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Diary

July 23. Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor of Fort St. George

&c &c &c

My Lord,

I take the liberty of submitting my Claims for your Lordships Consideration, Having left Bengal under the expectation of immediately proceeding to Europe. I need not inform your Lordship the bare Things — subsistence of my Rank is by no means equal to defray the Expences of this Presidency, had I had the most distant idea of the detention I have experienced. The Bengal Government would have permitted me to proceed to Madras - or the Cape on account of my Health and eventually to Europe which would have given me the Companys Allowance during my stay at Madras -

From Major Musgrave of H. Majesty's 76 Regiment states his unexpected detention at the Presidency in his way home, and requests that he may be permitted to draw Company's allowances until he may be enabled to embark — →

I indulge the hope your Lordship will

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will see my situation in a proper point of view; and take such steps as your Lordship may deem proper for my obtaining the Company's Allowances from the time I ceased so to do until I depart for England—

Ill Health having now a second time Compelled me to leave India and finding myself Circumstanced very contrary to my Expectations—

I flatter myself this Statement will meet with your Lordship's Attention and support—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Madras
21st July 1799

/Signed/ Edward Musgrave
Maj.r late H.M. 76th Regt.

Sent the following Letters

To Ernst William Folloefield Esq.r
President &c. Members of the
Board of Trade

Gentlemen,

To the Board of Trade—
the master of the Penang
must be directed to
receive

It being of importance that a portion of Military Stores for the Malacca Islands should be

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Recieve as large a proportion of Military Stores for Malacca and Amboyna as he can stow

be embarked in the Penang, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to desire that the Commander of that Ship may be ordered to receive on from the Military Board as great a proportion of Stores, as he can stow without injury to the other parts of his Cargo —

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

/ Signed / J. Webbe

Secy to Govt

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To Major General Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board orders have been given to the Master of Ship Penang to receive as large a proportion of the Military Stores as intended for Malacca and Amboyna, as he can stow —

In answer to the 2d paragraph of your letter of the 19th Instant, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to inform you that orders have been issued to the Master of the Penang to receive as great a proportion of Military Stores as can be accommodated without injury to the other parts of the Cargo on board his Vessel —

I have

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

To Major General Brathwaite

Sir,

The Right Honble the Governor &c
General in Council having deemed it expedient that
the Southern field detachment should be broken up &c
has issued a general order of this date for the purpose,
and I am accordingly directed to desire that you will
furnish Lieutenant Colonel Brown with such &c
instructions as you may judge necessary for the March
of the several Corps into Garrison—

From the tranquility which at &c
present subsists in the provinces lately subjected to
the Company's authority His Lordship concludes &c
that the Collectors will be under no necessity of applying
for Military aid; but under all the circumstances of &c
the

To Major General Brathwaite conveying to him information of the order which has been published for breaking up the Southern Detachment, he is desired to be prepared for any disturbance that may break out in the newly subjected provinces, tho' none be at present apprehended.—

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Case the Governor General in Council directs you to provide for the possibility of such demand—

I have the honor to be

S.a &.a

/Signed/ I. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

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Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. No. 114A 114B 115. 116. 117.

From the Paymaster at Masulipatam

From Mr. Gordon - encloses a bill for passage Money for the officers and Men of 2d. European Regiment sent on the Beglei from Masulipatam to the Presidency —

From Mr. Snodgrass - Le Rede and Macarty will be sent immediately to the Presidency agreeably to the orders transmitted to him on the 3. Instant —

From the Collector at Ganjam -

From Mr. Graeme - mentions the Manner in which he proposes to send to the Presidency the four Dutch Gentlemen who have been ordered to be

From the acting Coll.r at Rammad -

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be sent thither—

From Mr. Robert Robertson.

From Mr. Robert Robertson — Requests that he may be Relieved from the order to embark for England, in consideration of his being a native of Bengal—

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Benjamin Roebuck — Informing him that Pagodas 8986.16.18. the Amount of his estimate of the 15 Instant, will be issued from the Treasury on his application—

24.

Received the following Letter

From the Commander of the Ship Dublin Requests that such communication may be made to the Bengal Government as may enable him to be reimbursed in the amount he expended in victualling the troops and french prisoners sent from this Presidency to Bengal on the Dublin, in June last—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government &c.

Fort St. George

Sir,

You will no doubt Recollect that previous to the Troops and French Prisoners embarking on board the Honble Company's Ship Dublin on the 6th. of June last— I made application to your Office as well as to the Town Major, Respecting the Victualling of them to Bengal which I refused to do — unless it would be agreeable to allow me the same sum granted to me before at Madras Viz. 10

Fanams

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Jarams Ea: Manaday as the present advanced price of ex
Provisions would not allow me to do it for less without
subjecting my Owners to too great Loss—

In answer to which on application
to the acting Town Major Captain Shaw and Mr. Sub:
Secretary Buchan - I was informed it was finally determined
I was to Victual them on those terms and which I should
find no difficulty in Receiving at Bengal - by giving in
a declaration as before—

To my great Surprize on application
for payment of the beforementioned to Captain G. A. ex
Robinson the Military Auditor General at this Presidency
I was informed the Charge was not admissible - without
a Certificate or Letter to produce that such an agreement
had been made at Madras—

I have therefore to beg you will please
submit the present case to the Right Honourable the
Governor General in Council and Request he will be ex
pleased to grant me such Certificate or Letter as may put
the

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the affair any further out of dispute and which I conceive myself in duty bound to my owners sought to settle on the terms first proposed —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/ Signed / Robert Reay

Calcutta
9th July 1799

From the Officer commanding Southern Division —

Received a letter from Lieutenant Colo. Brown entered in M. B. N 118 acknowledges the receipt of the letter to him of 6th May regarding foreigners mentions the reason of his not having received it sooner —

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Received the following Letter —

From Lieut. Col. Dalrymple Transmits copies of his letters to the Adjutant General of the Army, giving an account of his operations against the Rebel Doondia —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government —

Sir,

The busy active life I have been leading for some days past will I hope excuse me to the Right Honble the Governor in Council, for not having sooner transmitted an account of my late success a great a party of

Freebooters

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Inclosed Intercepted Letters from Boondiah Chief of the Freebooters who had entered this Country.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Dalrymple
Lieut.t Colonel Commanding

Camp at Sunta Bennoor }
1st. July 1799. — 5

To Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

Having received intelligence that 1000 Horse and 500 Foot Sent by Dhoondiah have been plundering the Neighbouring Villages and are now about 12 Cos from this, I shall march To day at 12 O'Clock in Search of them with the two Regiments of Cavalry, and 600 Grenadiers and hope in the Course of a Day or Two if they can be overtaken to give the Commander in Chief a Good account of them:—

I have also had Accounts from the Country people that Doondiah has been obliged by our Troops, to fly from the Bidnoor to Nugger Country and that for four or five Days

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Days past, a heavy Cannonade has been heard from that Quarter.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signd) J. Dalrymple
Lieut.t Colonel Commanding.

A true Copy
(Signd) A. Ott.
Deputy Adjt. Genl.
Right Detachment

Chittledroog
14th July 1799.

To Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

In my letter to you of the 11th Instant you were informed of my intention to march that day at noon with the Two Regiments of Cavalry and 600 Grenadiers in pursuit of a party of Boondiahs Banditti who had been plundering the Country towards the River Toombudra.—

I made a March accordingly of 11 Miles that Evening; and having moved again at Mid-night I found after marching 11 Miles more and coming to the place at Day light where I expected to fall in with the party that they had decamped, after having

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and taken the Village of Goondair, putting every Man, &
Woman and Child within it to the Sword— All hopes of
Surprising the Party seemed now at an end, as they were
plainly perceived about 6 Miles off Moving away with
their booty— I was determined, however to try what could
be done, and pushed after them with the Cavalry, over very
bad ground leaving the Infantry and Gall opers behind—
By this time the principal part of the horse, with all
the Plunder, had got far beyond our Reach; but fortunately
for us, they had left a Party in the Rear of about 250 Horse
and 400 foot, who were halted and dressing their Victuals in
the bed of a dry Tank— We came so suddenly upon them, that
past only of the Horsemen had time to escape— No Quarter
was given, and in an instant, almost all the rest were Cut to
pieces— The pursuit was Continued with perseverance, until
we had Advanced a great way, without any chance of Coming
up with the Rest of the Party, who had fled and dispersed in
various directions—

We have taken 60 Horses, and picked
up

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a/s on our Return about 40 Poisoners, amongst whom is the Asof this Country, by name Abdul Ruzzah Appointed by Dhoondiah and Brother to his principal Bukshy Shaik Mahamed - I wish now I had hung him to the first tree I came to, for he is accused by all the Village people of having had a principal hand in the Murders Rapes and other shocking Cruelties, which have lately been exercised on the poor Inhabitants of this ill fated Country - But, having taken him after the heat of the business was over and having since received from him some useful information, it is perhaps as well that he is Reserved to be made a Public example of hereafter, when his Crimes well better be known -

Dhoondiah is certainly on the other side of the River, which is now full and it is only seven days ago, that he detached into this Country the party before Mentioned, consisting of about 500 Horse and as many Foot, under the orders of Balajee Row Branair, Hhyder Khan[illegible] son to Ghazee Khan, formerly principal Sirdaur of the Lasty

Horse)

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Horse) and the ass of Abdul Ruzzah, now our Poisoner—
they have got possession of the Country between this and
the River, which if they have not already been induced to
evacuate by the example of Yesterday, I mean to advance
to morrow and try to get possession of the three principal
places, Wodaghing, Chungeig and Sinta Bedroor, which
being once taken from them, they lose the other dependant
Villages and Must quit the Country entirely— Having no
other Means of preserving these Places after I get them,
I have desired the Polygar Rajah Bunnarah Naig to send
for 300 of his Poligars, in whose hands it will Surely be
better to trust the Country than leave it to be laid Waste by
a lawless band of Merciless Ruffians—

It appears to me I can be of more
Service by remaining here a Day or two, than by Returning
to the Droog; and the Commander in Chief May rest assured
that I shall be constantly on my Guard, and attempt
nothing, in which there can be any risk of Considerable
loss to a Detachment so lightly equipped, and at the same
time

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time so fit for almost every kind of Service —

In yesterdays business I have the satisfaction to say, that not a Man has been lost — Lieut: Fowles has got a Slight Cut with a Sword — One Horse has been killed and another Wounded — It is pleasing also to Reflect, that two Regiments of Cavalry, so soon after a harrassing Campaign, should be able to March upwards of 60 Miles within 24 hours and Completely perform the Service upon which they were employed —

As a Reward to all the Natives of the two Regiments, some of whom exerted themselves wonderfully in pursuit of the Horsemen who fled, I have to Request that the Commander in Chief will allow of the Horses taken to be sold for their benefit — Four or five of them only are fit for the Service, upon which I shall order a Committee of Officers to fix a Value, and then deliver them over to the Regiment —

Camp at Horrulkairah
about 22 Miles S.W. from
Chittledroog 16th July 1799 —

I have the honor to be
S. &c.
(Signed) Jam.s Dalrymple
D.l C.e Comg.

P. S. The Prisoners taken shall be carried back — with

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with me to Chittledroog, and then upon the Works -

/ Signed / J. Dalrymple

/ A true Copy /

/ Signed / A Orr

Dy. adjt. Genl

Nizams Detach.t

Sent the following Letter

To the Commander of the Ship Walpole - Enclosing a return of Officers who are to proceed on the Walpole to Europe - He is to furnish a passage likewise to two foreign Gentlemen - Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors dated 23d July 1798 regarding passage money enclosed - A proportion of invalids naval and Military will be embarked on his Ship -

To Captain Venner

of the Ship Walpole

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to desire that you will receive on board of your ship the Officers Mentioned in the enclosed return, as passengers to Europe, at the Rates of passage Money established by the Honble Court of Directors -

His Lordship also desires that you will furnish with a passage to England Ensign Bapts and M Galabert; and you will receive for the latter gentleman the passage money allowed for a Captain -

I inclose for your information and guidance extract of a letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated

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Dated 25th July 1798.

A proportion of invalids, naval and ex Military, will be embarked on your Ship, agreeably to the Destribeution which will be Communicated to you by the Town Major, and I am directed to desire that you will make suitable preparations for their accommodation —

The usual adjustments will be made of Course for the invalids according to act of Parliament and your Charter Party —

I am

Fort St. George
23d. July 1799 —

&c. &c.

(Signd) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govermt. —

The same in the two last paragraphs to the

Worcester
&
Thetis —

Order of Council
Military Department
25th July 1799 —

Recieved the following Letter from the Military Auditor General —

The

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

From the Military Audr. General reporting on the Paymaster Generals estimate of the 20th Instant and authorizing the sum of 4222-21-0 to be issued from the Treasury.

My Lord

Y. H. H.

Having examined the additional Estimates of Cash enclosed in Mr. Sub. Secretary Buchans Letter of the 21st Instant, for the Current Month, I have the honor to Report, that the sum of Five thousand, Nine hundred, and Twenty two Pagodas, and twenty one Fanams (Pag.s 5,922.21.) is Required by the Military Paymaster at Fort Saint George, for the payment of arrears stated to be due to Individuals from the Army, or Returned from foreign Service &c. of this sum Pagodas Four thousand, two hundred, and twenty two, and Twenty one Fanams (Pagodas 4222.21.) is admissible, and payable from the General Treasury, for as I apprehend that Major General Floyd as well as all other officers on leave from the Army, should have their Pay and Allowances drawn for them in Camp, and to be permitted on their application to the Pay-master to the Army, by Bills drawn by him on the Military Paymaster General, I have in Consequence deducted the sum of one

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one Thousand Seven Hundred Pagodas (Pag.s 1700) from the Estimate on that account in order that with your Lordships approbation, this Sum may be adjusted, in the manner I have Recommended.

From the Estimate of the Paymaster at Seringapatam Amounting to Eighty two Thousand. Five hundred, and Sixty Seven Pagodas (Pag.s 82,567.. ..) I have Considered it necessary to deduct the sum of Seventeen Thousand, seven hundred, and fifty Pagodas, included therein under the head of "occasional Charges" for the same Reason as stated in my Report of the 20.th Instant, on a similar demand for the Month of June, which Reduces the Amount admissible on his present Estimate, to sixty four Thousand Eight hundred and Seventeen Pagodas (Pagodas 64,817.. .. ..) and as he states to have a balance on hand of Two Lacks, six thousand, nine hundred and fifty Pagodas, forty Fanams and Seventy Cash (Pagodas 2,06,950.40.70.) which leaves him the sum of one Lack, forty two Thousand, one hundred and thirty three Pagodas, forty Fanams, and Seventy Cash (Pag.s 1,42,133.40.70) after deducting the Amount admitted upon the Estimate now

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Reported on - I have only to Recommend, that he be directed by the Military Paymaster General, to detail in future the sums Estimated on Account "Occasional Charges" Specifying the es particular purposes for which such sums are Required and the principle upon which the Calculations are made, to enable me to judge to what extent they should be admitted -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) William Sydenham
M.A. Genl.

Military Auditor General Office
Fort St. George 24th July 1799 —

In consequence of the foregoing Report es

Order of Council authorizing the issue of Pagodas 6221-21-0- on account of the Paymaster General's estimate -

Ordered that the Sum of four thousand two hundred and twenty two Pagodas and twenty one fanams be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on es account of the Military Paymasters additional estimate enclosed in his letter of 20th Instant -

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

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

Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. No. 119. 120. 121.

From the Collector at Cocanada —

From Mr. Daniel Ince - Enclosed —

Statements of the foreigners residing at Yanaon and at —

Jaggernaikporam and details their several Characters and situations —

To the Commander of the Ship Thetis

To Captain Henry Bullock - He is directed to accommodate Major Swinton with a passage to England and Lieutenant Fritze of the Dutch Service with a passage to the Cape of Good Hope —

To the Commander of the Ship Worcester.

To Captain J. Hall - inclosing a Return of Officers who are to proceed on the Worcester to England - He is likewise to accommodate two Dutch Officers with a passage —

Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors Dated 23. July 1798,

Regarding passage Money, enclosed —

26.

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. No. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130 —

From Major General Floyd —

From Major General Floyd - Requests that he and his staff may be permitted to draw his allowances at the Presidency. —

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From Captain Brown - enclosed a Sick certificate of Lieutenant Blackwell of the Scotch Brigade, and requests that a passage may be ordered for him on the Worcester Indiaman

From the Acting Brigade Major to His Majesty's Troops.-

From Lieutenant C.M. Craigie - requests an order to be returned on board the Walpole as passenger to England.-

From Lieutenant Fireworker Charles Craigie of the Artillery

To Mr. L. H. Barlow - Enclosing extracts of letters from the Military Board regarding the delivery of the Cargo of the Harmony and Union.-

To the Secretary at Bengal.-

To Mr. L. H. Barlow - Enclosing bill of lading of the Shot shipped on the Cowdale for Fort William, and requesting that the nine Mr. Shot mentioned in an enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board may be returned.-

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To Lieutenant General Harris - Enclosing extract of a letter from the Military Board, and requesting that he will give the necessary orders for sending to the Presidency the Howitzer Carriage and the Gun Carriage therein mentioned - Bullocks will be sent from Vellore for this Service.-

To the Commander in Chief -

To Lieutenant Colonel Doveton - Informing him that Mr. Hay will be reimbursed in any additional expence which he may have incurred by attending on the Princes, during their journey to Vellore, on the certificate of his honor.-

To the Commandant at Vellore.-

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To the Town Major

To Captain Grant. Informing him of the rates of allowance to be granted to the French prisoners at Tanat & Seringapatam.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck - Enclosing the Auditor Generals report on his estimates of the 20th Instant and informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 4222.21. will be issued on his Application.

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent a letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. N.53 - Enclosing extract of the translate of a letter from Meeraun yar Jonng, renter of the Belgoondah Dt. distrits North of the Palnaud - his Highness requested to think the irregularities complained of by the Renter.

27th

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 131. 132. 133.:

From the Military Paymaster Generals

From Mr. Roebuck - Enclose the General Estimate for August.

From the Commander of the Ship Worcester

From Captain Hall applies for passage Money for two Dutch officers ordered to proceed to England on the Worcester.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham. The officer who may have obtained the Commander in Chiefs permission

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to Return to the Presidency, are to draw their pay and allowances from the period to which they may have been paid in camp—

Received the following Letter—

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

From the Chief Engineer—
Encloses a letter from
Colonel Gent the Senior
Engineer with the army,
accompanied by a plan
of the Seige of Seringapatam

My Lord

I have the Honor to lay before your
Lordship, for the Hon.ble the Court Directors, a Survey of
the Position of the Army before Seringapatam during the
Seige; comprehending a Plan of the Attack Section through
the Breach, made under the Direction of Colonel Gent the
Senior Engineer on that Service, together with a Letter from
him concisely detailing the principal occurrences of the
Campaign within his Department.—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
[Signed] Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.L.
Major

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Major General Ross
Chief Engineer,

Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit you a Survey of the Position of the Army before Seringapatam during the Seige, Comprehending a plan of the Attack and Section through the Breach.—

I beg to inform you that in the 17.th March last, I represented to the Commander in Chief the advantages to be derived, by the Army taking a Southern position, and Submitted to him also, the Advantage of taking an early opportunity of Crossing the Cavery, a Copy of these Memorandums I sent officialy to him on the 24.th March on the 28.th the Army Crossed the Cavery near a large Village called Soncilly.

On the 5.th April the Army arrived before Seringapatam, when we immediately began preparing Materials for the Seige, on the 9.th I was directed to prepare a plan for an Attack, Connected with the profession of part

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of the Island, and one, in which that position may not be necessary, and that I might consider the Army as occupying, if Requisite, both sides of the Cavery—

On the 13th I submitted to the Consideration of the Commander in Chief two plans of attack against the Fort of Seringapatam, one for an Attack against the West Angle of the Fort, considering the Army as occupying both sides of the Cavery, the other for the Attack of the South West angle on a supposition of our being in possession of part of the Island, I likewise stated the advantages, and Disadvantages that occurred to me in forming these Attack; On the 17th April I was informed by the Military Secretary that the plan for the Attack of the West Angle was approved of.—

On the same day I formed the Corps of Engineers into Brigades, and in the Evening we broke Ground on the North side of the River, and on the 18th our first Battery opened on that side.—

We continued carrying on our approaches and constructing our Batterys on the South side of the

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the River until the 2d. of May, when our second Breaching Battery opened, and on the 4th. of May at seven o'clock in the Morning, I reported to the Commander in Chief "the Breach practicable" at one o'clock at noon the Assault took place, when Tippoo Sultaun and his Empire fell-

If I have derived any merit in the conduct of this Seige, I attribute it to the very ready support and assistance, I received from the Officers of the Corps, whose activity Zeal and perseverance in the discharge of their duty merits my warmest approbation and thanks, but to Captain Norris and Captain Lieutenant Caldwell, I am more particularly indebted for the information they were enabled to give me, of this important Fortress and its Environs, from plans and Memorandums made at the Seige of this place in the year 1792.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Gent Colonel and
Sent. Engineer to the Army

Seringapatam
16th. June 1799

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Sent the following Letter

To Major General Braithwaite

President and Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

We have Received your Letters of 12th 16th

and 19th Instant -

We desire that the Troops composing

the Garrison of Madurah, may be supplied with rice

from the Stores during the present scarcity of that Article,

and the Follower to such an extent as the state of the stores may admit

without interfering with the stock necessary for the Subsistence of the Troops

in Garrison -

We have Requested that the Nine

pounder shot belonging to the Arsenal may be returned

from Bengal by earliest opportunity -

We have Requested the Commander

in Chief to give the necessary orders to send the 18 pounder

Carriage and the howitzer Carriage to the Presidency, and we

desire that the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore may be directed

to send to Seringapatam the proportion of bullocks which

it

To the Military Board
The troops and followers composing the Garrison of Madura to be supplied with rice application has been made to have the nine pounder shot belonging to the Arsenal returned from Bengal - the Commander in Chief has been requested to send the 18 pounder Carriage and howitzer carriage to the Presidency - Bullocks to be sent from Vellore to bring them - The remainder of the Bullocks engaged by the Paymaster at Vellore must be discharged - the Contract entered into by the Commander in chief for supplying grain from the neighbourhood of Vellore to be annulled if possible -

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it may be necessary to employ on that Service —

We desire that the Remainder of the Bullocks entertained by the Garrison Storekeeper of Vellore may be discharged from the Service, and that you will make such an adjustment of the balances due from the Bullock Establishments as you may deem expedient —

We think it advisable post for the present, the issue of any orders Regarding the Arms in Store at Seringapatam —

We have not fully acquainted with the terms on which the Commander in Chief has authorized Grain to be provided on contract in the neighbourhood of Vellour; but as it no longer appears necessary to continue supplies of Grain from this quarter for the eventual use of the Army, we think it expedient that the contract should, if possible, be either suspended, or entirely annulled; we accordingly direct that the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellour may be instructed to make this Communication to the Contractor.

If the Contract shall have expired,

or

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or if the Contractor shall consent to abolish it, we desire that means may be taken for a speedy adjustment of the accounts; but, if it shall still be necessary to enforcing the Contract, we desire that the remainder of the grain which it shall be necessary to receive may be thereon into Store at Vellore—

We have authorized payment of the several bills and advances recommended by you—

We are

&c. &c.

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

Fort St. George
25th July 1799

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th Instant—

Under the circumstances which you have stated his Lordship is of opinion that Ensign Grace

To the Military Auditor General - Ensign Grace cannot draw Subsistence previous to his being appointed to the 12th Regiment. Mr. Norman to draw ten Pagodas per month while he attended the Sick at Gracondah - Lieut. Blackwell of the Scotch Brigade to draw the usual allowance of passage money to England - Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors dated 23d July 1798 on the

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the Subject of passage money enclosed - a list of persons who have been ordered to Embark for Europe, enclosed, and the rates of passage therein specified to be authorized - An advance of three months Subsistence to be paid to the Officers and invalids of his Majesty's Regiments who are about to embark for England - A list of french prisoners captured at Seringapatam enclosed their allowance specified - He is to authorize payment of a bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Inaconda[illegible] amounting to Pagodas 798-31-35. of a bill of the Senior Engineer in the Ceded Districts for Pagodas 304-2-6. of a bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Dindigul for Pagodas 89-24-20. of a bill of the late Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts for Pag.s 94-36-30,33. a bill of the agent of Supply for Pagodas 2657-40-63 a bill of Captain J. G. Graham for Pagodas 974-11-33. a bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts for Pagodas 15-27-40. an advance of Pagodas 10698. to the Garrison Storekeeper, and an advance of Pag.s 4913-18-72. to the Tent Contractor at Vellore -

Grace can have no Claim to the pay of an Ensign previous to his appointment to that rank in his Majestys 12.th Regiment -

His Lordship desires that Mr. Berman may be permitted to draw the allowance of ten Pagodas during the period he attended the sick of the Garrison of Inaconda[illegible] -

Lieutenant Blackwall of the Scotch Brigade having obtained permission to proceed to England on a sick Certificate, is permitted to draw the established allowance of passage Money -

I enclose for your information and guidance extract of a letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 25.th July 1798 on the Subject of passage Money -

I enclose a list of Persons who have been ordered to embark on the ships under dispatch and the Governor General in Council desires that you will authorize payment of the rates of passage Money therein specified -

His

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28.

Fort St George — July 1799.

His Lordship desires that you will authorize an advance of three months subsistence to the Officers and Invalids of his Majestys Regiments, who are about to embark for Europe.

Inclose a list of french prisoners captured at Seringapatam; have directed to desire that they may be permitted to draw from the Military Paymaster Subsistence until further orders at the same Rates, as were allowed to the prisoners taken at Pondicherry of Correspondent Rank.

His Lordship desires that you will authorize payment of the following bills and advances Viz.t

The enclosed bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Innaendah for firewood purchased by him, amounting to seven hundred and Ninety eight Pagodas thirty one fanams and thirty five Cash / Pagodas 798 . 31 . 35 /

The enclosed bill of the Senior Engineer

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Engineer in the Ceded Districts for erecting gun — sheds at Sankerry droog, amounting to three hundred and four Pagodas, two Fanams six Cash (Pags. 304 .. 2 .. 6.)

The enclosed bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Dindigul for firewood, Amounting to eighty nine pagodas, twenty four fanams, twenty Cash (Pagodas 89 .. 24 .. 20)

The enclosed bill of the late Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts for stores purchased by him and for the hire of bullocks Amounting to nine thousand, four hundred and eighty six Pags. thirty fanams thirty three Cash (Pags. 9486 .. 30 .. 33)

The enclosed bill of the Agent of — Supplies for different Articles of Military store furnished by him, Amounting to two thousand, six hundred and fifty seven Pagodas, forty fanams, sixty three Cash (Pagodas 2657 .. 40 .. 63)

The enclosed bill of Captain J.G. Graham, for grain, amounting to nine hundred and seventy four Pagodas, eleven fanams, thirty three Cash

Pags.

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28.

Fort St. George 25th July 1799

Pagodas 9 7/8 11.33.—

The enclosed bill of the late Garrison Storekeepers in the Ceded Districts Amounting to fifteen Pagodas, twenty seven fanams, forty Cash / Pags. 15.27.40 /

An advance of ten thousand six hundred and Ninety Pagodas to the Garrison Storekeeper on Account of Different articles of provision purchased by him / Pags. 10,698 /

An advance of four thousand nine hundred and thirteen pagodas, eighteen fanams, seventy two Cash / Pagodas 4913.18.72 / to the Tent Contractor at Vellore

I have the honorable

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

/ Signed / J. Webbe

Secy. to Govt.

To

The Right Honorable

Lord Hobart

President &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

25th July 1799

List

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Fort St. George ad July 1799

List of Persons, who have been Ordered to Embark on the Ships Worcester Walpole and Thites under Dispatch for Europe.—

Names	Rank	Ships	Passage Money
Vernicdurt	Captain (French Service	Worcester	Captain Passage Money
M. Galabert	French	Walpole	Ditto Ditto
Van Bapts	Ensign (Dutch Service)	Ditto	Lieutenants Passage Money
Mr. Robertson	Late of the Nizams Service	Ditto	Ditto Ditto
Tegan	Ensign (Dutch Service)	Worcester	Ditto Ditto
Schneder	Ditto Ditto	Ditto	Ditto Ditto
Fretze	Lieutenant (Dutch Service)	Thetis	Ditto Ditto

NB. Lieutenant Fritze only proceeds to the Cape of Good Hope and only a proportionate allowance of passage money is to be paid for him.—

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Fort St. George ~ July 1799

28.

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mem: Nos 134, 135.—

To Captain Venner — He is to furnish Lieutenant Craigie with passage to England.—

To the Commander of the Ship Walpole.

To Major General Sydenham—

To the Military Auditor General.—

transmitting for his Examination the General Estimate for August.—

Received the following Letter—

29.

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple transmits a continuation of his Correspondence with the Adjutant General to the Army on the Subjects of his Operations against Dhondiah—

The fortunate of the Expedition against Dhondiah's Followers will appear in the accompanying Copies of my Correspondence on that Subject with the Commander in Chief which I hope will prove acceptable to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council

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

Signed J. Dalrymple
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding

Chittledroog
23d July 1799—

To

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Fort St. George — July 1799.

29.

To Lieutenant Colonel James Dalrymple

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several Despatches under Date 12th 14th and 16th Instant which have been Submitted to the Commander in Chief, and now take occasion to forward Copy of his Orders of this day expressive of his — warmest Approbation of your Conduct in so promptly proceeding against Doondiah's Banditte and of the Spirit manifested by your — Detachment in attacking, & Cutting to pieces the party which you fell on with on the March — The General entirely approves of your prosecuting this important blow by Continuing to pursue Doondiahs' Banditte for the purpose of dispossessing them of the holds they may have got possession of, and driving them across the Toombudra, but he Cautions with you to avoid employing any of the people belonging to Rajah Bermanah

Naig

4551

Fort St. George — July 1799

Nay, who it is Desirable Should not be
furnished with any grounds of Claims which
might Hereafter be inconvenient to Government —

As Doondiah is in all —
respects a lawless Free-booter and a Traitor
to the State, and as his followers who
attacked the Village of Goondair have
behaved with a degree of Savage barbarity
which Divests them of all Claim to Mercy
and as treating these Russian Banditte —
with lenity would only Operate as an
encouragement of the plunderers who infest
the Bednore Country, and other parts of
the North Western frontier, the Commander
in Chief has resolved that for the Security
of the Inhabitant of these Countries
an Example of terror shall be made
of those Prisoners of Doondiah's Party
who have fallen into your hands, and
therefore Directs me to Signify his Com-
mands that you will Cause the whole

of

4552

Fort St. George 29th July 1799.

29.

of the said Prisoners to be hanged at a Spot near the Village of Goondais where they were Guilty of such attrocious Murders with the exception of one Man, for which this Shall be your full and Sufficient Warrant - the Man excepted above to be witness of the Execution, and to be released immediately after it has taken place -

The Army arrived here this morning, and will march the after tomorrow for Chittledroog.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed B.J. Close

Adjutant General

of the Army.

Head Quarters

Camp at Serah

18. July 1799.-

A true Copy

Signed A. Orr

Depy Adjutant General

Nizam's Detachment

Copy

4.5.53

Fort St. George ~ July 1799 ~

29:

Copy of a G: O: by the Commander in Chief Dated

Head Quarters Camp at Sorah

18th July 1799

G: O: Parole Dalrymple ~ Countersign Goondais

The Commander in Chief has great pleasure in a fresh occasion for expressing his approbation of the Conduct of an officer ~ who has in many former instances merited and obtained the applause of Government ~

By a report received last night from Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple, it appears that a Detachment from his Force Consisting of the 1st and 2d Regiments of Native Cavalry and a party of Sepoy Grenadiers had after a March of 40 Miles ~ Surprized a party of 250 Horse, and 400 Infantry (followers of the Free-booter Doondiah) who had recently plundered the Village of Goondais and murdered without distinction of Age or Sex every inhabitant it Contained ~ the whole with exception of a few of the Horse

4554 Fort St. George 4 July 1799

29.

Horse were instantly cut to pieces —

The Commander in Chief cannot too highly applaud the decision & promptitude, and judgement manifested by Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple in his Conduct on this Occasion, & the Spirit Shewn by the Troops in the execution of his Orders —

At the recommendation of Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple the Commander in Chief Directs the Sixty Horses taken from this lawless Banditte to be Sold for the benefit of the Detachment by which they were Seized —

A true Extract
(Signed) By Close
Adjutant General of the Army

A true Copy
(Signed) A. Orr
Deputy Adjutant General
Nizam's Detachment

To

4535 Fort St. George 4 July 1799.

29.

To Lieutenant Colonel Close

Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

I yesterday marched in a
Western Direction about 20 Miles to a Small
fortified Hill Called Cheingherry, in the Nuggur
District, from whence there appeared about
100 Horsemen making off as fast as they
could and in advance of them Some Infantry
and followers – Our Cavalry Notwithstanding
the long March they had made, pursued
the party, Killed about 40 Men, took as
many Prisoners and 5 Horses.–

The people in the Fort of
Cheingherry, Seeing nothing but Cavalry, had
the Audacity to fire Several Guns at us,
as we passed, but without any effect –
Returning from the Pursuit about 4 in
the Afternoon, I brought up Close to the
Pettah the Infantry and Gallopers, which
had before been Concealed in the Jungle –

The

4556

29th

Fort St. George — July 1799.—

The moment they were discovered by the people in the Fort, and a few Shots were fired at the upper works they seemed to be in such Confusion, that I was determined not to give them time to recover from it — Taking — therefore one Company of Grenadiers I pushed thro' the Pettah to the upper Fort, passed four Gateways before they had time to shut them, and forced Open the Fifth and Last, which I had no sooner entered than the — Garrison fled in various directions making their escape thro' Sally Ports and over the Walls, all but a few, who called for quarter and received it — So instantaneous was this business altogether that there was not time to send the Cavalry round to — intercept the fugitives before they got — into the Jungle.—

In the Fort were found 5 Horses 7 Guns mounted and 9 dismounted a great many loaded Rockets and a number

of

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Fort St. George ~ July 1799

29.

of Bamboos and other materials laid in
for making Pikes - The Walls of this Place
are so high that unless they are battered,
the only access to it is by the Gateways
which can easily be defended - I thought
it, upon the whole, a place of such Consequence
being about 40 miles West of the Droog, on
the high Road to Nuggur and Com-
manding a Considerable extent of Country,
that I left 200 of Bunnarah Naigs ~
Polygars in Charge of it, advancing them
200 Rupees on the Company's Account for
their present Subsistence. ~

This Morning Encamped 14
Miles in a Northern Direction from Cheingherry,
and was met on my Approach to this place
by a man Styling himself Ragonaut Naig
a Relation to Kistapah Naig the Durry Kairy
Rajah, who, he says, had got Cowle from
General Harris at the Moty Talow, and had
Consequently Sent him (Ragonaut Naig) to
take

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Fort St. George ~ July 1799

29:

take possession of this Country - Having had no Correspondence whatever with this Ragonauth Naig since I arrived at Chittledroog and Knowing also for a certainty that both the Surry hairy Rajah and he had lately a Meeting with Doondiah and accepting his Cowle I thought it better to turn him out of the Place and put into it 100 of Birmanah Naig's Polygars - As he voluntarily came out to meet me, I have given him his Liberty and he has promised to repair in a few days to the Droog with the Surry hairy Rajah and. Submit quietly to the Company - Having thus Settled a Considerable tract of Country, by expelling from it a Band of execrable Villains and not venturing to proceed further without instructions I shall return to the Droog as fast as possible and hope to reach it on the 25th. - The following I believe is a pretty Correct Account

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Fort St. George ~ July 1799

29.

Amount of Doondiahs force - 2000 Cavalry of which 500 have been Collected from the Different Coss and Styles his Stable Horse - The rest are little better than Tattoos - Infantry 6,000 of which 1,000 only have fire Arms, and the rest Swords, Pikes and Clubs - He is also said to have 10,000 plundering Bungarahs in his Interest - The following are the places, which he holds in the Naggur - Districk Viz.t Nuggur, Anantapoor, Sikarpoor, Hooragunny, Honally, Soinoga, Koomore, Suetwally Hurkairy Dagur, and Cowly Droog, all on the other Side of the River; and on this Side he holds Bajowaputtum, Hurryhar, Adzimpoor, Hookorance, and Hooly Honoor - I — hope the Commander in Chief will excuse the liberty I take in Suggesting, that, if possible, no time should be lost in following up the blow which Doondiahs Adherents have so lately received in this quarter -

The

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Fort St. George ~ July 1799

29:

The Inhabitants of the Country are all exasperated against him and would heartily Join in the Cause a Push might be made to Siege the Boats he has Collected on the Toom-budra, and from thence he might easily be driven out of the Country alto-gether, or be obliged to Shut himself up in Cowly Droog, which must in the end be taken from him should Treek a Plan be in Contemplation. I hope the Commander in Chief will excuse my Presumption in Offering my Services, with the Force under my Command, to perform it, leaving at the same time a Sufficient Garrison to take Care of Chittledroog - In point of equipment I will venture to say there is no part of the Army so well Calculated as the Detachment under my Command, to perform a Service of this Kind with the requisite expedition - We have no heavy

Stores

4561

Fort St. George — July 1799

29.

Stores Whatever, and our Gun Bullocks are so good, that we can March from 12 to 16 Miles a day — Should it not be — thought advisable at present to send any part of our Army against the Insurgents, much use might be made of the Polygars under Rajah Bimmarah Naig who has already offered his Services to drive out Doondiah and is eager to have an Opportunity of Shewing his attachment to the English Cause — It might have a good effect also to offer a Reward for Doondiah's Head —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Camp at Sunta Bennoor

(called in the Maps Sunta Bidnoor)

18th July 1799 —

Signed James Dalrymple

Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding —

A true Copy

Signed A. Orr

Deputy Adjutant General

P.S. In my Letter of the 16th I forgot to —

Mention

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Sir &c

Camp at Sunta Bennoor.

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18th July 1799. —

Signed James Dalrymple

Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding —

A true Copy

Signed A. Orr

Deputy Adjutant General

P.S. In my Letter of the 16th I forgot to —

Mention

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mention that a Standard was taken by the 2d. Regiment of Cavalry, and 3 — horses more than I accounted for, — there is no Doubt, also, that a Son of Ghaugee Khaw (late Commandant of all the booty Horse) was amongst those who were — Killed in the pursuit —

(Signed) James Dalrymple

A true Copy

(Signed) A. Ott

Deputy Adjutant General

To Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple

Sir, —

The Commander in Chief has just had the pleasure to peruse your Letter of the 18th. Instant from Sunta Bennoor, informing him of the Success which has attended your further exertions — — — — — in overtaking and defeating with heavy loss another party of Dhoondiahs Banditte, and carrying the Fort of Cheingherry by Assault —

The

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Fort St. George — July 17/99

29.

The Zeal and Rapidity with which you have effected these Services have Contributed extremely to the Satisfaction of the Commander in Chief —

As you proposed returning Direct to Chittledroog the Commander in Chief Concludes you will have arrived there before this Comes to hand; and as he Coincides in your Opinion, that pursuing upon Doondiahs immediately after your Recent Successes may be attended with the most desireable effect, he Desires me to Say that he readily Assents to your proposal of employing the two Regiments of Cavalry and the four Battalions of Sipoys under your Command — for the purpose of attacking the Freebooter, and driving him from the Posts of which he has managed to get possession as well on this Side the Toombudra, as in the Districts of Bednoor — The Commander in Chief desires therefore that you will prepare immediately

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29: Fort St. George — July 1799

immidiately for this Service, proceeding as soon as possible with such part of your force as can be taken from Chittledrog, or detaching such part of it as you may Judge proper, to Seize in the first instance by Surprize or otherwise the Boats which you Suppose to have been Collected by Hyder Ally on the Toombudra — The Commander in Chief will be himself with the army at Chittledrog on the 24th or 25th Instant at furthest, when the Troops composing the Garrison of that place will be immediately relieved from Camp in order that they may proceed under your Command on the Service alluded to, or follow you with ale expedition in the event of your moving your self with the Force to be detached in advance —

The Commander in Chief — Could have wished less lenity had been shewn to the part of the Garrison of — Chitteldrog

4565

Fort St George — July 1799

29:

Chingherry which failed in their attempts to escape — He is desirous that no mercy whatever should be shewn to Banditte so barbarously savage —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed By Close

Adjutant General

of the Army —

Head Quarters

Camp at Hurnoor

22d July 1799 —

A true Copy

Signed A. Orr

Depty Adjutant General

Nizam's Detachment

Sent the undermentioned letters

entered in M.73. Nos 136, 137, 138 —

To the Commander of the Thetis —

To Captain Bullock Directing him to receive on board of his Ship — Lieutenant Blackmore and Cornet Lowe as Passengers to England. —

To the Commander of the Ship Wounded —

To Captain Hall Directing him to furnish Captain Vernicourt with a passage to England. —

To

4566 Fort St. George 4 July 1799.

29.

To the Commander of the Ship Walpole.

To Captain Vennor, directing him to furnish Mr. Robert Robertson with a passage to England.

30.

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 139, 140, 141, 142. 143.

From Lieutenant Thomas Nuthall of the Cavalry.

From Lieutenant Nuthall mentions different particulars regarding the lot of Horses he has been employed to Select at Hydrabad. He proceeds immediately with them to the Presidency.

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck encloses and additional Estimate for Pagodas 18269. 17. 55.

From the Commander of the Ship Worcester.

From Captain Hall. Renews his application on the Subject of Passage Money for the two Dutch Officers proceeding to England on the Worcester.

To the Commanders of the Ships Walpole and Worcester.

To Captain Bullock, Captain Vennor, and Captain Hall. Enclosing Lists of Charter party Passengers whom they are directed to

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Fort St. George — July 1799

30:

to Convey to England.—

To Captain Hall directing him

to furnish Lieutenant Henry Bowdler with

a passage to England.—

Order of Council

Military Department

31st July 1799.—

Read the following Letter —

from the Military Auditor General —

The Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K.P.—

Governor General in Council

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

My Lord,

I Having Examined the

Estimate of the Military Paymaster General

for the Month of August I have the

honor to report that the Sum of Three

Lacks

La Commanders of
Ship Worcester—

from the Military Auditor
neral reporting on the
neral estimate for August
d authorizing the issue
Pagoda 160,95 Lig. 36:
n account of it.—

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Fort St. George 8th July 1799.

30.

Lacks, Seven Thousand Seven hundred and
Seventy four Pagodas Thirty four fanams
Seventy two Cash (Pagodas 3,07,774-34-72)
is required for the Payment of such
Military Charges as become due upon the
first of the ensuing Month.—

From the General Treasury .... 1,60,955.. 9.. 36.

By Bills on the Military Paymaster General — 1,46,819.. 25.. 36.

Pagodas 3,07,774.. 34.. 72.

2 Captain Innis acting
Paymaster at Bangalore having
included in his Estimate Pagodas
Nine Thousand (Pagodas 9,000.) on
Account of the 3d. Regiment Native
Cavalry, I have deducted that Sum
from the Amount thereof, as I
understand that the Regiment in
Question is Serving at present
with the Nizam's Detachment,
and has been estimated for Accordingly

by

4569

Fort St. George 30th. July 1799.

38.

by Captain Doveton the Paymaster of that Detachment.—

I have the honor to be

with great respect.—

My Lord.

&c. &c.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
30th. July 1799.—

[Signed] W. Sydenham
Military Auditor
General.—

The Sum of Pags. 160955.9.36. to be issued to the Paymaster General on account of his General Estimate for August.—

In Consequence of the foregoing Report Ordered that the Sum of one Lack Sixty Thousand Nine hundred and Fifty five Pagodas—Nine Fanams and Thirty Six Cash (Pagodas 160955.9.36.) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General Estimate inclosed in his Letter of the 27th. Instant.—

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

[Signed] J. Webbe
Secy to Government

Secy

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Fort St. George 8th July 1799

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Fort St. George 30th July 1799.

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&c: &c

Military Auditor General's Office Fort St. George 30th. July 1799.—

[Signed] W. Sydenham

Military Auditor General.—

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

[Signed] J. Webbe

Secry to Government.

Sent

4570

Fort St. George - July 1799.

31st.

Sent the following Letter.-

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General inclosing Copy of a Letter from Major Musgrave of 76th. Regiment who is to be permitted to draw Company's Allowances from the period he was paid in Bengal

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to inclose Copy of a Letter from Major Musgrave of his Majesty's 76th. Regiment; and as the Circumstances Stated by that Officer, Relative to his Detention in India Appear to be of a peculiar nature not within his Controul, his Lordship Desires that he may be permitted to draw the Company's Allowances from the period to which he may have received them in Bengal -

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

Fort St. George
31st. July 1799.

Received

4571

31st.

Fort St. George — July 1799 —

Rec.d and Sent the under mentioned Letters entered in Mil.y Nos. 1144 — 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151. —

From the late Commissary to the Prisoners of War —

From Lieutenant Prendergast encloses a Letter from the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly Respecting a Mr. Du demaine one of the French prisoners from Seringapatam, who remained there in Consequence of ill Health, but who is now able to proceed to the Presidency. —

From Lieutenant O Connell of the Native Infantry —

From Lieutenant O Connell — requests that a Passage to England may be Ordered for him on the Worcester —

To the Military Board —

To the Military Board — The Commander of the Walpole to be furnished with Nine barrels of Gun Powder from the Stores. —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Major General Sydenham — Desiring that the arrears of Subsistence due to Captain Vernicourt a French prisoner of War may be paid to him. —

To

4572

31st

Fort St. George — July 1799—

To the Military Paymaster General.—

To Mr. Roebuck—informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 1,60,955.9..36. will be issued on account of his General Estimate for August.—

To the Military Auditor General—

To Major General Sydenham—referring to his examination the Paymaster General's Estimate of this date amounting to Pagodas 18,269.. 17.. 55.—

To the Commander of the Ship Worcester.—

To Captain Hall—Directing him to receive Lieutenant O'Connell on board of his Ship as a passenger to England.—

To the Commander of the Ship Walpole—

To Captain Vennes—Directing him to receive on board his Ship Lieut. Brailey as a Passenger to England

August 1st

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB: Nos. 1. 2. 3.—

From the Accountant General—

From Mr. Woolf—encloses papers for transmission to the Court of Directors.—

From the Collector in the 3d Division of the Masulipatam District.—

From Mr. Bransile, gives an account of the foreigners in his District &

agreeably

4573

Fort St. George ~ August 1799

No. 1

agreeably to the letter to hims of the 6th May ~

From Lieutenant Bowdler ~

From Lieutenant Bowdler of the Infantry ~

States that he proceeds to England on a Sick Certificate and requests that the usual orders may be granted, to be remitd on board ~

Substance of a letter from the Nabob ~

Remitd a Letter from the Nabob entered in C.C: No. 54: Acknowledges the receipt of the Letter to him regarding the Complaints of the renter of Nelgoondah; he has given orders to Confine the Amildars of Palnaud ~

2.

Remitd the following Letter ~

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing a Statement of the Amount due from the Estate of the late Mr. John Wynch on the final Audit of his Accounts states that there is a balance of Pagodas 1521-19-78 which is objected to by the Executors Attorney as being an Error in Calculation ~

I have the honor to enclose you a Statement of Sums Outstanding on Against the late Mr. John Wynch Paymaster D. Vellore and to the Army against Pondicherry on the final Audit of his Accounts and adjustment.

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2d Fort St. George 2 August 1799.

of the Several entries in my Books Pagodas 6407. 18. 66. and having called upon Mr. James Daly the attorney of George Wynch Exor of J. Wynch Deceased for the Amount he objects to pay more than the Sums stated by the Military Auditor General, which have not Retrospect to the Errors in Calculation and the Debits and Credits of Mr. John Wynch's Accounts Current with my Office Amounting to the Sum of Pagodas 1521. 19. 78. and of which Mr. George Wynch the Exor was perfectly Acquainted with having called at my Office Repeatedly before his embarkation for Europe and to which he did not at the time State the least Objection — I have in Consequence to Request that you will be pleased to acquaint the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council of this demur on the part of Mr. James Daly the Attorney of the Exor of the late Mr. John Wynch and have his Commands thereon —

Fort St. George
2 August 1799. —

I have &c. &c.
[Signed] B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

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Fort St. George 1st August 1799.

Statement of Following Sums due by Mr. J. Wynch Paymaster at Vellore and to the Army before Pondicherry in 1793.

For Amount Retrenched from the Disbursements of Mr. J. Wynch Paymaster at Vellore from May 1792. to June 1797. and to the Army before Pondicherry in 93 as per State-ment furnished by the Military Auditor General dated 22d July 1799.		4854. 23. 24.
For Amount Retrenched from the Accounts of Mr. J. Wynch Deputy Commissary of Grain & Provisions at Vellore from May 1792. to June 1797. as pr. Statement furnished by the Military Audr. General dated 22d July 1799.	31. 17. 14	4885. 10 68.
For Amount Paid by Military Paymaster General to Major Murray late Regiment Native Cavalry at Madras in October 1791. for a Bill Drawn in favor of him which Sum he did not give Credit for	600 — —	600 — —
For Amount to be Credited in his Account Current in January 1792.	— — —	10. — —
For Amount Debited him By the Paymaster at Trichinopoly in February 1794 which Sum he Did not give Credit	— — —	30. 5 40
For Amount paid to Sepoys of 2d Battalion 2d Regiment Native Infantry for the Month of November December 1796 and January 1797. they having been left at Trichinopoly to pass the Invalid and Pensioning Committee.	191. 33. 60.	
Deducted Amount Credited by the Paymaster	181. 12. —	10. 21. 60.
For Amount Paid to Captain G: Martin 2d Battalion 7th Regiment Native Infantry on account of his Pay between Captain and Captain Lieutenant by the Paymaster to the Nizam's Detachment in May.	— — —	8. 39. 60.
For Amount Paid by him to the Men of his Majesty's 36th Regiment and 72d Regiment which Sum the Military Auditor General not passed	— — —	2 11. 50.
For Amount Debited him by Mr George Hoar Paymaster to the Southern Army as pr his Account Current	— — —	399 2. 20.
For Amount debited him by the Military Paymaster General in November 1793.	— — —	12. 6. 49.
For Amount debited him as pr. Paymaster to the Pondicherry Army by the Honorable Basil Cochrane Paymaster at Presidency on account of families of Europeans and Natives from July to October 1793	450 22. 39.	
Deducted Amount Credited by the Paymaster	5. 24 —	444 — 34. 39.
Carried forward		6404. 18. 66.

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Brought forward ——— " " " 6404 18. 66.

For Amount Advanced by the Honorable
B: Cochrane Paymaster at Presidency —
on his Account to Mr James
Brodie on account of Larcars . . . . . 928. " "

Deduct Amount Credited by the
Paymaster . . . . . 925. " " 3. " "

Pagodas ——— 6407. 18. 66.

(Signed) B: Roebuck
Military Paymaster General

Recd the undermentioned
Letters entered in Mem: Nos 4: 5:) —

From the Commandant at Vellore —

From Lieutenant Colonel
Doveton — forwards a letter from Mr Surgeon
Kay on the Subject of his Application for some
Allowance for attending the Princes during their
Journey to Vellore. —

From the Secretary at Bombay —

From Mr Richards. forwards
a Packet for General Stuart which is to be
forwarded to General Hartley if the former has
left Madras. —

Recd

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Rec'd a Letter from Mr. —

from the Military Paymaster General —

Roebuck entered in Mrs. No. 6. Enclosing an

Estimate of the Paymaster at Seringapatam

for Pagodas 89,629 —

Rec'd and Sent the under-

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mentioned Letters entered in Mrs. Recorded, G. 10, 11 —

From Mr. Hook — encloses

from the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

bill of lading for Gun Powder Shipped on the

Commerce for this Presidency —

From Mr. Hook — encloses

from Do — Do —

invoice of Gun Powder Shipped on the Com-

-merce for this Presidency —

From Mr. Edmonstone — encloses

from the Sub Secretary to the Board of Trade at Bengal —

invoice and Bill of lading of Rice Shipped on

the Commerce for this Presidency with the

terms of Affreightment —

From Colonel Burr — encloses

from Colonel Burr of the Native Infantry

a Certificate of his leave to return to India —

To Major General Sydenham —

to the Military Auditor General —

Referring to his examination the Estimate trans-

-mitted in the Paymaster General's letter of the

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3d. Instant amounting to Pagodas 89.629.-.-

3d Ditto Received the following Letter.-

To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding Southern Division acquainting that he has given directions for the Survey of the River Noyel and inclosing Copies of Letters from Mr. Hurdis on the Subject - gives an Account of recent disturbances in the Vizianatty province -

I had the honor of addressing you on the 17. Current for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that in furtherance of his Lordship's Arrangements Communicated to me by Mr. Collector Hurdis in the accompanying Letters, a Survey of the River Noel from the hills in this Neighbourhood, where it takes its Source to its Confluix with the Cavery, as desired by the Collector, appearing to be an object of immediate attention, I had directed Lieutenant and Assistant Engineer De Haviland, for this purpose to repair to Coimbatoor, where he will arrive Tomorrow - and as the Southern Field Detachment, in Conformity

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Conformity to the Order of Government for breaking it up, and the Consequent instructions of the Commander of the Troops in the Carnatic, will march hence into Garrison without Delay. I am to leave the Engineer Instructed to Suspend Commencement upon the Same, until it may have Obtained the Sanction of Government to Authorize the Expence it will occasion, which I hope may meet with the Approbation of his Lordship in Council.—

By a Letter from Mr. Techborne, which tho' dated the 20th from Camp at Shunnaidum appears not to have got Dispatch from the Post Office at Ramnaud until the 24th and did not reach me until Yesterday it appears that the Peace of that District is again disturbed by the Peons of Calagoody, against whom he had Marched his Detachment, in Consequence of their Assembling and Committing depredations

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Depredations at Poolangol, where he advises that he fell in with about 300 of them headed by the Cousin of the Poligar of Calagoody whom he does not Name. That a Skirmish ensued which terminated by their Flight into the Callagoody Country whether he followed them as far as appeared to him prudent to lead his Detachment, that of two Sepoys of his detachment who had been badly wounded, one had died, and that the Poligars had two Peons wounded with a Sherogar who is since reported to be dead.—

As these depredations which have of late been unusually frequent, have probably been induced by the Scarcity of Grain and encouraged by the Weak State of the Military Posts in that Quarter it may be hoped that they will be checked and prevented by the additional Force allotted to the Garrisons of Madura and Pallamcottah by the distribution made of the Southern

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Southern Field Detachment which I have
this Day transmitted to the Commander
of the Army in the Carnatic with a letter
from Mr. Collector Hurdis, having my —
Answer annexed, with my request that
they may be laid before Government —

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

Signed/ A. Brown
Lieutenant Colo. Commanding
Southern Division

Camp near
Coimbatore
31st. July 1799. —

To W. T. B. Hurdis

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you
that the Right Honorable the Governor General in
Council having formed an Arrangement for
administring the Revenues of the Districts lately
Subjected to the Authority of the Company has —
been pleased to appoint you Collector of Dendigul
including all the Districts formerly dependent on
that place and all the Territories lately acquired —
Northward

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Fort St. George August 7 1799.

Northward to the banks of the Rivers Cavery and Westward to the Foot of the Ghauts and the borders of Paulghautcherry.

Whatever Villages dependent on Curbahs within this Line of demarkation may be situated beyond these boundaries must be seperated entirely from your Authority and placed under that of the Collector of Salem.

The Governor General in Council accordingly Directs that you take immediate Measures for these purposes according to the Instructions with which you will be furnished by the Board of Revenue.

I am &c &c

Fort St. George
6 July 1799.

Signed J. Webbe
Secry to Govt.

True Copy
Signed T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Lieutenant Colonel Brown
&c &c &c

Sir,

The Letter which I have now the

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the pleasure of sending with these you the
arrangements of the Right Honorable the Governor
General for the Civil administration of the ceded
& conquered Countries below the Ghauts —

To ensure Regularity of proceeding
in the Arrangement of the Talooks which will be
much disputed on the North and South bank
of the Nogul I have to beg the favor of your
assistance in the business by giving Lieutenant
De Havilland directions to Survey the South
bank of the River from the Hills to its
confluex with the Cavery —

The time it would take to
finish the whole of it would not I aspire —
-hend be more than Sixteen Days — and
the Result would be certain and accurate
information which cannot be derived —
from any other Source Whatever —

Should Lieutenant De Havillands
Situation admit of your compliance and —
you see no particular objection, I have to
express

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Fort S.t George 7.th August 1799.

express my hope of your acceding to my
Request.—

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

Coimbatoor
16.th July 1799.—

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

A true Copy,
(Signed) A. Brown

Sent the following Letter

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor General in Council
to inclose invoices and bills of lading
of Rice and Gun Powder, shipped by
the Vice President in Council of Fort
William for the use of this Presidency,
and to desire that these Articles may
be landed with all practicable expedition.—

A Box containing a Sample of

the

To the Military Board—
enclosing invoices and bills
of lading of Rice and Gun
Powder shipped by the
the Bengal Government
for this Presidency the Stores
intended for Bombay which
have arrived on the Boddam
and True Britons are to be
received into the Arsenal.—

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the Vice is herewith Sent to you.—

I am further Directed to Desire that you will furnish his Lordship with a Statement of the Cargo Delivered, the number of days consumed in Delivering it Commencing from the day of the Ships Arrival, and the date of the discharge of the Ship, in order that the Vice President in Council of Bengal may be enabled to adjust the terms of Affreightment.—

A quantity of Military Stores destined for the Presidency of Bombay having arrived on the Honorable Company's Ships Boddam and Britton the Governor General in Council Directs that they be Received into the Arsenal according to an Abstract of the invoice which will be transmitted to you from the Board of Trade.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen &c &c

Fort St. George
5. August 1799.—

Signed J. Webbe
Secretary to Govern.t
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Sent the undermentioned Letters — entered in Mil. Nos 12, 13, 14, 15.

To the Secretary at Bombay

To Mr. Richards — transmitting to him dispatches which are to be forwarded to England by overland. —

To the Military Auditor General. —

To Major General Sydenham enclosing Extract of a letter from the Town Major and covering that the Passage Money which has been paid on account of the persons therein mentioned may be recovered — He is to authorize Payment of £ 80, each for the passages of Mr. Hussey and Mr. Towns to England —

To the Commander of the Ship Calcutta —

To Captain Maxwell Directing him to receive on board of his Ship as Passengers to Bengal Mr. Assistant Surgeon Lyal, — Lieutenant Brooke and Lieutenant Forgan —

To the Commander of the Ship Walpole —

To Captain Vernor Directing him to receive a Quarter party Passengers to England the men expressed in an enclosed List. —

From the Town Major — 6.

Received a letter from Captain Grant entered in Mil. No. 16. gives a Statement of

Different

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Different Persons who were ordered to proceed to England by the Ships under dispatch, both who will not now embark.—

At a Consultation

Present

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

Tuesday 6th. August 1799.—

William Petrie
and
Ernst William Falkofield
} Esquires

Lieutenant General Harris absent on Service.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.—

To

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Fort St. George 6th August 1799.

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

My Lord,

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 17th and 19th Instant, and to report that the necessary instructions have been given for carrying into effect the Orders therein Contained.—

2d We enclose Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Honorable Company's Stud in the Ganjam District and beg leave to recommend that the measure proposed by Captain Evans may be Sanctioned.—

3d We also enclose and recommend — that authority may be given for the payment of the following Bills Viz.—

No 1 Bill of Colonel Gent for Works executed at the Gun Powder Manufactory amounting to Pagodas . . . . . 542.. 20.. 44

No 2.

From the Military Board enclose Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Stud in the District of Ganjam on the subject of the measure alluded to herein, with Copy bills of the Superintending Engineer for different works executed under him amounting in all to Pagodas 1827.27.5 enclose a bill of the Gunner Carriage Contractor amounting to Pagodas 4543.19.10.

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No 2 Bill of Colonel Gent. for repairing the Soldiers Barracks and Hospital at Tripassore amounting to Pagodas. 140.. 22.. 4.

No 3 Bill of Colonel Gent for Constructing two additional Sheds for the protection of Water Casks &c. on the North esplanade Amounting to Pagodas . . . . 263.. 2.. 61

No 4 Bill of Colonel Gent for repairing the Commander in Chiefs House in the Fort Amounting to Pagodas . . . . . 166.. 27.. 8.

No 5 Bill of Colonel Gent. for repairing the House in the Fort allotted to the 2nd in Council Amounting to Pagodas . . . . 223.. 7.. 77.

No 6 Bill of Colonel Gent for making three new Gibbets and Chains for the execution beyond St Thomas's Mount Amounting to Pagodas . . . . . 42.. 22.. 4.

No 7 Bill of Colonel Gent for repairing the Chevaux de frize and the wall at the Paddy Godown lately occupied by the French Prisoners of War, Amounting to Pagodas —— 47.. 7.. 51.

No 8.

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No. 8. Bill of the Gun Carriage &c. Contractors for Articles Delivered by them at the Arsenal, and approved upon Survey, Amounting Pagodas ---- 1543.. 19.. 10.

We have the honor to be

My Lord

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
24th July 1799.-

Signed John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross
" Wm Sydenham -

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

Sir

The Mulberry Plantation in this District as mentioned in your Letter of the 6th April has been sometime Delivered over to me, indisposition only Could have so long obliged me to defer my report of it to the Board. -

The Plantation such I hope proves of vast Service - (in the Course of time) to that part of

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of the Stud at Chatterpore, but at present it is full of Mulberry Plants roots &c. and Consequently wants to be Cleared out having been for a length of time neglected the fences of a great part are gone to ruin and totally broke down, a part of it was fenced with Strong Bamboo hedge which Still remains and thes I should wish to Continue all round the ground as the best and most permanent enclosure — after Clearing the Ground I should wish to — Cultivate about half of it with Guinea Grass for the Mares that were nursing, and the Remainder I should lay out for Meadow.—

The enclosure will also prove occasionally a favorable Range for the young Colts as it is extensive It contains I believe about Sixty Acres, within the hedge I propose planting Cocoanuts as well as along the — different Quarters Divided off for the Convenience of Watering the Ground, these will in the Course of Six Years furnish Materials for head and heel Ropes &c. for the whole Stud

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Fort St. George 6th August 1799.

It becomes a Serious Consideration with me to lessen by all means in my power the expences of this Establishment which I trust I shall be able to do very effectually in a few years when I can continue to have every thing produced within my own range that can be wanted for their Accommodation, and this I hope to effect.—

In the Mulberry Plantation there are Eight Wells and Twelve Feet in Diameter with two Pautahs fixed to each and for the Cultivation Watering &c &c. when planted with Mulberry, there was an Establishment allowed of about eighty Coolies or Gardeners with a Peon Writers &c. &c. &c.

I have made every Calculation possible as to its present Situation, and the purpose it is proposed to Appropriate it to, and am of Opinion that four Coolies to each Well which is the least that can work them, will be adequate to the purposes of plowing Ledging Watering &c. &c. &c. These Thirty two Coolies or Gardeners at 1 Fanam pr. Day

each

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each and a Peon in Charge of the enclosure &c. at 4 Rupees pr. Month will be the only expense on this Score that will be required, and if the Board are pleased to approve of it, I shall put the enclosure into such order as will ensure its proving of Considerable advantage to the Stud, which I beg leave with great deference to recommend to their Consideration.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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8th July 1799

(Signed) H. Evans
Superintendent of the Stud

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Deputy Secretary Military Board

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

My Lord,

1st.

From the Military Board — State that there is a considerable quantity of Grain belonging to the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry in Store at Trichinopoly which they recommend to be disposed off — enclose Copy of a letter from Colonel Wellesley respecting the Grain in Store at Seringapatam enclosing a bill of the Store Keeper at Vellore — amounting to Pagodas 16 36 24 68. of which 8 paymasters recommended — enclosing a bill of the Commissary of Supply at Trincomalee &c.

We have the honor to report that the necessary orders have been given in Consequence of the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's — Letter

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Letters under date the 20th. and 23d. Instant.—

2d.

We deem it necessary to inform your Lordship, that there is a quantity of Grain in Store at Trichinopoly, belonging to the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry, of which 22 Garss., and 300 Mercalls have been found by a Committee of Survey to be in good — Condition, and 6 Garss 222 Mercalls totally unserviceable and as the former is Daily growing less fit for use — We beg leave to — recommend in the event of it not being likely to be required for the Public Service that it may be Sold by public Auction.—

3d

Having received an application from the Honorable Colonel Wellesley relative to a quantity of Grain of which the Garrison Storekeeper at Seringapatam has taken — Charge in Consequence of orders for that — purpose from the Commander in Chief, — upon, which Subject we do not at present think ourselves Competent to Decide we have the honor to forward to your Lordships

in

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in Council, copy of his Letter and enclosures and request to be honored with instructions for our Guidance. —

4th Copies of the latest Reports open Paddy found and remaining, and Rice — Received, at Vellore, and Arnee Respectively, — are transmitted herewith for your Lordships — Information. —

5th We recommend that Authority may be given for the payment of the enclosed Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper of Vellore Amounting to Pagodas 1634 .. 24 .. 68. for Provision Stores — laid in at Wallajabad by order of Government, for the use of a body of Troops which Assembled at that Station previous to the Commence= =ment of the late Campaign —

6th We also forward and recom= =mend Payment of a bill of Commissary of Supply at Sriviccondah, Amounting to Pagodas 23 .. 10 .. — for Artificers — Supplies upon indent for the repair of

Gun

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Gun Carriages at that Station.—

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Fort St. George
26: July 1799

&c &c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham

The Secretary of the Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Military Board a Copy of the proceedings of a Committee which I appointed to Survey the Captured Grain and Provisions in the Public Stores at Seringapatam.—

You will observe that the Committee have reported their Opinion that it is impossible to Ascertain the quantity of the different Articles by any method excepting by measurement and as the quantity is very large all the Granaries being full and as the weather

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is at present very uncertain, it does not appear practicable to adopt the only method pointed out by the Committee.—

Some of the Grain in Store —→ although of a good Quality and well preserved is Eleven years Old. I recommend to the Board to give Orders to dispose of part of that immediately. I ordered the Garrison Store-keeper to sell a Small Quantity which was on the Top of one of the Granaries, and was in some Degree damaged and it produced a Rupee for 50 Seers I should recommend that all the Grain above Six years Old should be sold only that Year that the Crop of Paddy in this Country in the ensuing Year will be small, on Account of the unsettled State of the Country for the last four or five Months; In case of Scarcity it will be a great Advantage both to the Army and to the Country to have in the Store of Seringapatam a large quantity of Grain. If the Board should adopt what I have

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I have above recommended and should send orders to dispose of the Grain in one or two of the Granaries it may be possible but very expensive to ascertain the remaining quantity accurately by measurement. It will then be proper to deliver it over regularly to the Garrison Storekeeper. — At present he has charge only of the Granaries, and as I have been unable to give him an account of the Grain which he might enter regularly upon his Books I have given him directions never to open the Granaries excepting by order of the Commanding Officer in a letter of which I inclose you a Copy. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Arthur Wellesley
Colonel

Seringapatam
July 21st 1799 —

A true Copy
/Signed/ John Macleane
Deputy Secretary Military Board

Military Board
Office 25th July 1799. —

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Copy of the Proceedings of a Committee held by order of the Honorable Colonel Wellesley Commanding the Garrison of Seringapatam &c. &c. &c. 8th July 1799.-

Consisting of Lieutenant Colonel Scott - President; Captain Bailie and Lieutenant Allan - Members -

The Committee having met agreeable to Orders proceed to examine the Grain and Provisions in Store, and Continued to meet by adjournment till this Day, when they find - there in the State as follows. -

No 1 Granary in good repair, Containing Paddy of three years old in a good State. -

2 Granary Containing new Paddy in a good State. -

3 " Containing Paddy of Eleven years old in good preservation. -

4 " Do. . . . Do. . . . Do.

5 " Containing Paddy Eleven Years old and pepper of an exellent quality and in high preservation. -

6 " Paddy Eleven Years old in a good State. -

Containing

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No 7 . Containing new Paddy in good State and raggy in tolerable Condition.—

8 .. " Containing Paddy of three years old in a good State—

9 .. — Containing Ditto of four years old in good Condition.—

10 " — Containing Paddy of Eleven years old in a good State, Salt and pepper of the best Quality and in high preservation.—

11 " Containing Paddy of one year old in a good State

12 " Containing Paddy, the half Eleven years old the other half one Year old, all in a good State.—

13 " Containing Paddy of Seven years old in good Condition.—

14 " Ditto Ditto of Eleven years old Ditto Ditto

15 " Ditto Ditto of one year old Ditto Ditto

16 " Godowns Containing new Paddy in good Condition

17 Granary Containing Paddy Seven years old in good Condition.—

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No 18 Granary Ditto Ditto — Ditto —

19 — " — Containing Seven years old Paddy
in a good State —

20. " Ditto — Ditto — Ditto

21. " Godowns Containing Paddy of one
year old in a good State. —

22. " Granary Containing Gram, Apparently in
good Condition. —

23. " Godown Containing Salt of an —
inferior quality. —

24 " Ditto — Ditto. — Ditto

25 " Ditto Containg fine Salt

26 " Ditto full of pepper of the best
quality and in high preservation. —

27 " Godown Containing 1/2 of the best —
quality and in high preservation. —

A Well Containing some Oil

All the above Granaries and Godown —
Appear to be in good Repair. —

The Committee are of Opinion
there is no mode of Ascertaining with any
Tolerable Accuracy the quantities of the
above

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above Articles in Store, except by actual Measurement.—

/Signed/ Thomas Scott
Lieutenant Colonel President

Seringapatam
10th July 1799.—

A true Copy.
/Signed/ Arthur Wellesley
Colonel

A true Copy
/Signed/ John Macleane
Deputy Secretary Military Board

Military Board
Office 25th July 1799.—

William Hesse Gordon
Garrison Storekeeper
Seringapatam

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Copy of a Letter written by the Secretary of the Commander in Chief to the Committee of Prizes.—

I have received the directions of the Commander in Chief to desire that you will immediately take Charge of all the Grain and the Provisions in the Public Stores.—

From the nature of the Granaries

the

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the quantities of Grain they Contain and the badness and uncertainty of the Weather it is impossible at present to ascertain, quantities exactly —

You can therefore do no more than renew Charge of the Granaries and I have to Request that they may not be Opened without the Order of the Commanding Offier of the Garrison. —

I shall immediately order a Committee to Assemble to ascertain the qualities of the Grain, and I have received the Authority of the Commander in Chief to order Such Grain to be Sold, as may be found to be Damaged or likely Soon to be so from Age or other Causes. —

I have received the orders of the Commander in Chief to Desire that you

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will Keep a Separate Book of the Captured Grain and Provisions and you will Accordingly Carry to the Separate Account of Captured Grain the proceeds of what may be Sold, as Damages, or likely Soon to be so.—

I request that you will be so Kind as to have the Granaries numbered immediately

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed Arthur Wellesley
Colonel

Seringapatam
7th July 1799.—

A true Copy
Signed Arthur Wellesley
Colonel

Military Board
Office 25th July 1799—

A true Copy
Signed John Macleane
Deputy Secretary Military Board

Report

1605

Fort St George 6th August 1799.

Report of Rice and Horse Gram issued and remaining at Vellore 22d July 1799.

	Rice in Store	Bengal Rice in Store	Horse Gram in Store	Wheat
Remaining on the 15th July as pr last Report	7.12.7	119	98.8	1.98.4 .. 5. 11.
Delivered to Nagapah Chetty as pr order from the Commander in Chief			32.37.2	
Remaining	7.12.7	86	12.6	1.98.4 .. 5. 11.

Signed S. H. Skardon
Garrison Storekeeper

Military Board Office
25th July 1799.

A true Copy
Signed John Macleane
Deputy Secretary Military Board

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Report of Paddy and Rice Remaining at Arnie 22d July 1799.

	Paddy in Store	Rice in Store
Remaining on the 15th July as per last report	330393 5.	155.250. ..
No Receipts or Issues from 15th to this Day	" " "	" " "
Remaining	330.393.5.	155.250. ..

Military Board Office
25th July 1799.

(Signed) J. H. Skardon
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Deputy Secretary Military Board

To

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Fort St. George 6th August 1799.

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

My Lord,

From Do. enclosing two Bills of the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts one amounting to Pags. 271-21-, the other to Pags. 292-36-- enclose also Copy of a letter from the acting Collector in the Ceded Districts stating the difficulty of procuring Carriage - recommend an advance to the Agent of Supply of 5,000 Pagodas enclose an Account of Rice landed from the Superbe -

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Letter from Government, under Date the 25th Instant, and to report that the necessary directions have been given for carrying into effect the Orders therein contained. -

2d We enclose and recommend for payment of two Bills of the Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts, for Bullocks employed in Conveying Rice to Ryacottah the one Amounting to Pagodas 271. 21. -- the other to Pagodas 292. 36. -- We have judged it necessary to forward with the above Bills, Copy of a letter from the Acting Collector in the Ceded Districts Stating the necessity of an increased hire being Paid for the Bullocks

and

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and Carts from Kistnaghury to Ryacottah, on Account of the uncommon dryness of the present Season and Consequent Scarcity and enhanced price of forage and beg leave to recommend that orders may be given for such rate of Bullock and Cart hire being reduced to the former Standard so soon as the Causes of that increase shall be removed.

3d Having found it necessary to Authorize an extraordinary Indent upon the Agent of Supply for Articles required to Complete the Established proportion for the Arsenal of Fort St. George, the estimated Cost of which exceeds 10,000 Star Pagodas - we beg leave to Recommend that the Sum of 5,000 Pagodas may be advanced to Mr. William Webb on Account of the provision of those Articles.-

4 In Conformity to the orders Contained in Mr. Sub Secretary Buchan's Letter of the 7th Instant We enclose for transmission to Bengal, Account Current of Rice Received

by

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by the Ship Superb, and have the honor to report that the Vessel arrived here on the 3d commenced landing her Cargo on the 8th and completed the Delivery thereof on the 22d Instant.—

We have the honor to be

My Lord

&c &c

Fort St. George

30th July 1799.— Signed John Brathwaite

" Patrick Ross

" Wm Sydenharre

To John Philips Burlton Esqre

Paymaster &c &c

Ceded Districts

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of this Date, in which you State the difficulty of procuring Carriage for the purpose of transporting Grain to Ryacottah the Bullock & Cart people demurring about the Smallness

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Smallness of the established hire.—

Taking into Consideration the present uncommonly dry Season, Superadded to the great Demand for forage, its Consequent Scarcity, and the General Mortality among the Cattle, I do not hesitate, under such Circumstances to give it my Opinion, that the Rates of hire, fixed by the Superintendant, ought to be increased, making the hire of a Bullock from hence to Ryacottah 8 instead of 6 fanams and that of a Cart 16 instead of 12 fanams.—

I have the honor to be

Doulitabad
18th May 1799.—

Yrs. &c.
(Signed) J. G. Graham
Acting Superintendant
Ceded Districts

A true Copy
(Signed) J. H. Burlton
Paymaster

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Deputy Secretary Military Board

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Dr. Account Current of the Honorable Company's Rice received pr Ship Superb Captain John Wright from Bengal — Cr.

1799.			Bazar Maund —
May — 13th	To Rawry and Bakerganjam Rice as pr invoice —	Double Bags — 6850. Weighing Nett	13,700
		Total —	13700. "

1799			Bazar Maund —
July — 22d	By Rawry and Bakerganjam Rice received —	Double Single 716 — Double 5961. — 6677. Weighing Nett	12,924. " 9.
	By Do. loss by the Surf ...	30. do. average	57. 81
		6707	12,982. " 8.
	By Do. Damaged ...	180. Cont.g average	306. " 74
			13,298. "
	By Do. Port Allowance at 3 pr Cent —		411. "
		Total —	13,700. "

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Errors Excepted

A true Copy

pr Signed James Brodie

Signed John Macleane

Deputy Secretary Mily Board. —

To

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

My Lord,

From D.ct inclos Extract of a letter from the Commanding Officer at Tanjore, advising of the disposal of unserviceable Rice and Paddy in Store there recommend a Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Innacondah for Pagodas 16.. 19: 20.—

1st. We have the honor to report that the requisite orders have been given in Consequence of the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter under date the 31st. July.—

2d. We inclose Extract from a letter addressed to us by the Officer Command=ing at Tanjore, and beg leave to recommend that Major Innes's Suggestion in regard to the disposal by retail of the unserviceable Paddy and Rice may be adopted.—

3d. We also inclose and recom=mend payment of a Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Innacondah Amounting to Pagodas 16.. 19.. 20.. for Batta (as working Money) to Sepoys employed in piling Wood in the Garrison Storekeepers Department—

at

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at that Station.—

We have the honor to be

My Lord

&c &c

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2. August 1799.—

(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham

Extract of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Tanjore to the Military Board. Dated the 26. July 1799.—

"The want of rain and the
"Scarcity of Grain in the Southern provinces has
driven
"Vast numbers of poor Starved Creatures to
"this and the Neighbouring Districts, which
"has occasioned a great Demand for Grain here
"and increased its price very Considerably — so
"much so that I consider it my Duty to
"lose no time in reporting the same to the
"Military Board as a favorable Opportunity
"of Disposing of the Honorable Company's
"unserviceable Paddy and Rice in Store, and

recommended

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"Recommended by the late Committee of Survey
"to be Sold without Delay or otherwise it would
"be totally unmarketable:- From the best
"information I can obtain it appears to that
"if the 206 Garce of Unserviceable Paddy of
"of the Year 1795. is Sold immediately by
"Retail it will produce 18 Pagodas ℔ Garce
"being more than half of what it was
"laid up for- which was 32 Pagodas
"℔ Garce."

"35 Garce of unserviceable Rice of the Year 1796 is Sold
"immediately by Retail, it will produce
"23 3/4 Pagodas ℔ Garce."

"This merits the particular attention
"of the Board and Should what I have
"suggested be Approved, ---
"Orders must be sent Direct and without the
"least Delay; for Should there Soon be a
"good fall of Rain, the Price of Grain will
"naturally fall to the usual Standard and
"the Paddy and Rice before mentioned be

almost

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"almost wholly lost to the Honorable Com-
"pany, whereas if Sold now as recommended
it may produce upwards of 4477 Pagodas —
The demand for this Grain, bad as it is, is
from the poor people who cannot afford to
Pay a high price for a better Sort; which is
besides almost out of their reach. —

A true Extract
(Signed) John Macleane
Deputy Secretary Military Board. —

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

My Lord,

The owners of the Ship Cornwallis having refused Payment of a Bill transmitted in the usual manner through the Military Paymaster General Amounting to Pagodas — 428. 24. 37. for Sundry Articles of Ordnance and —

From the Minutes that Stores to the Amount of Pagodas 428. 24. 37 had been Shipt on board of the Cornwallis but that the owners had refused to pay their bills —

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and Military Stores Supplied under the Authority of Government for the use of that Ship, We beg leave to submit the same to your Lordship's Consideration.—

We have the honor to be

My Lord,

&c. &c.

Signed John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross
" Wm. Sydenham

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Resolutions on the foregoing Letter.—

Resolved, that the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Stud in the Ganjam District, be Complied with.—

Resolved, that the Military Board be Authorized to dispose of the Grain belonging to the 3d. Regiment Native Cavalry in Store, at Trichinopoly.—

Resolved, to inform the Military Board, that the Board do not Deem it expedient, that any part of the Grain at Seringapatam should be Disposed of, excepting such

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such as may appear likely to suffer
material injury, by being kept any longer
in Store; and under the Circumstances
stated by the Commanding Officer at
Seringapatam, the Board are of Opinion,
that it will be expedient to postpone
taking a particular Account of the Grain.—

Under the Circumstances stated
by the acting Collector in the Baramahal,
the Board can have no objections to a temporary
increase in the rates of Carriage hire; Resolved,
however, that particular instructions be given
to reduce the rates to their usual Standard,
as soon, as the present difficulty of procur-
-ring Carriage, shall be removed.—

Resolved, that the Military Board
be authorized to dispose of the unserviceable
Paddy, and Rice in Store, at Tanjore.—

Resolved, that the several
payments and advances recommended by the
Military Board, be authorized.—

Ordered

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The Letter from the Military Board of the 5. Instant to lie on the Table.—

Ordered, that the Letter from the Military Board of the 5. Instant, do lie on the Table.—

Read the following Letters from Major General Brathwaite.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Major General Brathwaite encloses an Application from Captain Norcott to be permitted to draw passage Money to England, in Consideration of the particular Circumstances of his Case encloses a Letter from Lieutenant Baxter requesting to be permitted to resign the Service forwards an Application from Mr. John Bass a promising Conductor for an Addition of three Pagodas per Month to his Pension recommends that the Detail of Colonel Dallas's Regiment at Vizagapatam may be ordered to await Arrangements different Arrangements with regard to the Troops in the Vizagapatam and Ganjam Districts suggests the Appointment of Colonel Kinsey to the Command of Asia.—

I request you to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the three inclosed Letters addressed to his Lordship Viz.t. A Letter from Captain Norcott of His Majesty's 33.d Regiment, stating the peculiar Circumstances of his Case, and praying therefore to be allowed passage Money — I can testify that this Officer has been ever since I have been Appointed to the Command of the Troops in the Carnatic, at the Presidency, under Orders to take Charge of Invalids of His Majesty's Service to Europe, and I think, that, but for this Order, under the Circumstances

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of his ill State of health, he would have availed himself of an earlier Opportunity of going to Europe.—

A letter from Lieutenant Baxter of the Company's Service, praying leave to Resign the same, and appealing to the humanity of Government, this Officer as I hear, labours, under frequent returns of Insanity, such as to give the Public no hope of any benefit from his Service, nor any to himself of gaining a livelihood by any other means.—

A letter from Mr. John Bass a pensioned Conductor, praying a small addition to his Pension — Concerning this Mans pretensions, I have thought it necessary to make enquiry of Major General Sydenham, before I forwarded his Letter to his Lordship, who has made a favorable report of him, and he really appears to be a man of Merit, who from great age and infirmity is in want of the little addition he prays for.—

At the request of Lieutenant Colonel Dallas, I recommend that the Invalid Detail

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Detail of his Regiment of Cavalry now at Kismaghery, may be ordered to Arcott, there he thinks both Horses and Men, may be much better Accommodated, and Consequently Sooner fit for Service.

I have the Satisfaction to report, that, by my latest Accounts the late troubles in the Neighbourhood of Aska, do not appear to be of any very Serious nature, I am however of Opinion, that there is not a Sufficient force in the Ganjam District, to Support the Authority of Government, over people, who uniformly Regardless of Consequences have availed themselves of the absence of the forces and I would have provided for this in my instructions to Colo. Vigors, under the Authority of his Lordships Commands Conveyed in your Letter of the 10th. Instant, but, that upon a due Consideration of it, I did not think I would act upon it to that extent, as it only Directs me, to make such Arrangements, as I shall Judge necessary in the

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the District of Vizagapatam - the Second Battalion of the 8th. Native Regiment, had been for many years in the Ganjam District, so many - that I believe it was long since judged proper to remove it, when a good Opportunity offered, and to bring it gradually to the Southward - Seven Companies of it, have been brought into the District of Vizagapatam, during the late Troubles, I would now therefore - recommend, that the whole of the 1st. Battalion of the 10th. Regiment now in the District of Vizagapatam, be ordered into the District of Ganjam, and that the three Companies of the 2d. Battalion of the 8th. now there, be - ordered into the Vizagapatam District, this - will effect the Relief of the 2d. of the 8th. from a District, where it has been much too long, and will give an entire effective Battalion to each of the Districts; and the force - remaining in the Vizagapatam District, will, by every information, that I now have, be

Adequate

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Adequate to, maintaining it in a State of tranquillity, and the tranquillity of the District of Ganjam, will be much better provided for, than it is at present.—

Should his Lordship in Council, be pleased to adopt this measure, I would recommend that Lieutenant Colonel Kinsey who is posted to the 1st. Battalion of the 10th. Regiment, but now absent from it in the Command of Innaiondah, be ordered to join his Corps, that he may be able to Pay immediate attention to its Discipline, and, that Some other Officer be appointed to the Command of Innaiondah, and, if his Lordship is pleased to make Aska the Head Quarters of the 1st. Battalion of the 10th. Lieutenant Colonel Kensey can be no Sufferer by his Removal.——

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed John Brathwaite

Madras
July 26th. 1799.—

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To the Right Honorable
the Earl of Mornington K: P:
Governor General in Council

My Lord,

I am induced to take the liberty of addressing you, relative to my present Situation, which I hope you will have the goodness to take into Consideration. In December last I obtained the Commander in Chiefs permission, to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate. Colonel Wellesly in February wrote to me from camp stating, that I was appointed by General Harris, to take charge of the Invalids of his Majesty's Regiments now under orders for Europe. In Consequence of which I gave up instantly all idea of procuring a Passage at my own expence and which I had then secured, Knowing that the Government would find me my passage in the Situation - I was appointed to, by the Commander in Chief. Since that time I have been detained here by the Delay

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of the Ships, / and the greater part of it, in great danger of my life / from my very severe illness which still Continues, the other Day — Captain Brown informed me of an order lately Arrived from the Court of Directors, Stating that no Officer on Sick Certificate, is to have the indulgence of his Passage paid, for — taking the Charge of Invalids going Home. I beg leave to observe that my Appointment is five Months prior, to this Order. Again — Captain Brown informed me, this day, that in Consequence of the Order, my passage Money would not be paid, unless your Lordship and Council, should Authorize it. I have therefore related the whole Circumstances of my — Situation, in order, that you may judge of it. Had I not been Appointed and detained here these last five Months, I should now / in all probability / have been in perfect good health, and in my native Country, as I was to have gone in the Triton. I have been Closely —

Confined

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Confined to my room, these last fifteen Months,
with Sickness Hoping your Lordship will take
into Consideration, my present unpleasant
Situation.—

I Remain with great respect
&c. &c.

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July 24th. 1799.— [Signed] A. Norcott
Captain H. M. 33d. Regiment

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

My Lord,

May I request your Lordship
will have the goodness to permit me to resign
the Honorable Company's Service, as, Ill health,
for a Series of many Months has prevented my
paying that Attention to the Service of my
Honorable Masters: which I think it necessary
in one of their Servants; but being altogether
Destitute of the means of Subsistance, may I
hope, that the Bounty of Government will
grant

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grant me some Provision to save me from the distress of absolute want—

I have the honor to be with the Highest respect. —

My Lord

&c. &c.

Chintadrepettah

6th. July 1799. — Signed Wm. Baxter

Lieutenant 2d. Battalion

10th. Regiment —

The Right Honorable Earl, Mornington K.P.

Governor General &c. &c. —

My Lord,

Having no doubt but, that the distresses of the Disabled Soldier, will always merit the attention of the feeling Heart, I have taken the liberty of addressing your Lordship, on the following Subject. —

In Sir Eyre Coote's War, I had the misfortune to loose my Arm, by a Shot of the Battle of Chillumbrum; I was afterwards with Colonel Fullarton's Army in the Troubles in the Southern Districts, and Continued with it untill —

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those troubles were settled — and have always done my Duty as a Soldier since I was in the Service of the Honorable Company —

After a period of Servitude of upwards of 30 Years, (many of which a Non Commissioned Officer and 15 Years a Conductor) and loosing a Limb in that Service, I leave it to your Lordships judgement what my feelings must have been, to find myself pensioned on Twelve Pagodas Per Month, an event which happened near two years since —

After some time I addressed the then Commander in Chief thro' his Secretary — but never received an Answer. —

With respect, I beg leave to observe, that late with health and flushed with the Glow of Military pride I formerly stood forward in my Country's Cause, and now, when mutilated in that Cause, in the Decline of life, and having a family to maintain, I am left to spin out my few remaining years in want. —

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May I therefore request your Lordship will have the goodness to take the above into your Consideration, and be so very kind as make the small addition to my pension of three Pagodas per month which will then be the Subsistance of a Conductor only, and I beg leave to state that Mr. Conductor Rodgers, who was pensioned at the same time with me, and on the same Sum, has since had his Pension Augmented to 15 Pagodas, altho' never in the Field and Consequently not mutilated, as I am. — Should your Lordship be pleased to grant my Request, it will add a little Comfort to the Gray-Hairs of a Soldier who has not probably many years to live — and the favor will always be remembered with gratitude, by one who begs leave to Subscribe himself. —

With the highest Respect
My Lord
&c &c
Signed John Bass
Conductor of Stores

Madras
12th July 1799.

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Having yesterday received a report from Lieutenant Tichbourne Commanding at Palamcottah, that some of the Polygars in that Neighbourhood shew a disposition to be troublesome which being a continuation of the purport of Reports from that Officer I think it necessary to enclose a Copy of the Orders sent to Lieutenant Colonel Brown for the Distribution of his force, on breaking up his Detachment, which I request you to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, that his Lordship may see that the Situation of that Country has not escaped my notice.

I also inclose a Statement of the Garrisons plaid by Lieutenant Colonel Brown in the late Ceyded Country, no Notice is taken of Coimbatore itself, as he was there with

from Dr enclosed Copy of his instructions to Lieut.t Colonel Brown for the disposal of his detachment on breaking up together with a Statement of the Garrisons in the ceded Country and I enclose Copy of a letter from Captain Broughton giving an account of the Capture of Dewar a Fort on the borders of Travancore Suggests the appointment of Lieutenant Guthrie to the Adjutancy of the Madras Regiment Battalion and Lieutenant Mead to that of the 3d. Extra Battalion — Inclosed a Letter from Colr. Stuart on the Subject of the exchange in the Baramahal —

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with the Detachment, nor of a small fort lately taken by Captain Simmons called Cheetalgherry, as the little Garrison placed there is only a Detachment from the Garrison of Columbum.

I likewise enclose Copy of a letter from Captain Broughaw, Containing a Report of his Operations against Bednur forwarded to me by Colonel Vigors.

By the Appointment of Lieutenant Longan to the Fort Adjutancy of the Masulipatam Native Battalion becomes Vacant for this Appointment I beg leave to recommend at his own request, Lieutenant Jericke at present Adjutant to the 3d Extra Native Battalion at Masulipatam; and for the Adjutancy of the 3d Extra Battalion, I beg leave to recommend Lieutenant G. Alexander Aide of whom Colonel Vigors has reported to me, that he discovered so much Activity and Judgement in him, that he thought it necessary to intrust him, with

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the Command of three Companies, to which he attached the details of the Body Guard, and that he acquitted himself so much to his Satisfaction, that he thinks it his duty to mention him to me as a very Active and meritorious Officer, I. have therefore great pleasure in embracing this Occasion to bring him to the Notice of Government.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Madras

July 29th. 1799.— (Signed) John Brathwaite

P.S. I request you Sir to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council a letter addressed to His Lordship by Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage and forwarded to me by Lieutenant Colonel Cameron Commanding the Forces in the Baramahal, I am induced to forward this letter as it Seems to Contain Something new on the subject, the former letter of Lieutenant Colonel Cuppage was nothing more than what Lieutenant Colonel Cameron had already forwarded and as

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the subject was already under discussion I did not think it necessary to notice it. —

Signed J. B.

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Commanding the Southern
Division of the Army —

Sir,

I am directed by Major General Brathwaite to enclose to you an order of Govern= ment which was issued yesterday, by which you will See, that the Detachment under your Com= =mand in the Field is broken up, and you are ordered to proceed to Poichinopoly — The Order further Directs, that the General Shall issue such Orders as he thinks necessary for marching the Troops into Garrison. The General therefore Directs you in the first instance to relieve your Grenadier and Pioneer Corps immediately you are then to make an Offer to the Collector, of such Troops as he may have Occasion for, and for which, should he want any, he will give you

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a requisition in writing, agreeable to which, you will leave in such Station, as he may point out, the number of Officers and Native Troops that he has required.—

You will then order the several broken Details to rejoin their Corps and Stations with as little delay as possible, sending them off for that purpose, from the most convenient points in the Course of your March to Tritchinopoly, into which Garrison, the Detachment of his Majesty's 19th. Regiment of Foot and the Detachment of Bengal Artillery are to be thrown until further orders.—

The General perceives that the 1st. Battalion of the 3d. Native Regiment was divided between the Garrisons of Madura and Palamcottah, and under present circumstances he directs, that Palamcottah be considered as the Head Quarters of the Battalion and that Seven Companies be sent there, and three to Madura.—

Dividing

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Dividing the Offices as suitably as you can to those number of Company's —

As the order of Government positively breaks upon the Detachment, no General Staff of any kind can be longer allowed to it and the General desires that all Camp Equipage may be delivered into the Stores, and all Contingent followers and Draught and Carriage Cattle be discharged as soon as possible. In short that an end may be put to all Field Charges, so soon as the movements will admit of it.—

I have the honor to be
Adjutant Generals
Office Fort St. George
24th. July 1799—

&c. &c.
(Signed) William Shaw
Asst. Adjt. General

A true Copy
(Signed) William Shaw
Asst. Adjt. General

Statement

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Statement of the Troops in the undermentioned Garrisons as per Genl Innes's Returns ——— Fort St. George 27th July 1799.

Stations	Details	Commissioned Officers				Europeans				Natives			
		Captains	Lieuts.	Staff	Serjeants	Drummers & Fifers	Rank & File	Serjeants	Drummers & Fifers	Rank & File	Total Natives	Total Europeans	
Carnatic	Invalid Artillery	"	"	"	1	"	7	"	"	"	"	"	
	1st European Regiment (Dett of)	"	"	1	"	2	19	"	"	"	1	"	
	2d Do. Do. (Do.)	"	"	"	"	2	26	"	"	"	1	"	
	1st Battalion 2d Do. (Do.)	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	52	106		
	1st Do. 3d Do. (Do.)	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	32	47		
	2d Do. 3d Do. (Do.)	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
	Gun Lascars	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	21		
	Total	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
		1	"	2	1	5	52	1	2	84	254	254	
Ceded	1st Battalion Artillery	"	"	1	"	1	11	"	"	"	"	"	
	2d European Regiment (Dett)	"	"	"	"	"	9	"	"	"	"	"	
	2d Battalion 1st Regiment (Do.)	1	"	2	"	1	"	"	3	212	231		
	Gun Lascars	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	21	21		
	Total	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
		1	"	3	1	2	20	3	3	233	252	303	
Columbum	1st Battalion 16th Regiment (Dett)	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	126	126		
Trivandrum	1st Battalion 16th Do. (Do.)	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	34	34		
Paniapooram	1st Do. 16th Do. (Do.)	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	17	17		
Dannagamottah	1st Do. 13th Do. (Do.)	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	163	166		
Sattimungalum	1st Do. 13th Do. (Do.)	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	57	64		

Signed William Shaw
Assistant Adjutant General
Colonel

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Colonel Vigors

commanding the Northern

Division of the Army

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that according to my intention Communicated to you on the 10th. Instant, the Detachment moved to this place on the 11th. in the Morning, and immediately upon our appearing before the Fort I dispatched a Flag of Truce to it, demanding the Fort to be delivered up a Prisoner, offering all the usual Cowle, and acquainting the Garrison that if they fired upon the Detachment no quarter would be given. The Flag was met by a party from the Fort, and my message explained; they replied that if I sent a respectable person, they would treat with him but the Flag had scarcely rejoind me, when they Commenced a fire, we were then about 800 Yards distant.-

With a view to take off the defences of two Battalions which Covered the only

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only well that was represented to me from whence we could be supplied with water I desired Lieutenant Hall to fire a few Shots from the 12 Pounder, he accordingly did so, and very one struck the Bastion, The Fort kept up a fire, but without effect, we then advanced the Gun about 150 Yards in front under Cover of a deserted Village, and during this operation water was very fortunately discovered to our left—Close to a small Tope 700 Yards from the Fort in which we took Post. The Fort fired from Guyals and Matchlocks until 3 O'Clock P. M. but as they did not distress us we took no notice of them—

In the evening a Flag of Truce came from the Fort which I met myself at the limits of our Camp, they intimated to me that they were instructed by their Rajah Ragaroo, to express his desire to make peace upon the principle of a General Cessation, and he

recall

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would deliver up the Fort; I replied the only terms which I would accept of, were the unconditional Surrender of Ragarow himself his followers to march out and lay down their Arms, after which Cowle should be extended to them, and if they again fired all should be put to the Bayonet - the same party returned in the Course of an Hour, and informed me, if I would send an European to Ragarow to explain my intentions he would treat; I repeated my former declaration, and added that in Case he would send his Son (who was in the Fort) to our Camp as a Security for the Safety of any person, who might proceed from me I had no objection to Comply with his Request, and to induce them to remain in the Fort I also told them it was Completely invested, the Nizam's Detachment with 200 English Troops being posted in the jungles on the opposite side, -

and

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and the Detachment under me Cutt off
their escape on the other, and Recommended
their acceptance of the terms Offered - they
returned to the Fort and no further Communica-
tion took place. —

Being again disappointed in
the Co-operation of the Nizam's Detachment
who did not join According to my Orders,
I evidently saw there was no possibility of
Investing the Fort in such a manner as to
prevent their escape if they were inclined to
make it, and which I expected however —
immediately as it was dark, I divided the
whole of the detachment into pickquets and
posted them in such a disposition as they —
would Support each other in Case of necessity
and from which I formed a Chain of
Centinels entirely round the Fort Lieutenant
Hall having fixed upon the deserted Village
before mentioned to Construct a Battery, it was

proposed

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proposed that the Gun should remain in the
Tope where we had been the whole Day, until
I reached the opposite face of the Fort, with a
Picquet and gave two or three Vollies at the
Bastions on that side, which was to be a Signal
to the Gun to fire a Couple of rounds and then
to be drawn off to the Village - leaving fires in
the Tope - This was done with a design to impress
them with a belief that they were actually
invested by the Nizams Troops, (as represented
by me in the morning) and also to direct their
fire to our old Ground, as soon as our fire
Commenced it was returned from the Fort in
all directions for about two hours without the
smallest effect - About an hour after it ceased,
they evacuated the Fort, making their way in a
straggling manner between the Piquets back in
doing which, two Men were Killed and some
wounded we had no loss on our Side. —

The following morning we took

possession

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possession of the Fort, which is Strong it
has Five Bastions some of them I suppose
40 feet High and built of Stone, the Walls
are nearly as high of the same materials,
and 8 feet thick towards the bottoms and Six
at the Top. I have brought away all the
Guns and mashlocks they left behind.—

I take the liberty to represent that
this frontier being hilly, covered with Jungles,
and many Villages presenting a Fort more
or less Strong, it is consequently extremely favorable
to the predatory incursions of these depreda-
tions, who can rove about from Fort to
Fort and from Jungle to Jungle with the
greatest impunity, for our Troops cannot
pursue them. Whether it is the effect of fear
or Connivance, their receiving protection,
of every place they fly to I cannot pretend to what protection
understand they certainly get, and so long as this
exists, and the Forts are suffered to remain
the Company's Subjects are not Secure in
their

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their persons or property and where property is insecure, the Country will never attain the Medium of prosperity and whether their Loss is real or pretended it will always furnish them with a pretext for not paying their Rents in full at the Stipulated periods I conceive the only Method by which these Chief plunderers can be seized, is to offer a Reward for their Heads and I dare say many of their own Followers would effect the purpose upon a promise of pardon as well as Reward.

I have the honor to be

Camp at Rewar &c. &c.

13th July 1799.

[Signed] T. Broughton Captain

Commanding the Detachment

A true Copy

[Signed] G. Haddow

Secretary.

P.S. As it would be a work of too great extent and expence Demolishing the Fort without Authority from Hyderabad, I mean to order Gunnus Roy's Detachment

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Detachment to Garrison it untill I hear from the Resident, and return with my Detachment to Sheer Mahomed Pett, which is an excellent Situation, both in a Military or Convenient point of View.

/Signed/ T. B. Captain

A true Copy
Signed/ G. Haddow
Secretary.

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

My Lord,

I had the Honor to address Major General Brathwaite, when April's Pay was issued to this Garrison, on the loss the Troops sustained by the exchange, from the Currency in which they were paid in the hope that relief would be obtained, but having

Received

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Received no Answer, and the Sepoys having yesterday experienced nearly the same Deminution by the Issue of May's Subsistence, I trust I shall be excused in troubling your Lordship on the Subject.—

The Issue on both occasions — has been in Company's Rupees and the loss resulting to a Private Sepoy on the former — was three Fanams and Thirteen Cash and on the present, Two Fanams and Sixty Two Cash,— a loss of some Consideration to all — Ranks, but my Lord very Severely felt by the Sepoy, more especially when held so long in Arrears. A latitude was given by Government, to Commanding Officers, to enforce an exchange for Arcot Rupees of 12 Fanams and 68 Cash, but none was extended to them with regard to Company's, although both were fixed at the same Value for the hundred Star Pagodas — however even this would be ineffectual so long

as

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as the Shroffs are allowed to raise that
of the Pagodas in Fanams to their own Stand-
-ard as the Rupee should exchange, for thirteen
Fanams and two Cash to make it of a
relative Value with the Pagoda which bears
an exchange, at this time at Forty five
Fanams and Forty eight Cash. —

I feel it my duty, and presume
further to acquaint your Lordship that the
families of the Men, who were left
here on Certificate on their relatives taking the
Field, have not yet been paid for April, and
being mostly Women and Children many of
them experience the most abject want. —

I have the honor to be with the
most perfect respect. —

&c. &c.

Signed A. Cuppage
Lieutenant Colonel

Sankeydroog.
21st. July
1799. —

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Sumtary to Government

Sir,

From Dr. encloses a list of Officers belonging to the Regiment De Meuron who have arrived by the late ships - Ensign Fraser who was appointed to do Duty with the Corps of Engineers having applied for permission to return to the Infantry he recommends that his Application may be complied with. -

A list of Officers arrived for the Regiment D. Meuron having been sent to me by Brigadier De Meuron, through the Channel of the Acting Brigade Major of His Majesty's Troops doing duty on the Coast I think it may be proper that it should be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council and therefore enclose a Copy. -

An application has been made to me by Ensign Fraser doing duty with the Corps of Engineers to return to the Infantry Line, with his Rank from which he was some time Since transfered to act with the Engineer Corps as this Officer does by his Original Appointment belong to the Infantry Establishment and as this Application has been made with the Consent of Major General Ross, Chief Engineer, and as there are two Supernumerary Subalterns at present in the Engineer Corps and a great many of them in the Infantry I am disposed to recommend that Ensign Fraser's Request may be Complied with. - -

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

(Signed) John Braithwaite

Madras August 5th 1799. -

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List of Officers appointed by Major General Count De Meuron to his Regiment Viz.t

Names	Date of appointm.t	Remarks
Henry Auguste De Meuron	2.d August 1796.	His Majesty's leave of absence for two Years
Charles Gustave De Meuron	" do "	
Henry Frederick Bolle	5.th do "	
* Alexander Bardet	" do "	On Board the Boddam
Charles Philippe de Bosset	" do "	
* Charles Moreau de Beauregard	25.th August 1796	On Board the Boddam
* Benoit Joseph de Müller B.n de Friedberg	" do "	On board the Alfred
* Jean Jaques Gaehter	27.th Aug.t 1796.	On board the Alfred
* Charles Emanuel de Mayd Uzindorf	1.st September 1796.	On board the true Britons
Adolphe de May D'Oron	" do "	
* Louis de Bosset D'Oleyres	" do "	On board the Boddam
Jean Baptiste Gaehter	22.d January 1797.	
* Abraham Louis Peters	" do "	On board the Alfred
* Alexandre Le Fevre	" May 1797	On board the true Britons
* Frederick Mathey	" September 1797	On board do do
M.r L.s de Pasquier	Appointed the 1.st January 1798. as Chaplain to take rank the 25.th December 1798.	

N.B. The names to which a * is added are the Officers that arrive by the present Ships, the others will join by the next Ships

Signed P. F. de Meuron
Colonel Commandant to His Majt.s Swiss Regiment & Brigadier General

Madras
1.st August 1799. - A true Copy

Signed William Shawe
Aprst.t Adjutant General

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Resolutions on the foregoing Letters.—

Resolved under the particular circumstances of Captain Norcott Situation that he be permitted to draw the Passage Money of his Rank.-

Resolved that in Consideration of the Services of Mr. John Bass his Pension be Augmented to fifteen Pagodas ₱ Month.—

The Board approve General Brathwaites recommendation Regarding the 2d. Battalion 8th. Regiment Native Infantry and the 1st. Battalion 10th. Regiment, and its is Resolved that he be Authorized to Carry it into effect.-

The Board trust that the Orders which have been already given on the Subject of the exchange will effectually Secure the Troops against any further loss.-

Resolved

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Resolved that Lieutenant G. F. Gerrike be appointed Adjutant to the Masulipatam Battalion, and that Lieutenant G. A. Musat be appointed Adjutant to the 3d Extra Battalion. —

Resolved the Ensign Fraser be agreeably to his Request permitted to resume his Rank in the Infantry Establishment. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General

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

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit for the information of your Lordship in Council the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General enclosing a Bill of Charges incurred by Lieutenant Prendergast while in Charge of the French Prisoners sent from Pondicherry from which he recommends may be sanctioned. —

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From the Military Auditor General enclosing a Bill of Charges incurred by Lieutenant Prendergast while in Charge of the French Prisoners sent from Pondicherry which he recommends may be sanctioned. —

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having Appointed Lieutenant Jeffery Prendergast Commissary of Provisions for the purpose of taking Charge of and Conducting to the Presidency, the French Officers and Soldiers taken at Seringapatam, that Office has presented the enclosed Abstracts for Victualling and furnishing them with Carriage and necessaries of every Kind on the Road, &c. accompanied by Separate Vouchers in Support thereof, which having particularly examined, I find to be moderate and unobjectionable.—The advances made to the Officers, for which each has given a Receipt to the Amount of his own proportion will of Course be deducted from the Subsistence to be paid them here, agreeably to the Directions Signified to me in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 16th. Instant

2d. The Men have been Victualled

&

3. 30 Cash pr. Day, Conformably to the Regulations

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Regulations of Government for the Prisoners
Captured at Pondicherry in the Year 1793 The
Contingent Bills are for Buckallies, Doolies &
and Medical expenditure for the Sick, Bullocks,
for the Carriage of Camp Equipage &c. &c. &c.
the rates of which accord in General with the
Regulations, and when they differ have been
Certified on honor - Lieutenant Prendergast having
drawn the Pay and Batta of Captain as Commissary
of Provisions which was allowed to Captain John
Baillie, acting in the same Capacity during the
former Mysore War in 1792. I presume this Charge
may be admitted, and I can have no hesitation in
recommending the other Bills for Payment under
the Circumstances before Stated.

I have the honor to be with
&c. &c.
Signed W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
30th July 1799.

Receipts

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Dr Receipts and Disbursements of Lieutenant Bendergasts Detachment with the French Prisoners of War

P. F. 6

1799.

May. " By Cash Received at Seringapatam from
Mr. Gordon Paymaster Rupees 2,620.-

June 2. By Cash received from Mr. Hawkins —
Paymaster to Lieutenant Colonel Browns
Detachment. ———————— 700

By Cash Received from Captain Kennel —
Acting for Mr Hawkins Authorized by
Major Kenny Commanding —
Trichinopoly ———————— 1,400

Rupees ..... 4720. or 1348. 25. 40

By Balance ———————— 428. 1449. 37.

Pagodas ——— 1776 = 1474. 77.

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A true Copy

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Account as Commissary of Prisoners and Commanding the } C.
from Seringapatam . . . . . .

To Victualling Account	No 1	461. 145. 40	
" Bullock Bill	2	16. 22. 40	
" Funeral Charges	3	6. " — "	
" Dooly and Carriage Account	4	121. 63. "	
" Puckallies Coolies &c. &c.	5	66. 933 7.	
" Cash advanced to French Officers } 2959 1/2 Rupees as pr Account	6	845. 25. 40	
" Country Medicines Bazar do do } &c. Supplies for French Prisoners pr Account	7	107. 23. "	
" Commissary Pay and Batta Bill	8	80. 104 70.	
" Amount of Lieutenant Pounder-gasts do	9	74. 167. 40	
		1976. 1476 77.	

E. E.

26th July 1799.

(Signed) Jeffy Prendergast
Lieutenant and Commissary of Prisoners

(Signed) J. Brunton
Deputy 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 Dr Reporting on the accounts of the Contractor for Clothing the Army 1797/8 Mr. Lys has been called on for payment of the balance. He recommends that the Contractor may be ordered to transmit his accounts for Clothing. —

Having in conformity with the principle laid down in Government Orders of the 30. October 1795. Audited the Accounts of Mr. George Lys Contractor for Clothing the Army for 1797/8 I have the honor to report the Results as follows. —

Cash advanced Agreeably to the terms of the Contract	}	20,818..	16.. 75.
Cloth Issued from the Honorable Company's Stores	}	43,138.	5.. 70.
Hats issued from the Honorable Company's Stores	}	1,273..	3.. 40.
Pagodas		65,229..	26.. 25.

Expence of providing Cloathing under the Contract, passed by the Committee appointed

to

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to examine the Accounts and to adjust the Funds for that Year	44976	1 13
Godown Rent	480	— —
Altering the Old Muster Clothing received from the late Contractor	40	40 —
Difference between the Contract Prices of the present and late Contractor for Cloathing received and issued by order of Government	74	40 40
Difference arising on the increased price of hats received from England Compared with the rates Specified in the Contract	571	22 — —
Amount of Musters furnished by order of the Military Board	101	2 — —
Pagodas	46256	15 53

leaving a Balance of Pagodas 18975 10 52 due by Mr. Lys to the Honorable Company which Sum he has been required to pay to the Military Paymaster General, who has been advised Accordingly

The

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The Cloathing of the Store and Invt Lascars for the Year 1797. having been provided under a Separate Contract, which has prevented the Contractors Accounts for such Cloathing being laid before the Off reckoning Committee with the Accounts of his General Contract, I beg leave to Suggest the expediency of my being Authorized to call upon him to transmit the former to me for Audit, the Result of which I shall have the honor of reporting to your Lordship; but in future the Accounts of the Lascar Cloathing will of Course be laid before the Off reckoning Committee as being included in the General Contract of the same Years.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.—

My Lord

&c. &c.

Signd W. Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Military Auditors
Generals Office
Fort St. George
6th. August 1799.-

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

My Lord,

From Dr. reporting on the Grain and provision accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Bowser Commanding at Manar from October 1795 to September 1796. States the balances due from Messrs. Marten Wynch and Dobbyn late Paymasters on the final audit of their accounts —

I Having in Consequence of the Orders of Government, Contained in Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 15th. November 1797 entered into a Minute examination of the Accounts of Captain, now Lieutenant Colonel Bowser, acting Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Manar from October 1795 to September 1796 inclusive, as soon as I was furnished with the necessary vouchers for that purpose, I have the honor to report that the Sums Stated to have been disbursed by him for the purchase of Provision Stores, and for the hire of Servants necessary in the above Department, Amount to Pagodas Three Thousand five hundred and Eighteen, Fanams Thirty Seven and Cash Twenty (Pagodas 3518.. 37.. 20) of which the Sum of Pagodas Three thousand two hundred

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and

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and forty three Fanams thirty nine, and Cash Twenty (Pagodas 3243.. 39.. 20.) appears admissible, the Several Charges being Authenticated by proper Vouchers and Supported when necessary by Declarations upon honor. The hire of Boats and Coolies employ'd in exporting and importing Stores &c. from Calputtee and Manar in January 1796, amounting to Pagodas Two hundred and Seventy four and Forty Fanams (Pagodas 274.. 40..) has been retrenched, as it Appeared that the Stores in question were Sold by public Auction, and the Amount of the Sales paid to the Prize Agents for the benefit of the Captors Consequently All expences incurred thereby should be paid by the Prize Agents and not by the Public. Should Your Lordship be pleased to Confirm this Audit, I presume that Authority will be given for paying to the Attorney's of Lieutenant Colonel Bowsey the Balance of Pagodas Three Thousand two hundred and Forty Three Fanams Thirty

Nine

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Nine Cash Twenty (Pagodas 32.43.. 39-20.)
expended by him on Account of the public —
Service, and for which he did not receive any
Advance of Cash either at, or Subsequent to the
period in which the Charges were incurred —

2 It appearing by the acting Deputy
Commissary's General Returns from February
to September 1796 that he Continued to Serve
Rice to the Native Troops at Manar in proportion
of one Seer to each man gratis, altho' orders had
been published by Major General Stuart restricting
such issue to half a Seer pr Day after the Month
of January 1796, and directing the additional half
Seer to be paid for by Monthly Stoppages —
from the Troops, I have thought it proper
to retrench the Amount of such difference being
Pagodas 302.. 24.. 24.. equal to the Value of 44
Garce 122¼ Measles issued during the period —
Over and above the Stipulated Quantity, but
Lieutenant Colonel Bowser having Certified

the

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the Charge by a Declaration upon honor that he received no Orders to the above effect, and that he had no intimation whatever of the mode adopted by General Stuart at Trincomalee I can only refer the Subject to the Decision of your Lordship in Council who alone is Competent to decide whether under such asseveration he may be exonorated from the Retrenchment.

3. I beg leave to State to your Lordship in Council that the Result of the final Audit on the Accounts of the following Paymasters is as follows.—

	P. S. C.
Mr. G. S. Marten Paymaster &c. to Colonel Maxwell's Detachment in 1792/3 and at Palamcottah from May 1792 to September 1797 inclusive	Pay Department 3193..2..76.
	Grain Do. 2845..32..46
	Bullock Agency 137..21..32.
Carried forward	6176:20:.74.

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Brought forward ..... 6176.. 20.. 72.

Mr. John Wynch Paymaster &c. at Vellore from May 1792 to June 1797 inclusive and Paymaster to the expedition against Pondichery in 1793/4 —	Pay Depart.t	4854.. 23.. 24
	Grain Do	31.. 17.. 44.
		4885.. 40.. 68.
Mr. W. A. Dobbyn Paymaster &c. at Masulipatam from May 1792 to October 1793 inclusive —	Pay department	137.. 16.. 50.
	Grain Do	266.. 15.. 3.
		2203.. 31.. 5.
	Total	13,266.. 9.. 33.

all which Sums the Executors or attorneys of those Paymasters have been required to Pay to the Military Paymaster Genl. who has been advised of the same for the purpose of receiving and bringing the Amount to the credit of the Honble Company.—

I have the honor to be —

My Lord

&c &c

Signed W. Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Military Auditor
General's Office
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Resolutions on the foregoing Letters —

Resolved that the Charges of Lieutenant Prendergast while in Charge of the French Prisoners be Authorized, and that he be permitted to draw an Allowance equal to Captains Pay and Batta while employed on that Duty. —

The Sum of Pagodas 32,339.20 having been admitted in the Audit of Lieutenant Colonel Bowser's Accounts, Resolved that payment of that Amount be Authorized to Colonel Bowsers Attorneys; But the Board Confirm that Retrenchment of Pagodas 270.40 on account of Boats and Coolies employed under his Superintendence. —

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to remit the Retrenchment against Lieutenant Colonel Bowsers on account of Grain Supplies to the Troops at Manar, under Asseveration of his honor. —

Resolved that the Contractor

for

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for Cloathing the Store and Tent Lascars for the Year 1797 be immediately required to transmit his Accounts for Audit.—

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Ongole.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Commandant at Ongole States different particulars regarding the Conduct of the Naicks Annildar at Ongole, by Whose exactions and alarming Scarcity of provisions has been Created.—

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that on the receipt of the inclosed letter from Lieutenant Nuthall four days ago I took necessary measures for having forage Grain &c. ready for them on their Arrival at the Stages belonging to this District by desiring the Annildars to give the Orders requisite for that purpose, to the Cutwals and Banians here which he promised to do punctually.—

He however thought this a good plea

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fair and fair Opportunity, to induce the Banians
to try to raise the price of Grain, which with
most other provisions Such as rice, Jonalos, &
Tobacco &c. have been bought in large quantities
in the begining of the Season; and kept up by
their joint Contrivances, ever Since at an
exorbitant rate of generally 30 or 40 P Cent above
the prices of most Articles, at Cottespatam,
within 8 Miles of this; particularly Sugar, and
Rice; The Banians yesterday, waited on me with
a recommendation from the Aumildar, to raise
the price of Gram Rice and Sugar, above the
price I had fixed with them, at the usual
Settling time, the begining of the Month: This
unexpected proposal, I resisted, from the very
best information, that of all the Inhabitants
Sepoys and their families - who daily remonstrated
on the high prices of every Article - and on the
measures weights &c. I proposed to them at the
Same time to have a fair comparative profit

allowed

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allowed them, according to the prices they were laid in at, and the distance they were brought- and desired them to name that profit, which they did, and proposed two days to ascertain the prices at Cottipatam, I gave them three days, and they went away yesterday afternoon perfectly satisfied and happy that whatever was scarce, or dear, I would permit the increase in price of- This morning not a Shop was open they had all hid themselves- and upon sending for the Cutwall- He sent me word he was confined and ill, at the Aumildars.-

Their excuse I am informed, is that the Aumildar made a demand on them privately of some hundred Pagodas for the expected increase of prices.-

This is the third time he practised this Trick and I am sorry to say with success- I took the liberty once before of mentioning a similar circumstance to

Government

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Government — but the Cutwale, is left yet, —
under his orders — the Banians, and of
Course the price of Provisions yet at his —
Mercy — He pretends to Send out for the people
to open their Shops, But Still Keeps them off
though the Garrison and Inhabitants have
not had provisions this day — On my Sending
to him now at 3 o'clock P. M. that I was
well informed that his Demand of 100 —
Pagodas last night after they left me, was the
true Cause of their defection — and that I
Should be Sorry to be obliged to Open any
of their Houses in the Bazar, for provisions
but Should if it was not opened by them-
selves: He had the Confidence to return for
Answer, that he could not help it, If I did
not consent to raise the prices, and that
he had a right to demand 400 Pagodas —
from them if he thought fit. —

I have been thus circumstantial,

that

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That you may be good enough to represent those Circumstances to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, in hope his Lordship may be pleased to afford them, the Consideration and Remedy they may appear to deserve.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed D.F. Griffen

Major Commanding

Ongole

27.th July 1799.—

To Major D.F. Griffen

Or Officer Commanding at

Ongole

Sir,

In Consequence of a Lot of — nearly two hundred Horses being about the March, thro the District under your — Command, I have to request you will be pleased to give Directions for Supplies of Grain and Grass — with Dry Forage, and Fire- -wood, being immediately Collected at the Stages —

for

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For the provision of so many Horses with above Dawn of Grass especially which will be paid for as the lot proceeds, by the Jemidar or Person in Charge.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Hydrabad
17th July 1799.—

Signed Thomas Nuthall
Lieutenant of Cavalry on
Service at Hydrabad

List of Stages. Viz.

1st Stage. Banks of the Gundeyrma River. Yellampilly
2d Do. . . . . Pillore
3d Do. Near Supply at this place, Tarnatoor
4th Do. . . . . Shingreeondah River
5th Do. . . . . Shunypolliam
6th Do. . . . . Mungamoor
7th Do. . . . . Colloonoor

Estimate of one Days Supply at each Station

New Grass . . . . . Seers 1,000
Good Grass large Bundles 200
Firewood large Bundles 30

Signed Thomas Nuthall
Lieutenant of Cavalry—

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Dr. gives a further account, in addition to that of the 27th. Instant of the Misconduct of the Nabobs Amildar at Ongole.-

I did hope that no further necessity might occur, for my giving Government the trouble, of any more Communication on the Subject of my Letter of the 27th. which I had the honor of addressing to you, in the expectation that the banians would return and supply Provisions as usual, in the Bazar.- It appearing however the next day, from a Message they Sent me, That the reason of their Departure, and resolution not to return, was far different, from that Assigned to me by the Amildar; and it being Generally, tho' not understood here at the time that the apprehension of another tax being privately assisted on by the Amildar on the night of the 27th. they had settled with me, had Induced them from their Houses; and not the lowering the prices of Rice, Sugar and Grain

to

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to a Reasonable Rate for the next Month as
they agreed to which I already well Knew by
an experience, which I believe I had the
honor of Submitting to Government on a
former Occasion that I had, of representing
this Mans Conduct, That is, that upon the
increase of price of provisions or Decrease of the Exchange
in the bazar or even, on an unsuccessfull
efforts to that effect; / Sufficth he has made
three, or four Since I have been here / by
the same Sort of Secret Combination with
the Banians and Shroffs that he has now
practised; he has always made it an excuse,
for Raising, or extorting by Confinement, or
Corporal Punishment a Sum of Money
from those people who have nevertheless,
been disuaded from demanding hitherto, the
protection, that I should have Certainly
thought it my duty to Afford them.—
The people of the Garrison
and

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and the numbers of Sepoys, and Native Officers & families here, being in great distress; and being determined to disappoint the expectations of both parties in this Combination / I sent 20 Pagodas on Sunday to Cattipatam and Pedoor, for provisions. And Government will be pleased to form a judgement from this; that the 1st Sort of Rice - which was pretended to be too high at 12 Seers ℔ Rupee, is now Selling to the people, at the Barracks, at 14 ℔ Rupee, after paying me what I advanced and all expences of Carriage, Sale &c. I am sorry to add Sir that numbers of Poor families travelling through or residing here, have been Starving for want of the necessary and expected Supplies here these three days past; which I wish I could but am unable to afford them; and tho' I presume not on any deliberation regarding the management of this, and the adjoining part of the Nellore Countries - I think it a publick Duty I owe to Submit what

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I receive and believe, as Authentic and interesting, as the Welfare of the Country to Government, that the people have deserted all the Villages nearly that they are now leaving this, and all to the Northward daily- Having already deserted the populous Villages of Ardingay, and Tongatoor, and denouncing Venge=ance against those of their people that remain under the Cowl, or promise protection or Agreement of Rauindass, the Consequence of which is, that the land is yet un=ploughed, and is expected to remain so this Season under the present terror of the few remaining and the defection of the greatest part of the Inhabitants, who have been Stealing away every night these four Months past and Selling their Cattle for little or nothing their forage and Grain being previously Seized on for a Second, or perhaps a third Composition.—

I trust in this deviation from my more immediate line of duty in Communication—

as

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as regarding the Garison and Inhabitants of Pongole, It will appear that I am not — either actuated by prejudice towards the man or interest towards myself, in what I am sorry to think necessary, humbly to submit to his Lordship. —

I have the honor to remain

&c &c

Signed D. F. G. Griffin

Major Commanding —

Pongole

30th June 1799.-

Resolved that the President be

requested to communicate the foregoing Complaints

to his Highness the Nabob and to request —

that his highness will give such orders as he

may Judge necessary for removing the

Serious inconvenience Suffered by the Garison of

Pongole in Consequence of the exactions of his —

Aumildar. —

Read the following Letter from

Mr. P. M. Cazin. —

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor &c. &c. &c.

in Council.-

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From W.P.M. Cafsin administrator to the Estate of the Revd. Willm. Bainbriggs deceased - Gives a particular details of the circumstances connected with the Nabobs bond which he holds as Executor to the Estate of the late Revd. W. Bainbriggs and requests that his claim may be again pointed out to the notice of the Court of Directors.

In the Year 1786 Government appointed a Committee to receive the Claims of individuals on his late highness the Nabobs in order to have them laid before him for his approval or rejection, his highness had also appointed an Agent to receive and report upon them. As holder of some of the Nabobs Bonds, I gave in my Statement of Claims and one in particular being a Bond in favor of the late Major Peter Davidson, bearing date the 1st. of June 1782 being for Cavalry Arrears, and payable in two Years, for the principal Sum of five Thousand Star Pagodas, bearing interest at the rate of Six P Cent P Annum, which Bond, with Seven others of the same Dates but for different Sums, making in all, the principal Sum of Forty Thousand two hundred

and

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and Eighty two Star Pagodas Twenty Seven
fanams and Sixty five Cash, was granted to
the said Major Davidson, each bond bearing
the particular Reference to all the others as well
as to the Aggregate Sum for which they were
granted, and were acknowledged to be just and
Valid, by Mr. Charles Binny, in his Official
Capacity of Agent to the Nabob on the 23d of
February 1788, as will appear by a Copy of a
Letter from his present highness to me, which
is Sent herewith the original of which I am
ready to produce if required - and the Honorable
the Court of Directors in their General Letter of 7th
the Houghton in the Year 1789 ordered that the
Claims of the said Major Davidson, together
with those of Major Berrows and Captains
Stevenson and Mr. Allister should be discharged -

On my receiving information of
those orders I sent my Bond, to the Office of
Mr. Cockburn, who returned it, saying it
must be Certified by the Committee, I immediately

Sent

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sent it to the late Mr. Landon who was the Junior Member, and acting Secretary of that Committee, who returned for Answer, that the other Members were absent that day; but if I would send it the next, My business should be done, I did so and was then informed that the Committee had given in their Statements, I went to their Office and compared my letter and Statement I sent to them on the 20th December 1786. with the Records of the Committee and found them to agree, Mr. Garrow, the Senior Member was there, who said it was an oversight of theirs in omitting to give in my name as holder of one of the Bonds granted to Major Davidson, and advised my addressing Mr. John Holland (then Governor) on the Subject which I accordingly did and was informed that my application would be forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Ships then under dispatch. After a considerable lapse of time, and frequent enquiries on my part, I was informed by Mr. Secretary

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Secretary Jackson that the Honorable Court of Directors in reply had said "they had already decided on the Claims of Major Davidson" which was the fact for they had positively ordered the payment of them in their already mentioned General Letter by the Houghton in 1789.-

On the 4th March 1797. I addressed Lord Hobart on the same Subject, stating to his Lordship in Council, the great hardship I labored under, in Consequence of the Non payment of that Bond, "when all the others granted to the "same person, and on the same Account, were "long since Discharged, as would appear by the "Records of Mr. Cockburn's Office: that my Application "to the Original Committee was regular as to "manner and time, and as such Stood on their own "records" I received for answer "That the Bond in "question was one of the unacknowledged Claims "on his Highness" - It appearing so Strange that his Highness would acknowledge Seven out of the Eight Bonds, and reject that particular one without assigning

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assigning any reason for so doing, I wrote to the present Nabob on the occasion and received the answers Already mentioned, after which I addressed General Harris / then in the Chair / and was informed in reply, that Lord Hobart had mentioned my Claim to the Honorable Court of Directors previous to his leaving India, and that nothing could then be done till their decision was Known — As the Nabobs Receipt=knowledgement of the Bond did not Accompany that reference, Should your Lordship in Council be still of Opinion that it is necessary to await the Answer of the Honorable Court, I hope your Lordship in Council will be pleased to permit this State=ment to make a number in one of the Paquets now under Dispatch, with such favorable mention of it as the peculiar hardship I suffer by the Non payment of this Bond may deserve at a time that there Appears no irregularity or omission in my part, and that upon a fair and impartial view of the whole of the Circumstances

attending

attending this transaction, I trust it will fully and satisfactorily appear, that this Bond was equally valid and entitled to equall Benefit with the other Seven Bonds granted to the same person for the aggregate principal Sum of Forty Thousand two hundred and eighty two Star = Pagodas Twenty Seven Fanams and Sixty five Cash and that the amount of them = five Seven Bonds, so Discharged, fell short in the exact principal Sum of five Thousand Star Pagodas for which the Bond I held was given and that the sole Cause of its being unpaid, was the Omission of the said Committee, as already mentioned, in overlooking my State = =ment, tho Regularly Recorded in their own = proceedings and that though the Honorable = Court of Directors in their said Letter by the Houghton in 1798, did positively order that the principal and Interest due to Majors = Davidson should be paid the principal Sum of thirty Five Thousand two hundred and =

eighty

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eighty two Star Pagodas Twenty Seven Fanams
and Sixty five Cash, was paid, and no more which
M.r Cockburn's books will prove — Trusting to
that Justice for which your Lordships Character is
so eminently and deservedly distinguished. —

I have the honor to remain
My Lord
&c &c
Sign'd Peter Massey Cassin
Administrator to the Estate of
the Reverend William
Bambridge deceased. —

Madras
29th July 1799. —

Know all Men by these presents that
we Wallaw Jaw Ammer ul Hind Umdut ul
Mulk Yousf ul Dowlah Ameer Ul dien Caun
Bahander Zuffer Setha Sirdars Nabob of the
Carnatic Our Heirs and our Successors in the
Government of the Carnatic are held and firmly
Bound unto Major Peter Davidson of the late
third Regiment of Cavalry in our Service in
the Penal Sum of Ten Thousand Star Pagodas
Current

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Current Money of Madras to the true and lawfull Payment thereof we do hereby bind ourselves our Heirs and Successors jointly by these presents Sealed with our Seal in Madras the first day of June in the Year of Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty Two and the 19th Day of the Moon Ramadesany in the Year of the Hegira One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Six --

Whereas in and by an Account Current this Day Settled between his Highness the Nabob and the said Major Peter Davidson his said Highness the Nabob was indebted on the balance of the said Account, and for Amount of his Pay, Batta, and Contract with the said Major Peter Davidson for the finding and otherwise providing the said Regiment of Cavalry in the Sum of Forty Thousand two hundred and eighty two Star Pagodas Twenty Seven Fanams and Sixty four Cash Current Money of Madras. --

And Whereas his said Highness the Nabob Did intend that the said Debts should be discharged from

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from the Revenue of the Tinnivelly Country having for that purpose, given Bonds under our Sign Manual in the Year One Thousand Seven hundred and eighty but the same Revenue having been since assigned over to the Company for the exigencies of the present War with Hyder, and the said Major Davidson being thereby deprived of the money which might otherwise have been reasonably expected from these Countries, his said Highness the Nabob hath agreed to secure unto the Said Major Peter Davisson the said balance due as aforesaid, by this and Seven other bonds, bearing equal Date herewith in the Penal Sum of Eighty Thousand five hundred and Sixty five Pagodas thirteen fanams and fifty Cash Current Money of Madras One whereof is for Star Pagodas Ten Thousand, another for Pagodas Eight Thousand another for Star Pagodas Six Thousand, another for Pagodas four Thousand, another for Pagodas Three Thousand, another for Pagodas two Thousand, another for Pagodas two Thousand two hundred and Eighty Two. Twenty Seven fanams and Sixty five Cash Current Money of Madras; with

Interest

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Interest at the rate of Six P Cent P Annum and payable in two years from the Date hereof, and one whereof / which is the present is Conditioned for the payment of Five Thousand Star Pagodas Current Money of Madras, making together the said Sum of Forty Thousand two hundred and Eighty two Stars Pagodas Twenty Seven Fanams and Sixty five Cash Current Money of Madras.—

Now the Condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bound Wallajah Vth Nabob of the Carnatic, or his Heirs and Successors in the Government shall pay or Cause to be paid into the said Major Peter Davidson or his Lawful Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns, the said Sum of five Thousand Star Pagodas Current Money of Madras together with such Interest as may grow due thereon at the times and manner above Set forth, then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and Virtue.—

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
/Signed/ John Batley
/Signed/ Muttu Krishna—

L.S.

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Know all Men by these presents that I the within named Peter Davidson for and in Consideration of the Sum of five Thousand Star Pagodas, with Interest thereon from the first day of June last past to this 27th Day of November, to me in hand paid by the Reverend William Bambridge of Fort St. George at or before the Sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained, Sold, assigned transferred and Set over, and by these presents do grant Bargain Sell Assign transfer and Set over unto the said Reverend William Bambridge his Heirs, Executors Administrators and Assigns the within written Bond or Obligations and Conditions and the Sum of five Thousand Star Pagodas in said Condition expressed and all Interest due, or to grow due for or upon the Same, and all my Right, Title Interest, Claim and demand whatsoever for and to the same, and I do Authorize the Said Reverend William Bambridge his Heirs Executors, Administrators or Assigns, in my name, to demand,

Recover

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Recover, receive, have, hold, and enjoy the said Sum of five Thousand Star Pagodas, and all Interest and any part thereof, to his and their own proper use and behalf, for ever. In Witness whereof, I the said Peter Davidson have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 27th. Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two.—

Signed Sealed and Delivered
where no Stamp'd Paper is to
be had in the presence of
Signed Charles Casimire
Signed Abraham Williams

Signed Peter Davidson

To His Highness the Nabob
Omdat Ul Omrah Bahauder
&c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Highness

The reason of my troubling your Highness with the present Address is to State that I am in possession of a Cavalry Bond from his late Highness the Nabob to the late Major Peter

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Peter Davidson for the principal Sum of five Thousand Star Pagodas bearing Interest at the rate of Six ℘ Cent ℘ Annum from the 1st. of June 1782 being one of Eight Bonds granted to him at that time for a balance that was then due him of Star Pagodas 10282:27:65 all the other Bonds were paid by the Honorable Company except the Bond I hold.—

If your Highness will be pleased to order one of your Official Servants to examine the Accounts, it will be found that this Bond is still due and that it was Acknowledged a just Debt by his late Highness.—

Your Highness being pleased to honor me with an Answer to this Letter mentioning that the Bond in Question made a part of the Debt Acknowledged by his late Highness to be due Major Davidson, & that it was of equal Validity with the other Bonds granted to Major Davidson will Confer a lasting obligation on him who has the honor

to

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to be with Respect.-

&c. &c.

Signed P. M. Cafsin

Madras

25th. September 1797.-

His Highness the Nabob, Omdat-Ul-Omrah
Wallajah Behauder of Arcot,
and the Carnatic &c. &c. &c.

To Wm. P. M. Cafsin

Sir,

I have Recvd. your Letter of 25th. September
last and have to inform you that my Multifenddies
have reported to me, "That the bond alluded to by Mr.
"Cafsin was acknowledged to the Company's Committee
"to be just by the Nabobs Agent Mr.
"Charles Binny on the 23d. Febuary 1788"
and this is all they know about it.-

Signed N. P.

What can I say more.-

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9th. March 1798.-

True Copies

Signed P. M. Cafsin.-

Recorded

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Resolved that a Copy of the above
Minute thereon
letter be transmitted to the Honorable Court of
Directors agreeably to Mr. Cafoni's request.

The Governor General lays before
the Board the following Letter from St. Helena.

His Excellency Earl Mornington K.G.P
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Governor of St. Helena encloses Copies of different Papers regarding the illicit trade carried on from that Country under Neutral Colours, to foreign Ports.-

I conceive it my duty to forward the
Accompanying Papers the perusal of which may
possibly afford some assistance for information.-

May the Enemies of Great Britain be
Completely defeated in the East under your Auspices, &
and may your Government be prosperous and your
Designs crowned with honour to yourself and eventually
Conducive to the welfare of the State, is the most fervent
wish of him who has the honor to be with the truest respect

My Lord
&c. &c.
Signed Robert Brooke.

St. Helena
5th. November
1708.-

Extract

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St. Helena

Extract Translated from intercepted Letters

from Manilla

"Manilla 2nd June 1798.

"To Messrs Joseph Caetano & Co.

Lisbon,

"I take the Liberty to trouble you
"with the Enclosed Letters, hoping you will
"forward them, according to direction, not
"making an object of any Expences that
"may attend, for which you will be Reimbursed
"by Messrs David Scott & Co."

Signed "E. Locatelle"

"Manilla 30th January 1798."

"To Don Pedro Jacinto Alava"

Dear Brother,

By the Ship King Carlos belong
-ing to the Company of these Islands, which by
the way of Lima Arrived here in October and
by which we have Received Numerous dispatches
which has given us to understand the present

Situation

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Situation of Europe - If this did not take place we were resolved to open our Port, to all Nations, Our Accounts from Lima are good and such as we have Received from England by a Danish Ship are every way Satisfactory to us -

/ Here follows an Account of the Hurricane on the 24th. of April as translated before.-

P. S. Dear Brother,

Not having an opportunity of Sending this Letter as intended by a Danish Ship, I take the Opportunity of Remitting it to you by an American and have only to Communicate to You, that by the Arrival of the Frigate Jane, We have Received Duplicates of Official Dispatches, and are in daily expectation of Receiving others by the way of Acapulca and Mexico Our Works Since the arrival of this Ship are carried on with the greatest exertions, as we have every Reason to imagine, that we cannot be too much on our Guard from our Enemies."-

/ Signd "Ignt. Alava"

To

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"Manilla 30: August 1798."

"To Madrid or the Court."

"To the most Excellent Senor"

"Don Juan Langara & Huarsa"

"May it please your Excellency"

Finding that I could not dispatch
these Letters, by the method I first proposed,
I take the Opportunity of an American Ship
to send them to you; and I imagine with
equal Security. I have to inform you that
on the 25th of the present the Frigate Jame
has arrived here, and has brought one Million
two Hundred Thousand Dollars, on the King's
Account, which will enable us to proceed
in all our former projects, and Satisfy the
insurgents; I have before alluded to. Our
Provisions would not have lasted longer than
the 1st June and only five Hundred Dollars
in the public Treasury.

I am sorry to notify the
loss of the Frigate Maria, which did not
touch

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touch at America, which has given us every
Occasion to regret the Loss of the Dispatches,
she had on board."

"This is not an Opportunity to
"write to you Officially, as the Ship on her
"way to Europe will touch at St. Helena with
"an intention to leave the Danish Captain
"there, who will be the Deliverer of this Letter."

I am
&c &c

Signed "Alavez"
"Manilla 30th May 1798."

To Madrid or the Court
"To the most Excellent Senor
"Don Juan Langara and Huarsa."

"May it please your Excellency"

"Though I have not the most
distant expectation of this Arriving to your
hands yet I must Communicate to you, my
having received the dispatches Sent to me by
the Prince of Peace, as also the Arrival of the

Ship

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"Ship King Carlos."-

"I should wish to know whether the King is informed of my Arrival, at Chetti, and expect that by this time, you are informed of the dreadful Catastrophe that our Fleet has sustained in a Hurricane, on the 24th. April in the China Seas, by which the English also have Suffered, and am Sorry to inform you, that by this means, they have escaped us, yet I have the Satisfaction to think, that by what has happened, it will be impossible for them to proceed to Europe; and I am unhappy to think that the Misfortune we have Sustained will frustrate our projected Expedition, as we are at present vastly inferior to the Enemy, and void of all Resources from our Arsenals."-

The Ships that have Sustained the greatest loss, are as follows - The Mountaineer, the Europia, and the Frigates Fame, Cauzea and St. Lucia but they are at present refitted; owing to the exertions of their Commanders - The

Premieres

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pernicious Situation we are in, Retards our
exertions and am Sorry to further inform
your Excellency that the murmurs in all
Classes, are very great, occasioned by my not
having it in my power to give them their
Pay— I beg you will give me every information
you think Conducive to this Establishment,
and the Succours that you must Know, I
am in want of."—

I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) Ignatio Manl. Alavez

"The following directions to the
Directors of the Royal Company at Madrid"
and Dated at "Manilla the 31st May 1798."

"We had forgot to mention the
receipt of Several Dispatches received from His
Majesty's Frigate, the Fame which arrived
here from Acapulco, she has brought one Million
Two hundred Thousand Dollars, on the
Kings Account with an equal Quantity for
Particulars,

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particulars, including Forty Thousand for the Company, this Money with our Correspondence is detained in the Port of Aparri in the Province of Cagayan, Knowing we have Enemies, Cruizing at the entrance of the Harbour —

After a numerous detail of Letters received, follows a desire of the undersigned — being Speedily Succoured with Troops for the Islands they hope by next Year to Reduce them, and are forwarding their Fortifications as much as possible, to which the Governor Contributes every thing in his power. —

Signed Francisco Crispoe"
" Franco Jnº Urroz

N.B. Francisco Crispoe and Franco Jnº Urroz are the Heads of the Spanish Philippian Company —

In another Letter it was mentioned there a Man of War and two Frigates were proceeding

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proceeding on a Cruize from Manilla &
Supposed to intercept our China Ships.—

/True Extracts/
/Signd/ J. D'. Fountain
Sub Secretary.

Intelligence from England down to the
10th. August General Bounaparte has taken
Malta and as the Grand Master has reciev'd
a large Pension and it is said is to be reward-
ed with a Small principality in Germany no
Doubt Seems to be entertained but the French
were invited — When the General quit Malta
it was believed by some Persons Adl. Nelson
was within two Days Sail of him by others
Six Days Various Conjectures are formed
respecting Bounaparte's Destination but it was
most Generally Supposed Alexandria —

By why may it not be to
Constantinople instead of to Alexandria for
a long time the Turkish Empire has been
tottering and it has lately been dangerously

Disturbed

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disturbed by the rebellion of Oglu Pashaw.—
A prospect therefore opens itself on that side
great Indeed, If Bounaparte Could Capture
the City by a Coup de Main and Secure
the Mouth of the Dardanelles against Ad:
Nelson, what a blow it would be to Europe, as
for taking the City I humbly Conceive it
might not be Difficult to effect for the
Troops that the Grand Senior could depend
on are all engaged in Attempting to Crush
the rebellion as Widdaw.—
As for Seizing on Egypt and
then Crossing Troops over the Isthmus and
down the Red Sea I cannot persuade myself
he will Attempt it Surely such an expedition
would not so well Suit his Genius or the
Situation of France at the present Moment
as an Attempt on Constantinople this might
in fact Suit both and Open the wished for
Road to Universal Empire which the vanity
of Bounaparte and France evidently look
forward

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forward to, should these Conjectures, respecting
Bonaparte prove true possibly we may be
Offered Peace for a time, if we choose it, and
Russia War most undoubtedly.—

The French, Dutch, and Spanish
Fleets continue to be blocked up in their Harbours
the English Squadron off the Texel has been
reinforced by one from Russia consisting of
five or Six Ships of the line a Frigate of ours
has taken one of the French that was return-
ing with the Trophies from Malta, a General
was on board who is to be exchanged for General
Coote.—

The Rebellion in Ireland seems
to be almost finally crushed under the Vigor of
the British Administration owing to the Spirited
determination of the Militia of England, many
Regiments from that Body having offered their
Services some of whom were landed at Dublin—
but Lord Cornwallis who has succeeded Lord Camden
finds himself suddenly involved in innumerable
difficulties

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difficulties — he delivered a Message from his Majesty to Parliament, proposing a General Amnesty with little restriction, an address of thanks was unanimously Voted but it was in a very thin House and that *Lord Clare, Lord Shannon with the Hillsborough Beresford and Forster interest had determined if possible to come at the Heads of those that first instigated the disturbances and for this purpose were bringing in a Bill to Confiscate the Estate of Lord Ed. Fitzgerald who died of his Wounds before a Trial, this measure it was supposed was not agreeable to the Marquis, as it might lead to implicate Persons Highest Rank in England and Ireland who it might be better at the present Crisis, should remain unnoticed, but this is all Supposition, however it is Certain that a Second Address being moved the House instead of entering into it Appointed a Secret Committee of enquiry and adjourned to give time to this Committee to investigate and make

*Lord Clare it is said has since changed his opinion and now supports the Marquis —

to

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its Report the Protestant interest it is further alledged is unanimous and calling for the Confiscation of the Estate of the leaders or Investigators of the Rebellion and that the Amount of the same Arising therefrom be Divided amongst the Loyal Sufferers.—

France is proceeding in Subjugating Switzerland and Reducing the King of Sardinia to a Cypher, this insatiable Nation has possessed itself of the Citadel of Turin — and her demands on the Empire are so exhorbitant that Peace has not yet been concluded at Radstad.—

Declaration of the Governor in Council at St Helena Relative to the Ship Kensington &c.—

On Consideration of the above examination it appears that Captain Kerr of the Ship Kensington has been from America since the Year 1794 and sailed out on his present Voyage from the Port of London for some place unknown he proceeded to Madeira and next to the River Plate by—

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Hugely in Bengal and within the Company's
Territories there disposed of His London and
Madeira Cargo and took in another for
Copenhagen instead of America in Contradiction
to the 13th. Article of the late Treaty between
England and the United States which is
the Second instance that has come to the
Knowledge of the Board of such a Step
being taken under the avowed pretext that
merely purchasing or procuring a passport or
Clearance from the Danish Settlement at
Serampore entitled a Ship to trade paying
the Company duties and to trade in
defiance of the Treaty before mentioned and
that this is the Sole Claim set up at
present appears evidently from the Captains
of the Ships alluded to honestly allowing that no
Vessels of any burden can work up the River
Hugely High Enough to take in a Cargo at
Serampore, but are obliged to take it in below
where the Danish limits extend to besides were

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it otherwise the factory of Serrampore is within and under the jurisdiction of Bengal the Country ceded to the Company by the Mogul Emperor and it is from the Country so ceded, that Cargoes alone are procurable- therefore it is from the Pass Port or Clearance merely Captain Kerr or the other Can pretend to any previledges from Serampore.—

The Board in Cooperation with Captain Alexander of His Majesty's Ship Sphynx in Consequence Conceive, that upon pretences so totally frivolous weak and unfounded as those set up on the present occasion the English East India Company is not by the Acquiescence of their Servants to be divested of the means of Calling their Illicit Traders to Account or of the means of putting a Stop to a precedent of so dangerous a tendency as that of Traders Claiming as a Right the power of divesting the Company of its best previledges, previledges secured by Conquest and Solemn Treaties

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Treaties Since entered into for its protection and
this merely from the Illusive efficacy of a —
Pass port or Clearance purchased at Serampore a
Town that Ships cannot Navigate up to —
A Town unable from its own Resources to
furnish a Cargo for any Vessel. —

On the whole it appears
absolutely the Duty of the Governor in
Council in Cooperation with Captain —
Alexander to Send the Ship Kennington as
well as the Iphigenia to England that the
Company or Government may be able to —
proceed in this Case as appears best to their —
Wisdom otherwise the Board might justly
be charged with pusillanimously admitting
as a Precedent which to the best of its —
Judgement and that of Captain Alexander is
illegal and dangerous to their Honorable
Masters interests in the extreme. —

Relation

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Relation of Circumstances Relative to a Plan formed by the College of Commerce at Copenhagen in conjunction with Native Agents to Supply our Enemies in India with Stores &c., and for becomming the Carriers of their Property in safety to Europe, as also for Monopolizing the General Trade of the Company's Settlements in that Country under Cover of false Colours, Papers &c. as far as the same has been ascertained at St. Helena, with an Account of Proceedings in Consequence of said Plans being attempted to be Carried into Effect.—

Detail

Proofs Remarks &c.

Para 1. In entering on this detail that antecedent to the Plan formed by the College of Commerce at Copenhagen, it was well Known an illicit Trade — Under Neutral Colours supposed to be injurious to the East India Company's — Interests was carried on particularly to Bengal at the same time

Vide Colbrooke and others

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Detail Proofs Remarks &c.

It must be acknowledged that the Supposition of this Trade being detrimental was disputed by Several Persons of information and Abilities who Seemed to have no private Interests to influence their Opinion on the Occasion. —

2d Whether Admitting the Trade alluded to was injurious or not to the Company's — Intents before the War, all events it Seems evident it has been the means of encouraging those Attempts which are now to be detailed; the Agents — employed therein are the same who are employed now as — Partners with the College of Commerce in the mangement of the new System that Has been planned to assist our Enemies and transfer as far as possible the Trade of India from London to Copenhagen — and Certainly no Agents could be

better

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Detail Proofs Remarks &c.

better adapted for the purpose that those Men who were perfect Masters of all the Arts and Chicane - necessarily attendant on the practice of illicit Commerce and whose Connections and Correspondence had extended to all Quarters of the Globe.-

3. But the College of Commerce did not rest satisfied with the advantage of professing such able Agents in managing to interest various States to Countenance and protect its wide Spreading System of Illegal Commerce and seem to have bribed high in one instance to have been able to effect its purposes in the manner that has lately been publickly and unequivocally avowed.-

It clearly appears from various intercepted Letters that the Government in Denmark Hamburg Batavia and Manilla were interested in the Burning and that the Administration of Denmark were paid for engaging to send out a Squadron - it also seems rather probable that France encouraged the measure by their Willingness, as is understood to admit goods to be imported from any Ports but those of Great Britain.-

Extracts

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Detail

4.th After adjusting these Preliminaries, it became necessary to Consider, that the Vessels employed in this Service Must have recourse to some Port for Water and Refreshments in the Voyage from India to Europe; and the Cape naturally presented itself as most eligible for these purposes were it not that a British Fleet and a Court of Admiralty presented unpleasant objections, as the Rendezvous a little Spot at that period distitute even of the means of affording Intelligence of what was transacting or of asking advice how to proceed on such an emergency, besides the Government might well be supposed

Proofs Remarks &c.

Extracts, from Circular Letter addressed to the Captains or Commanders of Danish East India Ships Sent by Messrs. David Scott & Co.: under Cover to Lt. Nelson

"All these unwarrantable "French Proceedings which "render our Navigation "unsafe, have determined "our Government to protect "it as much as possible from "all hostile Attempts: "particularly the East India Men "Convoys and several Men "of War are now fitting out "for conducting those that "may be expected home this "Year - said Men of War "are expected to arrive at "St. Helena towards the "latter

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Detail Proofs Remarks &c

Supposed Weak and Sickly in the latter end of May next when
Care the business could be "they will remain Stationary"
Kept Secret from the Court of "until the middle or the latter
Directors and that no instructions end of July following to take
should be forwarded to the "all the Ships under Convoy
Island respecting it, whilst "that might then be arrived."—
under these Circumstances it "We have accordingly by
Should be annexed by a "the present Circular to desire &
Powerful foreign Force, and "warn more pressingly to enjoin
all this Artfully Covered by "the Captains or Commanders
Supposed Appurtenances of "of all Ships, either our own
the French. — "or which may come Consigned

The Danish Government to us from the East Indies,
Agreed to furnish a Squadron "and arrive at the Cape of
of Men of War for the purpose "Good Hope or at St. Helena
on board which Regular Troops "the former to proceed to. and
were ordered to proceed — "the latter to remain at St.
and the business was "Helena in order to await
Kept Such a profound "the arrival of the Convoy and
Secrecy "should by any accident none
"of the Men of War arrive at
St.

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Detail Proofs Remarks &c

Sent that the first — Intelligence St. Helena received Respecting the — matter was the Appearance of one of the Ships of the Squadron. —

"St. Helena before the latter end
"of July till which period they
"are desired to remain there.
"the Voyage is then to be
"pursued either under English
"Convoy if obtainable."—

"These precautions are the
"more necessary, as no insurance
can any longer be effected for
all risks, unless under Convoy
and we have further to request
the Captains to whom this
Circular may be Communicated
at the Cape, to take from thence
as many provisions particularly
Oxen, Sheep Hogs as may
be Conveniently Carried in
Order to provide themselves the
Men of War, in so far as
they may not be wanted for
their own use as such Live
Stock

&c &

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Detail

6th In devising all these Manœuvres the Genius of Letchemiers at Tranquebar is observable and to him is to be ascribed the great design of forming a Precedent to be followed up for depriving England of her Commerce Eastward without any necessity of using force in case the War with France proved unfavorable and that the Northern Powers could venture again to dictate on the principles of an Armed Neutrality. 7th Happily the Genius of Letchemiers could only preside in devising the means of providing

Proofs Remarks &c.

"Stock are not to be easily "procured at St. Helena.—

"Copenhagen 6th. February 1798.

Signed Dunsfelt & Co.

Extract of a letter from Lord Robert Fitzgerald — dated Copenhagen 23d. January 1800

I have received information thro a Private but I believe Authentic Channel of a very Scandalous Practice in which your Lordship (I will hardly credit it) the Gentlemen of the Royal College of Commerce in the City are principally concerned this is nothing else than the mean traffick which is carried on thro' the Channel of an Individual at Tranquebar who is their Agent for

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proceeding with the best effect the Sale of Sea Passes to all
for not being present at Copen. such Vessels as are disposed to
=hagen the Business was poor= purchase them, for the purpose
=ly Conducted only two Danish of screening themselves from the
Men of War were sent out instead Vigilance of the British Cruizers
of a Squadron and even these in the Indian Seas - the name
two Separately, nor did the of the Person at Tranquebar -
Vessels from India Collect at whose Agency is thus employ'd
St Helena in the time or and whose unsecure principles
Manner as was directed, besides fit him for the Office, is
the People at the Mauritius Lichenstein He is Head Man
disregarded the Passports ob- to the Danish Factory and to
=tained by Lichtenstein's means him it is that the Charge
at Batavia for Ships under of filling up the Blanks in
the description of those he the Passes and of distributing
sent Papers for and the them is Committed from home,
Government at St. Helena after they are regularly
being upon its Guard and prepared and Signed by the
that of the Cape being Vigi- College of Commerce - This hint
lant and Active the Grand may possibly be of some use,

Plan

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Detail	Proofs Remarks &c
Plan of the College of Com=	My Lord to the Officers Com=
=merce seems so far to have	manding His Majesty's Ships
been almost entirely deranged	of War on the Indian Station —
	It is said that the Com=
	munication between the
	Mauritius and Batavia is
	principally maintained by
	the Aid of these false Papers
	Extract from Affidavits of Mr.
	Swinton, Mate of a Ship under
	Danish Colours, bound from
	Batavia to Copenhagen dated
	19th July 1799. which Affirms
	putting the Island on its Guard —
	He understood and believes
	that Fifty Thousand Tons of Goods
	from Batavia would be attempted
	to be saved to Europe this
	Year under Sanction of Neutral
	Colours and that the Cargo of
	the Reinsborg was Stored by
	order of a Dutchman and
	that Dutch Officer Vizt the
	Commodore, came officially
	to inspect into the Stowage —

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Detail Proofs Remarks &c.

it was further Sworn by other Persons on board Said Ship and Some French Officers were Aiding and Directing thereun-

Sr. However the Attempt Seems to have deeply affected the British Interests in India being many of the first Commercial to be applied to for Houses there have as is believed Advice and Assistance in engaged with the College of Com- Sending Vessels from India merce at Copenhagen in this under the Cover of Neutral Speculation and to Supply the Colours —

Names of Persons mentioned in intercepted Letters as the Agents Concerned to be applied to for — Assistance in — Sending Vessels from India under the Cover of Neutral

immense Capital wanting Mr. Lichtenstein — Jouguebar for their purposes, drained — Mr. Bie — — — Serampore Calcutta of its Specie as it is Governor of Baltacia and said and obliged Government Several Agents employed by to borrow at a high Interest Lichtenstein and others. — the Sum necessary for Fairlie Read & Co Bombay carrying on the War. — Locatillie — — Manilla Dundasels & Co Copenhagen

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Dr Coniau &c:. Copenhagen

Minett & Factor Dover

David Scott &c: London

Govt. Government a St. Helena Written and Verbal orders
has had and Continues to were given to Captain Brine
have a most difficult and at the Cape the 1st. may 1798.
delicate part to act in the by Admiral Christian to proceed
whole of this affair, without to St. Helena for the purpose of
information in the first Cooperating with Government
Instance, it was called upon in provisionally seizing all Vessels
to Support the measures adopted trading in Contradiction to Com-
ed at the Cape for investigating mercial Treaties or bound
thing into this Country and from an Enemys Port to a
as far as possible preventing Port of any Nation to which
the great Danish Plan they did not belong.—
from being Carried into effect
and without information
or instructions it had on
the Contrary to encounter
the requisitions of Ships of
War

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War Commissioned by the Captains of the Danish
the King of Denmark Ships of War positively claimed
for the purpose of & and demanded that all Vessels
Supporting the Plan carying their Colours should be
and affording it effectual permitted to proceed under their
Protection Convoy even those against whom
the Governor and Council shewed
the clearest Proofs that they
were trading illegally - all -
which appears in the Correspond-
ence with the Board -

10th Under these difficulties
the Council at St Helena
weighed matters on all
sides and drew the follow-
ing Line from which it
is believed it has not
yet in the Smallest
degree Deviated -

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Detail	Proofs Remarks &c.
First To Cooperate with His Majesty's Officers at the Cape as was Required	In every step taken His Majesty's Ships being at St. Helena the Council in matters which would acted with the Captain of he Supposed Condusive to said Ships and never differed the Company's Interests in Opinion and Assisted and that of the English them in Cruizing to inter-
Nation without Consideration of Personal feelings or Apprehensions.-	cept illicit Traders as Sea the Same as in Harbour with Men with Arms &c as appears on Record.-
Secondly To act without Consideration of Self interested motives and to make no Ships alone that might make Claims that might possibly be Cultivated, from Evidence	This was managed by prudentially Seizing those embarass'd Matters at home were Concerned in Carrying on account of Legal Forms an illegal Traffick from or disturb Government or the Cash, that merely for the the Court of Directors in purpose of inquiring at home taking such Steps with as might be ordered by Government

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Detail. Proofs Remarks &c.

respect to Seizing or liberating Ships employed in the Illicit Traffick alluded to, as might seem most advisable or Convenient and to obtain the Concurrence of His Majesty's Officers to these Measures.—

or the Honorable Court of Directors, and by allowing all Ships to pass against whom no absolute Proofs could be adduced such as might be supposed to lead to Conviction however Suspicious they might be, and in these measures all his Majesty's Officers acquiesced on consideration of the Circumstances of the Case laid before them and further in the Council's refusing to take into Consideration any Suggestions of Lord Cornwallis Claims, Pretensions &c. and this although it was known that Ships under similar Circumstances

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Thirdly - To be cautious not to commit the Company or Government if it could possibly be avoided in any dispute that might lead to a serious Conclusion between them and Foreign Nations at the same time to proceed under Convoy of said not to give up any point - of Men of War, the Board decla= that Concerned our Honor or entering at the same time into Con= Interests, tho the Consequences considered the Commodore as answer= were so dangerous. -

Circumstances were absolutely condemned as prizes at the Cape. This appears on the face of the Correspondence between the Captains of the Danish Men of War, and the Governor and Council of St. Helena and in allowing two Suspicious Ships able for taking Charge of them and in refusing to to allow them to take Charge of Ships against whom there appeared strong Proofs of being Carriers of a Species of Illicit Traffick -

Fourthly - To call for the advice and assistance of all well informed Persons

The Governor and Council had recourse to Lord Swinnock for advice &

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Persons whom there was reason and had his entire approbation of
to believe had the true Interests their Proceedings, they also inva-
of the Company and their ~ riably applied to the Captains
Country at heart, and to ~ of Company's Ships bearing a
with his Majesty's Officers in Letter of Marque all which appears
enquiring into the bottom of, upon Record with their unani-
the hearings for the information mous Acquiescence thereto -
of Government and the ~ In the enquiry it was found ~
Honorable Court of Directors that Vessels under Neutral Colours
and after said enquiry to ~ whose returning Cargoes from
make true Presentment of the India were directed to Duntzfelt
same" presenting no Person &c. - Copenhagen &c had deviated
for Hatred, Malice or ill will, from the Voyage
or having any Man unprovided of proceeding to Tranquebar or
for fear favor or affection - the Ports to which they
were Consigned outward.
bound had gone to the Enemy's
Ports in India with -
Naval Stores &c. -

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List of Ships under Neutral Colours that have or are to be sent to England for the purpose of Enquiry and Adjudication if Required.—

Denmark .... Danish Colours

America ---- American Do.

Rinnsborg .... Danish Do.

Nancy .... Do.

Odin .... Do.

Margaretta Magdelena .... Do.

Iphigenia
Kinnington } American

List of Ships under Neutral Colours that have been allowed to proceed on their Voyages for want of Sufficient proofs against them, although under Suspition of being illegal Traders—

Johanna .... Danes

Christiangaard .... Danes

Christiana Septemus— Danes

Francis and Mary — American

Charles .... American

NB: It is Reported here that Vessels under Danish Colours are employed from Calcutta to Carry Stores &c. to Batavia ..

/Signd/ Robert Brooke—

Copy

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Copy of a Para of a Letter to Earl Macartney
Dated the 5th November 1798.

Should your Lordship find the
Cape threatened with an Attack and have
Reason to believe that none may be made on
this Island I shall at a call furnish 4 or
5 Hundred Men expert at Artillery practice and
some Field Pieces or Should you find the
pressure of Circumstances require their Services in
India and that the Cape and this place should
not be subject to immediate Danger I shall
forward them by the first Opportunity which
may offer for that place.

(Signed) K. Brooke

List

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List of Ships Arrival &c. Since 21st September 1798.

Arrival 1798.	Ships Names	Commanders	Nation	From whence	Destination	Departure
October 3d	Mars (Waler)	S. Folger	American	Southward	Nantucket	October 7th
" 3d	Prince of Augustenburg	Jens Holm	Dane	Bengal last from Mauritius	Copenhagen	" 6th
" 13th	Bellisarius (Whaler)	William Dogg	English	Southward	London	"
" 13th	Beaver (do)	Nathan Long	American	do	Nantucket	" 21st
" 15th	H.M. Ship Sphynx	Thomas Alexander	English	Cape of Good Hope	Ona Cruize	" 29
" 15th	Ditmarsken	J Bille	Dane	Copenhagen	Copenhagen	" 29
15th	Christiansand	F. Holbeck	do	Bengal	do	" 29
17th	Iphigenia	Joshua Martin	American	do	London	"
18th	Elegood (Whaler)	Christr. Dickson	English	Southward	Southward	" 22d
19th	Fanny (do)	George Thomson	do	do	London	" 22d
22d	Frances & Mary	Daniel Woodward	American	Batavia	Boston	" 28
23d	Charles	Moses Barnard	do	Mauritius	do	" 28
23d	Minerva (Whaler)	S. Folger	do	Southward	Southward	"
26th	Georgiana	Henry Leigh	English	England	Cape of Good Hope	
28th	Kensington	Walter Kerr	American	Bengal	Copenhagen	
Novr. 3d	Phenix	Wemyss Orrock	English	do last from the Cape	England	

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His Excellency Earl Mornington K.P.

Governor General &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

I have received with the greatest gratitude those fresh proofs of your Indulgent goodness towards me in your forgiveness of my presumption in troubling you with an unofficial Letter and in your Condescending attention towards my two Sons.—

I received Intelligence by a Foreign Ship of the providential agustment of your Excellency's Treaty with the Nizam at the most Critical period to the British Interests in the Eastward that possibly ever was experienced, and forwarded the Account from hence on the Stravanger which Sailed the 8th. February.—

Your Excellency's Agent Mr. Stokes arrived here the 13th. February and Sailed again on the Eurydice on the 15th. instead of proceeding

From Dr. mentions that Captain Stokes entrusted with dispatches from the Governor General had proceeded to England on the Eurydice encloses Copies of Correspondence on the Subject mentions that he had dispatched the Georgiana Packet with Dispatches for the Cape of Good Hope and that he had forwarded on her to the Cape all the Money he could collect on the Island of St. Helena in the Idea that it might be of assistance to this Government encloses Copies of Correspondence and extracts of Minutes of Council on the Subject.—

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proceeding on the Sphynx as was intimated; an account of the whole proceedings on this occasion in justice to Mr. Stokes I think it my Duty to enclose. —

The Calcutta arrived here on the 5th April with dispatches for the Cape, the Ship being drove round by Stress of weather, it appeared therefore necessary to open that Letter which was Directed on the Service to Earl Macartney and for the delicacy of which a Reward was to have been given the Captain for the purpose of discovering if it was advisable to send a Ship from hence to the Cape or not upon this occasion. And after perusal I lost not a moment in Sending of the Georgiana Packet with the said Letter and with all the little Cash that could be Spared from the Treasury here or that I could borrow from individuals and further required the Assistance of the Honorable Company's Agent at the Cape and I now do myself

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myself the honor to forwaid you the proceedings of Council on this occasion and flatter myself our exertions however insignificant may merit your Indulgent Approbation.-

I May a Continuation of Successfull & measures crown all your efforts with Glory to yourself, and advantage to your Country is the Contant prayer of him who has the honor to Remain with true Gratitude and Respect.-

Your Excellency's

&c. &c.

St Helena

April 13th 1799.—

Signed R.t Brooke

Copy of correspondence between Mr. Stokes and Colonel Brooke as also an Account of Mr. Stokes's final Determination of proceeding home on the Europeis with His Excellency Earl Mornington's Dispatches.—

To the Honorable Colonel Brooke

Governor &c. &c. &c.

in Council St. Helena

Honble Sir,

Under the instructions which I have

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I have had the honor to receive from the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council & and the Concurrent opinion of the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Naval forces at the Cape of Good Hope and of Mr. John Pringle the Honorable Company's Agent there it was judged most advisable for me to proceed to St. Helena in order to Ascertain whether it was your intention to Dispatch His Majesty's Ship Sphynx home a Single Ship, or detain her to convoy the East India Company's Ships.-

You will see from the instructions which I have had the honor to Shew you, that it is of importance that the Dispatches I have the honor to be charged with should reach England as expeditiously and safely as possible.-

I have also done myself the honor to inclose for your perusal Copies of letters I wrote to Commodore Losack and to Mr. Pringle the Honorable Company's Agent at the Cape,

with

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with their Answer to you. Should it therefore
be your determination to Despatch his Majesty's
Ship Sphynx a Single Ship to England I
Shall avail myself of the opportunity of going
on board her with the Dispatches I have the
Honor to be Charged with, but if it is your
Determination to Send the Sphynx home as a Convoy
to the Ships now lying in the Bay. I think I
am not departing from the instructions I have
have had the Honor to receive, in proceeding on
in the Eurydice, with the Dispatches I am Charged
with in which Case I shall be honored by your
giving the Captain directions to proceed immediately on his Voyage.—

When you have decided respecting
the Sphynx I shall be honored by your giving me
as early an answer as possible that I might
have them an opportunity of writing to the
Secretary of the Government General on the

Subject

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Subject.—

St. Helena
February 13th 1799.
10 AM

I have the honor to lie
Honble Sirs
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. Stokes —

Letter from Captain Losack enclosed in the Above.—

Cape Town January 29: 1799.—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Yesterdays Date. In Answer to which I am to acquaint you that the Sphynx is not regularly appointed to Convoy the Indiamen from St. Helena to Europe - I have only Submitted to Governor Brookes Consideration the Propriety of the Indiamen availing themselves of that Ships going to England should the Governor think her force adequate to their protection. but I am inclined to think the Governor will not think the Sphynx a Sufficient force for that purpose. In which Case she will be to proceed to England with all Possible Dispatch. —

Having

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Having informed me that you are Charged with Dispatches of great importance from the Right Honorable the Governor General of India I am of opinion you would not depart — from the Spirit of your Order on proceeding with His Majesty's Ship Sphynx to St. Helena as I think it more than Probable she will — proceed to England without a Convoy in which case by embarking on Board that Ship whose Captain will have my Directions to receive you, you will not only have a more safe but — Speedier Passage to England.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) G. Losack —

Captain Stokes (Charged with Dispatches from the Right Honble the Governor General of India)

To C. Stokes Esq.r
&c. &c.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letters of this Date, and you will perceive — from the enclosed that Captain Losack has —

Orderd

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ordered away the Adamant and has determined
to furnish no other Vessel than the Sphynx
for the Convoy of the Homeward Bound —
And that the Captains of the Indiamen now
here have Represented the Impropriety and —
necessity of thus proceeding with that Vessel
in preference to being delayed here any —
length of time of course you will feel the
necessity of my Compliance with their requisition
and Sending Home the Fleet under Charge of
that Vessel; at the same time in Confidence I
entreat, On account of the public Service that
thus Critically situated you will please to forward
the Accompanying Letter with all dispatch
and to Set forth to the Honorable Court of
Directors without loss of time the necessity of
a Covering Fleet proceeding to Sea immediately
in the Back that their last Fleet of last —
Season was ordered to Sprune as also to Acquaint
the Court with all other Circumstances Relative to
their

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their Ships; whose safe arrival in England is of the utmost publick importance and an object on which I well know Earl Mornington is most anxiously interested and it may prove a most fortunate circumstance indeed that you touched here.— I have Opened myself also in confidence to you on every Subject of Discussion that has come before us, and entreat you to do me the justice to believe, No Man on Earth would go greater lengths to oblige or Serve Earl Mornington than myself and to assure yourself I have the honor to be with high Esteem.—

&c. &c.

February 13th. 1799.-

Signed R.t. Brooke

To Colonel Robert Brooke

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

St. Helena

Honble Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this Morning Date, in

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in answer to mine Soliciting to Know your determination respecting His Majestys Ship Sphynx, And in Consequence of your Reserving her to Convoy Home the East India Ships now in the Bay I shall Consistent with the instructions I have Received remain on Board The Eurydice as offering me a prospect of a much more expeditious Passage though not the prospect of so Safe a Conveyance as the Sphynx.—

I have Received the letter for Mr. Ramsay * The Secretary to the Honorable Company and beg you to believe that with that and the other Subjects on which you have done me the honor to Communicate; I shall follow your instructions.—

* N.B. Cypher Letter

I am
Honorable Sir
&c. &c.
(Signd) C. Stokes

St. Helena
February 13th 1799.
2 P.M.

To

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To G. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor General
Bengal

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that agreeable to the determination which has been adopted of proceeding down to St. Helena in the Eurydice to know the decision of Governor Brooke regarding the Sphynx, we arrived here this morning.

2. The Sphynx is not yet arrived though a Signal is now flying for a Sail to Windward which is most likely to be her.

3. I have had the honor of Communicating to Governor Brooke on the Subject of my leaving the Eurydice and embarking on the Sphynx but as it is the Governors determination to send the Sphynx to England as a Convoy to the Indiamen now here and not as Commodore Losacks Letter to me Suggests (A Copy of which I had the honor to forward you) A Single Ship I have determined upon remaining on Board the Eurydice with

obliged to leave
drawn

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with the dispatches I have the honor to be charged with and proceeding on to England.—

4th. I have done myself the honor of enclosing Copies of my Letters, the Honorable Governor Brooke and his answer to me.——

5th. I have also to acknowledge that every Attention and Assistance has been shewn by Governor Brooke to accelerate and expedite the objects with which I have the honor to be entrusted by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council and that the Eurydice will sail this Evening.— I am

St. Helena
February 13th 1799.—

&c. &c.
Signed C. Stokes

To C. Stokes Esqr.

&c. &c.

Sir,

His Majesty's Ship Sphynx is just arrived, and the Commander Lord Augustus Fitzroy who is now with me, has determined upon not taking the Indiamen now lying in the Bay, and

W. Cooke

bound

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bound to Europe under his Convoy as he does —
not consider the Sphynx Adequate to that Service.—
Lord Augustus Fitzroy has therefore
determined upon proceeding on with his Majestys
Ship Sphynx to England with all possible
Dispatch as a Single Ship.—
I lose no time in informing you of
this Determination of his Lordship, that you —
might judge whether it might not be advisable to
avail yourself of the Sphynx's proceeding a Single
Ship and embarking on her with the Dispatches —
you have the honor to be Charged with. I will
thank you for an early Answer, that no time
might be lost.— I am
&c. &c.
Signed R. Brooke

St. Helena
February 13th. 1799.
9 P. M.

To the Honorable Colonel Robert Brooke
Governor &c. &c. &c. in Council
St. Helena

Honble Sir,

I am to acknowledge the honor

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of your Letter this instant received, and under the
circumstance of the Eurydice being on the very
moment of departure, lose no time in answering it.-
It is regularly before you Honorable Sir, that from
the importance of the Dispatches I have the
honor to be entrusted with, it was judged expedient
at the Cape for the Eurydice to touch at St. Helena
in order to ascertain from you whether the Sphynx
was to proceed with the Convoy or not, as in the
first case I should have proceeded on direct to
Europe on the Eurydice and in the latter I should
have removed to the Sphynx.-

Your Honor had decided that the
Sphynx was to proceed with the Convoy and in
consequence of this Decision I had determined upon
remaining on Board the Eurydice and in this opinion
you did me the honor to concur.-

The Letter I have had the honor this
instant to receive from you States a change of
measures respecting the Sphynx and that it is
now the Determination of the Commander Lord
Augustus

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Augustus Fitzroy not to take the Indiaman
under his Convoy but to proceed with all possible
Dispatch a Single Ship to Europe.-

Under this Communication Honorable
Sir. and the Directions I have received from the
Right Honorable the Governor General in Council
ordering me to avail myself of any Opportunity or
Board of any of His Majestys or the Honorable
Company's Ships under Dispatch for Europe, which
I may Consider as more Safely, and more Expeditiously
Carrying the Dispatch entrusted to my Care I can
have no difficulty of determining upon the propriety
of my Embarking with those Despatches on his
Majestys Ship Sphynx now under Dispatch
for Europe --

In taking this Measure Honorable
Sir, I am anxious that it might be clearly understood
that it is only in the event of His Majestys Ship
Sphynx being under Dispatch for England as a
Single Ship that I feel myself at all Authorized
under

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under the Instructions I have had the honor to receive to ask for Permission to embark on her The Question of her being adequate or inadequate to Convoy the Ships I cannot assume the Power of Speaking on; I repeat that I only feel myself at liberty to ask to be received on board that Ships in Consequence of your stating to me that She is under Dispatch for England as a Single Ship.-

I beg leave to observe that as the object is to get the Dispatches home as expeditiously as practicable and as I am now waiting only for your Honors positive Orders to me on this Head that the Sooner that order is given the better.-

I have the honor to be

Honorable Sir,

&c &c

St. Helena
February 13th 1799.
10. P. M.-

Signed C. Stokes

To C. Stokes Esquire.

Sir, I have received the honor of yours of last nights Date, and can only inform you that to the contrary

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contrary to my humble Opinion and that of the Captains of the India Fleet. Lord Augustus Fitzroy does not think the Sphynx adequate to take Charge of the Convoy and therefore had determines I perceive not to sail but to proceed Home a Single Ship the Copy of my Letter to him of this Date which goes enclosed will serve to satisfy your mind that this Step is not taken in Consequence of any Application on your part in this Business.

I have also to inform your Lord. Augustus Fitzroy has declared his readiness to Receive you on board the Sphynx with the packet entrusted to your Charge and means to Sail the moment his Ship is watered.

I have the honor to remain with the most sincere Esteem.

&c. &c.

Signed Robt. Brooke

14th February 1799.

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To the Honorable Colonel Robert Brooke
Governor &c. &c. &c. in Council
St. Helena

Honorable Sir,

Though I had this afternoon relinquished going in the Eurydice in Consequence of the Sphynx being said to go a Single Ship. I yet upon weighing and Reconsidering every Circumstance of my Situation and the Directions I have Received from the Government General and the Power left me to act as I conceive for the best, do feel a Conviction that I am now doing so by embarking immediately on the Eurydice and proceeding Directly to England on Her. I therefore beg to inform your Honor that such is my intention. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed C. Stokes

St. Helena
February 14th 1799.
11½ P. M.

To

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To the best of my recollection the following is an Accurate Statement of Proceedings after the above Correspondence.—

Mr. Stokes came to me at — night, and informed me he was extremely — uneasy because he believed it was intended it should appear at home that the Sphynx — taking Earl Mornington's Dispatches occasioned her to proceed without waiting for the Fleet which she might otherwise Convoy on the opinion I had given and the reasons I had assigned for her so Doing, that he could not rest Satisfied under such a Suggestion and in the next place he had Observed no immediate preparations for the Sphynx Sailing nor could he be positively Certain from want of Confidential Communications with Lord Augustus Fitzroy when she would Sail or whether it was not possible she might Deviate from a Direct Track Home for other purpose than that for which she was —

Ostensibly

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ostensibly designated besides he found she was
accounted a very bad Sailer and he believed the
Eurydice had great advantage over her in that
respect and the Sphynx alone he feared was not
Capable of affording much protection - On Consideration
of the whole of the Business therefore he Requested
his Dispatches might be returned from the Sphynx
to the Eurydice this Requisition was Complied with
Instantly by me which appeared to afford
matter of Offence to Lord A. Fitzroy however Mr.
Stokes persisted in the Propriety of the measure in
which I acknowledge I could not help acquiescing And
the Eurydice Sailed with the Dispatches in the
Morning. -

/Signed/ Robt. Brooke

Minute of the Governors at a Secret
Consultation held on the 4th. April 1799.-

From the best Intelligence
forwarded to us it appears a War with Sultaun
Tippoo is supposed inevitable, and you may

observe

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observe by the last Letter from the Governor General now before you that Treasure is wanting on this Occasion and it is much to be feared may not be Obtainable at the Cape in the way proposed, for so much Cash has been forwarded, by the former fleets to China that it is to be supposed the latter Ships will take any on the Company's Accounts.— Besides this is a general Report that the want of Current Cash for this Sudden and unexpected political Emergency is deeply felt at this moment in India, particularly in Bengal which has been drained of the principal Capitals of monied Houses by Danish and American Commissaries, employed most likely by France to absorb all the money that could be obtained in carrying on a Contraband Trade injurious to the Company's Interests.—

I have therefore to propose that this Government should try every means in its power however trifling to furnish as much Cash

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Cash as possible to the Governor General on this emergency, when even a very Small Sum may possibly happen to be of the most essential advantage to our Honorable Masters Interests, in fact even the very Report Spread abroad that money was forwarding as fast as possible to the Treasury might be of Service.—

I humbly Conceive the following are the Steps necessary to be taken on this Occasion.—

First To advance all the Cash that possibly can be Spared from the Company's Treasury.—

Second To Obtain all we possibly can by private Loan, without advertizing for Money which might not be proper.—

Third. To Dispatch the Georgiana as fast as possible with the Money and the Dispatches that were brought here in the Calcutta and to write to General Dundas, and Mr. Pringle to entreat they will also procure as much Cash as possible on Private Loan, and forward the Amount also with ours to India

by

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by the Speediest, and Safest Method they
can devise.—

I have always found every member
of this Board, ready when Called upon to risk
inconvenience, and danger without hesitation
when they believed the Company's Interests
required it, if therefore you agree with me in
Opinion, that at the present Critical Moment,
some exertion should be made, I have no
doubt of your Assistance and I promise on
my own part, not a moment shall be lost
in Carrying your Resolutions into Effect.—

Signed Robt. Brooke

After the most Serious and deliberate Consider=
=ration.—

Resolved unanimously that the mea=
=sures above Recommended be immediately
Carried into Effect.—

Honorable

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Honorable Robert Brooke
Governor St. Helena

Honorable Sir,

Agreable to your Orders I have made Strict enquiry amongst the Inhabitants for Money and am Sorry to inform you that from the great Scarcity of that Article and the high Interest now Offered by private persons, it cannot be procured under 10 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum.—

I remain &c &c

Signed/ Robt. Lewis
Paymaster

5th April 1799.—

To John Pringle Esqr.
The Honorable Company's Agent
at the
Cape of Good Hope

Sir,

We have received your several favors of the 23d and 24th January and 13th March and return you our Sincere thanks for your attention to us — we are extremely Sorry Commodore Losack has not been able to Send down Convoy, as was

expected

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expected not only by us here but certainly at home,
and we fear the disappointment may be deeply
and seriously distressing, for the Company's Fleet still
remain in these roads notwithstanding the Governor —
informs us, he gave it as his decided opinion, it should
proceed under Convoy of the Sphynx, and had taken
his measures to enable the Company, to procure a
Covering Fleet for the protection of the whole on —
Approaching the Channel—

We understand from good Authority that
a War, with Sultaun Tippoo, appears unavoidable,
we also understand on our part there is no want
of Regular Revenue or energy in India, no want
of allies, no want of Troops mustered to Victory for the —
purpose of bringing this War to an Happy Con-
clusion and yet we are led to suppose there may
be a dangerous want of Current Cash owing as we
are well founded in thinking to the Capitals of the
principal part of the great monied Houses in —
India being diverted into the Channels of Countra-

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Land Trade by the artifices of our Enemys Agents and we are Still further led to believe that at this moment so awfully Critical, to the future prospects of the Company's dearest Interests in the East, the Smallest Add. of Current Cash might be of Consequence and under this persuation we have forwarded on the Georgiana all the little public Treasure we could possibly Spare; and have Borrowed all we could procure from Individuals by Loan on Interest of 10 P Cent, and have wrote to Governor Dundas for the purpose of engaging him to afford you his influence and Assistance in procuring a Similar Loan at the Cape for which this Government is ready to join you in Guarantee.—

However we have this to observe on the Occasion that General Dundas may find from Circumstances with which he only can be Acquainted that Such Loan may not be Requisite and in such Case of Course you will be so good as to order the Georgiana back, with all possible dispatch, with

the

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the money we have sent from hence, that we may not suffer unnessary inconvenience on the public Acount for want of Treasure, or suffer the Company unnessarily to Continue paying the extraordinary interest at which we have now been obliged to borrow.-

On the Contrary if General Dundas thinks it advisable that you should raise Money on this emergency on the Company's Account - we entreat you may doit as we have done, as privately as possible, for reasons that to you must appear Obvious, we also entreat it may be done without loss of time, as it may be for the Moment only such trifles as we can send forward can afford any material Reliefs, yet at the present Crisis ever so little unexpected Aid may work miracles particularly from the Suppposition of fresh Supplies and so powerfully are we impressed with this Idea, that we desire in Case General Dundas Coincides in Opinion, if no

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Company's Ships are in Readiness, or can be got to proceed with Safety or no Man of War can be Spared to proceed with the Treasury Eastward. —

You may Order the Georgiana Sutluik Vessel has been made as Strong as possible & to proceed — and deliver Said Treasure to the Order of the Governor General at Fort St. George, notwithstanding such a Step must prove beyond measure distressing to this Service and is of Course to be avoided if possible excepting Company's Concerns of Superior moment require it in fact we suppose this is a Crisis in which your well Known Judgement, Zeal and exertions may prove of Essential Consequence to our Honorable Masters interests and we have the Strongest grounds for Conviction, that if General Dundas is of the — same Opinion, you may be Certain of his Vigorous, and effectual Co-operation, and therefore it appears wholly unnecessary to dwell further on the Subject

We are very Sorry you were unable to Send down any Brandy from the Cape, but

we

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we hope it has now become procurable, even at a higher price, for not having Received any regular Supplies of Spirituous Liquors lately from Bengal we are now in great distress for this article - We therefore forward you some more Casks, and Request with as little delay as possible, a large Supply either by the Georgiana or some other same Conveyance; Captain Leigh has our instructions to Speak to you particularly on this business -

You will observe we have not written to Earl Mornington or the Government of Madras on the Subject of the Treasure think-ing it most Advisable to leave that to your Kind Care and General Dundas's indulgence after you have Decided on the measures that may appear most Conducive to the public Good.-- Should the Georgiana be able happily to return here immediately we request besides the - Spirituous Liquors that you will forward us

Some

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some Salt Beef or Pork if you can procure it all
Reasonable or Salted Mutton which we understand
can always be purchased at the Cape, for we are
pressed very bad for Salt Provisions owing to the
Long detention of the Fleet - if the Georgiana must
absolutely proceed forward we request you will
in our Name indent to the Government of Madras
for Eight or Ten Thousand Gallons of Arack if
it can be procured at a moderate price, as also
for Some Tick the quantity and Quality as
Specified in the enclosed -

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

Signed Robt. Brooke
W. W Doveton

P.S. Should the Georgiana
be directed to proceed from
the Cape to India we
earnestly entreat you will
write to Lord Mornington to
request that She may be returned
to her Station at this Island with
all possible Dispatch -

To

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To His Excellency General Dundas

Governor and Commander in Chief

&ca at the

Cape of Good Hope

Sir,

We have received the honor of your Letter of the 13th ultimo for which please to accept our Warmest and very grateful thanks.—

The Calcutta arrived here the 1st Instant— the Captain of which Vessel informed us he had Packets on board for the Cape for the Delivery of which he was to receive 1600 Rupees but that he had been drove round by Stress of Weather, of course it Struck us the Contents might be of such importance, as to require our Sending up the Georgiana with them to your Excellency and it was agreed the Governor should open any of these that were directed on the Service which might appear necessary— in Consequence he opened one directed to Earl Macartney and one to Mr. Pringle, and Summoned a Secret Consultation wherein

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wherein it was determined to forward the Georgiana
without a moments delay that could be avoided, for
the purpose of delivering the Despatches as also the
Treasure that is directed to be sent to India, or
returned as you may deem most expedient, on account
of the public Service, and we now transmit inclosed
our Proceedings, Copy of letter to Mr. Pringle &c.
that you may have before you all the motives by
which we were stimulated to exertion on this
occasion.—

After which placing implicit Confidence
in your Excellencys Hight and distinguished Reputation
and your very Kind and indulgent Assurances, we
rest perfectly Satisfied in thus merely explaining the
motives of our measures, and leaving it entirely to your
Superior Judgement and information to proceed for us
as you may believe the Good of the Service at this
Critical juncture Requires.—

We have the honor to Remain
&c &c
(Signed) Robt. Brooke
F. Robson
W. W. Doveton

St. Helena
April 12th 1799.

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Minute of the foregoing Letters—

The Governor General in Council —
has observed with the utmost degree of Satisfaction
the Zeal Spirit and energy displayed by Governor
Brooke on receiving the intelligence of a probable
rupture with Tippoo Sultaun; and his exertions
to aid the public Service under the apparent
exigency of the time reflect the greatest —
honor on his attachment to the interests
of the Company and of the Nation. —

Resolved accordingly that —
Governor Brooke be desired to accept the
thanks of the Governor General in Council
and that he be informed that his Lordship
in Council has thought it a duty which
his Lordship has discharged with great
pleasure to recommend his Public Spirit

and

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and promptitude to the most favorable notice of the Honorable Court of Directors

Resolved, also to inform Governor Brooke that the Governor General in Council approves the attention paid by him to his Lordship's dispatches committed to the Care of Captain Stokes, and Concurs in the propriety of the Ultimate Resolution taken for Captain Stokes proceeding with these Dispatches to England on the Europa instead of the Sphynx.—

Read the following letter from the Commander in Chief in India.—

Right

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Right Honorable The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Commander in Chief in India inclosing Copy of the Capitulation entered into with the Court De Meuron on 25th September 1798 which he recommends to be carried into effect as soon as possible—

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship in Council the Copy of a Letter which I have lately received from Colonel Brownrigg by Command of his Royal Highness The Duke of York together with one of the Capitulation entered into between the British Government and the Count Charles De Meuron to which it refers.—

By these papers your Lordship will perceive that a material alteration is to take place in the Establishment of the Regiment De Meuron, which is to assume nearly the same form as the other Infantry Corps in the British Service; and that his Majesty has signified his pleasure through his Royal Highness the Commander in Chief, that I should carry such of the Conditions of the said Capitulation into execution as rest upon me as Commanding in Chief in India.—

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The speedy adoption of this measure appears to me in every point of view so desirable that I incline to avoid loss of time, transmit Copies of the Papers to Lieutenant General Harris, and desire him to Communicate there Contents to Brigadier Genl. Munro or the Officer Commanding the Corps, and give the requisite Orders for carrying it into full effect immediately, if your Lordship sees no objection to it; but if you should I must request the favor of you to intimate the same to Lieutenant General Harris, that it may be suspended - and if not I hope you will be good enough to let him be informed of your Concurrence, and cause such direction to be given to any of the Departments under the Government of Fort St. George that may be Concerned as shall appear necessary, and likely to facilitate the final Arrangement of a plan that seems calculated to produce economy and Convenience -

I have the honor to be with great respect and esteem - My Lord

Fort William
8th July 1799 -

&c &c

Signed Alured Clarke

Lieut