the Cornwallis.

Sir,

The Vice President in Council having resolved not to send any Troops on board of your Ship to Negapatam you are hereby released from that part of your engagements what respects the Conveyance of them to Negapatam, and directed forthwith to proceed to Cannanore and deliver your Cargo to the Officer in charge of the public Stores there

Notwithstanding the preceding order for your departure you are permitted to wait till the 12.th Instant in the Chance of your obtaining Convoy on or before that time or of receiving informa=tion that the Roads may be perfectly clear of an Enemy

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Enemy but it is at your own wish if you chuse to
avail yourself of this permission you are not to
consider your Ship entitled to Demurrage in that
account and are to be fully answerable for the delivery
of your Cargo. Notwithstanding any stay you may
make on account of this permission. —

Sam.

Fort William
4th March 1799.

Yrs Yrs
/Signed/ G.H. Barlow.
Secry to Govt.

A true Copy
/Signed/ G.H. Barlow
S. to G.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General. Transmits different enclosures regarding a Retrenchment Appearing against Mr. G. S. Martin on account of a purchase of Ghee, accompanied by a Certificate of the price at which it was actually purchased: In consideration of which documents he recommends that the —

1.

Among the Retrenchments confirmed by Government on the final audit of the accounts of Mr. G. S. Martin late Paymaster and acting Deputy Commissary of Grain & Provisions at —

Calamcotah

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Retrenchment against Mr. Martin on this account, may be remitted

Palamcotah was a Charge for 27 Candies 3 Maunds 05 5/8 lbs. of Ghee purchased by him for the use of that Garrison, amounting at 50 Pagodas ℔ Candy to Pagodas 1358. 2. 50, of which only 30 Pagodas ℔ Candy was admitted, as being the Rate at which that article had been charged at Madurah, consequently there was Retrenched from the above Sum Pagodas 543. 9. 36. and it was stated in my opinion to the Government on the Subject, that "the Deputy Commissary "ought to have transmitted the Original Receipt of "the Merchant from whom the Ghee was purchased "as well as the correspondence stated to have passed "between him & the acting Commissary General of "Grain & Provisions to have enabled the Military "Auditor General to form a judgement thereon."—

Having accordingly communicated

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to the attornies of Mr. Martin the Reasons upon which the said Retrenchment had been confirmed by Government. With a View to the final adjustment of the Balance due to the Company. I have received from them, in reply, a Letter of which

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The Enclosed is a copy, with a Certificate dated the 6th Instant taken in presence of Mr Casamajor & another person, from the Merchant by whom the said Ghee is declared to have been purchased in which he acknowledges to have received from Mr. Martin the full amount charged for the same as also a Copy of Letter which passed between the Deputy Commissary and the acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions in which the latter approves of the Rate at which the Ghee was stated; as being the current price of the Station,- as these Documents, which were not before produced, may probably operate a favorable consideration of the Case; I beg leave to Submit the same to your Lordships Decision, which will enable me to close the accounts outstanding against Mr Martin on account of Retrenchments and to obtain immediate payment of the Balance due to the Honble Company.—

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

/Signed/ W. Sydenham
Military Aud Genl

Military Auditor Generals
Office, Fort St George
19th March 1799.

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Major General Sydenham,

Military Auditor General

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose copies of Mr. Martin's Letter to Mr. Shardon accompanying Statement of the Prices of Articles Ordered to be purchased in which you will observe the Ghee Stated at 50 Pagodas ℔ Candy and of Mr. Shardon's Answer approving of such Statement, also a Certificate from the Merchant who Sold the Ghee of Mr. Martin having paid for it at the Rate of 50 Pagodas ℔ Candy. Signed in Mr. Casamajors presence, which will be trust induce the admission of the Sum of Pagodas 543. 9. 36. Retrenched on this account.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants.

/Signed/ Kindersley Watts & Co.

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A True Copy,
/Signed/ L. Bruce
Aft. M. Adt. Genl.

Price

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Price Current of the undermentioned Articles

Ghee		Candy Nr. 6t.	7 Candy Bags	Fs. Cash
Tamarind	108.	12. 22 3/8	@ 50 Bag.	5432. 9. 7 8.
Chillies	108.	12. 22 3/8	@ 4 1/2 Bs.	489. 14. 60.
Garlick	18.	2. 3 3/4	@ 6 1/2 Bs.	117. 29. 28.
Turmarick	9.	1. 1 7/8	@ 23 Bs.	208. 10. 51.
Tobacco	9.	1 1 7/8	@ 13. Bs.	117. 31. 36.
	72.	8. 15.	@ 16 1/2 Bs.	1195 3 78.
			Total Star Pagodas	7562 16. 11.

To J. H. Shardon Esqr
Acting Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Sir

In answer to your Letter of the 27th ultimo I have the pleasure to Send the above price Current of this place of the Several articles that were Contained in the Statement which accompanied your Letter. —

I have the honor to be
Sr &c &c
Signed / G. G. Marten
Comy Gr Br

Palam Colah
5th Novr 1796

A true Copy
Signed / L. Bruce
Aft. M: Ad. Gr

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To G. S. Martin Esqr.

Commissary of Grain & Provisions.

at Palamcottah,

Sir,

Herewith you will receive a State-
=ment of the Quantity of Wet Provisions to be laid up in the
Garrison of Palamcottah you will be pleased to provide
them without loss of time at the prices mentioned in the
Statement which accompanied your Letter of the 5th Ult.

I am
&c.a &c.a
/Signed/ I. H. Stardon,
A. C. G. G. & C.

Madras
Commissary Genl.s office
11th Decr. 1796.

A True Copy,
/Signed/ C. Bruce
Asst. M. A. Genl.

Received and Sent the undermentioned
Letters entered in M. B. N.o 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. —

From the Collector of the 1st Division of the Vizagapatam District.

From Mr. Brown - Encloses extract of a Letter regarding a Vessel of a Suspecious appearance which had been seen a little to the Southward of Vizagapatam -

From the Commander of the Dublin. -

From Captain Reay - Mentions that he had arrived in Nagore Roads, but that he had not been fortunate enough to fall in with the Privateer he was sent in pursuit of. —

From the Commandant at Coonamellee -

From Captain Grant - Mentions his arrival at Coonamelle with the Detachment and the French

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French Prisoners under his Charge Wishes to know how he shall dispose of the Camp equipage he has brought with him — Some of the French prisoners wish to be permitted to Visit Madras. He requests that he may have permission to proceed to the Presidency. —

From Messrs Kindersley Watts & Co. Stating their Claim in behalf of Captain Parks Executor to the Estate of the late Mr I Douglas, to a piece of Ground in the Black Town, which is stated as being occupied by the Company, but for which payment has not yet been received — Encloses different papers connected with the Subject. —

From the attorneys to Capt. Parks Executor to the Estate of the late Mr I. Douglas —

From Mr Gilbert Ricketts —

From Mr. Ricketts — lays claim to a Mogh hill certificate in behalf of Rungapah Moodelly which he requests may be granted to him. —

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board — Transmitting to them extract of a Letter from Mr Heyne with Samples of Salt Petre Manufactured by him Nov. 1792 which they are directed to analyze with particular care. —

To Mr Gilbert Ricketts —

To Mr Ricketts — Informing him that there are two Claimants to the administration of the Estate of the late Audeyapah Moodelliar & that the Certificate mentioned Mentioned in his Letter of the 23d February will be granted to the person who may be legally authorized to administer to the Estate. —

A Barclay Sec.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K. P.

Governor General

The Right Honble Lord Clive

William Petrie and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires.

Tuesday
19th March 1799.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read the following letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K. P.

Governor General in Council &c &c &c

From the Military Board enclosing Sundry Bills of which payment is recommended - Recommend that Commissaries, Deputy Commissaries, Conductors &c in charge of Magazines may be reimbursed in the amount of Postage expended by them on account of the public Service and that Barrack masters may be reimbursed in the manner recommended that all letters addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board may be exempted from Postage.

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government's letter of the 28th ultimo, and of Sectry Webbe's letter of the 3d Instant, and have to Report that we

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we have given the necessary directions in consequence of the orders they severally contained.—

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We have the honor to forward four Bills. Payment of which we recommend may be authorized Viz.:

No 1. Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts for Firewood Stored at Ryacottah amounting to Pagodas 154.28.69—

No 2 & 3. Bills of the Gun Carriage &c. Contractors for Articles of Military Stores delivered by them at the Arsenal and approved upon Survey— the former —— amounting to Pagodas 3573— the latter to Pags. 1102.17.78.

No 4. Bill of Colonel Gent Superintending Engineer for Repairs to the Appartment No 1 and to the Offices of all the Appartments in Portuguese Square amounting to Pagodas 173.41.32—

3d

The Regulations for the Ordnance — Department requiring the Commissary of Stores at Fort Saint George to transmit by Post Lists of all Stores despatched to the out stations from the Arsenal, and that Officer being necessarily engaged in correspondence with the Commissary General of Stores and with the several Commanding Officers of Corps and Heads

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of Departments in Camp. on the subject of all Stores despatched to the former and regarding Casualties &c of Lascars borne on the returns of the Arsenal. which have been attached to such Corps and Departments. and it appearing by the same Regulations that the Officers of Ordnance in charge of Magazines at out Stations are required to transmit by Post monthly and occasional returns to the Secretary of the Military Board. and to the Quarter Master General. and Lists of all Stores received to the Commissary of the Arsenal at Fort Saint George Weare of opinion that all Commissaries Deputy Commissaries Conductors &c in charge of Magazines should be reimbursed for the Postage of all letters which they may have occasion to despatch from their Departments on account of the Public Service. and beg leave to recommend that they may be included in the List of Persons to be so reimbursed agreeably to the Regulations for the Post Office lately published: it being understood that all letters on the Service despatched by the Ordnance Officers at out Stations are to be superscribed besides the words "Public Service" with "Ordnance Department".

That

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That they are to be signed on the Envelope by the Officer of Ordnance and countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Station and that the Bills of the Ordnance Officers for the Postage of such Letters are also to be countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Station. and to be accompanied by the Post-Office receipts as the necessary Vouchers for Payment

4.th We also beg leave to recommend that Barrack Masters who are required by the Regulations to transmit returns to the Quarter Master General and in his absence to the Secretary of the Military Board may be reimbursed for the Postage of all Public Letters addressed as above and superscribed with the Words "Barrack Department" such Letters, as well as the Bills for Postage being in like manner as those of Ordnance Officers countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Station—

5.th The General Regulations lately published for the Post Office precluding Officers and others from sending Public Letters directed to the Secretaries of the several Boards. we do ourselves

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We have the honour to state, that the Regulations for the Military Board and for the Ordnance and other — Departments connected with that Board expressly direct, that all letters are to be addressed to the Secretary - in consequence we request that your Lordship will be pleased to make all public letters to the Secretary of this Board an exception to the general Rule, which can only be applicable to the Secretaries of the other Boards, to whom, and not to the Secretaries all public letters it is presumed are directed —

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
6th March 1799.

Signed Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham

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

From the Military Board enclose a Statement of provisions shipped on the Gloucester for the Moluca Islands: state also the provisions which remain to be sent and for which Tonnage is required - Enclose Copies of papers regarding the purchase of sheep by Garrison Storekeeper in the Baramahal & recommend that he may be reimbursed in any loss which he may sustain in consequence copies of the reports of the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore & Arnee enclosed up to 4th Instant —

My Lord,

We have the Honor to acknowledge
1st
the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 6th Instant
and to report that we have in consequence taken —
measures

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measures for forwarding to Amboina and Banda on the Ship Gloucester. a part of the Provision Stores recently ordered to be held in readiness to be despatched to those Islands. Statement of which specifying the quantity ordered to be shipped on the Gloucester, and the remaining quantity for which additional Tonnage will be required. we have now the honor to transmit for your Lordships information.

2d

We have the honor to enclose Copy of Correspondence which has passed in consequence of the purchase by Mr Jackson. (under the authority of our Board) of a number of Sheep for the use of the Army: and request to be favored with your Lordships Commands on the subject; and we beg leave at the same time to observe that although the Commander in Chief from the Multiplicity of more important Business in which he was constantly employed at the Presidency may not recollect the Circumstance. it can scarcely be supposed that such a measure would have been adopted without his sanction. as the Provision of the Sheep

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in question would have been of the utmost consequence to the Army had the supplies from other quarters failed (which fortunately has not been the case) and as in preparations of such great magnitude some loss must be risqued in order to secure a certain advantage. we feel assured that your Lordship will readily authorize Mr. Jackson being — reimbursed in the Sum which may ultimately be lost by the Transaction.

3.d Copies of Reports of Paddy issued and remaining, and of Rice received at Vellore and Arnee respectively on the 4th Instant are also enclosed for your Lordships information.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
8th March 1799.

Signed Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham

Statement

Statement of Provision Stores ordered to be provided for the use of the Troops &c. at Amboyna and Banda specifying the quantity shipped on the Gloucester, and the Quantity for which additional Tonnage will be required —

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	Arrack Gall.s	Salt provisions C wt lb	Rice G. m. I	Salt G m I	Dholl G m I	Ghee G m I	Tamarinds C wt lb	Garlick C wt lb	Tormaricks C wt lb	Betelle Nut C wt lb	Tobacco C wt lb
Quantity required for 12 months Consumption	1560	385 17 11	304 216	15	18	129 12	129 12	12 2 22	12 2 22	48 12	97 4
Quantity shipped on the Gloucester	679	21 59 7 5	25			4 1 12 3	30 15 13	4 9 6 16	5 10 18	18 1	40 10 61 3 16
Quantity for which Tonnage will be required	856	19 326 10 6	279 216	15	18	125 9	98 16 12	80 5 9	6 12 4	11 4 21	3 2 35 15 9

Military Board Office
8th March 1799

(Signed) John Macleane
D.y Sec.y M.y B.d

Gloucester 19th March 1799.

Capt. Pr

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Captain Frederick Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board

Fort S.t George

Sir.

For the information of the Military Board, I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that in addition to the 150 Garce last reported, I have brought and placed in the Fort of Kishngerry 80 Garce of Grain more. For some time past I have had large — Tenders of Sheep, should the Board feel inclined to purchase I can Certainly procure them many thousands-

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Kisngerry
20.th December 1798.

/Signed/ Tho.s Scott Jackson

A true Copy

/Signed/ John Macleane

D.y Sec.y M.y Bd.

To M.r Thomas Scott Jackson.

Garrison Storekeeper in the

Ceded Districts

Sir.

I am to inform you that the

Military

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Military Board are much pleased with the activity you have shewn in getting Paddy beat into Rice - and that the Board rely on a continuance of your exertions it being of the utmost importance that there should be no remission in beating paddy into Rice -

With regard to the Sheep mentioned in your letter. the Board are of opinion it would be advisable that you should engage the whole that may be offered to you, since if they are not required for the Department of the Commissary of provisions they will assuredly be taken by the persons concerned in the supply of the Bazars of the Army -

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
25th December 1798

Signed John Macleane
Dy Secy M.B.

a true Copy
Signed John Macleane
Dy Secy M.B.

Lieut.

1578 Fort St. George 19th March 1799.

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Secretary

Sir.

For the information of the Commander in Chief I have the honor to annex you Copy of a letter from the Military Board. in consequence of which I have made purchase of 11000 Sheep and 6000 Goats for the use of the Army. I request you acquaint me to whom they are to be delivered over—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Wishn Cheery
2d February 1799.

/Signed/ Tho.s Scott Jackson

a true Copy

/Signed/ John Macleane

D.y Sec.y M.y Bd.s

Thomas Scott Jackson Esq.r

Commissary

Bara. Mahal

Sir.

I am directed by the Commander in Chief

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Chief to intimate to you his desire that upon receipt of this you cease making any purchases whatever of Sheep or goats for the public

Goats are never served out to Europeans and Consequently of no use to the army

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

Head Quarters
Camp near Vellore
8th February 1799.

Signed C. Macalay
Sec.y

a true Copy
Signed John Macleane
D.y Sec.y M.y B.d

Sir.

I have received the letter you did me the hona to write respecting the purchase of Sheep, and have in consequence put all stop to any further purchases—

I am particularly anxious that I should be relieved from this severe burthen so soon as convenient. a very heavy Mortality having already taken place, in which I have sustained

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a loss of five hundred. altho the sheep are kept in —
different Flocks.

I apprehend that it could never have been the Intention of the Military Board. that in forwarding their desire. I should become so considerable a loser. I shall therefore hold myself indebted by your intimating my request to the General. that I be relieved from this severe Incumbrance; and that I may be at liberty to — reimburse myself the Expence incurred.

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

Signed Tho.s Scott Jackson
Commissary &c.

A true Copy

Signed John Macleane
D.y Sec.y M.y B.d

Thomas Scott Jackson Esq.r
Commissary
Bara. Mahal

Sir.

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to inform you. that he recommends your stating to

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to the Military Board the whole of the Circumstances attending the purchase and charge of these Sheep and applying to them for Reimbursement. The General wishes to Know if you could deliver them back to the owners without much loss or dispose of them without much loss.

Neither can be done. the General can only endeavour to take from your flocks. as many as the Commissary of Provisions may appear to require when the Army advances towards the Barra Mahal.

The Commander in Chief wholly unacquainted with the Order given to you by the Military Board had made his arrangement for ample supplie for the use of the Commissary indeed so ample are the supplies. that Major Cosser may be under the necessity of leaving some flocks behind but should he from accident or otherwise require sheep the General will direct him to receive yours. I have the honor to be &c &c

Head Quarters
Camp near Vellore
13th February 1799

A true Copy
Signed John Macleane
D. A. G. M. Bd

Signed C Macaulay Sec.

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Lieutenant John Macleane

Secretary to the

Military Board

Sir.

In consequence of Instructions from the Commander in Chief I have the Honor to lay the enclosed Correspondence before the Military Board and request that they order either the Commissary of Supply or Superintendent of Bullocks to receive the Sheep in Question at the same time reimbursing me every charge incurred - I have the Honor to inclose you a Bill -

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Kishn Gurry
18th February 1799

Signed Thos. Scott Jackson
Comy Ceded Dists

a true Copy

Signed John Macleane
Dy J.A. M.A.B.

The

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The Honorable Company . . . Dr.

To Thomas Scott Jackson Storekeeper in the Bara Mahal
&c &c for Ten thousand sheep purchased by order of the
Military Boards letter dated 25.th December 1798 — — —
10,000 Sheep @ 4 Fs. Pagoda . . . . . — . 2,500 . .

1 Conicopoly employed from 1.st January to 28.th February 99
@ 5 Pag.s Fs. month . . . . — 10 . .
1 Head Mastry Employed from 1.st January to
28.th Feb.y 99 @ 2 Pag.s Fs. month . . . . . 4 . .
1 Assistant Mastry employed from Do. to Do.
@ ½ Pag.s Fs month . . . . . 3 . .
10 Shepherds Employed from 1.st January to
28.th February @ 1¼ pags Fs month . . . 25 . .
15 Do. Do. from 6.th Janry to Do. D. Do — — 34 . 16 . 70
20 Do. Do. from 11. Do. to Do. @ Do — — 41 . 30 . .
20 Do. Do. from 16. Do. to Do. @ Do — — 37 . 22 . 40
10 Do. Do. from 26. Do. to Do. @ Do — — 33 . 15 . .
5 Do. Do. from 1.st Do. to 24.th Feb.y @ Do — — 6 . 11 . 20
Casualties or Deaths 500.

209 31 70

Pagodas. 2709 31 70

Mistnay Kerry
17.th February 1799.

I do declare on my Honor that this is a just
and a free Statement —

/Signed T. S. Jackson
Commiss.y &c.

a true Copy

/Signed John Macleane
D.y Sec.y to B.d

To

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To Mr. Thomas Scott Jackson

Garrison Storekeeper in the

Ceded Districts

Sir.

Having laid before the Military Board your letter of the 18th Instant with the Correspondence enclosed. on the subject of the Sheep. which you was — desired in a letter from the Deputy Secretary under date the 25th Decamber 1798. to engage for the use of the Army — I am directed to acquaint you that the Board being of opinion that as you have only acted in compliance with the orders which you received you should be reimbursed the charges which you may have actually incurred on that account. it is their intention to recommend the same to Government. but altho' you will no doubt be secured against loss. the Board are desirous that you should take the speediest measures in your power for — disposing of the remaining Sheep. either by an — application to the Commissary of Provisions. or to the Superintendent of Bazars with the Army. and that failing

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failing of disposing of them by either of those modes, you will endeavour to induce the Country People to receive them back on the terms they were purchased. or at a rate some what more favorable to them, reporting the result to the Board. who relying on your doing what may be most advantageous to the public on this occasion will recommend to Government. that the Sum which may ultimately have been lost by the — Transaction be made good to you. on your Certifying the actual amount upon Honor in the same manner as you have done to the Bill lately transmitted —

Fort St. George
26th February 1799.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Macleane
Dy Secrs M.L. Bd

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Dy Secy M.L.Bd

Lieutenant

1526 Fort St. George 19th March 1799.

Lieutenant John Macleane

Deputy Secretary

Military Board

Sir.

Your letter having been submitted to General Harris. I am to acquaint you that both the Bazar and Commissary's Department are so well supplied. as to preclude all possibility of receiving the sheep purchased by me. at the desire of the Military Board—

I am sorry to acquaint the Board that disposing of the sheep to the Country people is totally out of the Question. as they decline — receiving them upon any terms. however advantageous:- under this Circumstances I hope the Board will appoint some person to take charge. more — particularly

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particularly as a very bad distemperrages this these Countries and the Mortality is become very considerable these constant Reports of death must naturally be very unpleasant to me—

I apprehend that were the Sheep driven into the Carnatic they might become more healthy and a better opportunity of disposing of them might offer—

I must intreat that the Military Board relieve me from this so heavy and severe a responsibility—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed Thos Scott Jackson

A true Copy

Signed John Macleane
D.A.A.G. M.A.B.

Kistnagherry
4th March 1799.

Report

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Report of Paddy and Rice issued and remaining, and Rice received at Vellore - 4th March 1799

	Paddy in Store	Rice in Store	Bengal Rice received from Mr Bowie Garrison Storekeeper Madras
Remaining on the 25th February as per last Report	177 25 5/4	77 39 10	55 313 "
Received from 25th February to this day	" " "	13 200 "	4. 153 "
	177 25 5/4	91 139 10	60 66 "
Issued from 25th February to this day	29 100 "	31. 367. 8	" " "
Remaining	147. 325. 5/4	59 172 2	60 66 "

Particular of Issues of Rice from 25th February to 4th March 1799.

	Gone Mar Candies
Delivered to Nagapah Chitty as per order from the Commander in Chief	20. 285. 7.
Ditto to Parasoolam Naick as per Certificate from Captain John Malcolm Assistant Resident with His Highness the Nizam as per order from the Commander in Chief	3. 386. 3
Ditto to Ellent. Row Gomastah of Appajee Row Colonel Read's Agent as per order from the Commander in Chief	7. 95. 10
Garces.	31. 367. 8

Military Board Office
4th March 1799.

Signed J. H. Shardon
G. Stockler

a true Copy

Signed John Macleane
D.Z.S.M.M.B.

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Report of Paddy Issued and Remaining and Rice Received at Arnee 11th March 1799

	Paddy in Store	Rice in Store
Remaining on the 25th February as p last Report	543 235 l.	57. 900 "
Issued from 25th February to this day	14 33 4	" " "
Received from Ditto to Ditto	" " "	6 200 "
Remaining	529. 201. 9.	64 " "

Military Board Office
8th March 1799.

Signed J. H. Skardon
G. Storekeeper

A true Copy

Signed John Macleane
Dy Sect. M.B.

List.

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List of the Packet

No 1 Statement of provision Stores ordered to be provided for the use of the Troops &c at Amboyna and Banda. specifying the quantity shipped on the Gloucester. and the quantity for which additional Tonnage will be required. dated 8th March 1799.—

No 2 Correspondence which has passed in consequence of the purchase by Mr. Jackson Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded District (under authority of the Military Board) of a number of Sheep for the use of the Army - consisting of the following Viz.

No 1 Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts to the Secretary of the Military Board dated 20th December 1798.

No 2. Letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Military Board to the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts Dated 25th December 1798—

No 3. Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts to Secretary to the Commander in Chief dated 2d February 1799.

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No 4. Letter from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief to Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts dated 8th February 1799-

No 5. Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts to the Secretary to the Commander in Chief-

No 6. Letter from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief to the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts dated 13th February 1799

No 7. Letter from Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts to Deputy Secretary to the Military Board Dated 8th February 1799-

No 8. Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts for Sheep. amounting to Pags. 2709. 31-70. Dated 17th February 1799-

No 9. Letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Military Board to the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts Dated 26th February 1799-

No 10. Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts to the Deputy Secretary to the Military Board dated 4th March 1799.

No 3. Report of Paddy and Rice issued and remaining and Rice received at Vellore 4th March 1799.

No 4. Repot of Paddy issued and remaining and Rice received at Arnee 4th March 1799-

Fort St. George
8th March 1799

Signed John Macleane
D. Sub. Mil. Bd.

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

My Lord,

1st We do ourselves the Honour to forward for your Lordships information Copy of a letter from the acting Garrison Storekeeper at Malacca, reporting the purchase of a quantity of Rice at that Station, and stating his expectations of being enabled to procure a sufficient supply of that article at the same rate, to meet the current expenditure of the Garrison—

2d We beg leave to recommend that — payment may be authorized of the accompanying Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts amounting to Pagodas 1176. 30. 60. for articles of provision Stores laid in, in Consequence of the orders of Government at Sankerrydroog—

3d Copies of the Garrison Storekeepers latest Reports of the quantity of Paddy issued and Remaining

From the Military Board Enclose Copy of a letter from the acting Garrison Storekeeper at Malacca regarding supplies of Rice: Copies of the Reports of the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore and Arnee up to 11th Instant enclosed—Enclose Bills of the Garrison Storekeeper in the Baramahal the Gun Carriage Contractor and Captain Lieut. Wood of the Engineers of which payment is recommended Recommend that they may be permitted to authorize the Gun Carriage Contractor to construct a certain number of Carts. Recommend that the Balance of the advance made to Capt. Lieut. Wood on account of the proposed Reform in the Fortifications of Vellore may be applied to the liquidation of charges on account of other Works executed under the Superintendence of that Officer—

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Remaining and of Rice received at Vellore and Arnee respectively, under date the 11th Instant, are also — transmitted for your Lordships information —

4th

The articles charged for in the — accompanying Bill of the Gun Carriage &c Contractor, amounting to Pagodas 1035. 18. 14. having been delivered at the Arsenal, and approved upon Survey by a — Committee of our Board, we recommend that payment of the Bill may be authorized; and as we apprehend that demands for Carts for the use of the Army may shortly be made upon the Arsenal, where at present there are none in Store, we beg leave to recommend that we may be empowered to direct the Gun Carriage &c Contractors to commence upon the immediate — construction of 100 Platform and 50 Arrack Carts in order that sufficient time may be given for their being properly finished, and to prevent the defects which are likely to occur from such articles being made up in haste —

5th

We have also the honor to recommend that authority may be given for the discharge of the

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The accompanying Bill of Captain Lieutenant Wood of Engineers amounting to Pagodas 235.. 12.. 20. for material provided for the construction of a second Gateway in the Fort of Vellore, the execution of which Work has since been ordered to be postponed; and that directions may also be given for the Balance of the advance made to Captain Lieutenant Wood, on account of that Work to be applied to the liquidation of that Officers Bill for repairs of Sepoy Barrack &c. at Arnee payment of which Bill has already been sanctioned by Government—

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
15th March 1799—

(Signed) John Brathwaite
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham

To

1535

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To Captain F. Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir.

Fort St. George

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Military Board. that I have purchased by desire of Major Taylor Commanding the Garrison. five hundred and fifty Bags of Rice for the use of the Troops at the rate of 2 1/2 Spanish Dollars per Bag. and I am desired by him to state that as we have this day received a very considerable supply of Cash he thinks we will be enabled to procure at any time the quantity required for each months expenditure at the above rate. should Government approve of the measure—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Malacca
12th February 1799.

Signed Wm. Farquhar
actg Garrison Storekeeper

A true copy

Signed John Macleane
Dy Sy / M.G.B.

Report

Report of Paddy and Rice issued and Remaining, and Rice Received at Vellore 11th March 1799

	Paddy in Store	Rice in Store	Bengal Rice
Remaining on the 4th March 99 as per last Report	147	325 5/2	59 172 2	60 66 -
Received from 4th to this day	"	"	"	13 200	"	"	"	"
Issued from 4th to this day	147	325 5/2	72 372 2	60 66 -
	29	100	"	3 398 10	"	"	"
Remaining	118	225 5/2	68 373 4	60 66 -

Particular of Issues of Rice from 4th to 11th March 1799

Delivered to Ypent Row Gomastah of Appajee Row Colonel Reads Agent as per order from the Commander in Chief	3	345	6
Delivered to Lieut Charles Lucas as per Indent Countersigned by Colonel R. Sale Commanding Vellore	"	53	14
Grace	3	398	10

a true Copy

(Signed) John Macleane
Dy Ast M.G.B.

(Signed) I. H. Skardon
G: Storekeeper

Report of Stores Issued 4th to 11th March 1799.

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Report of Paddy issued and Remaining, and Rice Received at Arnee 11th March 1799

	Paddy in Store	Rice in Store
Remaining on the 4th March 1799 as per last Report	592 201	64 " "
Issued from 4th to this day	15 66 8 " "	
Received from Do to Do	" " " 7 " "	
Remaining	514 135 1 71 " "	

/ A true Copy /

/ Signed / John Macleane
D.C. Sub. M.S. Board

/ Signed / J. H. Hardon
Garrison Store Keeper

Arnee 19th March 1799.

Recorded

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Minutes on the foregoing Letters.

Resolved to inform the Military Board that all the Officers entitled to send Letters on the public Service, are to be permitted to draw from the different Paymasters the Sums they may have disbursed for postage in their respective Departments —

In consideration of the circumstances stated by the Military Board in respect to the Sheep purchased by the Garrison Storekeeper in the Baramahal the Board consent to his being reimbursed in any loss that he may appear to have incurred by the — transaction —

Ordered that the Garrison Storekeeper at Malacca be permitted to purchase Rice at the rate of two and a half Dollars per Bag to the extent that may be required for the expenditure of that Garrison —

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

Read the following Letters from Bengal —

To

1539 Fort St. George 19th March 1799.

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

My Lord, Fort St. George

From Bengal transmit a Minute of the Commander in Chief regarding an Augmentation of the pay of the European Troops serving in India agreeably to His Majesty's Warrant of 5th July 1797 with different other papers from No 1 to 5 connected with that subject—

Having carried into effect the alteration in the pay of the European Troops serving under this Presidency, in consequence of his Majesty's Warrant bearing date the 5th of July 1797. we have the honor to transmit for your Lordships information the enclosed copy of our Resolutions of this date on the subject—

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We have also the honor to transmit a Copy of a Minute of the Commander in Chief, in consequence of the communication made in the letters from the Governor in Council at Fort St. George of the 28th of February and 14th of March 1798. with a Copy of the Resolutions passed by your Lordship in Council on the 10th of August last on the subject

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

Fort William
15 February 1799.

(Signed) Alured Clarke
P. Speke
Wm Cowper

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Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief

I have read with an attention suited to the Magnitude of the subject the several letters from Fort St. George relative to the encrease of pay granted to the European Troops serving under that Presidency, and shall now offer such reflections as have occurred to my mind after the fullest consideration—

The subject will of necessity take a wide scope, as embracing a variety of important objects connected with the Troops at the three Presidencies, and in discussing it I shall for the sake of perspicuity arrange my reflections under the following Heads—

1st. The immediate cause which induced the Government of Fort St. George to grant the encrease of pay—

2d. The manner of doing it—

3d. The necessity for extending it to this Presidency and to that of Bombay, and the manner of doing it—

4th. The Expediency of equalizing the payments

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Payments at the three Presidencies —

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The augmentation of Pay to the Native Troops at Madras.

1st Head

The 3d paragraph of the letter from Fort St George under date the 17th January expressly states that the Resolution for granting the increase of pay prior to the receipt of Official communication from England, was grounded on an apprehension of a concerted Combination between the whole of the European Troops serving under that Presidency, and a belief that the ultimate cause of discontent was the encrease of pay said to have been granted by His Majesty to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of his Army —

Upon a further investigation however they had the satisfaction to find beyond the — possibility, of doubt, that no such combination either existed or had been agitated; nor is there reason to believe that the smallness of pay formed an article of the complaints of even the Mutinous Artillery Men —

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The promise however of placing the European Troops serving at that Presidency upon the encreased rate of Pay having been made to all the European Corps in the name of the Government the fulfilling of it, on that ground alone, was unavoidable; and it must also be acknowledged that it was the undoubted right of the Kings Soldiers unless in addition to the former rate of pay, he received from the Company such a Sum as made it equivalent to the new Rate of Pay; and it must further be acknowledged that the Soldier in some Situations under the Madras Government stood as much in need of the increase of Pay as any Soldier in the British Army—

Upon these considerations the measure of increasing the Pay must be approved, and as the Kings Warrant expressly declares that the new rate of pay shall commence from the 25th of May 1797. to all his Soldiers wherever serving, the arrears cannot in justice be with held from those who received a pay short in amount of the new rate,

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and no provisions in aid of it: tho' a question may fairly arise whether those who in addition to their Pay received a full and daily ration of provisions have a claim to arrears.

2.d Head. The custom which prevails at Madras of allowing to the Soldier the free disposal of his Pay, without any assistance of Provisions from the public, excepting in certain situations, rendered the augmentation of Pay there a matter of easy and simple arrangement. It required nothing more than to Extract from the Schedule annexed to the Kings Warrant the net Pay of each Rank, to turn it into the currency of the Country at the fixed exchange, and to declare that the Pay of each Rank consists of so many Pagodas.

In situations where provisions are supplied to the Kings Soldier at the public expence, certain deductions, varying according to local circumstances, are allowed to be made from his Pay: the Schedule determines the deduction in different

different parts of the Globe, but is silent as to the Troops in India probably under the Idea that the aggregate allowances made to the Kings Soldiers in India were already superior to the new Rates established. but this not being the case at Madras, it became necessary to fix the amount of the deduction. The Madras Government have assumed the lowest deduction allowed in the Schedule Viz. 3½ per day and tho' I no where find the reasons stated for adopting this rate, I conclude it was done from either one or the other of the following causes. If a larger deduction had been made, the pay of the — Soldier would have been diminished below the — former actual receipt; or it was thought that the Soldier in India ought to be put on the most favoured footing—

3d Head The pay as established by His Majestys Warrant must doubtless become the fixed Pay of his Troops serving in any part of India, and

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and there can be as little doubt that the Pay of the Company's European Troops must be regulated by the same standard —

The Troops serving under the Presidency of Bombay in point of allowances are nearly upon the same footing as the Troops were at Madras prior to the late augmentation: that is they received a fixed pay and no aid of Provisions excepting in particular situations — It is understood that they stand in real need of relief, and therefore it is — expedient that the augmented pay be granted to them as early as possible, lest coming to the knowledge of its having taken place at Madras, some uneasiness may arise in their minds — The most simple mode of introducing it seems to be to follow that which has been adopted at Madras —

In regard to Bengal the necessity for an early introduction of the augmented pay is not so pressing, because the situation of a Soldier

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is now avowedly very comfortable, and because the actual disbursement from the Treasury on his account in every situation exceeds in amount the new rate of pay— He receives a net pay of 8 S.a R.s or 20/ Shillings P.r months, and the Contractor receives for victualling him or half Batta 5 S.a R.s or 12/ Shillings and six pence, making together 32 Shillings and six pence, which for a month of 30 days is 2/6 more than the new rate of Pay would grant him—

Although the necessity for an early introduction of the augmented pay is on the above account less pressing the difficulty of doing it is enhanced, because neither justice nor necessity, as far as the Soldier is concerned, requires that his pay should be augmented and the Batta be continued to him, whilst many strong reasons forbid it, the two most prominent of which are, the disparity in point of beneficial situation there would then exist between the Soldiers serving

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Serving under one Presidency, and those serving
under the other two Presidencies, and the great increase
of expence with which the public would be burthened
Modes of introducing the new rate of pay } The net Pay according to the
new Rate must be given to the disposal of the
Men, and the half Batta discontinued; or the half
Batta continued and the full cost of it as it is
chargeable to the Company deducted from the Pay
or the half Batta continued and the deduction of 3/4
Jrdiem made from the Pay in all situations. In
order to determine to which of these modes the
preference is due it will be advisable to examine them
separately.—

It is obvious that the first mode is
the most simple, it would give to the Soldier what
is strictly his due, and would produce a saving
to the public of 2/6 Jr month on each man for a month
of 30 days.—

It is the received opinion in Bengal,
that

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that the Soldiers derive a benefit from having provisions
served out to them, beyond what they could obtain
for themselves had they the disposal of the money —
allowed to the Contractor — They are certain of wholesome
provisions and spirits without depending on a precarious
Bazar, or being compelled to roam about in search of
them. If according to the 2d mode the half Batta be
continued and the full amount of the cost of it, as at present
chargeable to the public, be deducted from the new rate
of pay, the balance would leave a smaller sum to be
put into the hands of the Soldier than he at present
receives. His Pay is 30 shillings per month, the
allowance to the Contractor 12 shillings and six pence
leaving a Ballance of 17 shillings and six pence,
whereas he now receives 20 Shillings It must however
be observed that the 5 Rs or 12 and 6 pence is allowed
to the Contractor, there avowedly accrues to him a
considerable profit, which should not reasonably be
derived at the Expense of the Soldier; and it is probable
that the victualling of the European Troops may be
conducted on such Terms, either by Agency or Contract,
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as should leave to the Soldier, after paying the
full cost of the provisions served out to him on half
Batta, the precise sum which he is now in receipt of.
thereby keeping him on the same footing in regard
to provisions and Pay on which he now is. No
invidious comparison could be drawn between the
Soldiers on half Batta in Bengal, and the Soldiers at
Madras and Bombay in the Receipt of their full
Pay without provisions; because the addition of
Money which those receive is compensated to the
others by a supply of provisions, and vice versa—
when however the Soldiers of Bengal should be
on full Batta, their pecuniary situation would be
some thing inferior to the Soldiers of Madras and
Bombay when supplied with daily Rations of
Provisions, because the Deduction of 3½ ₹ Day made
from their Pay leave them a net Receipt of 21—
Shillings and three pence, whereas the Bengal
Soldiers would be in the receipt of 20 Shillings
only—

Again

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Again if the Batta be continued and a deduction of 3/12 3/4 day made from the Soldiers Pay at the encreased Rate, he would gain a monthly augmentation to his present Pay of 1. 3. for a month of 30 days, and of 2 shillings all but a half penny for a month of 31 days

In this case it would belong to the public for its own sake to have the victualling Business conducted at the cheapest Rate, and as before suggested it might possibly be managed on such reduced Terms as to make up for the increase of Pay to the Soldier

I am aware that whenever a Deduction is made from the Soldiers Pay, it is supposed that he is to receive for it a daily and full Ration of Provision, and that the last mode proposed gives him on half Batta only half this Ration, that is, a full Ration once in two days: but it is equally certain that this half Ration is nearly sufficient for the Soldiers support when living quietly in

Quarters

Quarters, and more than equivalent in cost to the deduction; and that whatever he receives beyond it on Full Batta, is at the publick Expence, and a free Gift of Government. If there were not a conviction on my mind, the result of Minute enquiries, that the Soldier derives a benefit from the half Batta, the free disposal of his own money might be left to himself, under the usual Controul of his Officer, and the public relieved from the trouble of providing him excepting in the Field. It may besides be observed that the lowest deduction allowed by the Schedule is adopted, when a larger might have been taken even to the Extent of 6.d p.r Day, and that the Soldier in Bengal will participate in an augmentation of pay, which certainly his situation would not have excited; for he will have actually more money to spend, though inconsiderable in amount, and be in the same Footing as he was in respect to provisions.

Upon the whole therefore I am disposed

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disposed to think that the new Rate of Pay should be established in Bengal as the fixed Pay, a deduction made from it in all situations of 3¾ ₰ day, and the half Batta be continued —

I must observe that wherever I have had occasion to speak of the Soldiers Pay by way of calculation or exposition, I have in order to avoid the Confusion of different sums, confined myself to the Pay of a private of Infantry; But it is worthy of remark tho I am unable to account for it, that by the Schedule a deduction materially larger is allowed at the same station be made from the Pay of the Dragoon than from the Pay of the Infantry Soldier; the deduction from the Dragoon being 5 ₰ day when that from the Infantry is only 3¾. there is also the trifling difference of ¼ ₰ day between the deduction made from the Serjeant, Corporal and Drummer of Infantry, and from the Private; yet in both cases it is presumed that the Quantity and Quality of the Ration for which the Stoppage is made are similar —

It is understood that the late augmentation

augmentation of pay extends likewise to the Royal artillery, but neither the warrant nor Schedule before mentioned take any notice of it; and as no part of that Corps remains in India it is improbable that we shall soon be furnished with any authentic Document on this Head; hence some difficulty will arise, as it is obvious that the Company's artillery will expect a proportionable encrease with the rest of the European Establishments and no positive Rule is laid down for our guidance—

The present pay of a Matross is 10 Rupees or 25 Shillings \ month of a private of Infantry 8 Rs. or 20 Shillings giving a difference in favour of the artillery of 2 Rs or 5 Shillings. The new established Pay for the Infantry is 30 Shillings \ month or 5 Shillings in excess to the present artillery Pay, leaving to the Infantry Soldier after the deduction of 3d \ Day the net receipt of 21 Shillings and 3 pence still short by 3. 9 of the Pay of the artillery matross, who would continue to receive his present net Pay free of deductions: It would seem inconsistent however that the established

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Pay of that Branch of the service which has been hitherto superior should become inferior, as would really be the case; for altho' the actual Receipt would still be superior whilst the half Batta is given and the deduction made for it from the Infantry only; But, should the case ever occur where the Soldiers would have to provide themselves out of their full Pay, the difference would be essential and sensibly felt: it may therefore be advisable to provide against such an event—

This may be done by adding to the artillery Pay the precise Sum with which the Infantry Pay is augmented, and then making the deduction of 3 ½ ₰ Day, by which the present relative difference would be preserved, and the artillery Soldier, in common with the other Branches of the service, derive a small advantage from the late augmentation of Pay—

It must however be observed that the Madras Government in augmenting the Pay of the Europeans on that Establishment, have not had in view the preservation of this relative difference, between the pay of the artillery and Infantry, in those

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those Ranks where the artillery Pay is higher than the encreased Infantry pays it is left without alteration, and in those Ranks where it is inferior. it is only made equal—

Having suggested the probability that the victualling of the Europeans may be conducted on terms more moderate than the present Contract. I will explain the grounds on which I form such supposition in doing which it is necessary to advert to the circumstance of the Contract for supplying Draft and Carriage Bullocks being united with the Victualling Contract— Five Rupees \ month for supplying the articles of provisions on half Batta, and 10 Rupees on full Batta have for many years been considered as the fixed sums. never varying or expected to vary in the proposals given in for the performance of the two Contracts jointly, the Persons proposing, therefore calculate the Profit to be derived from the victualling Branch and take the other Branch as a Rider— and have good authority

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On the 4th Head The allowances are equalized by the above Propositions. That is a Pay equal in amount is established at all the Presidencies. It is true there is a variation in the application of it: but if a Custom prevails in one Presidency which is beneficial to the Soldier, and not burthensome to the State, it would not seem reasonable to abolish

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of opinion that we might take upon ourselves the responsibility of granting it, rather than run the hazard of having it demanded of us. It is an erroneous Policy to withhold what in Justice is due to the Soldier, until despairing of relief from the spontaneous liberality of Government, he comes forward to demand it, under circumstances in which the Pride and Dignity of Government is engaged to refuse it, unless their weakness is compelled to grant it—

(Signed) Alured Clarke

A true Copy

Signed John Stracey

Sub. Sec.y

Earl

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Earl of Mornington Knight of St Patrick

Governor General in Council &c. &c.

My Lord,

1 I had the Honor to receive, by your Lordship's orders communicated to this Office with Mr. Sub Secretary Stracey's letter of the 10th ult.o the several papers from Fort Saint George (which I have now the pleasure to return) relative to the new Rates of pay for the European Troops in consequence of the increase to the pay of his Majesty's Land Forces by the Kings Warrant of the 5th July 1797

2. With these papers, I received an Extract of the Minute of his Excellency the Commander in Chief on that subject, and a Copy of the Resolutions passed by your Lordship in Council, dated the 10th August last: for extending the encreased pay to the European Troops serving under this Presidency and I am directed to submit to Government the

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the requisite Table of pay and stoppages. for
publication in General Orders —

3. The Table N°1 here with enclosed
has been prepared, I humbly conceive, in strict
conformity to the 1st paragraph of the abovementioned
Resolutions, being the full pay fixed for the non
Commissioned Officers and Privates of his Majestys
Cavalry, and the Kings and Company's European
Infantry, as stated in the Schedule annexed to
his Majestys Warrant of the 5th July, and
ordered to commence from the 25th May 1797.
to which is added new rates of pay for the
Company's artillery, upon the principle stated
in the last paragraph of your Lordships
Resolutions, namely by adding to the present
pay of the Artillery, the precise sum with
which the Infantry pay is intended to be
Augmented —

4th The pay stated in the Table N°1
is only to be drawn, when the men are not
Victualled

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Victualled at the expence of the Company —

5. Agreeably to the 2d Paragraph of the Resolutions of the 10th ultimo, the Table N° 2 has been framed — In separate Columns are exhibited the Rates of full pay, the deductions as for Jamacca, and the neat pay for one day, and for months of 28, 29, 30, and 31 days, and in the Column is stated the neat pay of any month, being 1/12 of the neat Pay for 365 days —

6. The pay of the non commissioned Officers and privates of the Honorable Company's Artillery and Infantry at this Presidency, is not liable to Variation according to the number of days; as for instance a Serjeant of Infantry receives Rupees 16 for every Kalander month, whether of 28 or 31 days, and for this reason the Column of pay for any month has been inserted in the Table N° 2 —

7. It will appear, that the Rates

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Rates of Pay of non commissioned officers and privates of Cavalry, in the Table N.o 2, are less than the aggregate of what they at present receive, under the denominations of "Subsistence" and difference between Kings and Companys pay"

A. When His Majestys 27th Dragoons arrived at this Presidency, there were no instructions from the Court of Directors, at least none were communicated to this Office, relative to their pay; nor did any precedent exist to regulate their allowances from the Company— European Dragoons having never before served on this Establishment. In my report on this subject to the Supreme Board, dated the 20th april 1797 I noticed that certain differences of pay were disbursed to the K.th Regiment of Dragoons over and above the Kings subsistence, thereby making the pay of the Cavalry better than that of the Royal Artillery

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Serving at Madras, whose Subsistence appears to have been originally higher, and that Vice President in Council, on the 28th April 1797. Resolved that non commissioned Officers and Privates of Cavalry, Serving in Bengal, should be allowed the same pay, and difference of pay, as the Corresponding Ranks in his Majestys 19th Dragoons at Madras

Q. The Table No 3 Exhibits the difference of pay now received by the non commissioned officers and privates of his Majestys Dragoons, contrasted with the pay which would be due to them, agreeably to the new system as stated in Table No 2, and as this difference is in favor of the men, your Lordship may be disposed to continue it to the Corps, under the denomination of "difference of pay" But whether granted or not, the allowance hitherto drawn under the denomination

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denomination of "Grass Money" (being consolidated in the new rates of pay) cannot in future be allowed

10. In the Table N.o 2, the pay of non Commissioned Officers of Infantry, is less than what they now receive; because the proportional rates of pay between them and privates, are not regulated in the same manner as with the Kings Troops, and hence it happens, that the privates will receive more than their present pay, about 10 anas per month.— If the pay of Serjeants, Corporals and Drummers of European Infantry, is to remain as at present. The Table N.o 2 cannot be considered as applicable to the non commissioned officers of the Company's artillery or Infantry, but only to his Majesty's Cavalry, and Infantry, and the Column of pay for any month and whatever regards the artillery may be left out—

11. Whatever differences may still exist between

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between the new rates of pay, after making the —
deductions according to the Rates established for Jamaica
stated in the Table N.° 2 and the present rates of pay
in the Companys Service providing that shall be —
continued as at present. I humbly conceive
will be allowed to the non commissioned
officers of the Kings Infantry Regiments,
and which are as follow —

		As	P
To Serjeants Pr month	. . .	12	8.
Corporals Ditto	. .	6	—
Drummers Ditto	. . .	13	9

12. As by the new rates of pay
for the Kings Infantry, in the Table N.° 2
the privates will be entitled to 9 10 4/10 Annas
per month, more than the privates of European
Infantry of the Companys —
Establishment now receive, your Lordship
will

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will see the propriety of ordering, that — infuture the pay of privates of Infantry of the Company's Service, be also augmented 10 annas per month (thereby avoiding a trivial fraction troublesome in accounts) and that the pay of Matrosses of artillery be augmented in the same proportion according to the principle pointed out in the last paragraph of the resolutions dated the 8th ult.o

13 In the enclosed Statement No 4, is exhibited the increase of expence arising from the 10 annas per month, being allowed to Kings and Company's privates of Infantry and Matrosses of artillery in addition to their present pay.

14 It will probably never be deemed expedient, to withdraw provisions or Batta, from European Troops serving under this Establishment, and consequently the fixed pay

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pay of the army, when not furnished with provisions, according to the Table N°1 may never be drawn, but should so great an alteration of system take place, the Honorable Company would be gainers, as far as relates to pecuniary Expence; because the lowest, or half Batta, is equivalent to 5 pence per diem, and in the field, or full Batta, to 10 pence: although no more than 3 1/2 from the Infantry, and 5 from the Cavalry, is proposed to be deducted in either situation.

I have the honor to be,

with the greatest respect,

Your Lordships

most obedient and

faithful Servant

Signed John Lawen

M.A.G

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A true copy

Signed John Stracey Subsec.y

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Table of Pay of the Non Commissioned Officers and privates of His Majestys the Companys Artillery and Kings and Companys European of Government dated 10th August 1798; but liable to deductions from for the Island of Jamaica. specified in the Schedule annexed to at the expence of the Company. and to deductions from the Artillery. so as to Table No 2.

No 1

		One Day			28		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
Cavalry	Serjeants	"	2	2	3	"	8
	Corporal		1	7½	2	5	6
	Trumpeter		1	7	2	4	4
	Private		1	3	1	15	"
Artillery	Serjeant	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Corporal	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Gunner &c	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Private	"	"	"	"	"	"
Infantry	Serjeant	"	1	6¾	2	3	9
	Corporal	"	1	2¼	1	13	3
	Drummer	"	1	1¾	1	12	1
	Private	"	1	"	1	8	"

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Cavalry and of the Non Commissioned Officers and privates of Infantry, under the Presidency of Bengal fixed by Resolutions the Cavalry and Infantry, conformably to the rates established the Kings Warrant dated 5th July 1797 when the Troops are Victualled reduce them to the rates of Pay stated in the accompanying

Days	29 Days			30 Days			31 Days			For any month.
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	
	3	2	10	3	5	"	3	7	2	
	2	7	1½	2	8	9	2	10	4½	
	2	5	11	2	7	6	2	9	1	
	1	16	3	1	17	6	1	18	9	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	2	5	3¾	2	6	10½	2	8	5¼	
	1	14	5¼	1	15	7½	1	16	9¾	
	1	13	2¾	1	14	4½	1	15	6¼	
	1	9	"	1	10	"	1	11	"	

Signed John Scawen A.A.G.

A true Copy
Signed J. Stracey Subst.

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No 2

Table of Pay to be received by the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of Honorable Company's Artillery and the Kings and Company's European Infantry Government in the Secret Department dated the 10th August 1798

Company —

		Full Pay £ s d	Deductions £ s d	Neat Pay £ s d	One Day £ s d	28 £ s d
Cavalry	Serjeant	" 2 2	" " 5	" 1 9	" 1 9	2 9 .
	Corporals	" 1 7½	" " 5	" 1 2½	" 1 2½	1 13 10
	Trumpters	" 1 7	" " 5	" 1 2	" 1 2	1 12 8
	Privates	" 1 3	" " 5	" " 10	" " 10	1 3 4
Artillery	Serjeants	The same as at present		" "	" "	" " "
	Corporal	Do		" "	" "	" " "
	Gunner	Do		" "	" "	" " "
	Drummer	Do		" "	" "	" " "
	Matross	Lonaut R.s 10 with the addition of Anas 9. 10 4/10 the Infantry				
Infantry	Serjeant	" 1 6 3/4	" " 3 3/4	" 1 3	" 1 3	1 15 "
	Corporals	" 1 2 1/4	" " 3 3/4	" " 10 1/2	" " 10 1/2	1 4 6
	Drummers	" 1 1 3/4	" " 3 3/4	" " 10	" " 10	1 3 4
	Privates	" 1 "	" " 3 1/2	" " 8 1/2	" " 8 1/2	" 19 10

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His Majestys Cavalry and by the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the
serving under the Presidency of Bengal. agreeably to Resolutions of
when furnished with Provisions at the expence of the

Days	29 Days			30 Days			31. Days			For any month.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	Rs.	a	p.
	2	10	9	2	12	6	2	14	3	21	4	8
	1	15	½	1	16	3	1	17	5½	14	11	2 4/10
	1	13	10	1	15	-	1	16	2	14	3	2 4/10
	1	4	2	1	5	"	1	5	10	10	2	2/6
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20	"	"
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	17	"	"
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15	"	"
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15	"	"
Privates reciving an augmentation to the amount by the resolutions abovementioned										10	9	10
	1	16	3	1	17	6	1	18	9	15	3	4
	1	5	4½	1	6	3	1	7	1½	10	10	"
	1	4	2	1	5	"	1	5	10	10	2	2 6/11
	1	"	6½	1	1	3	1	1	11½	8	9	10 4/6

/Signd John Scawen Mr G. A true Copy.
/Signd J Stracey Sub Secr

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No 3

Statement of Subsistence and Difference of Pay, now received by Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of His Majesty's Dragoons, contrasted with the Pay which would be due to them agreeably to the rates stated in Table No 2. referred to in the Military Auditor Generals Letter dated 12th September 1798. and exhibiting the difference to be in favor of the present Pay

	Subsistence for 30 Days	Subsistence converted into Rupees	Difference between King & Company's Pay now received	Total Subsistence & difference of pay	Pay in Table No 2	Difference in favor of present pay
	£ s d					
Sergeant	2 5 "					
Corporal	1 10 "					
Trumpeter	1 10 "					
Cooper	1 " "					

(Signed) Jn Scawen

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A. A. G.

A true Copy

(Signed) J Stracey

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No 4

Statement of monthly Expence, arising from the 10 A.s being paid to the Kings and Company's Privates of Infantry, and the Matrosses of Artillery, in addition to their present Pay—

1149. Privates of his Majesty's 76.th & 78.th
Regiment of Infantry at 10 A.s each— 718 2.

834 Matrosses belonging to 15 Companies of
the Honorable Company's Bengal
Artillery at 10 A.s each ——— 521 4.

1405. Privates of the Honorable Company's
Bengal European Infantry at 10 each— 8782.

Sonat Rs 2117. 8.

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(Signed) John Scawen
M. A. G.

A true Copy
(Signed) John Stracey
Substitute
Extract

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the Vice President in Council in the Secret Department under date the 15th of February 1799.

Minute of Council 10th of August 1798.

The Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council approves of the foregoing orders issued by the Government of Fort St. George, and resolves that the propositions in the Minute of the Commander in Chief respecting the augmentation of the pay of the European Troops serving under this Presidency be adopted, that the pay as established by His Majesty's Warrant bearing date the 5th of July 1797 shall become the fixed pay of his Troops, and that the pay of the Company's European Troops be regulated by the same standard—

That the present Batta be continued to the European Troops and that a deduction be made from the fixed pay in all situations conformable to the rates established for the Island of Jamaica—

That

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That to the present pay of the European Artillery be added the precise sum with which the Infantry pay has been Augmented. and that a deduction be made therefrom in like manner and at the same rate as from the pay of the Infantry —

Ordered that the foregoing papers from Fort St. George and such Extracts of the Commander in Chiefs Minute as may be necessary with a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions be sent to the Military Auditor General. and that he be desired to prepare and submit to Government the requisite Tables of pay and stoppages from the several Ranks of the different branches of the Service that they may be published in orders. and to report fully the effect in point of Expence of the operation of these Regulations on the Establishment —

With regard to the apprehension expressed by the Government of Fort St. George. that the Native Troops will not see the European Establishment put in the enjoyment of larger allowances without

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without repining at the distinction His Lordship in Council resolves previous to giving any opinion on the subject that the Government of that Presidency be called upon to state in the fullest and most explicit manner whether the Native Troops stand in need of an encrease of pay arising out of their own situation independent of the Augmen=tation made to the pay of the Europeans and if so. to what extent such encrease should be made and the most likely means of effecting the end proposed in the manner least burthensome and inconvenient to the public

The Governor General in Council further resolves that it be recommended to the Governments of Fort S.t George & Bombay to adopt the same Rule regarding the encrease of pay to the Artillery as has been established at this Presidency, and that the Government of Bombay be also desired to adopt generally the

Regulations

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Regulations passed at Fort St. George regarding the encrease of pay to the European Corps in consequence of His Majestys Warrant abovementioned a Copy of which Regulations it appears has already been transmitted to them from Fort St. George

A true Extract

Signed J. Stracey
Sub Sec.y

Minutes of Council 15th February 1799.

The Honorable the Vice President in Council. although not yet officially instructed on the subject. having been furnished with an authentic Copy of his Majestys Warrant. for encreasing and regulating the Pay and allowances of His Troops in general. is pleased to publish it for the information of the Army. together with Extracts from the Proceedings of this Government. containing the Resolutions and Regulations that are to be enforced. but subject to such future orders as may be received from Europe. explanatory

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explanatory of his Majestys intentions, and of the Effect of the Warrant, as applicable to that part of his army Serving in India.

"George R.

"Whereas we, having taken into our Consideration the various pecuniary allowances, as well permanent, as Incidental, or Temporary, which had been granted to our Troops at Home; have thought fit to substitute, in lieu of the said allowances, one fixed allowance at a Daily rate, and to increase the same by a nett addition of three pence p.r Diem, to each Serjeant. Two pence half penny, per Diem, to each Corporal, and two pence per Diem to each Trumpeter, Drummer, Fifer, and private Man; and whereas we are graciously pleased to extend the said Regulation, and to grant the like nett addition to the pay of our Forces serving out of Great Britain: our will and pleasure, therefore, is that from the 25.th day of

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May last, the daily Pay and fixed allowance of our Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers wheresoever serving abroad or on board ship, shall be borne on the Establishment as follows

		£	d
Dragoons	of a Serjeant	2	2
	of a Corporal	1	7½
	of a Trumpeter	1	7
	of a Private man	1	3
Infantry	of a Serjeant	1	6¾
	of a Corporal	1	2¼
	of a Drummer & Fifer	1	1¾
	of a Private Man	1	"

And with respect to the application of the said Daily pay, and fixed allowance, our will and pleasure is, that in situations where the Troops find their provisions at their own expence, in like manner as at Home, they shall receive their pay according to the Rates above specified, without Deduction. But on Stations where they do not

themselves

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themselves defray the Charge of their provisions. such Deductions shall be made therefrom, as to leave the exact nett additions of three pence, Two pence half penny, and two pence to the pay of the respective Ranks, over and above what they received at the former Rates of pay and allowances agreeably to the Schedule hereunto annexed—

And we do hereby declare it to be our intention that whenever our Soldiers, from whom the aforesaid deductions are herein directed to be made, on account of provisions, shall be removed to other — Stations, where they are to supply themselves with — provisions, they shall immediately thereupon be entitled to receive their full pay without Deduction according to the Establishment—

Lastly, our will and pleasure is, that our Land Forces, when employed as Marines, on board our Ships of War, shall not be liable to any Deduction from their Pay for provisions supplied to them at the — public charge—

Given at our Court at Saint James's this 5.th day of July 1797. in the 37.th year of our Reign

By His Majestys Command

Signed W.m Windham—

Schedule

Schedule referred to in the preceding Warrant

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Stations	Corps	Rank	Former Pay and allowance £ S D	Former deduction £ S D	Net Former Pay and allowance £ S D	Full Pay Commencing from 25th May 1797 £ S D	Deduction £ S D	Net Pay £ S D
North America and those Stations in the West Indies, or elsewhere at which Provision are supplied by the Public and a Stoppage is made from the Troops on that account—	Dragoons	Serjeant	1 - -	2 ½	1 3½	2 2	7½	16½
		Corporal	1 - -	2 ½	9½	1 7½	7½	1 -
		Trumpeter	1 - -	2 ½	9½	1 7	7½	11½
		Private	8	2 ½	5½	1 3	7½	7½
	Foot	Serjeant	1 - -	2 ½	9½	1 6¾	6¼	1 ½
		Corporal	8	2 ½	5½	1 2¼	6¼	8
		Drummer	8	2 ½	5½	1 1¾	6¼	7½
		Private	6½	2 ½	4	1 - -	6	6
Jamaica	Dragoons	Serjeant	1 6	None	1 6	2 2	5	19
		Corporal	1 -		1 -	1 7½	5	12½
		Trumpeter	1 -		1 -	1 7	5	12
		Private	8		8	1 3	5	10
	Foot	Serjeant	1 -		1	1 6¾	3¼	1 3
		Corporal	8		8	1 2¼	3¾	10½
		Drummer	8		8	1 1¾	3¾	10
		Private	6½		6½	1 -	3½	8½
Gibraltar	The same as Jamaica the Loss by Exchange continuing as before							
New South Wales	The same as Jamaica—							
Embarked in Transports, or in Ships of War, that not serving as marines—	Dragoons	Serjeant	1 6	3	1 3	2 2	8	1 6
		Corporal	1 -	3	9	1 7½	8	11½
		Trumpeter	1 -	3	9	1 7	8	11
		Private	8	3	5	1 3	8	7
	Foot	Serjeant	1 -	3	9	1 6¾	6¾	1
		Corporal	8	3	5	1 2¼	6¾	7½
		Drummer	8	3	5	1 1¾	6¾	7
		Private	6½	3	3½	1 -	6½	5½

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council. in the Secret Department of the 10.th August 1798.

The Governor General in Council

Resolves that the propositions in the Minute of the Commander in Chief. respecting the augmentation of the Pay of the European Troops serving under this Presidency be adopted that the pay as established by his Majesty's Warrant bearing date the 5.th of July 1797. shall become thereafter Pay of his Troops, and that the pay of the Company's European Troops be regulated by the same Standard—

That the present Batta be continued to the European Troops. and that a deduction be made from the fixed Pay in all situations, conformably to the rates as established for the Island of Jamaica—

That to the present pay of the European Artillery be added the precise sum — with which the Infantry Pay has been augmented,

and

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and that a deduction be made therefrom, in — a — likemanner, and at the same rate, as from the Pay of the Infantry —

The Honorable the Vice President in Council, adverting to the Proceedings in the Secret Department, dated the 10th August last —

Resolves that the Subsistence now drawn for Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of His Majestys Cavalry, and Infantry Regiments be abolished, and the following rates, corresponding with the Net consolidated pay stated in the Table hereto Subjoined be adopted Viz.t

Cavalry

		£	s	d
Serjeants of Cavalry	Net pay per diem		1.	9
Corporals	Ditto		1.	2½
Trumpeters	Ditto		1.	2
Private Troopers	Ditto		"	10

The allowance hitherto granted to Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of his

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His Majestys Cavalry, at this Presidency, under the denomination of Gras money being included in their net consolidated Pay, is abolished, and therefore not to be drawn in future But as the amount now received by the Non Commissioned Officers, and Privates, of His Majestys Dragoons, under the Denominations of Subsistence and Company's allowances, exceeds the new Rates of Net Pay established by the Kings warrant the amount to be drawn, in future, under the Denomination of Company's allowances is to be regulated as follows, making the aggregate of the two discriptions of allowances the same, in amount as formerly—

Serjeants per Mensem	S.Rs. 1.1.8
Corporals	1.4.10
Trumpeters	1.12.10
Coopers	1 " 11

Infantry

	L St D
Serjeant of Infantry Net Pay per diem	" 1 3
Corporals	" " 10½
Drummers	10
Privates	8½

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The consolidated allowance of 1/2 penny per diem, now drawn with the Subsistence of privates of His Majestys Infantry Regiments being included in the above net Consolidated Pay of 8d per diem in lieu of what was formerly called "poundage," is abolished and consequently to be discontinued But as the Pay of Non Commissioned Officers and Drummers, in the Companys Service, will still exceed that of the Corresponding ranks in his Majestys Infantry Regiments -

Resolved, that the following allowances be drawn Monthly, from the Paymaster of Company's allowances to the Kings Troops, under the Denomination of "Difference between Kings and Companys Pay," in lieu of the former allowances drawn on that account Viz.t

	a	Pe
Serjeants	12	8
Corporals	5	8
Drummers	13	10

As, by the foregoing Resolutions,

the Subsistence of Privates of His Majestys Infantry Regiments

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Regiments, exceeds the Pay of Infantry Privates of the Honorable Company's Regiments

Resolved, that the Pay of the Infantry Privates in the Honorable Company's Service, be Sou.s Rs. 8. 9. 10. per Mensem, to put them on a footing with the Privates of His Majesty's Infantry Regiments, and that agreeably to the beforementioned Resolutions of Government of the 10th August last, the pay of Matrosses of Artillery be augmented to Sou.s Rs. 10-9-10-

But the pay of all other Ranks in the Company's Artillery, and Infantry, is to remain as at present, the same now exceeding that of the same discriptions of Persons belonging to His Majesty's Troops, under the Warrant, dated 5th July 1797

Resolved, that the pay and allowances of the Non Commissioned and privates of the King's and Company's Land Forces, serving under this Presidency, when embarked on board Transports, but not serving as marines, shall be the same

as

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as above stated; But in conformity to His Majestys said Warrant of the 5th July 1797.

Resolved, that the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Kings Troops, embarked from the Presidency, to serve as Marines on board ships of War, shall be entitled to their full pay as stated in the Table hereto subjoined, without any deductions, whilst employed on that duty; and, in order that the Pay of the Non Commissioned officers and Privates of European artillery and Infantry of the Honorable Companys Troops, when serving as Marines, may be equally enhanced with that of His Majestys Infantry.

Resolved that they receive an addition to the newly established Rates of pay, equivalent to the deductions from the Infantry, stated in the 2d Column of the Table hereto subjoined, which will increase their pay when serving as marines to the following Sums Viz.

Artillery.

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Artillery

Serjeants per month	Son R.s 23 — "
Corporals	20 . 7
Drummers & Gunners	17 - 15
Matrosses	14 - 3

Infantry

Serjeants	19 —
Corporals	14 . 7
Drummers	13. 15
Privates	12 - 3

The encreased Rates of Pay are to be drawn from the 1.st of March next in the abstracts of the several Corps.

It is the intention of Government that the Troops, who are now effective with their Corps, shall have the benefit of the increased rate of pay from the 25.th of May 1797. and as his — Majestys Infantry Privates serving at this Presidency have already been in the receipt of Poundage, or the Consolidated allowance of 1/2 penny per diem, in

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lieu thereof without any deduction having been made, on that account. from the Companys allowance, they are only now to receive. as arrears. such additional sum. as with the former payments. will make up the newly established rate of pay which is S.R.s 8. 0. 10. per month. This additional sum has been ascertained and amounts to 5. or two anas. 8 pie Sonat. per month—

But the privates of the Companys Infantry. and the Matrosses of the Company's artillery, effective between the 1st of June 1797. and 28th of — February 1799. having only been in receipt of Sonaut Rupees 8. or S.R.s 10 per month, respectively. during that period. will be entitled to draw in arrear as pie 0. 10 each per month. to make up the former equal to the new Established rates of pay—

Table of Pay to be received by the Non Commissioned Officers and Private of His Majestys Corps of Cavalry and European Infantry. serving under the Presidency of Bengal. agreeably to the Resolutions of — Government—

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Government. in the Secret Department. dated the 10th August 1798. above recited. when Furnished with Provisions. at the Expence of the Company—

		Full Pay	Deduction	Neat Pay	one Day	28 Days	29 Days	30 Days	31 Days
		£ St D	£ St D	£ St D	£ St D	£ St D	£ St D	£ St D	£ St D
Cavalry	Serjeant	2 2 "	" 5 "	1 9 "	1 9	2 9 .	2 10 9	2 12 6	2 14 3
	Corporal	1 7½ "	" 5 "	1 2½ "	1 2½	1 13 10	1 15½	1 16 3	1 17 5½
	Trumpeters	1 7 "	" 5 "	1 2 "	1 2	1 12 8	1 13 10	1 15 .	1 16 2
	Privates	1 3 "	" 5 "	" 10 "	" 10	1 3 4	1 4 2	1 5 .	1 5 10
Infantry	Serjeant	1 6¾ "	" 3¾ "	1 3 "	1 3	1 15 .	1 16 3	1 17 6	1 18 9
	Corporal	1 2¾ "	" 3¾ "	" 10½ "	" 10½	1 4 6	1 5 4½	1 6 3	1 7 1
	Drummers	1 1¾ "	" 3¾ "	" 10 "	" 10	1 3 4	1 4 2	1 5 "	1 5 10
	Privates	1 " "	" 3½ "	" 8½ "	" 8½	19 10	1 . 6½	1 1 3	1 1 11½

a true Copy

Signed John Stracey
Sub Sec.t

List

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List of Packet to the Governor General in Council at Fort St. George—

No 1. Letter from the Vice President in Council—
dated 15th February 1799.

" 2 Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief.

" 3 Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General
dated 12th September 98. with 4 accompanyments—

" 4 Copy Resolutions of the Governor General in Council
of the 10th August 1798.—

" 5 Copy of Minutes of Council dated 15th February 1799.

" 6. List of Packet—

Fort William
the 21st February 1799.

Signed J Stracey
Subscy.

Ordered to lie on the table for further
Consideration—

To lie on the Table

To the Right Honble Richard Earl of Mornington &c.
Governor General in Council
Fort St. George

From Bengal Enclose different Papers regarding an application which they have received from the Commander of an American Ship Cola permitted to load on his ship five hundred tons of Saltpetre, with which they had complied

My Lord,

We have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship

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Lordship a copy of a letter from Captain Moore — a Commander of the American Ship Martha, and also of the letter from the Secret Committee referred to by Captain Moore, together with the original letters to your Lordships address, from Mr. Liston His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the United States of America

2d. In consideration of the circumstances stated by Mr. Liston we have determined to furnish Captain Moore with Five hundred Tons of Saltpetre from the Company's Warehouse on his paying the Market price for it, with the established duties —

3. From the enclosed copy of a Report from the Board of Trade, your Lordship in Council will observe, that the Saltpetre can be replaced with other Cargo, without any detention of the Honorable Company's Ships —

We have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Alured Clarke
P. Speke
W. Cowper

Fort William
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To

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To George Hilario Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint of my arrival from the United States of America charged with the accompanying Packet to the Right Honorable Earl of Mornington which will explain the object of my Voyage - I beg leave to transmit to you for the farther information of the Right Honorable Governor General in Council the documents No 1. 2. & 3 shewing that both the British Ministry and Court of Directors have given their full sanction to my being furnished with a lading of Salt petre in conformity to the Requisition of the United States - the vast importance of my immediate Return with an article so much wanted and indispensible to the United States in prosecution of a War in which they are now openly engaged against the Malignant and inexorable Enemy of Great Britain; will I doubt not plead

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my excuse for soliciting the favor of you to
obtain as early as possible the Right Honorable
Governor General in Councils permission for my
being provided from the Company's Stores with a
loading of Salt petre and for which I am ready to
pay the price that shall be required—

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed B: Moore

Calcutta
4th February 1799.

P.S. It may not be altogether improper
that I should lay before you for the inspection of
Government the enclosed Commission and instructions
from the United States empowering me to seize
and capture French Vessels, which at your leisure
I will thank you to return - My ship is very
well armed and I have the fullest confidence
in my officers and men which are circumstances
of

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of no small consideration in the transport of a supply of Salt Petre; an article that from the present state of Europe has become of such national importance- I beg leave to mention that my Import Cargo consists of mast pieces and spars articles which I understand the Companys Stores are deficient in, and I therefore take the liberty to make a tender of them to — Government —

Signed B. Moore

a true Copy

Signed J Stracey

Sub Sec.y

To the Honorable the Governor General

in Council of Bengal.

Notwithstanding our orders of the 8th March 1794 prohibiting the exportation of Salt Petre from Bengal on Ships or Vessels belonging to

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to Foreigners, we have been induced, at the particular request of the American Minister in this Country, to allow Mr. Adam Babcock, a Native of America, to export from Calcutta to that Country, five hundred Tons of Salt Petre on the Ship , on condition that the same shall bona fide be carried thither and disposed of:— and Mr. Babcock having entered into an Engagement with us to that effect, we enclose a Copy of it for your information—

We are

Your affectionate Friends,

East India House
London
26th August 1797.

[Signed] Hugh Inglis
"
"
" John Manship

Know all Men by these Presents that we Adam Babcock of Boston in north America Merchant but at present in London John Lane of Nicholaslane London Merchant Thomas Fraser

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of the same Place Merchant and Robert Pulsford
of Great Saint Helens London Merchant are and each
of us is held and firmly Bound unto the United
Company of Merchants of England trading to the
East Indies in the Sum of Six thousand pounds of
lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to the
said United Company their certain attorney Successors
or assigns for which payment to be well and "
faithfully made we bind ourselves and each of us
our and each of our Heirs Executors and administrators
and every of them firmly by these Presents Seales
with our Seals dated this day of August in
the 37.th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord
George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and
so forth and in the year of our Lord 1797.

Whereas the above bounden Adam Babcock
requested the above named United Company to
permit him to purchase in and export from
Bengal one Cargo not exceeding 500 Tons of
Salt

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Salt Petre to be carried from thence to some Port or Place within the United States of North America and to be there unladen and disposed of And the above named united Company have agreed to such Request and have instructed their Government and Officers in the East Indies to permit such —" purchase and Export But nevertheless they agreed to such request only upon the Terms that the said Adam Babcock together with the said John Lane and Thomas Fraser and Robert Pulsford as his Sureties should enter into the above written —" obligation with such Condition as hereinafter is mentioned. Now the Condition of the above written obligation is such that if the above bounden Adam Babcock his Executors or administrators shall never purchase or export such Cargo of Salt Petre or any part thereof from Bengal, or in case he or they shall purchase or export such Cargo of Salt Petre or any part thereof from Bengal, then if the same Cargo or such part thereof

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thereof as shall not be lost by the perils of the Seas or other involuntary and inevitable accident shall be carried directly to some Port or Place within the United States of North America and shall be there bona fide unladen and disposed of. and if the said Adam Babcock his Heirs Executors or administrators do and shall give reasonable proof to the Court of Directors of the said United Company in London within 12 Callendar months after the said Salt Petre or any part thereof shall be exported from Bengal. that the same and every part thereof so exported hath been involuntarily and inevitably lost or hath been carried directly to some port or place within the said United States and hath been there bona fide unladen and disposed of then in either of the said Cases the above written obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect —

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The Right Honorable Henry Dundas
&c &c &c

Sir,

The Court of Directors have had under consideration your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing an application from Mr. Adam Babcock, a Native of America, which was transmitted to you by the Minister from the United States: and I am desired by the Court to acquaint you, that in deference to your recommendation they have resolved to permit Mr. Babcock to export from Calcutta to America. Five hundred Tons of Salt petre, on his entering into Security for the faithful delivery of the same in America—

East India House
the 10th August 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signed Hugh Inglis

a true Copy
East India House
the 5th September 1797.
Signed W. Ramsay Secty

a true Copy
Signed I Stracey Subsecty

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The Right Honorable The Earl of Mornington
&c &c &c

My Lord,

A Respectable Merchant of Boston

who has entered into a contract with the Government of the United States, sends a Ship to Bengal for the purpose of bringing to this Country a cargo of Salt Petre. – I am not aware that the exportation of this article from the British Dominions in India is subject to any difficulties. But the American Minister having expressed an opinion that the object of the voyage might perhaps be more effectually secured by means of a Recommendation from me. I have thought it my duty to state to your Lordship that in the present situation of affairs between the United States and France, any supplies of ammunition obtained by this Government

may

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may be considered as destined to promote the same great cause in which we ourselves are engaged — Late acts of Congress have authorized the American vessels of war to capture the French Cruizers that infest these Coasts. and have prohibited all commercial intercourse between the united States and France or her dependencies. So that, as the Secretary of State observes in his Letter to me, — of which I have the Honor to enclose a copy — America is in a state of actual, though not of declared, War against the Republick —

I flatter myself therefore that His — Majestys Government in Bengal will be pleased to facilitate as much as possible the success of Mr. Babcock's undertaking, and that his Ship will receive every degree of protection that may be consistent with the general interest of the Kings — Service —

I am happy, My Lord to seize this opportunity of recalling myself to your remembrance and

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and of assuring you of the perfect truth and respect
with which I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
&c &c
Signed Robt. Liston.

Robert Liston Esqr.
Envoy Extraordinary &c &c &c

Sir,

I take the liberty to inform
you that Mr. Adam Babcock, a merchant of —
reputation in Boston, has entered into a contract
with the Secretary of the Treasury, to import from
the East Indies five hundred tons of salt petre, to be
delivered at Philadelphia, for the use of the United
States. I have understood that he had obtained a
permission from the British Government to —
purchase the Salt petre in the British settlements
Be this as it may, by the 13th article of the
commercial treaty, the British Government in the
East —

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East Indies may permit the exportation of that article: and Mr. Babcock supposes it may be of some consequence to have, in addition to the certificate of the Secretary of the Treasury (to whom he has given bond for the purpose) some evidence that the Saltpetre abovementioned is destined solely for the use of the United States —

I have therefore to request of you the favour of a letter to the Governor General of Bengal in Council, desiring his permission to lade, at the port of Calcutta, the five hundred tons of Saltpetre: which is intended to be put on board Mr. Babcock's ship, called the Martha of Boston, Captain Benjamin Moore master —

I should hope that every facility would be granted in this case: and the rather because the Saltpetre will be so important to us in the — prosecution of the War in which we are actually, and very soon must formally be engaged, against the inveterate and inexorable enemy of Great Britain —

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The readiness with which the British government furnished a convoy to the American trade coming from Great Britain the past spring, leaves no room to doubt a like disposition in those who administer that Government in the East Indies: Still it may ensure to Mr Babcock's vessel the benefit of a convoy, at least as far as the Cape of Good Hope, if you suggest your wishes that she may be allowed the protection of any British armed vessel or vessels coming on the same course—

I Signed Timothy Pickering

To the Honorable Sir Alured Clarke K. B.
Vice President in Council.
Fort William

Honorable Sir.

We have received Mr Secretary Barlow's letter of the 4th Instant respecting Captain Moore's application for being supplied with 500 Tons of Salt Petre to enable Mr A. Babcock to complete a Contract which he has made for that article with the

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the Government of the United States of America

2. Since permission has been given for Exporting Salt petre to America, applications have been made to us for supplies of this article from the Company's Stores which we have refused countenancing because of the quantity of Tonnage which we may shortly expect on Land, tobe loaded for Europe, and also because we do not think it generally advisable to — suffer individuals unconnected with the Company to benefit directly in their Commercial Speculations by the Companys Capital, and the Superior Skill of the Company's Servants —

3. But the case now before us appears such as may be entitled to an — exception from this general Rule, and be — complied with, for the following considerations

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1. As the Article is to be delivered

to

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to the Government of the United States, the supplying of it from the Company's Warehouse may be — considered by them as a mark of cordiality and good will —

2.dly It may be considered as a mark of attention and respect to the Court of Directors in consequence of the permission which they have given for the Export —

3.dly Mr. A. Babcock is, we understand the person who was principal Owner or manager of the two American Ships taken to the Eastward by Commodore Mitchell's Squadron in 1794. and released by a Sentence of the Supreme Court of this place, and the hardship of the Case may be considered as entitling him to some claim of indulgence from this Government when it can conveniently be rendered —

4. From the late arrival of the Company's Shipping, the 500 Tons of Salt Petre may

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may be spared from the Company's Warehouse, and replaced with other Cargo before the Ships can require it —

5. If therefore you determine to comply with Captain Moores request, we — recommend that he pay Ready money for the Salt Petre at the Market Price for rather at the late Market Price, for there is not any Salt Petre now in the Market, / and pay the same Customs as if the Salt Petre were procured in the Market the money he may pay to be laid out in Sugar and such other articles as will occupy much Tonnage in proportion to their value —

6. We shall desire the Naval Storekeeper to look at Captain Moore's Spars, and if he approve of any which the Marine may require, and can settle a price, to take them —

We are with respect —

Fort William
the 8th. February 1799.

/Signd John Bristow
&c &c
John Haldane
John Bebb

a true Copy
/Signd J Stracey Subst.

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Minute thereon

Resolved to inform the Bengal Government that the Board entirely approve the measures they have taken for furnishing the American Ship Martha with five hundred Tons of Saltpetre —

Read the following letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal acknowledges the receipt of the letter to the Bengal Government of the 10th Oct.r transmits the opinion of the Advocate General regarding the application of the Prize Agents on the Island of Ceylon to have the remainder of the 8 p.r C.t Promissory Notes issued —

I am directed by the Vice President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th October last, and to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the enclosed Extract from a Communication from the Advocate General, on the subject of the application of the Prize agents, for the issue of the remainder of the 8 per Cent promissory Notes, and to request you will obtain the orders of his Lordship in Council, whether the

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remainder of the Promissory Notes shall be paid, or whether the issue of them shall be suspended until the further inquiries suggested by the Advocate General shall have been made—

Fort William
8th Febuary 1799

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H.S. &c.
Signed John Stracey
Sub Sec.y

Extract from a communication from the Advocate General to the Secretary to the Government— Dated 8th December 1798—

I beloced I send you some original papers which were transmitted to this Government by that of Fort St. George and were delivered to me by Lord Mornington with Directions to peruse them, and to consider whether they are sufficient to do— away the doubts I had as to the propriety of issuing Companys promissory notes found in the treasury of Columbo and the other treasuries of Ceylon, and— alleged by the Agents for the Captured property there to have been the property of Individuals—

On

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On referring to my Letter of the month of June 1797. I find that I then stated my opinion to be, that a Sum equal to all the existing Dutch papers, as well that in the Treasuries, as that in actual circulation or in the hands of private persons ought to be reserved untill the Agents should satisfy Government of the points which gave rise to the Doubts. I expressed in that Letter, and which were I believe communicated to the Agents, by your Letter of the 5.th of June 1797- the particular mode of giving the required satisfaction, from the Public accounts and official documents of the Dutch and thro the persons formerly in office under the Dutch was distinctly pointed out by my letter of June and ought to have been followed much more closely and attentively, than the Agents appear to have followed it- they forwarded some further papers on the subject, and as a reply to your letter of the 5.th of June last I find that those papers were laid before me for my opinion and that they did not appear sufficient to satisfy the doubts before entertained- this you will find

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I find by referring to a second letter I addressed to you on the subject dated the 5th of October 1797.

By this last mentioned letter I specified the objections still remaining to the means the Agents had taken for the purpose of removing all Doubts, and again pointed out the means to which they ought to have resorted —

The first point they ought to have ascertained. was the amount of the Dutch papers — actually in existance and instead of ascertaining it, as I had before suggested, from the Dutch Books, in which we must suppose regular entries of it, when issued. were made. they sent only a Certificate of the amount which had been brought in to be registered pursuant to General Stuarts Proclamation of the 11th of april 1796. and of the amount found in the different treasuries. or which was in the — possession of the Town Major. or had been delivered to Colonel Bonnevaux. as you will see by the Certificate of Mr. Gregory. dated the 26th of July 1797.

and

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and by a Statement of the Dutch paper which had been transmitted hither on a former occasion Mr. Gregories Certificate was one of the documents received from the Agents in reply to your letter of the 5.th of June 1797.

The objections to the mode of furnishing the satisfaction required. as to the amount of the Dutch paper in existence. Stated by my letter of the 5.th of October in the following words Viz.t

"It may be true, that all paper,

"which was outstanding and in Circulation, was —

"brought in to be registered according to the requisition

"of General Stuarts proclamation. But it is not —

"enough to have only probability instead of certainty,

"and it may be true, that all such paper had not

"been brought in persuant to the proclamation: and

"if any such paper, which was not so brought in

"still exists. I do not at all consider it as annulled,

"by the omission or neglect to bring it in. To give

"that effect to the proclamation, it would be necessary

"to shew, that General Stuarts power of limiting the

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"the time for producing and registering paper, was
"given by the articles of Capitulation, which is not the
"case."

As to the first point, namely the necessity of ascertaining the quantity of Dutch paper actually in existence, the letter addressed by Brigadier General Decluseau to Lord Clive, and the papers annexed to it, are wholly silent: and it does not yet appear to me, that the Agents have taken any measures whatsoever, with a view to that first point, notwithstanding its having been, as I conclude it was, particularly specified to them, in consequence of my letters to you of June and October 1797.

The second point mentioned in my letter of October, as not having been then sufficiently ascertained by the agents, related to a quantity of Dutch paper, amounting to the sum of, 3,25,943 Rix Dollars, of which the greatest part was found in the different treasuries, some part

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was in the possession of the Town Major; and some was delivered to Colonel Bonnevaux, as — payment of outstanding balances at Galle. This my letter says appeared by the Statement of papers which had been signed by Major Agnew.

On this second point I then thought it necessary for the Agents to ascertain, in a more satisfactory manner, whether all that paper, amounting to the Sum I have mentioned of Rix Dollars 325,943. had ceased and determined to be a charge on the public. That it had so ceased and determined the Agents appeared to conclude, merely because part was found in the public treasuries, part was in the possession of the Town Major, and part was delivered to Colonel Bonnevaux, as I have already observed. But the Agents had not referred to any of the public Books, by which the fact of its having — ceased to be a charge on the public must have clearly appeared, if those Books were still in existence, and contained such entries, as in the common

common course of business it must be supposed they would contain on the subject—

The paper was made out and intended as a circulating medium, rendered necessary by the scarcity of Cash, and it might have been only pledged or deposited in the treasury: as Company's paper here is often pledged or deposited, as security for the performance of particular contracts &c &c; or it might have deposited by the Trustees or Representatives of absent or deceased persons, for safe custody, or it might, as is now alleged, have been received in payment by the Dutch Government from persons on whom there were Demands— But in any of those cases it is scarcely credible that regular entries, specifying the paper so pledged, deposited or paid, by the Dates, numbers, amount &c, would not appear in some of the public Books and accounts— I therefore thought it my duty to recommend that the Agents should, from those Books or accounts, furnish

furnish the satisfaction required: those Books and accounts being the best evidence of the facts— But instead of resorting to the Books or Accounts. Brigadier General Beckmann addresses a letter to the late Dutch Governor Mr. Van Angelbeek, enquiring from him how the facts stood; and in reply there appears a letter from Mr. Van Angelbeek, with two others annexed, which speak very fully and decidedly on the point and as far as they go would be sufficient to remove every Doubt, if they were accompanied by proper extracts from the Books or Accounts, or by Official Certificates, stating that the Books and account had been examined carefully, and that they confirmed the Statement transmitted by the Agents.— But however respectable the assurances and declarations of Mr. Van Angelbeek and of the other Gentlemen, formerly in Office under him, must be considered; still, the best and most regular evidence is that of the Books and accounts; the necessity for examining which I suggested by my former

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Letters, and as no reason is assigned for omitting to examine them, I cannot yet say, that the Agents have furnished the satisfaction required of them, and which it must be presumed they had it in their power to furnish —

But it is also to be observed that the Sum of which my Letter of October speaks, as to this second point, is Rix Dollars 325,963, and the Sum to which the enquiries of Brigadier General De Meuron go, is only Rix Dollars 308,121, which in making those enquiries he states to have been in the hands of the Treasurer of Columbo, and to have been delivered by him to Major Agnew, as Agent for the captured property: The difference between those two Sums, being Rix Dollars 17,822, is not in any manner accounted for, tho' it is probable that the Rix Dollars 17,822 made up the amount, which is stated to have been in the hands of the Town Major, and to have been delivered to Colonel Bonneveaux —

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The delay of issuing the promissory notes here, which it is probable may ultimately be issued, will not I hope occasion any inconvenience to any of the parties concerned - But until the facts shall be ascertained by the Agents in the manner particularly pointed out to them, I cannot in duty to the Company recommend, that the objections I formerly stated to the further issuing of promissory Notes here should be withdrawn -

A true Extract
Signed John Stracey
Sub Secy

Minute thereon

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to Colombo, and that his Excellency the Governor be informed that the Governor General does not feel himself at liberty to authorize a further issue of Notes until the doubts of the Advocate General on the subject, shall be removed -

Read the following letter from

Bombay -

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From Bombay Transmit extract of a letter from Mr. Mehdee ale Khan to Mr Duncan, stating a request of the Imaum of Muscat to be permitted to enjoy certain immunities in the Ports of Bombay and Calcutta ——

Minute thereon

Resolved that a copy of the above Letter be forwarded to the Bengal Government, and that they be directed to grant the indulgences therein recommended to the Ships of the Imaum of Muscat on her arrival at Calcutta.

Read the following letter from the Secretary at Bombay.

From the Secretary at Bombay Encloses copy of a letter received from the Deputies on the Coorga frontier, together with Copy of a letter from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast who enclose letters — N° 3 & 4 from the Deputies on the subject of their mission together with N° 5 from the Southern Superintendent who states that all Communication has been put a stop to between the territories of the Company and of Tippoo Sultaun in the Coimbatore Country.

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Minute thereon

As the Governor General has already communicated to Mr Duncan the arrangements which his Lordship has judged advisable on this event. Resolved to desire that the Bombay Presidency be guided entirely by them —

Read the following letter from —

Lieutenant General Harris —

To the Right Honorable the Earl of Mornington
Governor General in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Commander in Chief states that he had found it necessary to deviate from the regulations of Government regarding the Bullock Department, and encloses copies of correspondence on this subject he has authorized the purchase of Cowleys for the preservation of the Grain — details different other arrangements which he had deemed it expedient to make —

I have the Honor to address your Lordship in Council on various points of general detail and regulation which I have ordered to take place, and which it is expedient to lay before you whilst the communication with the Presidency remains uninterrup=ted —

Of these points the most important is a deviation from the regulations of Government for the Bullock department: which I found it expedient

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expedient to sanction: permitting Major Dallas the Principal Agent to deliver the Cattle to the Subordinate Agents without the Register directed by the Regulations for that Department to accompany them. He stated the impossibility of furnishing such a Register without considerable delay, and the Subordinate Agents considered the immediate and formal transfer of the Cattle necessary to enable them to conduct the business of their respective Departments. - under these circumstances I deemed it proper to authorize the transfer of the Cattle with Lists only of their Numbers, their owners, and the Public Servants attached, without including an account of the advances made to each owner, holding the Principal Agent responsible to furnish the complete Registers as soon as possible

The accompanying Copies of Correspondence on this subject will more fully explain the particulars of this transaction —

The Security of the Grain requiring precautions

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precautions to be taken against the weather, Ordered a Committee to assemble at the request of the Commissary of Grain; and in consequence of their Report authorized the purchase of Comleys sufficient for its preservation—

The Head Surgeon of the Army having stated in the name of the Regimental Surgeons of European Corps, that the Stoppages from the pay of Soldiers in Hospital as authorized by the Government orders of the 2d of January last were greater than was necessary and bore hard upon the Soldiers: I have directed a reduction in the amount of these Stoppages, subject to the approbation of Government—

I have also issued an order regulating the mode by which Detachments of Sick and others of His Majesty's Regiments in the Field, left in Garrisons or Stations may draw their Pay, and those Payments be brought to account—

The temporary transfer of sundry Officers

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Officers to the Service of His Highness the Nizam, has required a regulation respecting their allowances when absent from the Corps to which they stand appointed. — This I have also issued —

Deeming the encreased Duties of the Subordinate Gram Agents such as required an encrease of allowances. I have Directed them to draw 20 Pagodas pr. month during the present Service in addition to their former Establishment, as recommended by the Military Board — I have also appointed Captain Monteath to be Principal Agent as I judged this a necessary Office of check and controul on that very important department —

I have directed the Asjutant General to transmit to Mr. Secretary Webbe Copies of all Orders relative to appointments, or otherwise connected with Public expenditure, which I hope will be honoured with the approbation of Government —

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Government—

That the Army might move with all the Rice which could in any mode be conveyed, Authorized an Issue of Eight seers of Rice to the Troops, and Twenty seers of Paddy to the Followers Gratis; on the condition that they should subsist on this, without farther Issue from the Public Stores, for Sixteen days from the date of its receipt at Ryacottah—

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c

Camp at Kellimungalum
March 9th 1799.

Signed Geo: Harris

Camp near Amboor. February 18th 1799.

Report of a Committee appointed to Examine into and report the Proportion of Tarpaulins, or other Cover which may be requisite for the Rice in charge of the Commissary of Grain—

Honorable Colonel Wellesley— President
Lieutenant Colonel Coke } Members—
Captain Peirce — }

The Committee proceeded to the Ground on

on which the Rice in charge of the Commissary is plaied. and found 12,000 Bags of Rice which for the convenience of moving it were divided into about 400 Heaps the number of Bags in each Heap — a — varying according to the number of Bullock employed by each owner in carrying the Rice —

The Committee found upon enquiry that the Commissary had received 150 Tarpaulins of a large size. and 90 of a small one, which covered some of the Heaps of Bags of Rice. The Tarpaulins were put under others in order to preserve the Rice from the Ants and these were covered by the Bullock Saddles and by Cumleys pitched as Tents over them —

The Cumleys were stated to belong to the Bullock Owners —

The Committee are of opinion that the number of Tarpaulins is not sufficient to cover the Rice but that by being cut, and one Tarpaulin put under each Heap, they may be sufficient to preserve it from the Ants —

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The Committee are likewise of opinion that in order to preserve the Rice from the Effects of Rain, it will require 10 Cowleys to each Heap of 30 Bags making in all 14,000 Cowleys which when the Bags of Rice are covered by the Bullocks Saddles are to be pitched over them in the Form of a Tent -

Signed Arthur Wellesley
Colonel & President

A true Copy
Signed P. A. Agnew
M. Secy

Captain Macaulay
Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I request you will be pleased to acquaint the Commander in Chief that none of the articles in the accompanying Indent can be supplyed by the Garrison Storekeeper in Vellore: but in order that the service might not be impeded by delay, I procured some Twine to enable me to repair in part

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part the Gunny Bags, and must now request the authority of the Commander in Chief to purchase the remaining articles wherever they can be found—

As I have only one Smith in my Department it will be impossible for me to make Shoes for the Bullock Drivers, but if the Commander in Chief will authorize me to send round the Country and purchase them wherever to be found, I doubt not but a great many might be had in that way—

It will likewise be necessary to authorize me to purchase what Cumblies will be required to cover the Grain, to make up for the deficiency of Tarpaulins— I request you will likewise be pleased to inform the Commander in Chief that in mustering the Cattle of my Department yesterday, I found Six hundred and seventy seven Bullocks entirely unfit for carrying loads, and a deficiency of two thousand seven hundred and fifty nine Drivers— The owners of the Cattle promise to replace

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replace them immediately, provided they can get one months Pay—

I have the honor to enclose you for the Commander in Chief an Estimate of money that will be required for the payment of the hire of Cattle in my Department for one month; but not having received the Register of the different Owners from the Principal Agent; it deprives me from stating the stoppages that will be necessarily made from the above sum for allowances to them from the Principal agent—

I have likewise to report that I have received from Mr. Skardon Garrison Storekeeper of Vellore seven thousand five hundred and fifty single — Bengal Gunneys, picked from ten thousand Bags, but even those I have taken, are extremely indifferent—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Tho.s Hart
Com.y of Grain to the Army

Camp near Vellore
13th February 1799.

True Copy
Signed C. Macaulay Lieut.

Estimate

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Estimate of Money required for the Payment of the hire of Cattle and Mastries for one month in the Department of the Commissary of Grain to the Army.

		P	F	C
To 42 Draught Bullocks at 2 - 8 - Pr. each	Pr. Fs.	92	"	"
To 1 Maistry for Do. Do.		2	"	"
To 17165 Carriage Bullocks at 1/2 Pag.da Pr each		25747	21	"
To 9 Head Maistries at Pr. 10 per each		90	"	"
To 344 Second Ditto at Pr. 2 pr. Do		688	"	"
To 9 Conicopolies at Pr. 5 pr Do		45	"	"
To 341 Carriage Bullocks for Stores at Pr. 1 1/2 Pr. each		511	21	"
To 7 Second Maistries at Pag.s 2 P each		14	"	"
Total Pagodas — Twenty seven Thousand one hundred, and ninety		27190	"	"

Camp near Vellore
8th February 1799.

Signed Tho.s Hart
Commiss.y of Grain to the Army

True Copy

Signed C. Macaulay
Lieut.

1634

Fort St. George 19th March 1799.

Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir.

Finding it impossible to deliver over the Registers. as directed in the Regulations to the Subordinate Agents without causing a delay which they seem to think will be detrimental to their Departments. it becomes necessary for me to state the reasons why it cannot be done immediately. and how the service may be carried on without impediment on that account. It is evident that no Cattle were ordered to be entertained for the Departments of the Army, until the middle of November last. when to expedite the Business. Government thought proper to employ me as an Agent for supply. since which Period. I trust. every exertion has been made, and a greater number of Cattle procured than could have been expected, those Cattle were called for daily. as they arrived. to transport Grain. Stores &c &c &c scarcely given time to have them marked consequently

it

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... it became impossible for me to settle the accounts of each individual owner at that time. besides, being issued to Corps. as well as Departments. throughout the Line, the signatures of the Inhabitants / many of whom were not. or are yet present / could not be procured. I have therefore been under the necessity of advancing Cash: in part of hire, through the medium of the Mastries who took the original advances for bringing Cattle to the service. whose receipts I am possessed of for aggregate sums. but still depend on them for the signatures of the owners to whom they distributed the money as the regulated Voucher for the protection of myself and the Company. from future claims on account of Bullock hire during my agency; when this is considered. and. that the Bullocks of almost every individual have been entertained at different periods both with respect to their numbers and Dates. it is but reasonable to suppose that the accounts to the end of January are very complicated and will require

considerable

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considerable time to adjust Shave therefore to propose that the Registers be made out stating the Ballance due for advances from the 1st of February which the Subordinate agents will only be accountable for, this will prevent impediment to the service and enable me to — connect from the different Muster Certificates the Number of Bullocks belonging to each Man, in each — Department, otherwise it will be necessary to enter his name, for all the different periods, at which musters were taken of separate parties of his Cattle few, or none, of the owners having brought their proportions at one time, or, have been attached totally to one Department. should you approve of this proposal for putting the Subordinate agents in immediate possession of the Bullock peoples accounts of their Departments, directions may be given for their receiving them in the form of advances due from the 1st of February, and Governments sanction be obtained for a Deviation from the 9th Article of Bullock Regulations, in this instance, it being evidently calculated for Agent of supply / Garrison Storekeeper

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Storekeepers / who are always supposed to have time to fill up. and forward Registers along with the — Bullocks they procure. which has been impossible in the present case—

I have the Honor to be

Camp 14th February 1799.

&c &c

/Signed Tho.s Dallas

Prize agent for Bullocks

A true Copy

/Signed C. Macaulay

Secy

Captain Macaulay

Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir.

I had the Honor of enclosing you in my letter of the 13th Instant for the Commander in Chief an Estimate of the Expence for the hire of Cattle and their attendants. in the Department of the — Commissary of Grain for one month - I have now to request. that you will represent to the Commander in Chief. that it is of the utmost consequence to his future

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future operations that they should have one month pay immediately: for until they receive it, the different owners declare, they have not the means of replacing their — Bullocks that are Dead, or unfit for the service; besides it will enable them to procure more Drivers, which they are very deficient of at present —

As the Grain is in a very insecure state from the want of proper Cover, I request to know from the Commander in Chief, if I am to purchase Gumblies, to throw over it, in the manner that the — Binjarries secure the Grain —

I hope the Commander in Chief has taken my letter of the 2d. February in regard to the office and Public servants of my Department into Consider= =ation, and that he has been pleased to represent it, in such manner to Government that I may be allowed to encrease them before we quit our own Country —

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Camp near Amboor
17th February 1799.

Signed Tho.s Hart

True Copy
Signed C. Macaulay Secy

To

1639 Fort St. George 19th March 1799

To Major Thomas Dallas

Principal Bullock Agent

Sir

The Commander in Chief has directed me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him under date 14th Instant. wherein for reasons assigned you propose an exception to certain Parts of the — Regulations of Government, respecting the Department of Publick Carriage that the Registers to be received from you by the four subordinate agents should be made out stating the Ballances only due for advances made from the 1st February, with the view that the subordinate agents should be responsible only for making the Stoppages necessary for the recovery of such advances—

The Commander in Chief thinks it scarcely necessary to observe how indispensable it is that the orders of Government published for the Departments of the Army should be strictly — adhered

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adhered to.—at the same time, that he may have the means of giving your proposition a full consideration it is his wish that you should submit a Register for any one of the Subordinate Agents made out in the manner you propose—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Head Quarters
Camp near Amboor
18th February 1799.

(Signed) C. Macaulay

True Copy
(Signed) C. Macaulay
Secy

Captain Macaulay

Sir.

The Cattle having been issued, the moment they were marked by the Muster Master, to answer the immediate exigencies of the service, — almost every owner has Cattle in each Department of the Army and some of them, have them, even with each Corps; therefore it will be necessary for

Barclay

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Barclay as well as Carlisle to make this advance — through the Head Maistries. as has hitherto been the case. they will be answerable to them for the amounts or Carlisles' list of owners. as well of every others — would have been ready before now had my proposal for granting them as entertained from the 1st of Feb.y to the subordinate agents been ordered to take place with the Ballance due to the Company on the — Register from that Date. but. that not having been decided on. the Lists of owners have only been made out for Harts Department. the rest have not been made because. I am still in doubt whether that Form is to be admitted. if not. much time will be required to arrange each owners Bullock. by date of entertainment. agreeably to the Muster Masters — Certificates. which is a business that could be better brought up for the months of December and January by my people at their leisure. without impeding that of the Sub Agents. I wish you could get it settled. it will save much trouble to them hereafter

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Hereafter and render my account perfect—

Yours Truly

19th February 1799.

Signed Tho.s Dallas

True Copy

Signed C. Macaulay Secy.

Captain Macaulay

Sir.

I send you. for the Commander in Chiefs approbation an Indent for Cash as an advance to the Bullock owners and Masdries in the different departments on account of February - It is the smallest sum that can be of any use to them because, besides relieving the Drivers. they have Bullocks to purchase for the Supply of Casualties—

The sooner it can be issued the better. the Commissaries having represented them to be in great Distress—

Yours Truly.

Camp near Amboor

19th February 1799. True Copy

Signed Tho.s Dallas

Bullock Agent

Signed C Macaulay Secy.

Capt.n

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Captain Macaulay

Sir.

It is the General desire that I should deliver Gunny Bags along with the Rice to the Binjarries from Captain Malcolm's I have no Bullocks then to bring them. I left likewise thirty Tarpaulins to preserve the Rice from the white ants. and there are a good many empty Gunny Bags from Rice already delivered. I have just received yours. desiring me to send for the General's information a list of owners in my Department &c.

I have for some time past been using every endeavour to get such a list with the advances already made to them. but they withhold giving me any account until I receive the Register from the Prize agent: nor can I get a correct List of the number of Bullocks belonging to the different owners until then, as they still seem to think I am only a temporary manager and that all their concerns to be adjusted by

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by the Prize agent I shall take care that whatever Sums are given me for them, reaches the owners in proportion of the number of Cattle they have agreeably to the Reports given to me, but which will be by no means correct for the reasons already stated—

Yours ever

Camp 19th February

Signed Tho.s Hart

True Copy

Signed C Macaulay Sec.y

To Major Dallas

Principal Bullock Agent

Sir.

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him under date 14th Instant, wherein you detail a variety of Circumstances which make it impossible for you to deliver in without considerable delay, the several Registers required immediately for the Subordinate Bullock Agents, and with the view to remove

remove existing obstacles. propose that instead of —
being obliged to furnish the Registers agreeably to
the mode prescribed by the 9th article of the Bullock
Regulations you shall be permitted to adjust the
accounts of the whole of the owners up to the 31st Jany.
inclusive. and that the subordinate Bullock agent.
shall be held accountable only for advances made
to the owners from that date to be recovered from the
hire of February. or of succeeding months —

The Commander in Chief taking it
for granted. that it is the intention of the above
proposition. that you shall be held responsible
to deliver in to Government hereafter. with the
least delay possible. a full. and clear account. of
all the sums you have received. and all such as
you have disbursed on account of Bullocks. from the
commencement of your agency till the 31st January
inclusive. accompanied by such receipts from the
several owners. as shall be sufficient to protect
the Honorable Company from all claims on
account

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account of Bullock hire during the said period of your Agency. and the Commander in Chief feeling it to be absolutely necessary at this juncture, that the subordinate Bullock agents should be put in immediate possession of the Bullocks of their respective Departments. on terms which shall allow of their being the medium through which all future advances shall be made to the different Owners. is pleased to acquiesc in your proposition as above stated. and accordingly orders that you prepare forthwith on the principle before explained. the several Registers for the subordinate agents respectively. which he concludes you will be able to furnish in the course of 6 or 7 days at farthest

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

Signed C. Macaulay
Secy

Head Quarters
Camp 3 miles South of Ambore
19th February 1799.

a true copy.

Signed P. A. Agnew
Military Secy.
Majr

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Major Hart

Commissary General of Grain

Sir.

The Commander in Chief has directed me to transmit you for your information and guidance the accompanying letter which he has found necessary to write to Major Dallas the Principal agent, an advance has been made to the Principal agent in part hire for February 1799 you will please indent upon him in the proportion of ½ Pagoda for each Bullock in your Department—

The Exigency of the service having compelled the Commander in Chief to depart from the Regulations of Government. in respect to the mode in which the Registers are to be made up by Major Dallas for the Subordinate agents with the view of expediting the important object of your being sooner placed in full charge of all the

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the owners of Bullocks in your Department; The Commander in Chief relies upon your ascertaining the names and number of the owners, and then making such a Distribution of the advance you now receive as will ensure its reaching those who are most in want, and also affording to the owners the means of replacing any Bullocks that are Dead, or unfit for service, besides enabling them to procure more Drivers—

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c

Head Quarters
Camp 3 Miles South of Amboor
20th February 1799

Signed C. Macaulay
Secy

a true Copy

Signed P. A. Agnew
M. Bullocks

Note from Captain Macaulay to Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle dated Head Quarters Camp South of Amboor 19th February 1799.

The General wishes to be informed if you have got a list of the owners of Bullocks in your department with the number of Bullocks belonging

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belonging to each. but without the advances. and whether this list is made out by yourself or by Major Dallas. he also wishes to know in the event of an advance being made, upon what principle you would propose the distribution. and whether you can regulate for the Moneys reaching the hands of those who are most in want—

The General is aware that you cannot have a Complete list. as the Principal Agent has not given you his Register.

a true Copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Secy

To Major Hart
Commissary of Grain to the Army

Sir,

In consequence of the report of the Committee of which the Honorable Colonel Wellesley was President that 4,000/ Four Thousand/ Cumleys are requisite to secure the Grain in your Department from the

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The Effect of Rain - Lieutenant General Harris —"
authorizes you to purchase that number, charging the
Cost of the same upon Honor agreeably to the regulations
of the Service, and reporting to Head Quarters when
they are procured

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your
Most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed P. A. Agnew
M.G. Dept.

Camp
February 20th 1799

To Major Dallas
Principal Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks

Sir,

The Commander in Chief directs
that you immediately make out and transmit to him
for Counter-signature, an Indent on the Paymaster of
the Army for the sum of Star Pagodas, Ten Thousand
Eight Hundred and Six (10,806-21) twenty one Fanams
which sum you will receive as soon as possible and
pay on his Indent to Major Thomas Hart Commissary
of Grain to the Army, to be advanced by him for the
purpose

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purpose of completing the deficient Bullocks and
Drivers in his Department

I have the Honor to be &c

Camp at Chattoor
February 26th 1799.

Signed P. A. Agnew
Mr. Fr. Dept.

Captain Macaulay

Sir,

I have not yet got a list of the owners of
Bullocks in my Department with the number of
Bullocks belonging to each —

I have several times prested Major
Dallas on this subject, read what he says in reply to
a letter of mine yesterday "– my writers work day and
"night at the Registers, when they are finished they
"shall be sent. In the mean time, the advances may
"be made this the Head Masters, who will be —
"answerable to you for the sums they receive". I can see
no other principle of Distribution in the present
Situation

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situation of matters — and I have little doubt of the Money's reaching the hands of those, who are most in want —

I am

Camp at Amboorpett
20th February 1799

Your's always

(Signed) C. Carlisle

True Copy

(Signed) C. Macaulay
Secy

Where can Canvas, and Tar be found to make Tarpaulins? if Materials can be got they can soon be made —

True Copy

(Signed) C. Macaulay
Secy

Major Dallas

Principal Bullock Agent

Sir.

The Indent transmitted by you for an advance of Cash required for Draft and Carriage Cattle in part hire of February amounting to Pagodas twenty seven Thousand one hundred and sixty one Fanams

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Fanams twenty one. in the proportion of 1½ Pagoda per Bullock. has been laid before the Commander in Chief. who has directed me to inform you. that he has been induced to authorise this advance from a conviction of its indispensible necessity. in the actual state of your Department.

The accompanying copy of a Circular letter to the subordinate agents is transmitted to you for your information. and the Commander in Chief relies with confidence upon your delivering over to these agents their respective Registers on the principle acquiesced in by the Commander in Chief in the course of a few days. in order that the responsibility annexed to their situations as required by Government. may attach to the full

Head Quarters
Camp 3 miles South of Ambore
21st February 1799

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed C. Macaulay

A true Copy
Signed C. Macaulay Secy

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Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir,

I had the honor to receive a copy of your letter, to the Principal Agent for Bullocks, that you directed to be forwarded to me, on the subject of the Register of Owners &c of Cattle in my Department, that ought to have been delivered to me at the time I received these Bullocks from the Principal Agent.— However reluctant I feel in troubling you on this subject and particularly at a time when other important duties must fully occupy your attention, yet I conceive, I neither would be doing Justice to the service, or to my own Character, as a Subordinate agent, if I did not represent to you, the ill consequences, that appear to me, do exist, and must hereafter result from allowing the Principal agent to settle for the hire of all Cattle in the different departments up to the 1st of Febuary

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February and which I will endeavour to state in as short and clear a manner as possible—

It is the actual disposition of the Natives of this Country, seldom or ever to pay due attention to, or obey the orders of a Subordinate Man, unless he is Vested with the complete authority over them, and which it may be presumed determines the Government to give such authority to the several Subordinate Agents, that they so fully do in the 9th Paragraph of the Bullock Regulations. Indeed the responsibility demanded of the Subordinate Agents in the 7th Paragraph of the Instructions, certainly claim such a Power— I must respectfully beg leave to represent to you Sir, that in consequence of the aforementioned power granted to the Principal Agent all the Bullock Owners in my Department, at this moment look up to him as the person who is to settle their past and future hire for Cattle, consequently consider me only as a Subordinate Agent, to whom they

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they are not accountable. and therefore withhold from me all proper Reports of Casualties Drivers &c—

I am perfectly aware that it must require a considerable time, for the Principal Agent to deliver over his Registers complete. but I am confident it would be much easier for him to give over an open account current of the advances made to the different owners. than to call away those Owners and Maistries from the several Departments / where it ought to be their duty constantly to remain / in order to settle their accounts up to the 1st of February

I hope Sir, you will be pleased to pardon the liberty I now take in suggesting a mode that I think would in some measure do away this impression— It is for the Principal Agent to give a Register of the Owners names, the number of Bullocks under their charge, when Entertained, and the Gross amount of the advances they have received: I am perfectly certain this might be easily done, in regard to my own

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own Department, for on the very day the Cattle were mustering at Madras, and taken into the service, I was ready to receive, and did receive them into my Department - If this mode is adopted the Principal Agent will have time to make out a correct Account Current, detailing therein all advances that may have been made, the Sirc due for such and such months, and the Stoppages that remains to be made to clear off these advances, which accounts should be rendered to the several subordinate Agents — immediately on being made ready - Nothing but my Zeal for the public service, and that my Department should move on without the appearance of an — Impediment, could have induced me troubling you with so long a letter —

I am with great respect
&c &c
Signed Tho.s Hart
Commiss.y of Grain to the Army

Camp near Tripatore
24th February 1799

A true Copy
Signed P. A. Agnew
Mj. Genl

Extract

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Extract of Bullock Regulations issued by Government

Fort St. George 2d January 1799

7th The Commissary of Stores, the Commissary of Grain, and the Commissary of Provisions in the Field are respectively to hold the Subordinate Agencies in their several Departments, in order that the Responsibility for the care of the Provisions and Stores may be attached to them at all times, and these Subordinate agents are accordingly to be held answerable to the Public for the Articles under their Charge, and to be subject to the Repayment of the value of Stores lost, as well as to removal from their Office, when any losses occur from their own negligence, or that of the people under them, and which they cannot make clearly appear to have proceeded from Causes, which it was obviously not in their power to prevent, on all such occasions, the Commander of the Army will order a Committee of

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of Officers to enquire into and report to him. the Circumstances of the Case, and if it should be found that any part of the losses shall have arisen from want of care or proper exertions on the part of the Owners. or Masalies. the principal agent will obtain the sanction of the Officer Commanding the Army. for recovering by Regular Stoppages the Value of the Stores or Provisions which have been lost according to Tables of Rates which will be furnished to the respective Commissaries. excepting the Articles of Rice and Salt. which are to be charged at one Seer on every Pagodas worth above the Bazar Price

9th

In consequence of the responsibility required from the Heads of Departments in the 7th Article. and that it may not happen that the responsibility for the loss of Provisions and Stores shall be disavowed from the time they are moving from one Ground to another. by the Commissaries

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Commissaries or Agents not posessing the necessary authority over the servants the proprietors and — Maistries of Cattle are to be placed under their — immediate Orders and direction and accountable to them. For which purpose the advances that may have been made to them, shall be adjusted by the Subordinate Agents, and their Pay, and the hire of the Bullocks pass from the principal agent, thro their medium, and while they feel that Degree of necessary dependence upon the Subordinate Agents which is likely to secure attention to their Duty, they will at the same time know that there is a General Superintendent established for them over the different department of the Army, thro whom they may apply to Head Quarters for the redress of any grievance they may suffer.

A true Extract

Signd Thos. Hart

Commy of Grain to the Army

A true Copy

Signd P. A. Agnew

Mr. Ordt. G.

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Captain C. Macaulay

Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir.

I request you will be pleased to acquaint the Commander in Chief, that in consequence of his Orders contained in your letter of the 20th Instant, directing me to endeavour to ascertain the Names and numbers of the Owners of Cattle in my Department, with the advances they may have received, in order to make such a distribution of the Money ordered for them, as will insure its reaching those most in want of it - I have to report, that after perseverings for upwards of seven Hours to day, I could not collect from the Owners any Kind of an account of the money they had already received, and they seemed totally averse to my entering into any enquiring on that Head, as they said I would be furnished with these

Accounts

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accounts from the Principal agent — .

after much trouble and perseverance

I have got for them. a List of the Owners names/amounting

to near Eight Hundred/ with an account of the Cattle

they brought into the service, but I cannot answer for

its being correct —

I beg you will also be pleased to

inform the Commander in Chief. that on the most

minute examination into the state of the Cattle of

my Department by me this day. I found nearly two

Hundred Bullocks so bad, with the disorder now so

prevalant among the Cattle of the Army. that the

most of them, are for the present unfit to carry

loads and on pressing the different Owners to

replace them with fresh Bullocks. they replied

that they had not the means. as the half Pagoda

per Bullock now advanced. is barely sufficient to

purchase Straw — : — either to replace Cattle

or furnish a greater proportion of Drivers — But

they

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they assure me, if the Commander in Chief will be pleased to make it up to one months Pay, agreeable to the Estimate given in, they will replace these Cattle, procure a greater proportion of Drivers, and enable the Department in every respect to move as compleat, as it did from Madras in regard to the Carriage for the same quantity of Rice ___

I am happy to report that the Cumbly Tents for covering the Rice are nearly compleated and that I shall get ready upwards of five hundred Hoes, and six Hundred large Grass Knives for the Bullock Drivers ___

It is of so much importance at this particular time, to make the advance in order to forward the public service, that I trust the Commander in Chief will have no hesitation in complying with it -

Camp near Malloor
26.th February 1799

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

a true Copy
/Signed P.A. Agnew
M.y Sec.y

/Signed Tho.s Hart
Comm.y of Grain to the Army
Capt.n

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Captain Macaulay

Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th of February enclosing Copy of a letter to Major Dallas in answer to his letter to the Commander in Chief dated the 11th Instant stating certain existing obstacles which makes it impossible for him to deliver in without considerable delay the Registers required for my Information as Subordinate Agent for Draft and Carriage Cattle. I hope it will not be considered because I have been silent that I have not had obstacles to struggle with in the charge of the Provision Department, and as Subordinate Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks

I do not consider it my province to enquire into the causes which have prevented Major

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Major Dallas from performing the duties he has undertaken. The Establishment of Servants to assist him / as p. Para: 31 of the Regulations / has been unlimited. If his duties have been great, and his time short. his Office Establishment might have been extended—

I am aware of interrupting the Commander in Chief at a moment when his mind must be occupied with affairs of importance. but the Security of any Department is of consequence to him, I beg the favour of you therefore to lay the following Circumstances before him—

My Indent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks, was given to Major Dallas on the 28th December, the whole of the Bullocks for my Department were delivered over to me on the 4th of January. A complete Register with an account of every Kind from the moment the Bullocks were received in the Public service, should at the same time have been handed to me, as laid down

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down in the 1st Para of the Bullock Regulations
I now feel it my indispensible duty to state the
difficulties I have suffered, and am still to —
encounter. for want of that Register, in order to relieve
me not only from responsibility in charge of so
considerable a Department but to save me from the
Odium I am liable to by the heavy losses the —
Department may suffer for want of the complete
Equipment, and an uncontrold authority over my
Bullock Department —

I have charge of 300 Carts loaded
with Arrack and Provisions to conduct with some
degree of order such a line of Carts - an authority -
should exist in me, and my Orders be obeyed, without
hesitation or demur: I have no such authority: The
Bullock Masistries and Owners of Cattle certainly
do not consider me the Person on whom they are
to depend for settling their accounts, and adjusting
their claims and grievances in the service: I have
been

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been obliged to force Maistres into my presence,
whose interest it is to keep back the Owners of
Cattle, and deprive me of the means of ascertaining
individual property, it is vain therefore for me
to attempt to form a Register of the owners of
Cattle on a principle so liable to difficulty and
imposition. The Drivers also are not only —
incomplete but there is no attachment Men and
Boys are hired from one Village to another, and
I have frequently Carts with double Yokes without
a single Driver. I have given all my attention
to the Carts on the March, and have got on by a
Miracle, trusting that an exertion would be
made to relieve me — we are now approaching
the Enemys Country, where the operations of
the Army should suffer no impediment. If I
am allowed to proceed in the present state of
Equipment I cannot Judge at this moment
how much impediment the Army may be
liable

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liable to from my department I shall continue to struggle as I have done, for the service, and I hope I shall be considered as having done my duty by stating for the information of the Commander in Chief the difficulties I apprehend

In order to ascertain as near as possible the difficulties I state; I this day saw the rear of my Department of the Ground it was near Eight O'Clock before the last Cart moved off. The compleatest muster I can make of the draft — Bullocks of my Department, is by passing them as I frequently do backwards and forwards on the line of March from the best attention I have given this day I find a deficiency of 186 Draft Bullocks with the proportion of Drivers, and 20 Carts on the line of march without Drivers —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) C. Corner

Comm.y of Provision to the Army

Camp
27th February 1799

A true Copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew M.G. Secy

Capt.

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Captain Macaulay

Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir.

I have to request that you will represent to the General, that the Exigence of the publick Service having been such as to demand the immediate use of the Bullocks supplied for the Army, from the Instant they were mustered and marked at the Presidency, it became impossible for me sooner to regulate the Register of their Owners so as to ascertain the numbers each had latterly attached to the different departments. Lest they being now finished so far as to specify each Man's name with the number of his Bullocks, Draft, or Carriage, likewise the names of the publick servants agreeably to the Regulations, I could wish to deliver them over to the Subordinate agents, that they may in future regulate their Department through them.

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The Sums due by each for advances,

cannot be affixed for some days, but it may be proper
that no time be lost in making the Sub Agents —"
acquainted with the Owners and maistries of their —"
Cattle, and I trust, the Commander in Chief will admit
the impossibility of my effecting this desirable point
sooner, when he considers the vast extent of my
supply of Cattle, the short space of time I had to
prepare them in and, the irregular mode of issue
which has disposed each Owners Bullocks to almost
every Corps and Department in the Army, this —"
circumstance I am afraid will continue to operate
to the prejudice of the Cattle as well as the Owners,
whereas if none had been finally issued until the
whole were assembled at Vellore, every individuals
Bullocks, might have been put under his own charge,
and much better taken care of than at present, but
this cannot now be altered because Departments
have marked their Cattle, consequently no

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Exchange can't take place.

Have the honr to be
&c. &c.

Camp
27.th February 1799

(Signed) Tho.s Dallas
Principal agent for Bullocks

A true Copy
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Mr Secy

To Major Dallas
Principal agent for Bullocks

Sir,

Your letter to Captain Macauley of the 27.th Instant has been laid before the Commander in Chief. by whom I am directed to inform you in reply, that the same principle that induced him to comply with your former request "to give the Registers "to the Subordinate agents with the advances for "February only" now leads him to acquiesce in your present proposal: and he accordingly desires that no delay may occur in delivering the lists of Owners, with

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with the number of Bullocks Draft or Carriage, each has in each Department of the service: and the names of the Public Servants employed, to the Officers in charge of these Departments respectively, that they may be enabled in future to regulate their Departments through them, and possess the authority which is indispensably necessary over those employed under their management—

The Commander in Chief expects however that you will use every exertion to complete these imperfect Registers by an accurate account of the advances made to every owner with the least possible delay— that the Regulations of the service may be complied with, the accounts be adjusted, and the Responsibility, which till this is done must rest on you, may cease—

I have the honor to be &c

Camp near Carrimungalum
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(Signed) P. A. Agnew
M.G. Sec.y

A true Copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
M.G. Sec.y

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The Board approve the — as arrangement which the Commander in Chief has deemed it expedient to make. and order that copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Military Auditor General for his guidance —

Read the following letters from the Adjutant General of the Army —

To I Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Adjutant General to the Army - mentions the arrival of Lieut Dallas Horses. - states the mode in which they have been distributed Encloses extracts of different Staff appointments which the Commander in Chief has found it necessary to make. subject to the approval of Government —

The Commander in Chief has desired me to address you on the following subjects for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council

Of the Two Hundred Horses purchased by Lieutenant Dallas. One died on the march. The remainder of the Lot (199) arrived in Camp some days since. Of these four on Examination were found from Sickness unfit for the Service. Of the rest (195) Eighty five were reported fit to mount European Dragoons.

and

and one hundred and Ten fit for the Native Cavalry with the Exception of the four unfits therefore the whole have been distributed to Corps. As an attention due to Lieutenant Dallas the Commander in Chief has desired me to remark that these Horses are well sized and of a good Cast. and that they joined the Army in good Condition

The neceſsary measure of Brigading the Army in the Field having demanded a proportion of Staff Officers. The Commander in Chief with the view to Economy Employed as many of the Officers holding the Post of Adjutant and Quarter Master as could be assembled to fill the situations of Major of Brigade and Quarter Master of Brigade. The remaining appointments which he found indispensible for completing the Field Arrangement of the Troops, are contained in the enclosed Extracts. having been published only subject to the Confirmation of Government

Capt.

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Captain Simons's appointment as

Baggage Master did not take Effect as he belonged

at the time to the detachment under Colonel Roberts.

and was prevented from joining the Army by Illness

Captain H. Simons acts at present as

Quarter Master of Brigade with Lieutenant Colonel

Reads' detachment. He has since been recommended to

Government for the appointment of Superintendant of

Bringarries with the Troops under that Officer.

A Fort Adjutant at Hurtnagerry

became absolutely necessary from the details of sick

thrown in there by different Corps in Camp, and the

assistance required by the Commanding Officer whose

engagements are incessant from the place being now

used as a General depot for the Troops in the Field —

An Adjutant for the Corps of Pioneers

will be required only so long as the Army continues

in the Field —

In reinforcing His Highness the

Nizams Contingent with a European Corps, the

Commander

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Commander in Chief was desirous that Colonel Roberts should continue in charge of the Native Infantry of the Detachment from Hyderabad. As the General Command however fell to the Honorable Colonel Wellesley on his joining with His Majesty's 33d Regiment, Colonel Robert preferred holding a General Command in the Line to which he has been accordingly appointed. On this subject however, the Commander in Chief will communicate with Government more fully hereafter —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Head Quarters
Camp near Ryacottah
5th March 1799.

Signed J.J. Close
Adjt. Genl of the Army.

Extracts from General Orders by the Commander in Chief

6th February 1799. Major Patterson of His Majesty's 25th Dragoons, Captain Hughes of His Majesty's 74th Regiment, Captain Cuppage of the Bengal Establishment and acting Major of Brigade Colebrooke, are appointed Majors

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Majors of Brigade subject to the
Confirmation of Government—

9th February 1799. Captain J. H. Symons is appointed Quarter
Master of the Troops under Lieutenant Col.
A. Read on the allowances of a Quarter
Master of Brigade subject to the
Confirmation of Government—

11th do do Captain Charles Sympson is appointed
Baggage Master to the Army—

12th do do Lieutenant Webb Stone is appointed Aid
de Camp to Colonel Smith subject to
the Confirmation of Government—

13th do do Lieutenant Hartley of His Majesty's 12th
Regiment is appointed Deputy Baggage
Master to the Army subject to the
Confirmation of Government—

20th do do Lieutenant Benjamin Harding is —
appointed Adjutant to the 2d Battalion
5th Regiment, vice Gurnell — —
promoted subject to the Confirmation
of Government—

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20th Febuary 1799 Lieutenant John Fitzpatrick to act as Aejutant to the Corps of Pioners with the Pay and allowances of Aejutant Subject to the Confirmation of Government —

do do d.o Serjeant Alston of the 2d Battalion of Artillery is appointed a Conductor of Ordnance. Subject to the Confirmation of Government

do do d.o Serjeant MacGrath. Gunner Friday and Matross Smith of the Corps of Artillery are appointed Sub Conductors of Ordnance subject to the confirmation of Government —

23d do d.o Captain Sympson having requested permission on account of the weakly State of his health. to resign his Situation of Baggage Master to the Army Lieut Hartley Deputy Baggage Master, is appointed to that post in his Room —

&c

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23d February 1799. Lieutenant L Goodall is appointed Deputy Baggage Master to the Army. Vice Hartley.

Ditto do. do. Captain Augustus Kleyer is appointed Quarter Master to the Cavalry Corps on the allowance of a Brigade Major of Cavalry, and attached to Major General Floyd—

1st March 1799. Lieutenant Vaughan of the 2d Battalion 7th Regement is appointed Fort Adjutant of Histnagherry subject to the — " Confirmation of Government

1st do. do. The following Officers are appointed to serve until further orders with His Highness the Nyams Infantry under the General Superintendance of Captain Malcolm—

Captain M. Lehoy from the 2d Batt.n 2d Regt
do. Geo. Phillips do 1st do 6th do
Lieutenant J. Thompson do 1st do 8th do
do Tho.s Baynes do 2d do 3d do

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Lieut.t Alex.r Grant from the 1.st 13.th 4.th Regt.

D.o H. F. Smith . do 2.d do 3.d do

D.o H. Yarde . . do 2.d do 9.th do

D.o Jn.o Mc.Dougall . do 1.st do 5.th do

D.o Chas.t Pasley . do 2.d do 4.th do

D.o Chas.t addison . do 1.st do 6.th do

The above Officers are to draw their — —

Regimental pay and allowances in the

manner directed for Staff Officers

absent from their Corps Viz.t upon

Separate abstracts signed by themselves

and Countersigned by Captain Malcolm-

3.d March 1799. Colonel Roberts is permitted at his

own Request to resign the command of

the detachment serving with His

Highness the Nizams Troops. He will

accordingly deliver over Charge of the

detachment to Lieutenant Colonel

Dalrymple and join this encampment

as soon as Convenient

It being deemed expedient to

Strengthen His Highness the Nizams

Contingent

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Contingent at this Juncture with an
European Corps. The Honorable Colonel
Wellesley with His Majestys 33d Regiment
is to Reinforce the detachment under
Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple and on
Joining assume the General Command of
the whole—

3d March 1799. The importance of the department of
Gram for the Cavalry requiring every
attention to its Regulation and arrangement
the Commander in Chief has deemed it
necessary in Conformity to the Regulations
of the 19th of July 1797 to establish
during the present service a principal
Agent to Superintend the whole of this
department

The Subordinate Regimental
Agents are to be entirely under his
Authority in every point relative to the
provision and arrangement of their
Supplies. they are to furnish him with
such

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such Reports as he may think proper to Call for; to obey all such orders on this Subject as they may receive through him and Major General Floyd as Commandant of the Corps of Cavalry, will give such occasional Instructions to the principal Agent as he may judge proper in communication with Head Quarters

Captain Monteath whose particular attention to the Duties of the department has pointed him out to the Notice of the Commander in Chief on this occasion is appointed principal Agent subject to the approbation of Government and to draw the difference between Captains and Majors Batta as the allowance of His Office from the 1st. of March 1799.

True Extracts

(Signd) W.B. Close

Adjt Genl of the Army

To J. Webbe

Secretary to Government

Sir.

From W.P. Encloses copy of a General Order published by the Commander in Chief relative to the daily stoppages to be made from the Soldiers in Hospital —

The Commander in Chief has desired me

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me to forward the enclosed paper containing copy of an order which he judged it expedient to publish for the purpose of decreasing until the pleasure of Government be known. the amount of the daily stoppage directed to be made from the Pay of the European Soldier in Hospital by the orders of Government under date 2d of January 1799.

It would appear that the stoppages directed by these orders was resolved on without consideration having been had to the circumstances that by late Regulations the Soldier suffers a stoppage for the Provisions served to him in the Field —

As the amendment now proposed relieves the Soldier to the necessary degree. and yet leaves the Surgeon sufficient to defray the expence of his diet. the Commander in Chief is hopeful that it will appear to merit the confirmation of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council

I have the honor to be &c

Signed W.H. Close
Adj Gen.l of the Army

Extract

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Camp near Pyacottah
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Extract from General Orders Head Quarters
Camp at Mullaor Tuesday
February 26th 1799.

"The Head Surgeon with the Army
"having represented to the Commander in Chief that
"the stoppages from the Pay of the European Sick when
"victualled in Hospital, authorized by the first paragraph
"of the Medical Regulations, of the 2d January last,
"bear hard on the men, and are more than sufficient
"to defray the expence of their Diet, an opinion in
"which the Regimental Surgeons unite with him;
"the following Deviation from those Regulations
"is directed to have effect relative to the Sick of
"the Army, till the pleasure of Government is known

"The Surgeon is to draw the Pay
"Batta of the Soldier when victualled in the Hospital
"equal to three Fanams, and thirty Cash, per Day,
"and is further to receive a Stoppage of One
"Fanam, and forty Cash, from the daily Pay of
each

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"each European Patient- making in the whole four

"fanams seventy Cash. instead of five fanams, seventy

"Cash. as directed in the General Orders of January

"last

"A similar Reduction must take

"place where European Sick are sent from their

"Corps into a Field Hospital. in the sum for defraying

"the expence of their treatment- The Field Hospital

"Surgeon is to draw the Dry Batta and Stoppage

"from the Soldiers Pay of one fanam and forty Cash

"as abovementioned. and to receive the further

"sum of five fanams per day for each Patient. from

"the Regimental Surgeons of the Corps to which

"the Sick belong. amounting on the whole to nine

"fanams. seventy Cash. instead of ten fanams.

"seventy Cash. as now drawn —

"The Diet Tables and establishment

"of medical Servants attending the Sick appearing

"not to be sufficiently known. are, at the request

of

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"of the Head Surgeon in the Field, published in
"Orders to the Army: and as various articles of
"Diet cannot always be procured in the
"Field agreeably to the Tables now laid down,
"a change of Diet substituting articles
"generally procurable for those which cannot
"be obtained, has been determined upon; and
"Copies of the Tables are directed to be placed
"in every Regimental and General Field
"Hospital, for public inspection and —
"information —

Diet Tables

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Diet Tables

Diet Tables as established by former Regulations

"Full Diet

"Breakfast - Two Ollocks or one quarter of a measure of Palauganze Rice made into Conjee with two Ollocks of milk

"Dinner - One Loaf of Bread weighing 12 Ounces or where Bread cannot be got, 2 Ollocks of Palauganze Rice boiled a proportion of mutton at the rate of one sheep for every 12 men - Two Ollocks of Soup made with a sufficient Quantity of Greens, Onions, and Black Pepper -

Supper as Breakfast

"Low Diet

"Breakfast Tea. Lemon Grass Tea Milk, or Sago, One Pint -

Table of Diet proposed and calculated for the Field

Full Diet

"Breakfast a Quarter of a measure, or "Two Ollocks of Rice boiled into Conjee, "with the same Quantity of milk

"Dinner - Two Ollocks, or a Quarter of "measure of Rice boiled, or Two Hoppers, "with the proportion of one sheep for "every 12 men; a Quarter of a measure "of Good Soup; where Greens, (when procurable Onions, black Pepper, and about One Seer of Rice Flour, mixed with the Soup, for every 20 men -

Supper - as Breakfast

Low Diet

"Breakfast - Tea One Pint, and One "Oppoh, or one pint of strained Conjee with

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"with two Glasses of wine, sweetened
"with Sugar: or one pint of Sago
"with the same proportion of
"Wine and Sugar

"Dinner One Chicken boiled or made
"into Broth, with one Pint of Sago or
"Rice Pudding

"Dinner A Quarter of a measure
"of Mutton Broth, or a Chicken,
"(when procurable) boiled or made
"into Broth with One Oppoh
"or one pint of Sago, with two
"Glasses of wine, sweetened with
"Sugar or one pint of boiled flour
"Milk, or one pint of Rice boiled with
"Milk or Rice Pudding

"Supper Sago one Pint —

"Supper as Breakfast

"Patients on this Diet to have also One Loaf
"of Bread weighing 12 Ounces, every Patient
"to have One Pollam of Salt, and two
"Pollams of Sugar, Daily —

"Good Congee Water, to be always
"kept in Readiness for the
"common Drink of the Patient
"when Bread or any of the Articles
"of the former Diet Tables can be
"procured for the Sick they are
"always to be supplied —

Established

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Establishment of Medical Servants

Extract of G.O. By Government 4th December 1793

Para 3d "That the Regimental Surgeon,
"shall supply the Hospital with Servants of every —"
"Denomination, for the purpose of preparing Medicines,
"and attending the Sick, in the same proportion as
"directed by the Medical Board, Viz' One Cooly, to
"attend every Eight Men Sick in Hospital — One for
"every three Men in Salvation — and one Cooly to every
"Dysenteric Patient bedrid, exclusive of which the
"following proportions for 100 men to be always —
"supplied —

"3 Sweepers
"3 Sotties
"1 Lamplighter
"2 Coolies for the preparation of Medicines & Dressings
"2 Coolies for Pounding the Mortar
"4 Coolies for the application of Fomentations
Poultis and administering injections"

a true Extract
(signed) W. Close
Adj. Genl. of the Army

&c

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To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir.

Shews Pte Dr. Encloses copy of an order issued by the Commander in Chief for enabling Officers in charge of detachments from any of his Majestys Regiments left sick at stations to draw the pay of the men left under their care

I have the honor to forward by desire of the Commander in Chief, copy of an Order which he judged it expedient to publish for enabling Officers in charge of sick at different Ports belonging to His Majestys Corps in Camp, to draw their pay during the absence of the Army—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Camp near Hellemungalum 9th March 1799.

Signed B. Close

Adjt Genl of the Army

Extract from General Orders Head Quarters Camp at Bancor Dales Wednesday 27th February 1799.

"Officers in charge of Detachments

"from His Majestys Regiments in the Field left sick

"or otherwise at Stations, or the First Aquelants where

"they are not any Officers placed in charge of them are

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"are to draw Pay monthly by Bills annexed to separate
"abstracts for the men of each corps countersigned by
"the Commandants of such Stations &c upon Ensign
"Thomas Cooper acting at Madras for Colonel Hart
"Deputy Paymaster General to His Majestys Forces:
"which Bills are if required to be taken from the
"Officers in exchange for Cash by the Paymasters at
"the respective Stations where such Detachments are
"left and by them to be immediately transmitted to
"the Paymaster General at Fort St. George who will
"deliver them monthly as so much Cash issued by
"the Company to the Kings Paymaster General on
"account of His Majestys Troops—

"The Officers in charge of such Men
"are also as soon as possible to send copies of these
"abstracts to the Paymasters of the Regiments
"to which the Men belong as well as to the
"Kings Pay Office at Madras in order that
"these public Offices may be regularly ascertained
and

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"and accounts settled with the Regiments each
"month

A true Copy
(Signed) B.T. Close
Adj. Genl. of the Army

Minute on the foregoing letters

The foregoing orders of the Commander in-Chief have the entire approbation of the Board, and it is resolved that they be accordingly sanctioned

Read the following letters from
Major General Braithwaite

To Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

From Major General Braithwaite enclosing copy of his letter to the Officer commanding the Northern Division in consequence of the communications which had been made to him respecting the Disturbances in the Hemdey Country

Sir,

I have the Honor to inclose to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the copy of a letter I dispatched yesterday to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army, which is fully explanatory of the measures

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measures adopted by me, in consequence of the receipt of your letter with the enclosures from Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham — and I trust that Colonel Vigors being now authorized to retain the Hydrabad recruits in his division and called upon to exert every means which the Division admits of, for the reinforcement of Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham, with the measure adopted by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council of sending some European Detail from the Presidency to Vizagapatam and withdrawing the French Prisoners from thence, will enable Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham at least to prevent any further bad consequences from the insurrection in the Kimedy country —

The last paragraph of my letter to Colonel Vigors will I hope meet with the approbation of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council. It is a precautionary measure, least any discontent should arise among the Hydrabads

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Hydrabad recruits; if services should be exacted from them, previous to the making good the promises that had been made at Hydrabad

I shall only add that in consequence of your letter to me of the 2.d Instant I had before written to Colonel Vigors to turn his immediate attention to the state of the Vizagapatam District and apply without loss of time every means in his power to the reinforcement of Lieutenant Colonel Folkeringham, pointing out such as occurred to me from an inspection of the Returns for January

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

Madras
8.th March 1799

Signd John Braithwaite

To Colonel Vigors
or Officer Commanding the Northern Division
of the Army Masulipatam

Sir.

In order to save time I now forward to you letters I have this day received from M.r Secretary Webbe

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Webbe, and I desire you will return them to me as
I have no copies of them

You will see by Mr. Webbes letter
to me, the resolution of the Right Honorable the
Governor General in Council. Countermanding the March
of the Hydrabad Recruits to the Presidency. and
directing that they may be immediately sent to —
reinforce Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham in the
District of Vizagapatam. I have however, since
receiving this letter, had the honor to communicate
with the Right Honorable the Governor General.
and in consequence, Direct you to consider more the
spirit of Mr. Webbes letter to me, than the exact words
of it. and use every possible exertion in your power,
for the immediate reinforcement of Lieutenant Colonel
Fotheringham, / taking his letter also into your —
Consideration / by every means of which you have
the immediate Command. my reason for procuring
authority to give you this discretionary power, is
founded on an hope, that by not being confined
to

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to the sending of any specific Corps to the Vizagapa-
tam District. while you are at the same authorized to
retain in your Division the Hydrabad Recruits, you
may be able to select a sufficient Force for the im-
mediate duties of the Garrison of Masulipatam
and at the same time, to send to Lieutenant Colonel
Fotheringham perhaps as numerous, and certainly,
a more efficacious reinforcement, than the Hydrabad
Recruits alone—

Having thus Sir explained my
intention, I refer you to the consideration of the
enclosed letters and the subject in general; not
doubting, but that you will lose no time in doing
the best that can be done, and of the result I desire
you to make me a report as early as possible—

As the Hydrabad recruits are not
now to come to the Presidency you will be pleased
to issue Division orders, until further orders, the
promised promotion to certain Native Officers, as
stipulated at Hydrabad, and forward the recommenda-
Certificates

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Certificates for them, stating the reasons why recommended that I may take the necessary measures to procure their Commissions—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Madras
March 7th 1799 (Signed) John Brathwaite

a true Copy.

Signed Will Shaw
Aff Adj Genl

Minute thereon

The Board approve the instructions which have been sent by General Brathwaite to Colonel Vigors—

Two Companies of the 2d Bn 10th Regt N.I. together with twenty five men of the Body Guard with their horses to embark on the Doublin for Vizagapatam—

Resolved, in order to afford the most expeditious assistance to the Officer commanding the District of Vizagapatam in the present state of that Province, that orders be given for two Companies of the 2d Battalion 10th Regiment of Native Infantry, under the command of Lieutenant Paul Bose, together with twenty five men of the Body Guard with their horses, commanded by a Subadar of that

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That Corps, to embark on the Honorable Company's Ship Dublin; and that they proceed immediately to Vizagapatam —

The Detail of the 29th. Dragoons already embarked on the Dublin to proceed likewise to Vizagapatam —

Resolved also that the detail of His Majesty's 29th Dragoons already embarked on the Dublin shall proceed to Vizagapatam to form a part of that Garrison or to be employed in the Field as the Commanding Officer may judge proper —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

From General Brathwaite transmits copy of a letter which he had received from Lieut Col Brown, stating that he had been joined by a detachment from the Nizams Army, and that he had found himself under some embarrassment in consequence of his not being apprized of the terms on which these troops are serving with us —

Sir,

I inclose the copy of a letter, I have just received from Lieutenant-Colonel Brown; which I request you to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council —

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Signed John Brathwaite

Madras
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Copy

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Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown,
Commanding the Southern Division of the Army,
to Major General Braithwaite Commanding in the
Carnatic, under date Sholinopoly 15th March 1799.

Major General Braithwaite

Commanding in the Carnatic

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you
that a party consisting of 500 Horse and 300 Foot, who
were detached from his Highness the Nizams Army
on the 2d Current under the command of Mahomed
Jurnaul Cawn Lohare Bahauder, and Mahomed
Hussain Cawn Bahauder, arrived at Curtellum on
the 12th Current -

The only instructions I have -
received from the Head Quarters of the Army respecting
them are from the Adjutant General of the 28th ultimo
advising that a party of his Highness the Nizams
Horse

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Horse. about 500, would be dispatched from Camp
in the Course of three or four days to join the Force
assembling in the Southern Division; in acknowledging
which on the 4th Current." I beged to be instructed
respecting the manner in which the Nizams
Horse are to be subsisted. and regarding any terms
that have been made with them: To this letter I
have not yet received any reply

On the arrival of the Party at
Curtellum. the Bahaudurs having demanded of
Captain O. Reilly Commanding there to be supplied
gratis. with Pots. Firewood. and Grass or Straw
daily for the whole of their Party - three or four
letters have passed between them and me on the
subject. theirs intimating. that from the time of
their marching from the Nizams Country. until
their arrival at Curtellum they had been furnished
with these articles without paying for them. mine
acquainting them. that the Company's Cavalry.
whether

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whether in the Nabobs or Company's territories provided themselves with wood from the Jungles, and with Grass from the Plains, and when situations did not admit of that they purchased these articles— This communication proving unsatisfactory a deputation of four of their Sirdars, have arrived here this morning, bringing letters from the Behauders, and two letters from —— Captain Malcolm of the 2d Current intimating that the bearer of one "Mahomed Ismaul Cawn Lohara Bahauder, Commands a Party ordered to you, he is a Chief of considerable repute" and that the bearer of the other is Mahomed Hussain Cawn Bahador a Brother in Law of the Nabob of Kannoul, he commands an hundred Horse and some wretched Infantry" this is all the information I have respecting them— On the information of the Sirdars this morning that no Grasscutters and Horsekeepers only in the proportion of One to four or five Horses, had come with their detachment, orders from the Nabobs Cutcherry have been

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been obtained and dispatched to the Aumildars of
Villages in the neighbourhood of Curtellum to supply
the Rizams Detachment daily with 500. small
Bundles of Straw and 30 Bundles of wood, a Jungle
being close to their Camp. this measure appears to
be indispensably necessary to prevent their Horses
becoming incapable of Service. and I have been
induced to adopt it. from the additional consideration
of the assurance given them by Captain Malcolm
as they have stated to me. that they would have
the means of obtaining these articles without paying
for them—

The Sirdars having further stated
that the Bahaudurs had been given to expect from the
Company's Treasury in this Quarter 30,000 Rupees as
would appear by a letter in the possession of Mahomed
Jumaul Cawn Lohani. and that the whole of the
money would not be required at once but received
in partial payments of three or four thousand Rupees
according to their occasional wants. I have to beg
you

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you may be pleased to lay this letter, before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, with my request, should his Lordship think proper, that application may be made to His Highness the Nabob, to pass an order to his manager here, to supply the above quantity of Straw and Firewood, and that I may be honored with his Lordship's instructions relative to the 30,000 Rupees expected by the Bahauders, from the Company's Cash Chest, and the terms on which this party of the Nizams troops are to serve with the Southern Detachment—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Sitchinopoly
15th March 1799.

Signd A. Brown
Lt Col
Comg Sout. Division

a true Copy,

Signd J. Hadow
Secy

Minutes on the foregoing letters.

Resolved to inform Major General Braithwaite that as it is expected that Lieutenant Colonel Brown will have entered the enemy's country before he

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he can receive a reply to his reference, the Board deem it unnecessary to make any application to his Highness the Nabob on the subject of supplies for the Nizams horse—

Resolved to inform General Brathwaite that the party of horse serving with Lieutenant Colonel Brown have no claim upon the Company for pay; The Board however desire that General Brathwaite may inform Lieutenant Colonel Brown that if the letter stated by him to be in possession of Ismail Khan, by which he expects to be assisted with 30,000 Rupees, should have been written by the authority of the Commander in Chief Captain Malcolm, or Meer Allum Bahader, he is to authorize the Paymaster to assist them with advances of cash to that amount. taking the Receipts of the Sirdars for the same; to be hereafter adjusted with the government of his Highness the Nizam—

Resolved to inform General Brathwaite that

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that as the Board have received no particular explanation from the Commander in Chief of the terms on which this party of Horse has been engaged to serve, they are under the necessity of referring Lieut.t Colonel Brown to Lieutenant General Harris for information on this subject—

Resolved to desire Major General Brathwaite in communicating the orders of the Board to Lieutenant Colonel Brown, to recommend to him at the same time in the strongest manner to conciliate the minds of the Nizams Officers, and to treat them with every degree of attention required by the intimate union at present subsisting between the two states—

General Brathwaite desired to recommend to Lieut.t Colonel Brown to treat the Nizams Officers with every degree of attention.

Read the following letter from the Assistant Adjutant General

To J. Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir.

Major General Brathwaite has desired

From the Assistant Adjt.t General Recommending the promotion of Capt.n Lieut.t e R.t Cuthy. & Lieut.t Evans the former to be Captain the latter Captain Lieutenant—

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... desired me to request you will signify his ...
recommendation that the following promotions ...
may be ordered to take place

Captain Lieutenant Robert M'Cully
to be Captain of a Company: vice Simpson deceased
Date of Rank 4th March 1799

Lieutenant Henry Evans to be ...
Captain Lieutenant vice M'Cully promoted. Date
of Rank 4th March 1799

Adjutant General Office
Fort St. George.
7th March 1799.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c
Signed Will Shaw
Aft. Adj. Genl

Approved & ordered

Approved and ordered accordingly

Read the following letter
from His Highness the Nabob, entered also in
C C. N° 40

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c &c &c To the Right Honorable Lord Clive Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 15th March 1799.

Received Do Do

From the Nabob intimating his having paid his Kist for March

By the blessing of God. I have paid to the Company. the Sum of One Lak and fifty thousand Star Pagodas. in full of the Kist of march 1799. and Mr. Secretary Webbe has given me receipts for the same. I have written this for your Lordships Information—

What should I write more?

A true translate

(Signed) A. Falconar
P. S. to Gov.

The President is requested to acknow-

Minute thereon—

-ledge the receipt of the foregoing letter—

Read the following letter from the

Resident at Tanjore—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tanjore Communicates the great pleasure which the Rajah has expressed

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

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expressed as being allowed to celebrate his nuptial agreeably to the usual forms of his ancestors. He has paid his Hist for march - 6000 Pags have been sent to Mr Hawkins -

receipt of your letter of 20th ultimo covering copy of an order to the commanding officer respecting the procession &c of the Rajahs nuptial -

You will be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, that the Rajah upon hearing the contents of the above letters expressed the most lively Gratitude for the assurance it conveyed to him of the Honorable Company's favor and protection, and the thorough conviction that the Solemnity of his marriage would proceed without further interruption - The little difficulties the Rajah had to encounter were forgot in the satisfaction diffused by the Governor Generals sanction and approbation of his marriage - and His Excellency immediately resolved to bury his grievances in joy and festivity, - with this view, and to mark his sense of the aid afforded by Government upon this interesting Event - His Excellency sent invitations to the Commanding Officer and all the Gentlemen of the Garrison, requesting the honor of their Company and congratulations. His Excellency complimented

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complimented Major Innes and myself with the usual present of a breast Jewel and the rest of the Gentlemen with Shawls dresses &c.

Owing to the weak state of the Garrison, the Rajah did not require the attendance of Major Innes Battalion in the grand procession which took place on the 2d instant. The Rajah was content with the permission granted to him of the use of his own Troops upon this occasion, and is very much pleased to acknowledge that the Ceremonials were performed to his entire satisfaction.

The whole of the solemnity was under the direction of the Widows of his adoptive Father Suljajee, and administered by the Relations the Friends &c adherents of the Family, and altho it was considerably limited in point of expence and in magnificence could hold no comparison, yet it is said to have been peculiarly gratifying to the Family from a strict adherence to the same forms that were observed by his ancestors.

I have

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I have the pleasure to add that the

Rajah has compleated his List for the present month,

and that I have remitted to Mr. Hawkins Sixteen thousand

Pagodas of the amount

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Tanjour
15th March 1799.

Signed Benjn. Torin

Resident

Read the following letter from

Lieutenant Colonel Cram

To

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

&c &c &c

From Lieut.-Colonel Cram - requests to be permitted to resign the command of Madura -

Sir.

I request you will do me the Honor to make known to the Right Honorable the Governor General, in Council, my desire, to resign the command of Madura - my state of Health, being such, as to prevent my paying that attention to the Duties of the Station, I could wish - I further Sir, I am to entreat

Sir

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His Lordships permission for resigning the command of the place

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

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11th March 1799.

Signed Jas. Oram
Lieut Col

Minute thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Oram be permitted to resign the command of Madura

The President proposes that Lieutenant Colonel Robert Crotker be appointed to the command of Madura in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Oram

The President proposes Lieut Col Crotker for the command of Madura

Approved and ordered accordingly

Approved & ordered

Read the following letter from Mr.

Geo: Taswell

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

In consequence of instructions which I have received from my constituent Mr. George Tyler of Calcutta, to take possession for him, and in his name of the Recovery lately captured by La Forte French

To Mr. Geo: Taswell
states that he had received instructions from Mr. Geo. Tyler of Calcutta, to take possession of the Recovery lately captured by the La Forte or her arrival at this Port, whether the French Frigate had permitted her to proceed

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French Frigate on her arrival here from Ganjam.

as likewise to apprise Government of her Capture, I have to request you will be pleased to acquaint the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council of this event: and that she had on board a Cargo of Rice belonging to Government to be delivered at Cannanore; also, in pursuance of further instructions from Mr. Tyler, I beg leave to mention, that the detention which has been caused by this accident, and the lateness of the season, renders the passage at present to Cannanore tedious, and uncertain; and to submit therefore, whether it might not be advisable to land the Rice at this place

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I am
&c &c
(Signed) J. Taswell
agent to Mr. Geo. Tyler

Minute thereon -

Resolved to inform Mr. Taswell that the National Faith is so pledged to a strict observance of the terms on which the ship Recovery was allowed by the Commander of the French Frigate La Forte

to

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to come to the Coast, that the Board cannot admit any deviation from the agreement entered into by the passengers whom the French Captain permitted to proceed on that vessel—

Read the following letter from Captain

R. M. Grant

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General that I marched yesterday from Pondicherry with the Prisoners of War and Inhabitants whose names are mentioned in the accompanying lists— it was impossible for me to have sent them earlier, by reason of the great trouble and confusion attending the removal of these people— I also forward a return of the Families whose Husbands or Fathers were embarked on the Triton, with the Pensions proposed as adequate to their necessities— I have informed all the Pensioners that

From Captain R. M. Grant states that he has marched from Pondicherry, & enclose a list of the inhabitants who have accompanied him— Enclose a list of pensions recommended for the families of those who have embarked on the Triton. Mr. Farnell's servant has taken charge of all the Boats at Pondicherry, excepting four which have been sent to Cuddalore—

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... that they will henceforth be paid at Cuddalore - ere
.. my departure all the boats were delivered to the care
of Mr. Saxwell's servant. and they consequently, left
the Port yesterday forenoon, with the exception of four
of them, the property of some Gentlemen which I sent to
Cuddalore to wait the further orders of Government —

From such Officers as I have taken
liberty to leave behind, I have exacted an obligation
to retire to Cuddalore in the event of an Enemy's —
appearance in the Country — this engagement I shall
present to you on my arrival —

I have been obliged to draw Subsistence
for all the Inhabitants with a very few exceptions
for they are very poor indeed

I have the Honor to be

Camp at Killenoor
9th March 1799

Sir &c

Signed R. M. Grant
Capt. Comm. of the Det.

List

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List of European Inhabitants of Pondichery proceeding with the Detachment to the Presidency.

Boullet
Loulier
Arondo
Jacques Bassigny
Bally
Pere Roze
Libérante
Hemberg Pere
Hemberg Fils
Dedenneet des Deux Beaufreres
Dawid
Antoine Bret
Louis Rousselot
Lekaste
Morelle
Simon Kernigh
Antoine Fontaine
Joseph Correa
Frad Gravied
Durocher Pere
Durocher Fils
Chad Pavie
Frad Pavie
Philippe Jaquet

Pierre Bienaime
George Born
Jacque Giroux
Alexr Tessied
Jene Lefebure
Jacob Born
Borel Pere
Nicolah Borel
Franl Borel
Peltier
Barret
Germain Soff
Templier Fils
Rignaudet Fils
Jean Dupont
Alexis Brunet
Frad Collin
Louis Lamouny
Henry Litsierre
Berthe
Etienne Reynaud
Margry
Vassow Cadet
Vincent Silva
Louis Manicau

Lamouny

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Lamouny Père	Alquier Père
Thos. Lamouny Fils	Alquier Fils
Chas. Hemberg	Bourbeau Père
Dominique eMarques	Bourbeau Fils
Beaudouin Fils	Paul Maitre Père
Hugues Fils	Delapaye
F. Dumont dit Lonore	La Croix
Jean Born fils	Le May
Compere fils	Rousel
Pierre Limousin	eMorell
Bere Limousin	Bouneloy fils
Jnal eMeurisse	Lanoy fils
Paul	L'Echo
Jean eArson	Beuhon dit Defontaine fil
Vincent Lefebure	Louis Duberge
L. Beancourt	eAntoine eMorpurs
Biancourt fils	R. Laboulet
Garde	
Violette Laine	
Violette Cadet	Signed R. H Grant
Pepin	Capt. Comm.
Blaire le Maitre	the Detach!
De Magny fils	

Return

Return of French Families who by the late Embarkation have lost their Husbands Fathers &c &c Pondicherry 17th Febraary 1799

Names	Married	No. of Children	Other Dependants	Remarks	Subsistance proposed as adequate to their maintenance Rupt per month		
Bastien Richard	Married			Supposed to possess property			
Hipolite Giles	do	2	Chilr		10	do	do
Francois Aubert	do	1			8	do	do
Ouesent Boutraua	do	2		Enjoyed a Pension of 25 Rupt p month	15	do	do
Theodore Gardelle	do	1	and other Branches of his family solely depend on him		10	do	do
Louis Pierre Perray	do	3		Deputy Greffier Superior Court	12	do	do
Franc. De Brande	do	1	Wife Pregnant	Supposed to possess property	8	do	do
Franc. Jolly	do	1			8	do	do
Barth.a Graincourt	do	1		Huissier Super.r Court enjoying pension	12	do	do
Jean Bart. Jules	do				6	do	do
Martin le Normand	do	2	Han aged mother		12	do	do
Rene Guillard	do	1	wife pregnant		10	do	do
Du Perbe	do	1	do	Enjoyed a pension as Pris.r of War	8	do	do
Louis Blanchille	do	1		Asp.t Surgeon Enj.d a pension of 25 Rs	5	do	do
Chailleaux			an aged mother	For whom a subscription has been made at the Presidency some time ago	left to the consider.n of Government		
Scolse	do		Mother & Sister		5 Rupt per month		
Laird	do			Employed at the Choultry Court at 23 Rupt	8	do	do
Jean B.te Martin	"		an aged mother left without support		6	do	do
Vve L.d Du Verger Jean Du Verger	"		an aged mother left without suppot		6	do	do
					149 Rupees		

Signed R. M Grant
Capt.n Comg

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List of Topasses proceeding with the Detachment to the Presidency—

Jean Xavier.	Jean Caitanne
Jean Ribeire	Jean Marie
Victorie Rodrigue fils	Bernard Ribeyro
Jean Valair	Pierre Passayne
Fras Cupidon	Jean Louis
Fras Hill	Jean Augustin
Manuel De Mellor	Paschal De Souza
Jacques Fleury	Louis De Monty
Benoit Fleury	Henry Rodrigues
Fras Quintual	Julien Hypolite
Chas Quintual	Simon Francois
Bonnavanture Saody	Auguste Jones
Pierre Godart	Michel Laberry
Andre Dischamps	Jean Larive
Simon Alexandre	Fras Larive
Louis Dischamps	Louis Masey
Salvaidor eMana	Champagne Jean Pierre
Jean Berniard	Francois Juan
Manuel Peirera	Simon Corneille
Franc Joseph	Jean Lous Robratt
Nicolas De Costa	Jean Francois
Joseph Desquerras	Franc H. Corneille
Ignai De Costa	
Rot De Sanza	(Signed) R M Grant
Etienne Genso.	Capt Comm J
Anthon Laurent	

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the pensions proposed by Captain Grant. to be allowed to the families of those who were Embarked on the Triton. ordered that a list of them be transmitted to the Paymaster at Vellore, and that he be directed to pay them from the period of the Embarkation —

Read the following letter from the Military auditor General —

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General Reporting on the Paymaster Generals Estimate of the 12th Instant & authorizing the issue of Pags 75.336.21.60 — agreeably to it —

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 12th Instant. enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the current month, and to report. that the amount viz.

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Viz. Pagodas Seventy five thousand three hundred and thirty six, Fanams twenty one & cash sixty. (Pags. 75.336.21.60) appears to be admissible — of this sum Pagodas Seventy Thousand (Ps. 70,000.) is wanted for the purpose of answering Bills drawn by the Military Paymaster at Malacca; the amount of which, tho' very extensive, may probably be justified by the long arrears which I understand were due to the Troops at that place, and by the expediency of having, after the discharge of those arrears, a surplus in the hands of the Paymaster to meet future demands — The Disbursements at Malacca are on an average from about Pags. 9500. to 10,000 Pags. pr month, but as I have not the means of ascertaining the arrears that were actually due at the time the Bills in question were drawn, I cannot state the period to which the amount of those Bills will extend, in the payment of the Troops at that settlement — Exclusive of this sum, Pagodas Two Thousand one Hundred & forty one, Fanams twenty one & Cash Sixty. (Pags. 2141. 21. 60) are for the payment of Bills drawn by the Paymaster of the Bengal Detachment Two Thousand one Hundred and ninety

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ninety five (Pag.s 2195) on account of an advance to the agent of supply at the Presidency authorized in Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 8.th instant, and Pagodas One Thousand (Pag.s 1000) required by the Garrison Storekeeper for the hire of Carts & Carriage Bullocks that may be employed in his Department, in the course of the present month —

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

Military Aud.r Genl.s Office
Fort S.t George 16.th March 1799.

Signed W. Sydenham
M.r Aud.r Genl.

Ordered that the sum of Seventy
Five thousand three hundred and thirty six Pagodas
Twenty one Fanams & Sixty Cash (Pag.s 75.336. 21. 60) be
advanced from the Treasury to the Military
Paymaster General on account of his additional
estimate which accompanied in his letter of the 12.th inst.

Order of Council authorizing the issue of Pag.s 75.336.21.60 agreeably to the Paymaster Generals estimate of the 12.th instant —

Read the following letter from
The Military Auditor General —

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The Right Honorable

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's additional estimate of the 15th Instant. and sanctioning the issue of Pags. 4530. 20. 2. from the treasury agreeably to it —

In reply to Mr. Sub Secretary Buchans letter of the 15th Instant. accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency; amounting to Four thousand five hundred and thirty Pagodas Twenty Fanams & Two Cash (Pagodas 4530. 20. 2.) I have the Honor to report, that this Sum is admissible and to be issued from the General Treasury. being required to discharge a Bill of the Town Majors for 242. Saddles purchased under the authority of Government. and to pay to the attornies of Lieutenant Colonel Bowser. the Balance due to that Officer on his Charge for Victualling the Troops at Dindigul. agreeably to the orders contained in Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of

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of the 21st ultimo - as also the staff allowances of Major General Brathwaite for the month of January last which had not been before Estimated either by the Paymaster of Pondicherry or the Military Paymaster at the Presidency

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

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St George
19th. March 1799

(Signed) W. Lydenham
M.G. Audr. Genl

Order of Council authorizing the issue of Pags. 4530-20-2. to the Paymaster Genl

Ordered that the sum of Four thousand five hundred and thirty Pagodas Twenty Fanams and Two Cash / Pags. 4530-20-2 / be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his additional estimate enclosed in his letter of the 15th Instant -

Read the following letter

From Bengal — To

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

My Lord.

From Bengal. Encloses copy of a letter from the Adjutant General at Fort William, forwarding advices from Lieut. Colonel Boujannar of an unsuccessful attack made by him on a body of Burmah Troops in the province of Chittagong. Colonel Boujannars conduct disapproved of.

1 We beg leave to lay before your Lordship the accompanying copy of a letter from the Adjutant General with advices from Lieutenant Colonel Boujannar of an unsuccessful attack made by that Officer on the body of Burmah Troops which has entered the Province of Chittagong in pursuit of the Emigrants from Arracan—

2. We regret that Lieutenant Colonel Boujannar should have attempted to force the entrenchment before he had obtained more accurate information of the situation of the Enemy. especially as he had been cautioned by the Commander in Chief not to hazzard an attack

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attack if he should have any grounds to suppose
that his force was inadequate to the dislodgement
and expulsion of the Invaders—

3. A Battalion of Sepoys has
marched from Barrackpore to reinforce Lieutenant
Colonel Baujannar: and since the date of the
Adjutant General's letter, the Detachment of
Artillery men with the additional ordnance and
Stores have also proceeded to Chittagong by Sea

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Alured Clarke
P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

Fort William
7th March 1799

G. H. Barlow Esq.
Secretary to Government

Sir, I am directed by the Commander
in Chief to transmit to you for the information
&

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... of Government the accompanying Copy of a letter
received from Lieutenant Colonel Boujonnar Comman-
=ding at Chittagong

I am further directed by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Vice President in Council, that the 1st Battalion of the 12th Regiment marched for Chittagong this morning, but that the reinforcement of Artillery Men and some additional ordnance and Stores intended to be sent by Sea on the Transport Sloops are detained in consequence of the appearance of the French Frigate in the Roads

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Adjutant Generals Office
26th February 1799

(Signed) W. Scott.
Adjt Genl

A true Copy

(Signed) L Hook
Sub Asst
Lieut

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Lieutenant Colonel Scott

Adjutant General

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief of the arrival of the Detachment under my command at this place yesterday, and after obtaining the best information procurable of the Burmah Force in a Stockade erected on the Skirts of the Jungle on the high Road to Rajah pulong- I marched down against it this morning a little before day break, with the best part of the Detachment and the two Six Pounders—and after every exertion made by the Troops for near an Hour- I found it impossible to carry it, from the Situation being in the Jungle, where the Burmahs were secure from our Fire in deep Trenches, which I could never procure any information of before— I then deemed it necessary to fall back to our Lines.— The Tannadar has just informed me that

d.d.

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all of the people employed in bringing Grain Stores
&c immediately on the attack commencing fled - and
he positively states that it will be impossible to procure
a supply of provisions from Ramoo -

From this Circumstance I have deemed
it absolutely necessary to send of the Heavy Stores &c
to Ramoo - and wait here until that is effected when
I propose to follow with the whole of the Detachment -

From the situation of this part of the
Country I do not think it practicable to approach the
Enemys Grand Stockade at Rajahpulong for except
the two small Valleys of Ruturapulong and Rajahpulong
which we and the Burmahs occupy - The whole to the
Southward of Ramoo is one entire Forrest and I humbly
conceive that in the event of being able to drive the
Enemy from their Stockades - we should only be in
possession of an uncultivated Valley - without the
possibility of procuring supplies for the Troops -

On my arrival at Ramoo I shall
take up the best Post to prevent the Enemy from
making

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making Excursions to the Northward, and the protection of the Inhabitants and Refugees- and beg the favor of your suggesting to His Excellency the necessity of sending down a considerable Reinforcement to effect these Purposes- Inclosed I transmit a List of the Killed and Wounded on the attack this morning

Sam Hve

Camp at Ruttnapulong
19th February 1799

Signed J Boujonnar
Lt Col.
Comg at Ruttnapulong

True Copy

Signed W. Scott
Adj Genl

A true Copy

Signed L. Hook
Subdt

Lieut

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List of the Killed and Wounded in the attack of the Burmah Stockade the 19th February 1799.

Artillery

Killed ... 1 Corporal and 1 Golundauze Recruit

Wounded ... 1 Serjeant 1 Matross 1 Tindal & 2 Lascars

2d Battalion 1st Regiment

Killed ... 1 D.o Wr. Serjeant 1 Havildar & 3 Sepoys

Wounded ... 1 Havildar & 10 Sepoys

(Signed) J. Boujonnar Lt. Col
Comg the Troops

True Copy

(Signed) W. Scott
Adj.t Genl

A true Copy

(Signed) L. Hook
Sub.y

Ordered to lie on the Table

" Clive

"

" D.W.m Petrie

" Ed.d Wallscield

J. Barclay
Secr