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Copies of Letters to Robert Hughes Esqr.
Paymaster at Palamcotah &c.

Sir.

The public Service requiring as many Dooly Bearers as can be procured in the District of Tinevelly for the use of the Southern Field Detachment, Major Bannerman has been entrusted to entertain them, and you will be pleased to discharge such Bills as Major Bannerman may present at your Office for Money advanced by him on this account.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(signed) A Brown
Lt. Col Comg Sn. D. &c

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Robert Hughes Esqr.
Paymaster at Ramnad

Sir

The public service requiring as many Dooly Bearers as can be procured in the District of Ramnad the Collector has been requested to entertain them and you will be pleased to discharge

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discharge such Bills as Mr. Lushington may — present at your Office for Money advanced by him on this account.

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I have the honor to be
&c &c

(signed) A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg South Dn

Copy of a Letter to Stephen Lushington Esqr
Collector of Poligar Peishcush

Sir.

Ramnad

By reason of 200 Dooly Bearers having been lately sent from Trichenopoly to — serve with the Grand Army a difficulty in — procuring the number required to serve with the Southern Field Detachment having occurred I have to request you may employ your influence in entertaining as many Dooly Bearers as can be procured from the Districts under your — Collection, and that you may dispatch to — Trichenopoly with all possible expedition making to them some advance of Money as to you may seem proper; towards reimbursement of which I have the honor to enclose an order upon —

Mr.

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Mr. Paymaster Hughes-

I have further to request that you may forward to me a List containing the names of the Dooly Bearers, the places of their family — " Residence the dates of their entertainment and — " the sum advanced to each to enable the Paymaster here to settle with them-

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) A Brown
Lt. Col. Com. 2nd D.vn

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Copy of a Letter to Major General Brathwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic-

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you — " that the 2d Division of the 2d Regiment arrived here this morning and will move into Quarters — " tomorrow, when field allowances will cease.

I have the honor further to acquaint you that having received orders from the — " Commander in Chief on the 11th Inst. to send to Vistnagherry from the 1st Division of the — " 1st Regiment a Detail equal to Capn 1 Subn 1 Cadet 1 Serjt 2 Drums 1 Rank & File 60.

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They will march tomorrow morning under Comma
of Captain Mapother.

A Frenchman named LeLong having
been taken up at Mayaveram and brought in
here a prisoner this morning, is confined in the
Main Guard until instructions respecting him
are received from Government, to whom I have
reported him by letter to Mr. Secretary Webbe.

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

[signed] A Brown
Lt. Col. Comd. 2nd Lt. Dn.

Copy of a Letter to Stephen Lushington Esqr.
Collector of
Ramnad

Sir,

The Nabob's Manager here has state
to me that Combee Naick the Poligar of Veeram
took, six days ago from the Village of Cocky Coun
belonging to the Nabob's Circar 20 Cows and
Bullocks and 2 days ago 20 Cows and 20 Calves
from the same village 2 of the Cows last taken
were killed by his dogs. The Bramins with
some of the Inhabitants of Cocky Counky going

Combee

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Combu Naick to complain and demand their Cattle he told them this was only the beginning of their trouble which should be encreased ere long and he keeps the Inhabitants in confinement.

He further states that young Lukkia Naik Poligar of Hummeruady carried off from Nellaputty, a Village of the Circar two principal Inhabitants six days ago, has forced 60 Chuckrums from them and keeps them in confinement.

I have to request that you may send Tatteeds to those two Poligars to release, restore and refrain from repetition; and if you was to send me Copies of the Tatteeds to be delivered by Hircarrahs whom I would send to accompany the claimants it might have a good effect.

As the Country of Sawmy naick Poligar of Coongherry borders upon the route the Field Detachment will take in its move-ment to the westward I shall have to call upon him for his contingent of Sheep and Cattle for the use of the Detachment and for which he will of course be paid a fair price.

It will be necessary to prepare

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Him by a previous notice, which I would give. Him did it not appear more consistent that it should go through you. I will therefore be obliged by your sending a Tahsil to him to be prepared to supply 5000 Sheep and 200 Head of slaughter Cattle, when they shall be required by me and to send another Tahsil to young Lutchea naick to supply 2000 Sheep and 80 Head of slaughter Cattle, and to Bomie naick to supply 2000 Sheep and 80 Head of slaughter Cattle. in like manner. and if you send me Copies of these Tahsils to accompany my requisition, it may assist the business-

I am very much obliged by the arrangement you have enabled Colonel Marlow to make for a supply of Troops for the Garrison of Palamcollah. and by your intended good offices on the score of Dooly Bearers - we have within these four days sent 200 to the army and I fear shall have left ourselves in the Lurch

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
[signed] A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg Dist. Dt.

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Copy of a Letter to Colonel Martinz
Commanding
Ramnad

Sir,

I have just now your favor of the 15th Curt. and am very much obliged by the —— arrangements you have so readily made with Mr. Lushington to assist me with your 2d Grenadier — Company towards Garrisoning Palamcottah, and by a letter I have this day from Major Bannerman, I hope circumstances may admit of its being returned to you ere long, I am also much obliged to you and Mr. Lushington for your intended good offices and the score of Dooly Bearers - we have sent 200 from hence to the Army a few days ago, and will I fear find ourselves in the lurch - But we must keep the Field Detachment well fed, active and healthy and without the means of getting more than the Company's allowance of Liquor.

Until last night I did not know that any other Officer than Captain Clarke was —

with

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with the Bengal Artillery, and therefore sent only one Markee, for which the Captain has himself to blame-

I now find by his letter of the 13th. received last night that there are three Subalterns with him if you could spare them a Markee and hire carriage for it I will take care that the — Markee is returned to you immediately from — hence with the Ramnad Bullocks, the hire of which shall be paid for here-

I have a *private* letter two days ago from Columbo dated the 6th. giving me the *first intimation* of five Companies of H.M. 19th. Foot being to embark in three or four days thereafter for the Coast on the Joyce, Captain Jolly and as — at this season of the year they will not be able to fetch a more Northerly Port than Tutacoryn, I — have written to prepare Mr. Hughes to victual them there, where we may every day expect to hear of their arrival-

The Company of Artillery marches — this

C. C.

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this day from Tuticoryn

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg

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Copy of a Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Read
&c &c

Sir,

Captain Mapother with the Detail mentioned in my last letter encamped yesterday on the Island and proceeding this morning will reach Vlistnaghery on the 4th March, by the — accompanying route, by which you will know where to have any intermediate communication with him -

To meet your wish a Sub assistant Surgeon only goes with the Company; and I will thank you to direct that he be returned — immediately to this Garrison from whence he — can not be spared, and that he may be at liberty to avail himself of the escort of the returning Naigue and 6 Sepoys who move with the — Company -

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The Gram Contractor for the 19th Dragoons and 3 Regiment of native Cavalry having been required by Government to deliver the quantity remaining unsupplied upon his Contract at Sankerrydroog, writes me from thence that the Paymasters people there required him to heap the marcal measure instead of streaking it, by which he would lose 600 Seers upon every Garce.

I beg you may give orders for their receiving it at the rate of 12 Seers ℔ Marcal and 4000 Seers ℔ Garce according to Company's measurement and established custom.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(signed) A Brown
Lt Col Com.g 5th Dr.

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Copy of a Letter to Captain O Reilly
Commanding Detachment under Marching orders.

Sir.

With the Detachment under your

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your Command you will proceed at day break — to
to-morrow by the accompanying Route to Curtallum
and thereby occupy a spot that will be shewn by the
Hircarrah Raggunadien —

In the Center of the Ground there is
a Tank surrounded by Coconut Trees, and I think
you will find the Post sufficiently strong to ensure
the safety of your Detachment against a Force of
twenty times its number —

You will detach such Guards as you
may think proper for look out, to the westward —
and to cover the Cattle of your Detachment at —
forage, and I would recommend a Company to be
posted on the plain which is South of the Street
of Paody fields that are close to your Post as well
to check the incursion of any Looties as to cover
the Cattle of your Detachment, which perhaps —
may be under necessity of foraging on that Plain.

As the Company will on this case
have to furnish two or three out Guards for the
Cattle, and will necessarily be constantly on the

alert

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Sir, I would recommend its being relieved every third day.

The accompanying Sketch containing an order from the manager here to the Amildar of Curlallum to supply a Bazar for the wants of your Detachment 3000 Cullums of Rice which will be brought into Curlallum and delivered to a Conicoply belonging to Mr. Hawkins who will be sent to receive it. Should the Conicoply object to the rice on the score of its not being sufficiently cleared of the Husk, you will acquaint the Amildar that it can not be received until further orders from hence, towards obtaining which you will send me a Muster of the rice objected to.

At the entrance of the Ground the Detachment will occupy, there is one or probably two Choultries, which will be very convenient for depositing the Rice until it can be stored in Bags.

You will of course warn the follows of your Detachment not to give trouble or in any

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any way molest the Inhabitants to whom you will give every protection.

Two Hircarrahs accompany your — Detachment for the purposes of shewing the Road and conveying to me any communication you — may have occasion to send.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) A. Brown
Lt. Col. Comg Sn Dr.

Trichenopoly
18th. February 1799

Copy of a Letter to Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Resident of Tanjore

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th. Curt. relative to the use of the Horses required by Government from the Rajah of Tanjore, and to express my hope that my letter to you of yesterday upon that subject is — now with you.

There is not any Cavalry Officer now here, but to meet the Rajah's wish — instructions shall this day be forwarded to Major Innes

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Innes and Lieutenant Blackburne to form themselves into a Committee for the purpose of selecting such of the Horses of the regular Troops as may be thought fit for the intended Service; and the most regular and least objectionable way I think will be to have the regular Troops which I understand consists of Subdr. 1 Jemdr. 1 Havildr. 4 Naigs 4 Trumpr. 1 Dfrs. 1 Troopers 87. drawn out mounted on the Horses they have been accustomed to ride they can then be directed to dismount, and unsaddle. that the Committee appointed by the Subidar of the new Troop may examine and select the Horses which may be found to be fit, and which should then be made over with their Horsekeepers, Grass cutters, Gram Bags, Head and Heel ropes to the Subidar of the new Troop with such of the Horses of the Rajah his friends and relations as his Excellency in his attentions to the wishes of Government and zeal for the public Service, may think proper to supply.

As the instructions I have had the honor to receive from Government reckon upon

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upon the Officers and men of the Rajah's regular Troops serving on foot with the Field Detachment that will be under my direction, until a supply of horses, expected ere long from Cochin, is received when I am directed to remount the Rajah's Troops.

Should the application you have been directed to make to his Excellency include the officers and men of the regular Troops, I know they will be forwarded here with the least possible delay, and I trust under such an arrangement for liquidation of any arrears due to them by the Rajah as may render future representation and correspondence on that subject unnecessary—

From what you say of the unfitness of equipment of the irregular Troops and the Horses being the property of the Riders a transfer of their services to the Company does not appear advisable: and I would only recommend that such of these Horses as the Committee may think fit for the Company's service, and the owners may be willing to dispose of at a fair valuation, may be purchased and made over to the Subidar of the

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The new Troop.

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19th February 1799.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

[signed] A Brown
Lt Col Comg Sn Dn

Copy of a Letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your letters of the 14th & 15th Curt. and agreeably to the sanction of Government conveyed by the former I will avail myself of the services of Captain Dallas, Gepth and Davison in the Field and have begun to raise a small body of Pioneers to serve with the Southern Field Detachment.

On receipt of your letter of the 15th Express which reached me yesterday at noon. I orderd Major Bannerman to purchase as many of the Travancore Horses as may be fit for the Cavalry and procurable at a moderate price; and I have just now a letter from him dated the 17th Instant from Polamcottah advising that as he

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he had not received any particular instructions respecting the Travancore Horses he had taken upon himself to select eighty six (86) Horses of which from 60 to 70 are fit for the Cavalry for which he had agreed upon an average at the rate of 150 — Rupees and for the stout Mares at 100 Rupees — each he further advises me that they will be at Polamcotah on the 21st Curt. and I direct him by this days tappal to forward them to Trichenopoly with as much expedition as circumstances may admit. They will arrive in critical time to — mount the new Troop of Cavalry and dependance seems to rest chiefly on them as a letter I have this day from Mr. Torin Resident of Tanjore — advising the Rajah's readiness to supply the — Horses required by Government, mention that the number which may be found fit for the — Company's Cavalry probably will be but few. The Rajah having expressed a wish to the Resident that a Committee might be named to select them,

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I have directed Major Innes with Lieutenant Blackburne to form themselves into a Committee and to proceed on the selection in the way I have suggested to Mr. Sorin and communicated to them.

For the further information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council I have the honor to transmit copy of my letter of this date to Mr. Sorin and to acquaint you that 4 flank Companies with two 6 prs. under the command of Captain O'Reilly have this day proceeded on their march to Curtallum for the purposes of checking the incursion Looty Horse from Canoor of keeping the Polegars in that quarter in awe and for collecting Grain for the use of the Field Detachment.

I have further the honor to acquaint you in consequence of application from the Manager here to the Durbar the Nabob has sent him orders to supply from Curtallum and the neighbouring Taloaks any quantity of Grain that may be required for the use of the Field Detachment.

By

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By order of the Commander in Chief
a Company of the 1st Division 1st Regiment marched
hence on the 17th Curt. to join Lieutenant Colonel —
Read at Kistnagherry.

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

Trichenopoly
19th February 1799

/signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg 1st Dn.

Copy of a Letter to Major General Brathwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you
that 4 flank Companies of the 13th Regiment with
two 6 prs. under the command of Captain O'Reilly
proceeded hence this morning to an impregnable
position at Curtallum for the purposes of checking
incursion of Looty Horse from Carvor of keeping
the Poligars in awe and of collecting Grain for
the field Detachment.

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

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19th February 1799

/signed/ A Brown
Lt Col Comg 2d Dn.

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Copy of a Letter to Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 25th Inst. enclosing a letter
addressed to you by his Excellency the Rajah, whose
attentions to the wishes of Government by the
supply of Horses and Elephants he so immediately
grants, for the use of the Field Detachment in the
Southern Division exhibits in the most unequi-
=vocal manner, his fedility, liberality and zeal
for the public service, which I shall have much
gratification in doing myself the honor to state
to the Right Honble the Governor General in
Council and to the Commander in Chief.

The Horses amounting to 31 including
three mares the property of the Rajah and two
mares selected and purchased from their owners
in His Excellency's irregular Troop have arrived
here this morning, accompanied by an Havaldar,
by whom, any which upon trial may from
age discover blemishes unfitting them for the

Service

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Service in the Field shall agreeably to his Excellency's
desire be returned, that they may resume their former
duties about the Palace, and this matter will be
immediately determined by Lieutenant Montgomery
who has given me to expect he will arrive here
this evening

As the Horsekeepers and Groo-
cutters who have accompanied the Horses are un-
-willing to remain and have expressed their wish
for permission to return to the service of the
Rajah, it will be granted as soon as their places
can be supplied by others and by the directions
which have been given on that head I am hopeful
the necessity of detaining them may not exist above
three or four days.

As the service of the Elephants
is of important consequence by conveying the
tents of the European Soldiery so expeditiously
as to be pitched and ready for to receive them on
arriving at their new Ground, I think that if
any of the five Elephants, whose trunks may
have gone off before the detachment marches
from

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from hence may accompany the Force his Excellency intends to employ.

Although the grey persian Horse, two bay Arabs and two chesnut carriage Horses which you have supplied from your own Stables for the use of the Field Detachment and which arrived last evening in excellent condition are mentioned only in your private letter of the 22d Inst. I can not close this letter without offering you my best acknowledgements for the very liberal and important aid you have thus afforded to the — public service intrusted to my direction and — which I shall have a true pleasure in stating to Government and to the Commander in Chief.

I would have availed myself of your supply to the whole of its extent did not a number of Horses now on their way from — Travancore and Cochin permit me to dispense with two out of the five, and to which I am more particularly induced by my having discovered that in parting with these you have left yourself —

without

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without a Horse at a time when I knows that
exercise on Horse back has been prescribed for the
benefit of your health; I have therefore taken the
liberty to return the Persian and the Bay arab which
I understand from their Keepers you have been in
the practice of using more frequently than any of
the other three, and they have proceeded this morning
under charge of your Servant.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Trichenopoly
25th February 1799.

(signed) A. Brown
Lt. Col. Comg 5th Dn.

Copy of a Letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters of the 16th 19th & 21st Inst.
in the Military Department and in obedience to
the orders and instructions of Government, therein
contained, I have the honor to acquaint you for
the information of the Right Honble the Governor
General in Council that Lieutenant Crump has been
directed to send Nibert the French Prisoner from

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Clerical under a guard to the Presidency that his Highness the Nabob has tendered four Elephants for the use of the Southern Field Detachment — which will be accepted when their services are — required and in the mean time steps are taking by communication with the Department of the Quarter Master General to ascertain the monthly expence of feed &c which by charges of Highness's servants amounts to nearly thirty five Pagodas p.r Month for each Elephant which appears to be extravagant —

His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore furnishes four Elephants, three of which are — arrived the fourth is daily expected. His Excellency has also submitted the Horses of his regular and irregular Troops, to the survey of a Committee — consisting of the Commanding Officer of Tanjore and Lieutenant Blackburne, who were appointed by me to examine them and having selected — twenty six Horses and three mares the property of the Rajah, and purchased two mares of the

irregular —

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irregular Troop the property of their Riders, they were immediately forwarded by his Excellency and arrived here on the 25th Curt.

Lieutenant Montgomery who arrived here this day, finding five of the Horses too old to be serviceable they will be returned tomorrow in consequence of intimation to that effect contained in Mr. Torin's letter of the 25th Curt. a copy whereof I have the honor to enclose with copy of a letter from His Excellency to Mr. Torin.

Mr. Torin with a magnanimous zeal has sent five Horses from his own stables for the public service accompanied with a private note, I have taken upon me to return two of them for the reasons stated in my letter to that Gentleman, a copy whereof I have the honor to enclose, and in expressing my hope that this part of my conduct may meet with the approbation of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council. I beg permission to say that I wish I have a happy participation with Mr. Torin in any commendation his Lordship in Council may

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be pleased to pass upon the Liberality of his conduct on this occasion

Conformably to the instructions contained in your letter of the 19th Curt. Camp Equipage with 20 Doolies were dispatched from hence to Negapatam on the 21st Curt. for the 3 Companies of His Majesty's 19th Foot and Mr. Commissary Hawkins had previously taken measures for victualling them on their disembarkation and march hither.

Your letter of the 21st directs me to retain eventually the 4th Lot of Horses expected from Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery, and having last night received intimation by letter from Head Quarters at Vaniembaddy the 23d Curt. stating that "the 4th Lot of Horses (50) arrived at Palamcottah are not required to join the Army and are therefore to be used in mounting the new Troop, ordered to join you." I beg permission to state that in a few days the following Horses may be expected here on their way

from Cochin	50	Mares	30 Horses	80
from Palamcottah 4th	Do	86	Do Sea Francow	100
from Madura	"		4th Lot	50
at Trichenopoly	50			
supplied by the Rajah Tanjore	5	Do	21 Do	26
supplied by Mr. Lewis	3		Do	3
required to mount the new Troop				259
Supernumerary Horses				121
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of which a few probably from youth may be —"
unequal to Field service, and shall be sent to the
instructions in your letter of the 25th Inst. and in
order to bring forward the services of the remainder
of the Supernumerary Horses. I have to request I
may be honored with the sanction of Govern-
-ment to direct Lieutenant Montgomery to —"
recruit an equal number of men, who, not-
-withstanding the difficulty of recruiting for the
Infantry Corps at the Presidency may probably in
greatest part be raised there from established Troopes,
and the remainder may be had in this Division
and as 2 Subidars and 13 Jemedars of Cavalry who
were supernumeraries with the Army have lately
arrived at the Presidency, should it not interfere
with any intended arrangement, I would request
that they might be placed under Lieutenant —"
Montgomery with whom they could render —"
important service in expediting the efficiency
of the new Levies.

I will have the honor to return
to your Office the Cypher contained in your
letter of the 24th Inst when there may be no
longer

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longer necessity to use it in correspondence with Government or the Commander in Chief.

I have to acquaint you that the Bramins have permitted the Bazzar to be opened and the Throffs to return to their employment this Morning.

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

Trichenopoly
23d. February 1799.

/Signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg. 5th. Dr.

Copy of a Letter to Major General Braithwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic

Sir

Having by Letter from Head Quarters of the Army of the 23d. Curt. been directed to detain the 4th. Lot of Lieutenant Montgomery's Horses to be used in mounting the new Troop of Cavalry I beg permission to state that the following Horses belonging to the Company may in a few days be expected at Trichenopoly.

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	Mares	Horses	
On the Road from Cochin	50	30	purchased by Lt Montgomery	80
from Palamcotah	44	26	Do by Maj Bannerman	100
from Madura	"	50	4th Lot	50
Supplied by the Rajah of Tanjore	5	21		26
Do by Mr Lorin President		3		3
				259
Required to mount the new Loop				121
Supernumerary Horses				138

of which a few probably may from youth, be unequal to the fatigue of service in the Field, and by instructions from Government of the 21st Inst. are to be sent to Madras. "

In order to bring forward the services of the remaining Supernumerary Horses I request you may make application to Government towards obtaining sanction for me to direct Lieutenant " Montgomery, who arrived here yesterday, to recruit an adequate number of men, who, notwithstanding the difficulty in recruiting for the Infantry Corps at the Presidency, may probably in greatest part be raised there from established Troopers, " and the remainder may be had from this Division; and as 2 Subidars and 13 Jemidars of Cavalry, who were Supernumeraries with the Army, are now at

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at the Presidency, should it not interfere with any intended arrangement, I would request that they might be placed under Lieutenant Montgomery; with whom they could render important service in expediting the efficiency of the new Levies.

In the hopes of obtaining the requested sanction of Government I have the honor to enclose an Indent on the Arsenal of Fort St. George for Cavalry Articles which can not be supplied from any of the Arsenals in the Southern Division; and as the season is now very precarious for a passage by Sea to any of the Southern Ports I would request that they may be dispatched upon Bandies or Bullocks which might be preferable as more expeditious.

The Adjutant General's letter advises me that the Commander in Chief had recommended to Government to sanction the equipment of the Field Detachment contained

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in the Statement in which neither the — "
5 Compy. of the 19th Regiment nor the Company
of Bengal Artillery / of neither of whom I had
then heard / were provided for. This will occasion
some additional wants in the way of Equipment
to provide for which I will avail myself of your
obliging advice.— and I have the pleasure to say
we shall be able to supply our wants in Draught
and Carriage Cattle, and Thope in Dooley —"
Bearers, from this Division, notwithstanding
above 18,000 Bullocks & 300 Dooly Bearers —"
have been sent from it to the Army.

I am advised by this letter that
the Commander in Chief has written you
fully on the subject of the Company of Bengal
Artillery, to say that it is his wish that the
whole of this Company and the Gun Lascars
attached should make part of the Southern —
Field Detachment, unless Government should
find it necessary to employ part of it else where;
and in the event of its serving with me that
I should allot the necessary details from the Coast
artillery

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artillery in the Southern Provinces, for Trichenopoly, Tanjore and Dindigul, and send at least a — subalterns party to Lieutenant Colonel Read in the Bara Mahl.

This I shall do the moment the Company of Bengal Artillery, now on its' march from Ramnad, arrives here; and all that may be over a narrowed proportion of artillery for the — ordnance with the Field Detachment shall be distributed amongst these Garrisons.

I have credible reports of every man below the Ghauts, and have reason to be assured that Captain O Reilly with his flank Companies are — perfectly secure.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Trichenopoly
28th February 1799.

[signed] A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg St. Dr.

Copy of a Letter to Major General Brathwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic

Sir

As two Galloper Guns would add greatly

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greatly to the efficiency of the Cavalry in the —
Southern Division, and as there is the means of
moving them by mares now in the service which
have been trained to the Draught I have to request
you may make application to Government towards
obtaining me permission to add them to the —
ordnance for the Field Detachment.

I have the honor to acquaint you
that 3. Sub.rs 12. Conv.rs 10. Bav.rs 6. Sarg.ts who had been supernumeraries
with the Cavalry, and detached from Nellore on
the 14.th ultimo arrived here this forenoon.

I have the honor to transmit an
Indent for the Galloper Guns and articles required
for their equipment, which I request you may
have the goodness to bring before the Military
Board in event of Government sanctioning the
addition of this ordnance.

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(signed) A Brown
Lt.t Col.n Comg Sn Dr.s

Trichenopoly
1st March 1799

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Copy of a Letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the — Governor General in Council that in obedience to his Lordship's Commands signified by your letter of the 26th ultimo received last night Camp — Equipage will be dispatched from hence to Nega- patam for the use of his Majesty's 76th Regiment

Having no information of the — strength of the Regiment I have directed the regulated proportion of Tents for 2 Majs. 6 Capts. 16 Subs. 7 Adjts. 1 2 Mrs. 700 Com.dg Proves — — —, and they will proceed — tomorrow. In this computation allowance is made for the sick of the Regement left in Calcutta and the Party, which I have understood are — detached on Naval Service as Marines.

Instructions go by this days tappal to the Officer Commanding at Negapatam to be — prepared for their disembarkation and accommodation

at

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at that place in case their arrival should precede the tents, and Mr. Commissary Hawkins will be prepared in the Victualling Department.

I have the honor to be

Trichenopoly
2d March 1799

&c &c &c

/Signed/ A Browne
Lt. Col. Comg 3rd Dn.

Of this date wrote as above to
Major General Braithwaite

Copy of a Letter to Major Lindsay
Commanding Dindigul &c

Sir,

The accompanying Division Orders place you in the Command of the Troops in the District until the pleasure of Government is known, and you will take such measures as you may deem most expedient and likely to preserve tranquility.

The accompanying letter to Captain Robertson directs him to remain in the —— District with the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment until further orders and you will employ that

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that Corps as you think proper providing that the service required of it may not prevent its marching from Dindigul on the 15th. Curt.

You will with as little delay as circumstances may admit send from Dindigul to Pylney such Camp Equipage as may be required to enable Captain Simons to encamp and move with his Detachment as circumstances may require - Should the Market in Store at Pylney not be in a sufficient serviceable state, Captain Robertson will spare a Market the Officers with him doubling up for a short time until the arrival of the Corps here.

There has always been a compleat Company at Yerriacottah until the last relief made by the 1st. of the 2d when it felt a temporary decrease in accommodation to Battalion arrangements.

I recommend it to you to make the Garrison of that post up to 1 — 1 — 5 — 5 — 1 — 90 — which should be able to repel any force that

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that seems likely to assail them.

I have represented the want of Officers in the Division and particularly with your Battalion and shall again urge the Commanding Officer in the Carnatic on the subject today.

In former times much has been done with only one European Officer to a Battalion and by your example and selection of the Native officers, I trust deficiency in European Officers will in great measure be made up. I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

/signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Com.g St. Dv.

Trichenopoly
3d March 1799.

Copy of a Letter to Lieutenant Rand
Commanding a Company under Marching orders

Sir,

By the accompanying route you will proceed with the Detachment under your command to Nameul and there await the arrival of the Party of Mogul Horse consisting of about 500 from His Highness the Nizam's Army who are attended by Lieutenant Muirhead and a Company of Sepoys whom you will receive.

You will deliver the accompanying letter to the Sirdar or Officer Commanding the Mogul Horse who is thereby instructed to march with your Detachment until he receives further orders from me. He is further instructed to give particular orders to prevent his people from plundering the Villages

or

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or molesting their Inhabitants to whom they are to pay for Rice Grain or any other articles of provision they may require at the rates established in the Country

In order to ensure protection to the Villages to the extent that may be given by means of your Company, you will send a non Commissioned Officer and six Sepoys into every Village that may be within sight; that is to say within four miles of your halting place the moment you come to your ground, giving them strict orders not to permit any of the Nizam's Horse or followers, or any of your Sepoys to enter the Villages.

Any thing they may require which the Village can afford is to be mentioned to the non Commissioned Officer who is to take post with his Guard at the entrance of the Village, and having made the Villagers produce the Articles required (if to be had) he will see that they receive the customary price for them.

These Guards are to remain in the Villages until the party of Horse, with your Company and all the followers have proceeded to a distance beyond their sight on the following days march.

You will endeavour to prevail on the Sirdar to permit your Company to march in front of his Party; should he not agree to that, you will be able to effect the point by marching off about half an hour before day break, and you will in marching place a Guard at the entrance of every

Village

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Village that may be within a mile of the road, instructing the non Commissioned Officer and six Sepoys to Poosoor which will be your first place of Halt on returning from Nameul; and when you arrive there, the day following, you will immediately advance the same Guard to your next place of Halt, and so on successively until you arrive at Curtallum where you will encamp on the plain which is on the South side of the sheet of Paddy fields,- near to which Captain O'Reilly has a Post of Picket, and there you will find further — orders awaiting you- I have the honor to be

Yrs &c.

(Signed) A Brown

Lt Col Comg Sn Dv

Copy of a Letter to the Sirdar

Commanding Party of Nizam's Horse

Colonel Brown sends his Salam to the Sirdar Commanding the Party of Horse from His — Highness the Nizam's Army, and hopes he and his Party have arrived safely and in good health at Nameul-

This will be delivered to you by — Lieutenant Rand who will attend your Party and shew it the Road to Curtallum, where you will encamp on the Ground which —

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Rand will shew you, and there remain until you receive further orders from me.

As the Country you have to march through belongs to the English Circar and to his Highness Nabob Wallajah, I need not put you in mind to give such orders as may prevent your people from plundering the Villages or giving any trouble to the Inhabitants who must be paid by your people for every thing they furnish to them.

I shall be happy to hear of your safe arrival at Curtallum.

What need I say more.

Copy of a Letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
&a &c

Sir

The unexpected call for Camp Equipage to the 76th Regiment which went off to Negapatam two days ago occasions a temporary derangement and will immediately delay the movement of the force with me to the westward, for ten days, when

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when the deficiency of Tents to cover the original —"—
Field Detachment will with a brisk exertion,
be made up.

This delay distresses me much as I have
received the Commander in Chiefs instructions for my
guidance in the employment of the Field Detachment
and directing me "to advance with all convenient
"expedition to a position near the Line of —"—
"Frontier in the direction of Caroor, and there wait
"for further orders from Head Quarters."

I have advised Colonel Close of the
cause of delay and that I expect to be able to —"—
proceed to the Westward on the 17th" and to —"—
accomplish all the service required of the Detach-
=ment in such time as to embrace the objects —"—
desired by the Commander in Chief the deficiency
in Tents is the more readily to be reconciled as the
Travancore Horses required to amount Montgomery's
Troop cannot arrive here before the 11th, and it
will require some three or four days to have —"—
saddles &c fitted and the Horses refreshed. In
the mean time Montgomery by means of the
Horses from Tanjore is indefatigable in training
the Troopers who have yet to be made Horsemen.

Favor

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Favor me as soon as may be with the Commands of Government to raise the number of Troopers required to bring forward the service of the Supernumerary Horses as mentioned in my Public letter of the 28th ultimo - to attach two Galloper Guns to Montgomery's Corps of Cavalry is requested in an Official letter of the 1st Curt. to General Brathwaite to be laid before Government to sanction my receiving from Tondiman the service of 1500 of his Peons as mentioned in my public letter of the 13th ultimo and from whom I have this day a letter advising their being ready and requesting me to order them to join me to send an order to Mr. Hughes or to sanction me to direct him to pay the Travancore auxiliaries of Madura and Palamcottah from the 1st —— "
February according to the accompanying Statement sent me by Major Bannerman, who no —— "
doubt has communicated fully on the subject —— "
with Government

A letter from the Commanding Officer of Madura today mentions the —— "
Travancore Companies, there being in want of

Pay

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Pay, and I shall in consequence write Mr. Hughes to make them an advance for their immediate wants until we receive your Commands.

A letter of the 20th Ultimo from Head Quarters advises me that a party of Mogul Horse about 500 Horse from the Nizam's Army will be dispatched to join me in two or three days by the Tapoor Pass and Namcul, whether I have this day detached an Officer with a Company to meet and attend the party to Curtallum, where I expect to be in force almost as soon as they can arrive, and in the mean time by letter to the Sirdar Commanding I have directed him to Halt at Curtallum / where Captain O Reilly with his Grenadier Battalion and 2 field pieces have been since the 20th Ultimo / until he receives further orders from me..

This last letter from Head Quarters received yesterday advises that the embarkation of the 76th Regiment is countermanded, but as it was more than probable that it would have embarked before the Countermanding letter —— could reach Calcutta- desires me to provide —— Camp Equipage &ca for them at Negapatam now if you will have the goodness to let me

know

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know when the countermanding letter was —"—
dispatched I can ascertain within a day or two
its arrival at Calcutta, and by consulting the
Bengal News papers should I not find that it
had previously embarked, I shall instantly —"—
determine to recall the Camp Equipage from —"—
Negapatam and thereby save Expence and in-
=convenience to the public Service. No accounts
yet of the landing of the 5 Cos. of the 19th. Foot.

[Signed] A Brown

Trichenopoly
5th March 1799.

Copy of a Letter to Stephen Lushington Esqr.
Collector of

Sir,

Ramnad

Forgive me for putting you in
mind to send for the Rajah of Ramnad, who
is a prisoner here, his monthly allowance, which
comes from your Treasury. It has been customary
for him to receive it every two months, and as
two months allowance are due on the 1st February
he now begins to feel the delay in payment.

Our Army was at the Palicide
Pass

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Pass on the 2d the General and all well they enter
the enemy's Country on the 6th -

An unexpected call for Tents for the
76th Regiment ordered to embark from Bengal
to land at Negapatam, whether they were dispatched
two days ago, causes of a deficiency in Camp
Equipage for the original Field Detachment
which will take a brisk exertion of ten or perhaps
twelve days to make up and prevent me from -
moving to the westward until the 17th but I
doubt not being then in time to accomplish all
the objects pointed out in the instructions I have
received from Head Quarters.

When convenient let me know the
state of your Treasury, your expectations on the
score of Hist Yr and the demands that will be -
upon you for Investment and other expences, and
I will give you timely intimation of what may
be required from your Treasury for the Field -
Detachment -

I have the honor to be
X^ir X^r
Signed A Brown
Lt Col Com^g Do

Trichenopoly
5th March 1799

Copy of a Letter to Major Lindsay.
Commanding the Troops in the District of Dindigul,

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
your

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your letter of the 4th received last night advising the march of Captain Robertson with the Battalion Compy. of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment to the Pandals which appears to me a very judicious position and likely to check those on the western Frontier who threaten to disturb the tranquility of the District; effectually to preserve which I would recommend that the Company at Yerriacotta be immediately joined to the two Companies now under Captain Symons at Pilney, who has besides 286 Sebundies added to them by Mr. Collector Hurdis, soon after this reaches you -

Retaining Captain Simons with this Force you will join and assume the command of it and by moving centrically thro' the District of Pylney and Yerriacottah be thereby enabled to preserve quiet and restore the confidence of the Inhabitants -

Should Captain Trotter from the state of his health be able to take charge at Dindigul, you may in this case either take to your aid with the Detach.t or the Field Dt. Scott or not as you may think proper -

So soon as Field Detach.t shall have been formed you will immediately give orders to Capt.n Robertson to repair to Trichenopoly with the Companies under his command -

when the Force under my direction shall have got possession of Caroor I trust there will be no longer any occasion to keep in the Field the force that will be under you, and of which from your information you will have no difficulty in detaching -

In a very few days I hope to send you a Detail of artillery - when any article of small Stores are wanted you have only to Indent on Mr. Hughes as agent of supplies agreeably to the Printed Regulations which will have been made over to you by Captain Robertson -

I have the honor to be &c &c

[Signed] A Brown Lt Col.n
Sn Dpt

Trichenopoly
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P.S. You will of course leave such Guards as you may think proper at Jerna-
coilla and Pilney.

Copy of a Letter to Major General Brathwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic

Sir,

Having received information from Major Lindsay and Mr. Hurdis the Commanding Officer and Collector of Dindigul that a considerable body of armed Peons with 50 Horse under the direction of Luchia Naick, secretly aided by the Poligar of — Verapatchy and the Seara Naick Poligar of Ramghery have assembled on the Western Frontier of the Talooks of Yeriacollah and Pylney in the Dindigul District and that the Inhabitants on the Frontier of the latter, extremely alarmed were retiring from their Villages to the Interior, I have directed Major — Lindsay to form a Detachment by uniting the 36th of the 1st Battalion 14th Regiment now at — Yerracolah and Pylney with 480 of the Collectors Sibendies and putting himself at the head of it to move centrically to those two Talooks, whereby I have no doubt he will effectually check this Body in their object to plunder, and preserve tranquillity in the District, to favor which by perfecting check until the Field Detachment is formed Captain Robertson with 8 Companies of the 1st Battalion 2d Regt.

forming

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forming part of the force about to take the Field with me and whom, early information of Lukkia Naiks preparations forwarded by two Divisions of Tippoo Sultaun in that Quarter, had induced me to detain in the neighbourhood of Dindigul, has been directed to proceed to a position close to Verapatchy where he will have arrived this day; and Major Lindsay is instructed to direct Captain Robertson to proceed to Trichenopoly as soon as the Field Detachment under the Major is formed which I expect will be on the 9.th Inst.

Towards facilitating the public service in that quarter I have by Division orders of yesterday's date, extended the Command of Major Lindsay to the troops in the District of Dindigul until the pleasure of Government is known, which I hope may meet with your approbation.

As besides Major Lindsay there are only two officers and one of them the adjustment with the 1.st Battalion 14.th Regiment, which requires a more than ordinary number of Officers for the detailed duties of constant Detachments in the Dindigul District the Service would be accommodated by any additional number of effective officers you might find it convenient to appoint to that Corps.

As

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As the considerable body of —"—
Europeans who will move in the Field Detach-
=ment under my direction, will render it —"—
expedient to call into the Field, Mr. Richardson
Head Surgeon of the Division, in which the —"—
scarcity of Medical Men now presses with a
considerable degree of Inconvenience — As the —"—
removal of the 5th Companies of the 1st Battalion
3d Regiment from the Head Quarters of the Corps
at Palamcottah and with them the assistant
Surgeon of the Battalion leaves that Station, where
besides the Garrison there is a Commercial Resident
and two families with children, without —"—
Medical assistance, as there is no one of the
Faculty with the 1st Battalion 14th Regiment and
there is no convenient means of affording Medical
assistance to the Artillery with the Field Detach-
=ment, which will amount to 90 Non Commissioned
rank and file, nor to the Troop of Cavalry or —"—
Pioneers, or of attaching a Medical Man to the
Line of Head Quarters in Camp. and as it will
be expedient to have a second Surgeon in —"—
Trichenopoly where a considerable number of
European

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European and Native sick will be left with the Assistant Surgeon only of the 1.st Battalion 13.th Regiment I have to request that a Surgeon or assistant may be appointed to Palamcottah- that Mr. Kling Surgeon of the Garrison of Dindigul may be appointed to take charge of the sick of the 1.st Battalion 14.th Regiment that an assestant Surgeon may be appointed to take charge of the Artillery, Troop of Cavalry Gun Lascars and Pioneers that a Surgeon may be appointed to Trichenopoly or that I may be authorized to appoint either Mr. Barbor Surgeon with the 1.st Division 1.st European Regiment or Mr. Cohoun Assistant Surgeon of the 2.d Division 2.d European Regiment to Trichenopoly, placing either of these Gentlemen in charge of the two Divisions which will not exceed 600 men, and that Mr. Head Surgeon Rischardson may be appointed to the charge of the Field Hospital with two or three assistants, whom it may be necessary to place in charge of the sick who may be left in Caroor, Erode and Coembatore-

Lieutenant Bagshaw Fort adjutant of

Dindigal

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Dindigul having made anxious application to be permitted to serve in the Field, and as his duty as Fort adjutant may easily be performed by the — adjutant of the Corps in Dindigul, I have to — request that I may be authorised to appoint him to the charge of the Pioneer Corps with the Field Detachment and with which he may render valuable service.

Having as yet no accounts of the arrival at Negapatam of the 5 Companies of His Majesty's 19th Regiment or of the 76th Regiment I have deferred making out another statement of the Field Detachment which will become necessary by the increase it is to be hoped they will occasion.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ A Brown
Lt Col Comg 4th Dn

Trichenopoly
6th March 1799

Of this date wrote as
above to J Webbe Esqr
Secy to Govt.

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Copy of a Letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

His Highness the Nabob's manager at Trichenopoly having applied to me for permission to pass out of the Fort eight small Guns which he had received orders from His Highness to send to Callasgurry, a Fort in possession of the Nabob, escorted by four Guards, or 28 Non Commissioned and Privates of His Highness's Sibendy Troops, I have given him to understand that his application can not be complied with until the sanction of Government may have been obtained; and as the manager acquaints me that the Draught Bullocks are prepared and will remain unemployed I have to request I may be honored with the Commands of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) A Brown
Lt Col Comg 1st Dv

Trichenopoly
7th March 1799

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Copy of a Letter to Major Lindsay
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Dindigul

Sir.

In consequence of Instructions received last night from Head Quarters of the Army, it being desireable that Captain Robertson with the 8 Companies of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment should join the Force about to march from Trichenopoly with the least possible delay, I have to request that after ascertaining the day on which the Companies from Yerriacottah and Pilney may have joined and which I trust will take place on the 9th or 10th at furthest on receipt of this letter you may send instructions for him to march on either of these days from the Pandalls or where he may happen to be and to pursue his route to Trechenopoly with all convenient expedition.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Trichenopoly
7th March 1799

(Signed) A. Brown
Lt. Col. Comg Sn. Dn.

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Copy of Letter to Major Lindsay
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Dindigul

Sir

I have just now received your Letter of this date, and altho' I can not approve of hesitation in complying with orders, yet as the tranquillity of the District depends upon your exertions, in a great measure, I accede to your suggestion that the Posts of Pylney, Yerriacottah, and Nellacotta be occupied by Sibendies strengthened by regulars which according to your desire I proceed to detail.

Sibendies	250	Pylney
1st Batt. 14th Reg.	S S H N 250 S.	
	1-1-2-1-1-1-20.	
Sibendies	120	Yerriacottah
1st Batt. 14th Reg.	" " 2-1-1-" "-14	
Sibendies	116	Nellacotta
1st Batt. 14th Reg.	" " 2-1-1-" "-16	

This disposition / calculated by your Return for last month / will enable you to draw from Yerriacotta and Pylney / exclusive of a small —"—

	S	L	T	N	D	F	P	Sepoys	Total	Total
Detail from Nellacotta /	1	2	6	11	1	2	2	135		170
To be drawn from Dindigul	2	2	9	4	2	2	3	117		130
	3	4	15	15	3	4	5	270		300

Thus

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Thus there will be left in Dindigul 3 1/4 26 20 2 3/4 26 1/4 Field Pieces 30 1/2 N D 50 Sepoys

with Captain Trotter Lieutenant Bagshaw, and Lieutenant Scott; or if you think proper, Lieutenant Scott may accompany you to the Field, and in this case you may either leave Captain Simons in charge at Pylney, or order him to join your Detachment as to you may appear most expedient.

With the Detail to be drawn from Dindigul you will immediately march to take such position as may to you appear most likely to check incursion of Marauders assembled on the western Frontier, and to preserve tranquillity, whilst you are drawing together the Field force before detailed, with which you will move close upon the western Frontier and Centrically to the Talooks of Yerracotta and Pylney.

You will on receipt hereof dispatch orders to Captain Robertson to march on the morning of the 11th Current / by which time you will either have reached your position or be sufficiently near it / and pursue his route to Trichenopoly with all possible expedition.

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In case of emergency, a Commanding Officer is by the regulations authorised to direct the immediate supply of any small Stores that may be required.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Com.g Sn. Drs.

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Copy of a Letter to Captain Riment
Commanding a Detachment of 76 M. 19th Foot

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 7th Curt. and have to request that you may leave at Negapatam a proportion of Tents and Dooleys mentioned in my letter of the 4th Instant for the accommodation of the Company on Board the Gustavus.

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ A. Brown
Lt. Col. Com.g Sn. Drs.

P.S

Oblige me by mentioning the name of the Officer Commanding the 5th Company, and, if within your knowledge its detailed strength.

N B

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N 13. Your speedy arrival here being of importance to the public Service, I have to request your halt at Negapatam may not be longer than necessary-

Copy of a Letter to Lieutenant Muirhead
Commanding a Detachment at
Namcul

Sir

With the Company under your Command you will be pleased to wait the arrival at Namcul of a party of Bengal Artillery which will proceed from hence on the 10th Inst. to join Lieutenant Colonel Read's Detachment.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) A. Brown
Lt. Col. Comg Srn Dr.

Trichenopoly
8th March 1799

Copy of a Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Read
Commanding Detachment &c

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that a Party of Bengal Artillery consisting of

Lt.	Sert	Corpl.	Gunr	Matos	1st Tindal.	2d Tindal.	Gun Lascars
1	1	1	2	12	1	1	28

will proceed

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proceed from hence to join your Detachment, and that leaving this the 10th or 11th which depends on their being settled with for the present issue of — Pay, the Lieutenant will be instructed to comply with any instructions he may receive from you on the march and in event of not hearing from you, to await your orders at Kistnaghery-

I this day by letter to Lieutenant Muirhead direct him to wait with his Company at Namcul the arrival of the Party-

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(signed) A. Brown
Lt. Col. Comg. 1st Dn.

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Copy of a Letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council that 4 Companies of

H. M. --

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H.M. 19th Foot under the command of Captain Vincent landed yesterday at Negapatam, and will proceed hither with all convenient expedition, — according to a Route and instructions I had forwarded to Negapatam to await the arrival of the Detach- = ment. In acknowledging the receipt whereof — Captain Vincent informs me that the 5th Company embarked on Board the Brig Gustavus, may be dayly expected.

I have the honor to transmit a Copy of the instructions I have received from the — Commander in Chief for my guidance in the — employment of the Force assembling under my — orders for Service in the Field; and to request you may acquaint the Right Honble the Governor — General in Council that I have received the — Commander in Chiefs Commands under date the 3d Curt. "to proceed to act upon those Instructions "by commencing Hostilities against Tippoo Sultaun "without loss of time, agreeable to the System of — "operations therein contained." and that although some little delay unavoidably takes place by reason

of

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of the unexpected call for Camp Equipage to the Company of Bengal Artillery, which arrived here yesterday, to the 5 Companies of H.M. 19th Foot, and to the 76th Regiment which occasions a temporary deficiency in cover for the Original Field Detachment, and of which I have advised the Commander in Chief, yet his commands shall be carried into execution with alacrity, and every possible expedition. And I trust to accomplish all the service required of the — Detachment in such time as to embrace all the objects desired by the Commander in Chief.

Trichenopoly
8th March 1799

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) A. Brown
Lt. Col. Comg. 5th Dn.

Copy of a Letter to Major General Brathwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that 4 Companies of H.M. 19th Foot under the — command of Captain Vincent landed yesterday at Negapatam, and will proceed hither with all convenient expedition according to a Route and instructions I had

forwarded

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I have the honor to transmit a Copy of the instructions I have received from the — " Commander in Chief for my Guidance in the — " employment of the Force assembling under my orders for service in the Field and to acquaint you that I have received the Commander in Chiefs' commands under date the 3d Curt. to proceed to act upon those instructions "by commencing hostilities against Tippoo "Sultaun without loss of time agreeable to the — " "System of operations therein contained" and that — " although some little delay unavoidably takes place by reason of the unexpected call for Camp — " Equipage to the Company of Bengal artillery which arrived here yesterday, to the 5 Compt. of H.M. 19th Foot, and to the 76th Regement which occasions a temporary dificiency in cover for the original — " Field Detachment, and of which I have advised the

Commander

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Commander in Chief yet his commands shall be carried into execution with alacrity and every possible expedition, and I trust to accomplish all the service required of the Detachment in such time as to embrace all the objects desired by the Commander in Chief.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
/signed/ A. Brown
Lt. Col. Comg. 1st. Dn.

Trichenopoly
8th. March 1799.

Copy of a Letter to J. Webbe Esqr.
&c. &c.

Dear Webbe

I am just now favored with your Letter of the 5th. Curt. advising change in the destination of the 76th. Regiment and I in consequence write this night to the Commanding Officer of Negapatam to send back the Camp Equipage intended for that Corps.

As the 76th. is composed chiefly of the old and invaluable 36th. Regiment, I had reckoned upon it in particular for important and lasting service, and had promised myself a pleasure in seeing the old and well remembered Faces in it again at Sattimingalum in more comfortable condition than on occasion of our last connection there.

If the change in its destination has arisen from an apprehension that its arriving late

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late at Negapatam might delay the progress of the Field Detachment to the westward, I beg to say it was my intention to have proceeded without waiting for it. and to have left — " Instructions for its coming on to Caroor, whence as that will ere long be made a Post in advance from Trichenopoly it could easily join the — " Detachment at Erode or else where in the Coim= =batoor; and unless His Lordship has any particular service for it in view, it would make me very happy if the letter directing its sailing from Negapatam to the Presidency could be recalled. The Commander in Chiefs instructions embrace a service of considerable extent. Caroor Erode and Coimbatoor must be Garrisoned and so I conceive — " must be Tallamungalum, to favor the conveyance of Provisions and Rice from Paulgautcherry by the Guzzieddy Pass to the army. This will very much diminish the strength and efficiency of my — " Detachment in the Field. With the 76th Regi= =ment 1500 Native Firelocks and Montgomery's Cavalry with half a dozen Field pieces I could move confidently in any direction and — "

render

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render important service after having established the authority of Government in Caroor and throughout the Coembatore; in collecting and conveying Grain &ca to the Army - But this I apprehend may not be in my power with the force that will be left with me after garrisoning the Posts it will be necessary to retain -

If the 76th can yet be spared to the service in the Southern Division means for its immediate movement to the Eastward will be left in Store here -

Four or at least three Medical men are extremely wanted in the Southern Division -

As matters are at present, Pollamcottah where, besides the Garrison, there are two families with Children, is without a Surgeon -

There are no means in the Southern Division to afford Medical assistance to Montgomery's Cavalry, a Detachment of 3 Companies of the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment the Pioneers - Gun Lascars the European Artillery of the Field Detachment, nor to Head Quarter Line - of course not any means of leaving in Caroor, Erode or Coimbatoor a Medical man; and in all which places sick Europeans and Natives must unavoidably be left. Take this our

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case into consideration and afford us what relief may be possible. I have written some days ago — officially on the subject to Major General Brathwaite.

If his Lordship might think proper to sanction the experement of a Telegraph, the effect could be ascertained between this and Canvor and the establishment maintained for two Months for less than 300 Pagodas and the range might either be extended or the matter dropt according to the effect produced.

/Signed/ A Brown.

Trichenopoly
8th March 1799.

Copy of a Letter to Lieutenant Douglas.
Commanding a Detachment Bengal Artillery under marching Orders.

Sir With the Detachment under your command you will proceed by the accompanying Route to Kistnagherry and place yourself under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Read, from whom you may perhaps receive instructions on your March, which you will

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of course employ with.

Lieutenant Muirhead with a Company of Native Infantry from the Bara Mahl is instructed to wait the arrival of your Detachment at Nameul and in event of his not having got there by the time you arrive, you will there wait his arrival.

You will receive this by an Hircarrah who will accompany you to shew the road to Nameul from whence upon your arrival you will be so good as send him back and the Havildar and six Sepoys who accompany your Detachment as a Guard over the articles in the victualling Department and to assist in obtaining what may be wanted for the Detachment on the road as in marching from Nameul with Lieutenant Muirhead's Company you will not want either Guard or Hircarrah.

wishing you a pleasant March

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) A. Brown
Lt. Col. Comg. Sub Dn.
Route

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10th March 1799

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Route to Kistnagherry

Trepalatory	9	11th March
Mooshauree	10	12th
Totium	9	13th
Vellapelly	12	14th
Namcul	9	15th
Mooncharidy	12	16th
Salem	14	19th
Woombaloor	12	20th
Tapoor	12	21st
Adamancotah	12	22d
Darampory	9	24th
Caramungalum	9	25th
Caverypatam	9	26th
Kistnagherry	9	27th
Computed	149	Miles.

Copy of a letter to Captain Vincent

Commanding Detachment of H.M. 19th Foot

Sir

I have no objection to your halting with your Detachment for a day at Tanjore according to intention mentioned in your letter of the 10th Curt. which I have the honor to acknowledge and to request you may be good enough to order the Naique of the Guard in charge of the Tents that

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were intended for the 76th Regiment and which — Lieutenant Saber writes me were to return with your Detachment to proceed hither with the Tents and should this Letter reach you at Poondy be good enough to direct the Nargue in marching from — that stage to pass Tanjour about 3 Miles and to — come on to Reddy pollum.

The Division order of this date will inform you respecting the sick who may be unable to take the Field, and a Subaltern party who are to move into Tanjore.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(signed) A Brown.
Lt. Col. Comg Sn Dv.

Trichenopoly
13th March 1799

Copy of a letter to Captain Evans
Commanding Detachment H.M. 19th Foot

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 18th Curt. which has relieved me from much anxiety on account of your Company with which I have to request you may proceed by the accompanying Route with the least possible delay to Trichenopoly, where you will find further —

instructions

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instructions for your Guidance. Captain Vincent having left at Negapatam a compliment of Camp Equipage for the accommodation of your Company, I have only to add in request that you may inform me of the day of your departure from Negapatam.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) A Brown
Lt Col. Com.g Sr. Dv.

Trichenopoly
20th March 1799

Route from Negapatam

To Kinaloor - 8 Miles
Toivaloor - 12 "
Amunpon - 10 - "
Arnachellum 10 "
Tanjore - - 11 - "
Boodalore - - 10
Kellacotta - 10
Trichenopoly 10
81 computed 8 Miles

Copy of a letter to Major General Brathwaite Commanding in the Carnatic

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letters of the 9th and 10th Curt. the former — inclosing

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enclosing a letter immediately delivered to Lieutenant Montgomery.

I regret very much my inability to meet the wish respecting Cillembaram as a Post mentioned in your letter of the 10th at Pallamcotta. Besides the Travancorians, there is only a Party of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment consisting of 4 Non Commissioned and 46 Privates with an European Officer and the Fort adjutant to give a detail to Tutacorin.

At Madura from the 1st of the 3d an European Officer with the Fort adjutant and 4 Non Commissioned and 36 Privates besides 5 Companies of Travancore auxiliaries; one of which I have been obliged to order here to enable Major Flenny with the 8 Companies of his Battalion to furnish two reliefs for the Guards of this Garrison which have been reduced to the lowest possible detail.

At Tanjour 8 Battalion Companies have been left with Major Innes; but these furnish a Company to the Collector at Mayaveram, and a Native officer and thirty men to the Collector at Trivaloor so that in fact this

Garrison

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Garrison consists of little more than 6 fr Companies of
his Battalion, with a Subaltern 2 Serjeants and thirty
Rank and file, of H M. 19th. Foot with the sicks of the
Detachment of that Corps, who on their march hither
will move into Tanjour tomorrow, you are lately
informed respecting the Corps in the Dendigul ~~—~~ v ~~—~~
District, and thus will perceive that the small
number of Troops in the Division, leaves it not in
my power to form a Detachment to occupy Chillumbrum
What with Nizam's Sirdars Coulcherry ~~—~~ v
people lately changed here, Country Correspondence and
a variety of interior matters, my time has been
so completely occupied that I have not had it in
my power to sit down to this letter until the hour
of dispatch of Tapal.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Trichenopoly
15th. March 1799

[Signed] A Brown
Lt. Col Comg 3d Div.

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Copy of a letter to Major General Brathwaite

&c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a letter this day received from Captain Lieutenant Tennell Acting Commissary of Stores, and to acquaint you that upon receiving a Verbal report from Captain Tennell this morning, of the circumstances therein stated, I sent for Mr. Conductor Gowdie who acknowledged his having been absent from the Stores as therein set forth, but having attempted to exculpate himself by asserting that Captain Tennell had dispensed with his attendance, which he confidently said he could prove by the testimony of Mr. Conductor Clark who was present on the occasion and of Pask Sergeant Wilson to whom, he said Mr. Clark had mentioned the circumstance, they were immediately sent for and in his presence questioned separately as to the points he had asserted, which they both positively contradicted.

On

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On this occasion having had opportunity to observe so much effronting in this unhappy man and insensibility of his wise conduct as to leave no hope whatever that reformation might be produced by any censure I might pass, or advice I might give him, and as there is reason to apprehend he might repeat his late outrageous conduct were he left at liberty, I have formally ordered him to consider himself under confinement in his house until the pleasure of my Superiors concerning him is known.

In concluding this disagreeable part of my duty I feel it incumbent on me, to state my opinion that Mr. Conductor Gowdie is extremely unfit, and wholly unworthy of his present situation, which occasionally involves important trust and great responsibility

I have therefore to request that Captain and acting Commissary Fennells' letter with this may be laid before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council-

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15th March 1799

I have the honor to be
&c &c.
/signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg. Forces Dpt.

Copy of a Letter to Major General Brathwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that a party consisting of 500 Horse and 300 Infantry who were detached from His Highness the Nizam's Army on the 2d Curt. under the command of — Mohomed Jemaul Cawn Lohani Bahauder and Mohomed Hoosen Cawn Bahauder arrived at Curtallum on the 12th Curt.

The only instructions I have received from the Head Quarters of the Army respecting them from the Adjutant General the 20th ultimo advising that a Party of His Highness the Nizam's Horse — about 500 would be dispatched from Camp in the course of three or four days, to join the force assembling in the Southern Division, in — acknowledging which on the 1st Curt., I begged to be

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be instructed respecting the manner in which the Nizam's Horse are to be subsisted, and regarding any terms that have been made with them.

To this letter I have not yet received any reply. On the arrival of the Party at Curtallum the Bahauder having demanded of Captain O Reilly Commanding there, to be supplied grates with Pots, firewood and Grass or Straw daily for the whole of their Party, three or four letters have passed between them and me upon the subject; theirs intimating that from the Nizam's Country until their arrival at Curtallum they had been furnished with these articles without paying for them - Mine acquainting them that the Company's Cavalry within the — Nabobs or the Companies Territories provided — themselves with wood from the Jungles and with Grass from the plains and when situation did not admit of that they purchased these Articles.

This communication proving unsatisfactory a deputation of four of their Sirdars have arrived here this morning bringing Letters from the Bahauders

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and two Letters from Captain Malcolm of the 4th
D° Cav.t intimating that the Bearer of one Mahomed
Ismaul Cawn Lohanie Bahader "Commands a
party ordered to join you he is a Chief of considerable
Repute." and the bearer of the other is "Mahomed
"Hoosen Cawn Bahauder or Brother in Law of the
"Nabob of Hannoud he commands an hundred
"Horse and some wretched Infantry" – This is all the
information I have had respecting them.

On the information of the Sirdars this
morning, that no grass cutters and Horsekeepers
only in the proportion of one to four or five
Horses have come with their Detachment, orders
orders from the Nabob's Culcherry have been
obtained and Dispatched to the Aumildars of Villages
in the neighbourhood of Curlalleum, to supply
the Nizam's Detachment daily with 500 small
bundles of straw and 30 Bundles of wood as Jungle
being close to their Camp. this measure appears
to be indispensably necessary to prevent their Horses
becoming incapable of Service, and I have been
induced

induced to adopt it from the additional consideration of the assurance given them by Captain Malcolm as they have stated to me, that they would have the means of obtaining these articles without paying for them.

The Sirdars having further stated that the Bahauders had been given to expect from the Company's Treasury in this quarter 30,000 Rupees as would appear by a letter in the possession of Mahomed Ismaul Khan Lohani Bahauder; and that the whole of the Money would not be required, but received in partial payments of 3 or 4000 Rupees according to their occasional wants. I have to beg you may lay this letter before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council with my request, should his Lordship think proper, that application may be made to His Highness the Nabob to pass an order to His Manager here to supply the above quantity of Straw and Firewood and that I may be honored with His Lordship's instructions relative to the 30,000 Rupees expected by

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by the Bahauders from the Company's Cash Chest,
and the terms on which the Party of the Nizam's
Troops are to serve with the Southern Detachment.

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I have the honor to be
&c &c

/Signed/ A Brown
Lt Col. Comg So.n Dv.n

Copy of a letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have to request you may acquaint
the Right Honble the Governor General in Council
that on receiving a letter last evening from Major
Ramney under date the 12.th Curt. I immediately
transmitted via Namcul and Hulnaghurry to
Lieutenant Colonel Close for the information of the
Commander in Chief a Duplicate of the Extract I
had the honor to transmit to you, and that
having a Duplicate of a Packet to his Lordship
which accompanied this by Express sent me by
Mr. Spencer &c Commissioners on the Coast of
Malabar, I sent it, after reducing the writing into
small

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smaller hand and compass, immediately dispatch it to the Commander in Chief through Lieutenant Colonel Read, now in the neighbourhood of Ryacotta; and for whose information it will be left open.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ A Brown
Lt Col.n Comg 5.th Do.

Of this date wrote nearly as above to —
major General Brathwaite.

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17.th March 1799

Copy of a letter to T. B. Hurdis Esq.r
Collector of Dindigul &c.a Districts

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 13.th Inst.t received at 10 o'Clock this forenoon by — Express, and have to acquaint you that I have — dispatched an order to Golam Hoosen Khan Bahauder / commander of a 100 Horse and 400 Infantry — from the army of his Highness the Nizam / to — march immediately from Curtallum with the force before mentioned to join the Detachment — under Major Lindsay whose instructions he is directed to obey — The Horse will have a powerful —

influence

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influence in keeping in check the refractory Poligars and I trust this reinforcement will enable Major Lindsay effectually to prevent any incursion of the rabble who are assembling on the western Frontier for the purpose of plundering the Company's Territories.

The Bahauder is instructed to march by the undermentioned route, and to acquaint me of the day he commences his march of which, I will give you immediate information, and have to request you may dispatch two or more confidential Hircarrahs to meet him at Sholeramboo or as much nearer to Curtallum as time and circumstances may admit, instructing your people to direct the Hircarrahs whom I have sent as guides to the Bahauders party to return to me.

They pay the established price of the Country for every thing they require excepting Grass, wood and Pots, with which according to custom which had previously obtained, they have been furnished since their arrival at Curtallum on the 12th Inst. since which they have

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have been so orderly I have not received a single complaint against them, tho' they have been much straitned on the score of supplies, particularly of Grain, the Crop in that quarter having failed for want of rain –

Golam Hoosen Khan is Brotherinlaw to the Nabob of Kannoul and by a letter he brought me from Captain Malcolm has the reputation of – being a good Soldier –

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca

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/Signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg 3rd Dn.

Route from Curtallum.

To Ootragapettah 12 Miles
Chintamingpetty 12 "
Goosliamparry – 12 "
Vaydasandoor – 13 "
Shoolerumboo – 10½ "
Yerreacottah – 10½ "
Veerapacher – 20 "
Pylney – 15 "

110 Computed Eng.h Miles –

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Copy of a Letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit —
Statements of the Southern Field Detachment
of Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the —
Ordnance and Store Departments, and of the
Monthly Expence attending the Detachment,
with a Memorandum of Cash which with the
permission of Government may be applied to —
defray it.

The Expence which appears to be
incurred in addition to the statement I had
the honor to transmit to Major General —
Brathwaite, to be laid before Government some
time ago, is occasioned by the addition of the
Detachment of 76 Mt. 19th Foot, which not being
then in expectation, was not provided for, and
by the change of heavy ordnance from Brass
to Iron which has been adopted at the —

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earnest recommendation of the Commanding
Officer of Artillery, by reason of the more —"
effectual and expeditious service they will —"
perform, which will more than counterbalance
the additional expence of their temporary attach-
=ment, a consideration which enduced me to
accede to the recommendation, which I hope
may meet with the approbation of the —"
Right Hon^ble the Governor General in Council,
for whose information I have the honor to —"
acquaint you that the 5th Company of H.M.
19th Foot having landed at Negapatam is now
on it's march hither where it may be expected
to arrive on the 1st April, and that the equipment
of the Field Detachment being nearly completed
it is my intention to proceed with it towards —"
Caroor on the 28th Inst. leaving Lieutenant Montgo-
=mery here with the Cavalry to complete some
parts of it's equipment which he expects to have
finished early in the ensuing month, when
he will join the Detachment at Caroor and

instructions

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instructions for the guidance of Captain Evans with the —"
5.th Company of the 19.th Foot to join the detachment at —"
Curtallum —

The unprepared state of the Cavalry and —"
absence of the 5.th Company, would have induced me to
remain a few days until both might have moved off
with the Detachment but that its progress westward
becomes expedient to check a refractory spirit which has
for some time been apparent in some of the Poligars, and
to deter a numerous body of Peons assembled on the —"
western frontier with some irregular Horse under the —"
prescribed Lukkia Naick known to be in league with
the disaffected Poligars, and threatening an irruption into
the Talooks of Pylney and Yermacotah in the Dendigul
District.

The movement of the field Detachment
to Curtallum will probably effect these two objects, and
upon inspection should the party of the Nizam's Horse
now there, and of whom I have very unfavorable
reports promise to be equal to the service of covering
our Cattle during operations against Caroor, I will
proceed with the Detachment thither; if not, it will
be expedient to wait at Curtallum, which is halfway

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to Carvor, the junction of Lieutenant Montgomery's Cavalry, in equipping which, he is extremely assidu= ous and equally so in bringing the Troopers and Horses into Train.

As I do not find that I am — authorised, by your letter of the 13th. Ultimo, to direct the disposal of any part of the Southern Revenue, I have to request I may be honored with the — sanction of the Right Honble the Governor-General in Council, to direct the application of such proportion of it, as may be required to discharge the Monthly Expences of the Garrisons, in the Southern Division, and of the Field Detachment.

Should the Right Honble the — Governor General in Council be pleased to have consideration for the increased expence which my situation on the Staff, and at the Head of so — considerable a Detachment must unavoidably — occasion, I have to request I may be authorised to draw an allowance similar to that granted to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, when in the command

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of the Nizam's Detachment, or such other allowance as to his Lordship may seem proper.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/signed/ A Brown

Lt. Col. Com.g Sn. Dv.

Trichenopoly
25th. March 1799.

P.S.

I have this instant /5 P.M./ letters from Mr. Collector Hurdis of yesterday's date, and written at 10 A.M. 2 P.M. & 6 P.M. in the first instance advising the arrival of two Scons who had brought accounts of Yerreacottah having been attacked by Tippoo's people under Gazulawn and Lukkia Naick, and the miscreants in league with them in the second instance advising that he had just then received accounts that the enemy had been driven from the Fort with considerable loss, and that their numbers were computed at 1500 and in the 3d instance advising receipt of a letter from the Native Officer in charge at Yerreacottah written at 11 A.M. 24th Curt. mentioning that the enemy were again collecting to attack. Mr. Hurdis

further

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further informs me that by the information he had — "
sent on the 21.st Curt. to Major Lindsay, who with 300
Sepoys of his Battalion was in a moving Camp in
the neighbourhood of Pylney, he has no doubt of the
Major's arriving in time to save Veeracottah and
expel the Banditte, if the Sibendy Troops at that
post can hold out until this day.

/signed/ A Brown.

Of this date wrote as above to Major
General Brathwaite

Copy of a letter to Major General Brathwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic

Sir, I have the honor to transmit a — "
List of appointments necessary towards execution
of the Field Duties of the Detachment under my
direction, which I request you may have the — "
goodness to lay before the Right Hon.ble the Governor
General in Council with such support as the — "
necessity of the appointments, and propriety of — "
the recommendations may appear to you to merit.

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In support of the recommendations the nomination whereof I would in deference have left to my Superiors but for circumstances in connection with the War reducing the number of Officers at their immediate disposal I beg permission to state that Gillum is a very zealous and meritorious Officer, under whose management the grain Department will be correctly conducted and Mr. Hawkins thereby relieved from a weighty Office, will be enabled to give the requisite attention to the other Departments under his charge.

Lieutenant De Havilland is an Officer of superior ability, in the line of his Profession with an uncommon share of Zeal and activity, which give reasonable expectation of important Service from his exertions as a Surveyor.

To the ordnance and Store Depart-ment, responsibility and importance with constant labor attaches to the person in charge, and the opportunity which two years connection with Mr.

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Mr. Conductor Johnson, in charge of the ordnance and Stores at Dindigul, affords me to judge of his conduct and charactor, I can recommend him as an able, zealous, and honest man, who well ably and consciously discharge the Duties of the Office, and who will not from articles placed under his charge draw towards himself the value of a fanam or of any larger sum that may be turned to the public Account.

The Sub conductor and Park Serjeant in the ordnance Department are indispensably necessary, and the persons named from the Invalid Artillery having bodily strength and constitution sufficient to enable them to discharge the Duties, are recommended because of their knowledge from former practice in these Stations.

To the 1st and 2d Gridanier Battalions the appointment of Officers to act as Adjutant is indespensably necessary to conduct and regulate the details for duty, immediately to superintend the

discipline

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discipline, to make out reports, Returns and other Official papers of the Corps, and as this involves considerable responsibility and labor, I would consider myself favored by their being permitted to draw the established allowances annexed to the Office.

As the Duties of a Baggage Master appear to me in some respects better suited to the Rank of a Sergeant than of an Officer and in this way likely to be executed with more advantage to the service, I made application to the Officers Commanding the 1st Division of the 1st & 2d Division 2d European Regiments for a Sergeant of perfect sobriety, good temper, robust constitution, activity, and ability to ride which they were given to understant was an indespensable requisite; and Sergeant Anthony Daly having been recommended to me by the Commanding Officer of the 2d Division 2d Regement as

possessing

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possessing all these qualifications, I have to request — that I may be authorised by Government to appoint him with an allowance of twenty Pagodas ℘ month which will effect a considerable saving in that De=partment, which is commonly held by a Com=missioned Officer, having a Baggage Master Serjeant attached to him; and that I may be further authorised to mount the Baggage Master upon one of the Supernumerary Horses, under charge of Lieutenant Montgomery, with whose troop it may be fed=

An Adjutant being much wanted for the Detachments of the Bengal and Coast — Artillery now united, I beg to recommend for the appointment with the established allowances Lieutenant Hetzler of the Bengal Artillery, who has been regularly bred at Woolwich and has served 16 years in India with credit, as I have been assured, to himself=

The appointment of Engineer Serjeant Quarter Master Serjeant, and Serjeant Major to

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the Detachment are very requisite; and men the —"
most likely to discharge the Duties have been —"
recommended.

It had almost escaped me to request
your favorable support to the recommendation of
Lieutenant Bagshaw to command the corps of —"
Pioneers, with the additional Pay usually annexed
to the appointment, the duties whereof I think
he will discharge with advantage to the Service;
the scarcity of Officers in the Southern Division
has occasioned me to look to him, and altho' it
removes him from a Staff appointment, it has
been reconciled by consideration of the uncommon
steadiness and respectability of the Serjeant Major
of Dindigul/ young/ who is very capable and
may be depended on for performance of all Duties
during the absence of the Fort Adjutant.

As the Fort adjutancy of Trichinopoly
becomes vacant by the late promotion of Captain
Harry Smith, who moves as Secretary with me

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to the field, I have found it necessary to appoint Lieutenant James of the 2.d Division of the 2.d — Regiment European Infantry to act as Fort — Adjutant until the pleasure of Government is — known, and in which he has with perfect deference and propriety acquiesced, though much against his inclination as it draws him from a Corps which is under orders for the Field. By the application and ability he possesses it may be — expected that in discharge of the Duties of his Office he will give satisfaction to his Superiors, and as by the charge he has of invalids, Pensioners and numerous families of those in the field the duties of his Office are additionally arduous in time of war, I beg you may have the goodness to recommend him to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council towards his being confirmed in the appointment with the established allowances annexed to the Office from the time of his commencing upon the Duties of it

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I have the honor to transmit a letter addressed to me by Captain Vincent — " commanding a Detachment consisting of 5. Companies of H. M. 19th Foot which I request you may lay before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, towards enabling me to give him the information he requires on the subject of Superior Batta, to which I believe he is entitled by the usage of the Service. And as an Adjutant and a Quarter Master are indispensably necessary to the Detachment of H. M. 19th Foot. I beg to recommend that the Officers / Lieutenants Vilant and Vincent / who have been acting since the Detachment landed at Negapatam, may be permitted to draw the established allowances annexed to — " these Offices.

I have the honor to acquaint you that the 5th Company of H. M. 19th foot landed at

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at Negapatam a few days ago and is now on its march hither.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ A Brown

Lieut.t Col.o Comg. Sn. Dr.

Trichenopoly
25th. March 1799.

P. S.

I have the honor to transmit a letter from Lieutenant Montgomery, received after this had been closed and to recommend Lieutenant — Simpson as the fittest Subaltern in the Division; and whose Superior capacity, Zeal and application to his present readiness in matters of detail promise soon to add all the other qualifications required to discharge the duties of the appointment therein mentioned and for which I have the honor to — request you may have the goodness to recommend him to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council.

/Signd/ A Brown

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Copy of a letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

For the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council I have the honor to acquaint you that I have just now received a letter from Major Lindsay of the 24th Inst. advising that in consequence of information he had received from Mr. Collector Hurdis of the intended attack upon Yerra-Cottah, he had with his Detachment then in the neighbourhood of Pylney by forced marches reached Yerreacottah at 5 o Clock in the evening of the 24th when he learned that an attack had been made upon that Post early in the morning by a Banditte — assembled under the proscribed Lukkia Naick, whose numbers were variously reported to be from 5 to 1500. amongst whom the Peons of the Verapatchy Polygar were reported to have been. The loss of the assailants is also variously reported to have been from 5 to 10. killed, and from fifteen to twenty wounded. Of the Revenue Sibendies who defended the Post one has been

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been killed and one wounded. And a letter I have just now received from Mr. Hurdis of the 25th. Curt. expresses his expectation that the Polygar Banditte by the movements of Major Lindsays Detachment will be deterred from making any further attack for the present on Yerracotta, and that tranquility will in some degree be restored to the District.

On the 19th. Curt. having received an express letter from Mr. Hurdis under date the 18th. mentioning his having received information of a numerous Banditte assembling on the Western Frontier of the Yerriacolah Talook and that he was under apprehension for its safety, I sent for four of the Nizams Sirdars who were then here on a visit from Curtallum whether they were on the point of returning, and having explained to them my reasons for wishing Golaum Hoosen Caun Bahauder with his 100 Horse and the — infantry under his Command to move into the Dindigul District, to join Major Lindsays Detachment

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Detachment. On taking leave they proceeded to Curtallum, and I immediately wrote Golaum Hoosen Cawn again explaining my reasons, and directing him to march with the party under his Command, and by a Route, which went enclosed, leading by Yerracotah towards the Detachment under Major Lindsay, to whom and to Mr. Hurdis I sent the Bahauder letters of introduction, and they were conveyed by two Hircarrahs who, he was informed would shew the road mentioned in the Route. By the Hircarrahs I sent a letter also to Jemaul Mahomed Cawn Lohani Bahauder, who is the Superior and Commands the Party from the Nizam's Army, advising him of the instructions I had sent to Golaum Hoosen Cawn, explaining my reasons, and expressing my expectation that he would expedite his departure. Of all which by Tappal of the 19th. I sent official intimation to Mr. Hurdis, whose express letter had reached me at 10 A.M. enclosing him a Copy of the Route and requesting

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requesting him to send Hircarrahs to meet Golam Hoosen's Party at a stage pointed out - on the 21st having received answers from both the Bahaudars returning my letters to Mr. Hurdis, and Major Lindsay, and intimating that although by the instructions they had received they could not seperate or move from the situation they were then in, until they had seen me, yet at meeting I should find them ready to obey any orders I might give. I communicated my disappointment to Mr. Hurdis and Major Lindsay and would have communicated the circumstance to you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council but that I was unwilling to intrude upon the notice of Government an unpleasant circumstance, that would not have been of any consequence, but for the attack upon Yerracottah, which the movement of Golam Hoosen's Party most probably would have prevented.

Matters in equipment of the Field Detachment having been a good deal pressed in point of means and time, to bring them forward, I find it will be advisable to defer commencement of its progress to the westward until the 29th instant

to

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To take a General Muster of the Public Followers and of the draft and Carriage Bullocks attached to Corps and Departments.

Trichenopoly
26th March 1799

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) A Brown
A.D.C. Comg Sn Dv.

Of this date wrote as above to
Major General Brathwaite.

Copy of a letter

To Major A Lindsay.
Commanding troops in the District of Dendigul.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters the last under date the 26th inst. is just now come to hand, and I congratulate you on the Effect the approach of your Detachment must have produced, in preventing a second attack upon Yerreacotta, by the Poligar Bandits, who by a letter from the Naseldar them assembling and threatened a nother attack though of the loss they had sustained on the first attack was nearly as many as reported to you, I think it is very impossible that they would rally so soon, or that they will again attack that post

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post. I shall march hence with the Field Detachment on the 29th. and I think it is probable that its' approach towards Carvor, will check the refractory Poligars and cause the Banditte in the Western frontier to disperse.

I observe what you suggest respecting the throwing into Verracottla 100 Regular Sepoys and posting at Pybuey the remainder of the Detachment upon which subject after giving it due Consideration I will have the honor to write you.

Mr. Hurdis will have advised you of the endeavour I made on the 19th. Curt. to send a Hundred horse and 400 Infantry to your Detachment and of my having been disappointed. On meeting the Sirdars at Curtallum I have all hopes of prevailing on them to detach a party of their horse to join you.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg 3rd Dn.

Trichenopoly
26th. March 1799

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Copy of a Letter to T. B. Hurdis Esq.r
Collector of Dindigul &.c Districts

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 24.th and 25.th Curt. and to congratulate you on the steady behaviour of your Sybendies in repelling the attack made upon their Post at Yerracottah by the Poligar Brantilly, and preserving it until supported by Major Lindsay from whom I have a letter after his arrival at 5 in the evening of the 24.th mentioning that of the assailants the reports of whose numbers were variously stated to be from 5 to 1500, some five or six were killed, and, as also variously reported from 10 to 20 wounded, one of the Sybbendies having been killed and one wounded, this I hope will deter the miscreants from making any further attempt for some time, and as the Field Detachment will move from hence on the 29.th Curt. towards Caroor, I trust the tranquillity of your Districts will be thereby ensured.

I have the honor to be
&.c &.c
/signed/ A Brown
Lt Col Comg Sn Dn

Trichenopoly
26.th March 1799.

P.S

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P.S.

On the report of the Tasildar of Yerra-
-cotta Major Lindsay informs me that spons of the
Verapatchy Poligar were amongst the assailants.

As Mr. Paymaster Hawkins will
have the means of carrying with the Detachment
cash to defray two months expences without drawing
upon your treasury, I have to request you may comply
with Mr. Paymaster Hughes's Indent for cash to make
his disbursement for this month.

(Signed) A Brown.

Copy of a Letter to Stephen Lushington Esqr.
Collector of Ramnad &c. Districts

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the —
receipt of your letter of the 24th Inst. and to acquaint
you that the 19000 P.N. Pagodas received from your
Treasury with Cash supplied by Messrs. Torin Grant, and
Balmain enabling Mr. Paymaster Hawkins to —
carry with the Field Detachment which will —
proceed towards Carroor on the 29th, the means of —
defraying two months Expenditure it was not my

intention

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intention to have called upon you for any further supply for some time, trusting that, agreeably to instructions the Secretary of Government writes me, you have received, you would in the Interim communicate to me the state of your Cash, and which I have to request you may favor me by reporting occasionally.

As recent claims of the Party from the Nizams army now serving in this Division for Cash, the amount whereof is not yet ascertained, will increase the expence of the Field Detachment, I have to request you may supply to the amount of 5000 Star Pagodas, and that you may forward that sum addressed to Mr. Hawkins Paymaster at Trichenopoly at whose Office instructions will be left respecting it.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ A Brown
Lt Col. Comg Sn Dn

Trichenopoly
27th March 1799

Copy of a Letter to Major General Brathwaite
Commanding the Army in the Carnatic

Sir,

In addition to the appointments of the Field Detachment under my direction, which I had the honor to recommend in my letter of the 25th Inst.

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I have to request you may have the goodness to make application to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council towards my being permitted to appoint a Sergeant Major to the 1st and 2d Grenadier Battalion in order to the regular and expeditious circulating of orders in these Corps making out reports Returns &c &c and to perfecting their efficiency.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg the 1st Dn.

Trichenopoly
27th March 1799

Copy of a Letter to Alexander Read Esqr.
Assistant Collector Ahtoor

Sir,

I have received your two letters the last yesterday by Surva Tim Row, who is instructed to proceed with the Southern Field Detachment, which marches towards Carvor on the 29th Inst.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ A Brown
Lt. Col. Comg 1st Dn

Trichenopoly
27th March 1799

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Copy of a Letter to Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident Tanjore &c.

Sir,

I am very glad to find the redress I have obtained for the Rajahs aggrieved subjects has been found satisfactory to his Excellency, and to you, it went further than might have been reckoned on at the commencement of the undertaking, and I hope will prevent similar cause for future Complaints.

You have a fair claim, by your ready assistance in every way to know all circumstances in connection with the Field Detachment which moves the 29th towards Caroor, I will have the pleasure to send you detailed Statement at an early day in the mean time the following will inform you of an Expenditure monthly.

		P.S.P.	P.N.P.
March 21st Cash in the Chest		17000	19000
Advances which are to be deducted from one of next Month's Pay	4713.		
	21713.		
expected in the course of a few days from Mr. Grant and Mr. Balmain	30000		
	51713.		
Exchange on 19000 at 2 ¾ Cent	15702	20.	
	67415	20.	
From Mr. Torin Monthly	11,000		
Mr. Grant Do	11,000		
Mr. Balmain Do	11,000		

Monthly Disburt. 40,000
Deduct family Subsist. 7000
33000
Deduct in this of Balance 2756.
30424.

N.B. This deduction will continue for 4 Months 1500 Coss of Rice Pday to Coss Peons expected to join the Detachments and a Monthly sum which may become payable to the Rajah's Troops not included in the above.

Since

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Since my last no accounts from or of the Army -- I will have a pleasure in communicating to you in any information worth your knowing.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ A Brown

Lt Col. Comg Sn Dn

Trichenopoly

27th March 1799.

Copy of a Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Commanding a Detachment &c &c

Sir.

The Detachment under my direction — having marched from Trichenopoly Plain yesterday Morning, to carry into effect the instructions I have received from the Commander in Chief, of which you have a Copy - I have to acquaint you that it is my intention, after taking possession of Caroor and — establishing it as a post to move with the Detach- =ment against Navanacoarchy, and either to occupy or destroy the Fort as circumstances may direct.

Although this measure is not — expressed in the Commander in Chiefs' instructions, it becomes indispensibly necessary in order to secure the

tranquillity

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tranquillity of the Southern provinces, with the District of Dendigul which is at present threatened by a numerous body of Peons, with 40 Horse assembled in the Western Frontier, under the direction of the prescribed Luckia Naigue, who is supported by a Circar of Tippoo Sultaun; and abetted by the Poligar of Verapatchy, who with other poligars in the — Dindigul District, are in close correspondence with Luckia Naigue and have furnished him and — Gazee Cawn who is with him on the part of the Sultaun, with a Considerable body of Armed Rons with whom he made an attack on the Fort of Yerriacottah, in the North west quarter of the Dindigul District on the 24th. Curt. and was — beat off with the loss of about 15 Killed and — double that number wounded and amongst the former two near Relations of the Verapatchy Poligars they now threaten an attack upon Palney, which has occasioned the Inhabitants to retire into the Interior— This must be attended with some loss of Revenue, which would soon — become Complete; was the influence of the Sultaun

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left to exist and encourage the Inroads of the miscreant Bandititte, assembled in that quarter. From avaracouchy it is my intention either to proceed direct to Erode or to take Daraporam in my way as circumstances may direct, and after establishing a Post at Erode either to form a junction with you, should it be necessary, to give certain escort to the Great Body of Benjarries, or to march against Coimbatore in order to possess myself of the Resources of the District and the means of collecting supplies for the Army – all this however must depend on the call there may be for the service of this Detachment, to escort the — " Benjarries – You probably are acquainted with the quantity of Rice carried on with the Army, and of course how long they can subsist upon it — Should the time admit of my embracing the foregoing objects, of securing our own Countries, by attaching progressively from their western Frontier of the Coimbatore the — " operation will no doubt to you appear sufficiently important to warrant a delay, in forwarding the Benjarries should they require the additional escort

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of this Detachment.

Arriving at Curlallum tomorrow the Detachment will be detained two or perhaps three days to fill up Rice in the Victualling Department and to arrange with the Commander of the Nizam's Troops, to send a Detachment of his horse into the Dindigul District - After establishing Post at Carour and the authority of the English Circar at — Avaracouchy, and Daraporam, the Detachment I think will be in possession of Erode on or before the 28th of next month — A Tappal is established from Trichenopoly to Sankerry drog and Ryacotta via Curlallum and Namcul and will take its course by Carour when in our possession.

You shall be kept regularly informed of our operations and progress, and I will hope for similar communications from you.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) A Brown
Lt Col Com.g Sn Dr.

Camp at Poyamooney
30th March 1799

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Copy of a letter from Mr. Collector Hundes to Lieutenant Colonel Brown,

dated Camp near Jewandepelly 30th. March 1799.

Sir

The letters I have had the honor of — addressing you on the state of the Western Poligars of this District, have probably detailed sufficient of their Conduct to shew the little dependance that can be placed on — them — Serious however as the Conduct of Verepatchee, and those in Connection with him, and under his influence may be, it is still less so in comparison with the distructive consequences likely to result from the Assembly of the Western Poligars of Tippoo's Country, at and near Darapooram — Disappointed in their — attempt on Yerracotta and in check from the movements of Major Lindsay from thence to the Frontier they are now and have been several days past doing all they can to collect the Peons of their own Poligars in addition to their own Husband peons and to give greater —

appearance

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appearance of force they have added two small guns to their Assembly and a party of Rocket Boys — the whole of this Assembly is at Daraporam and Colingawaddy

Had we only the external Enemy — it is possible the present Detachment fully equipped might be equal to it — but a knowledge of the treachery of — Verapatchie, and thence the almost certainty of his influencing his son in law the Mongolum Poligar and his Cousin the Pericotta and Talinga Poligar to act with the Sultans Cooties, himself at the same time refusing — supplies — which the Detachment would be unequal (in his present extensive state of preparation) to force from him — endependent of his Influence over others of Dindigul and Manapoor place the safety of the — Western or North, and North Eastern Districts in a state of much danger, so much so — that in my opinion unless we have effectual Assistance speedily sent either Pylney or Terriatta and the N.E. Polliums must be lost.

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The Yours and Head Inhabitants of Aravacoorchie Darapoor and Wanggain Know from — themselves are anxious for the arrival of our Troops — the Polligars particularly Selly had withheld their quotas of Peons in expectations of our taking possession of the Country but the unavoidable delay of the Southern — Detachment added to the treats of Ghage Cawn and the Dewans have induced those unenfluenced by Dereputchee to furnish part of the numbers demanded — and should the plundering parties once be formed difficult indeed will be the work of putting and end to them, and this difficulty will arise more from their knowledge of our present numbers, which will be their security than from the immediate strength of their own.

Plunder and Murder on the — Northern Frontier of Pylney has already been most barbarous-ly committed the extent I am not yet informed of.

I have the honor to be

H.S. H.S.

(Signed) I. B Hurdis

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Copy of a letter from Major Lindsay
to Lieutenant Colonel Brown

dated camp near Connacumpully 3d. April 1799.

Sir

I had the honor to write you on the 30th. ultimo from a Village 3 Mal. miles West of Yerriottah reporting the Advices I then received of the Poligars under Daraporam having been summon= =ed by a Buckshee of the Nabob of Mysore to Assemble their peons and be ready to act as they might be ordered and requesting such a Reinforcement as would enable me to preserve the Distrct from their devastation.

In consequence of these advises, and that Sylney would likely be their first object I marched on the 1st to the Westward passing through about 16 miles of Verapatchee's country as I could not depend on obtaining supplies in it without resorting to force.

Since

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Since My arrival in this Quarter I have been again assured of the Polygars having assembled and I am further informed that they have proved dilatory in furnishing their quotas of men and are averse to the committing of Hostilities — but how long they may be of this disposition it is impossible to say and it is pretty certain that nothing is wanting to put them in motion but the junction of some of Tippoos Regulars, whose Arrival has been expected, so it is rumoured for some time past.

As soon as the Trichinopoly Field Detachment shall have made farther progress, there is reason to think that many of the Polygars will resort to you for bowl, that Verepatchee will cease from open acts of rebellion, and that the out laws Luckea Naig, Lauder, Mootoo Sheregar and others will be deprived of their present support — and sink into their former insignificancy.

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These leaders of Banditti continue their cruel desultory Inroads, but as far as I have — learned have not entered a Village where peons are stationed, and confine their acts of spoil and — murder to defenceless Hamlets against their depradations and blood shedding. the former system of having a chain of Posts to protect the country is the best that can be adopted in my humble opinion, and ought to be reverted to as soon as the state of Affairs may permit.

Your long acquaintance with the Southern Poligars will readily suggest to you the — reason why in my reports I am found to make — different representations, at different times because the persons to whom the representations refer from — their natural fickleness and deceit are inconsistent in their conduct.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

(Signed) A Lindsay

Comg. Detach.t 1st 13th 7th Regts

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Copy of a Letter to J. B. Hurdis

&c &c &c

Sir,

On the 1st Curt. the bearer brought me — a Duplicate of your letter of the 30th. ultimo, and the — original by Tappal came to hand last evening.

On arriving with the Detachment at Curtallum on the 31st ultimo, in personal communication with Ismaiul Mahomed Cawn Bahauder and — Golaum Hussein Cawn Bahader I endeavoured, but in vain to persuade them to detach 100 of their horse to join Major Lindsay. It appears from the manner in which this patty from the Nizam's Army is composed of Silledars having dependant upon them six eight, and ten Horse men to whom they are under particular engagements, that the Bahaders have it not in their power to carry into effect any order for Detachment occasioning a separation for above one or two days — This is particularly unfortunate, as it deprives me of the only means to send you the immediate assistance you so anxiously require.

To

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Fort St. George 6th August 1799

To have detached / on receipt of your letter as I otherwise would / such assistance from the Force with me would frustrate the Plan laid down to me by the instructions of the Commander in Chief.

By Division orders of the 30th ultimo you will have been informed that a Company of the Travancore auxiliaries is directed to move from — Madura to Dindigul where I expect they will arrive in two or three days hence — From what — I saw of the Company which arrived at Trichenopoly they are very promising Troops, and as this will — enable Major Lindsay to draw immediately from the Garrison of Dindigul 100 Firelocks from his own Battalion to reinforce your Sibendys at Pylney and Yerracollah, I trust that this post by the checking influence also of his Detachment will not run any immediate risk from the Banditte, whose — Barbarity upon the Frontier Villagers could only be effectually prevented by a Force moving to disperse them.

To

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Fort S.t George 6.th August 1799

To give Major Lindsay the means of advancing nearly the whole of the disciplined part of his Battalion towards the frontier, two Companies of Travancore Troops are directed to move from Pallamcottah to Dindegul by division orders of this date.

Possession of Caroor, which will be summoned on the 6.th and from the information I have, will not make much resistance, most probably will operate in relief to the Dindigul District, should it not have full effect a Detachment will be named from Caroor to disperse the Banditte, and ensure the Tranquillity of the District — — until the junction of the foregoing reinforcements — from Pallamcotta may enable Major Lindsay to — make an effectual Disposition for that end of the Force that will then be with him.

Should Caroor surrender to summons, of which I have some expectation, you shall be immediately informed Messengers from you to Caroor can arrive in less then 18 hours - write me daily how matters stand, the number of the Banditte - their situation - and in case of necessity of a Detachment from Caroor, send me the route by which it may move in the way most likely to come upon them with advantage.

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The Major Complains of being without any supply of Rice for his Detachment, and without Bazar men that he is forced, to depend for subsistence on the precarious supply that may be met with at each halting place. as I believe it is in your power to ameliorate that part of this situation, I am persuaded you will.

It was my intention that the letter I am about to write Major Lindsay by the Bearer should have contained the whole of the foregoing; but interruptions from the Nizams and Londemans people /850 of whom joined me in the evening before last/ put it out of my power, and as it is probable you will still be with him, I request you may shew this to him, or send it to him in event of your being separate.

The last accounts from the Army one of the 22d ultimo when they were at Khan Khanally two marches from the Capitab.

Camp near
Mootoo Mahadanapooram
3d April 1799

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ A Brown
Lt Col. Comg Sw. Dv.

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G. M

5103 Fort St. George 6th. August 1799.

Copy of a letter to Josiah Webbie Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that the Garrison of Caroor has this day surrendered to the Southern Field Detachment.

It consisted of a Killadar and Phauzdar with 230 Footie Peons who have been disarmed and sent a dift.

By the Inoculeedies account which I had interpreted on taking possession, there is very little Circar property in the Fort but there is a considerable quantity of Circar Grain in the Naughbouring Villages and some Balances due to the Circar which if Gam — rightly informed may be realized, and attention on my part shall not be wanting as my hopes of effectuating, recovering, and establishing

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a just and fair Zemabundy are happily sustained
by means of a Sirristadar Shiva Sinnow) supplied
by Captain William Macleod under sanction of
the Commander in Chief, and whose abilities
with the Character for uncommon Intigrity he
brings with him, promise to bring matters in
that Line into a state to admit of my proceeding
hence on the 9th Current to prosecute the Plan
laid down to me in the instructions of the
Commander in Chief of which I have had the
honor to transmit to you a Copy. and in the
interim measures will be taken to Collect and
bring to ascertained account the circar Grain,
to bring forward Rice collected and left at —
Cuttallum and effectually to establish Caroor
as a Post in advance of Trichy. and as a
safe Depot for which it is well suited from
the Strength it acquires from a very deep though
dry Ditch and a perfect Glacis which in every
part observes the Wall, with the Exception only
of

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of about three feet of the Parapets—

In appology for this hasty —"
production and in the wish to obtain his —"
Lordships indulgent consideration for Inaccu=
=racies, I beg to say that the Fort was —"
summoned this morning at 7 A. M. that
owing to a stupid obstinacy in the Killadar
and Pouzdar, who permitted the Garrison —"
to fire repeatedly on the subidar who was
advanced with a Flag of Truce and my —"
Instructions to summons them to surrender,
it became necessary to bring from Camp
on the South side of the Ambrady River Two
Battalions and the Piquet with two 18 pounders
Compleatly to invest the Fort and to lay
down the Fire, this operation owing to the —"
difficulty in getting the heavy Guns down
and up the steep Banks of the River was
not completed untill 2 P. M. when the —"
Fort was in all directions invested and

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the heavy Guns brought to a possession within 250 yards of the Gate, The Subidar was sent to the Killadar that either the Gate must instantly be put in our possession or the Killadar and Pouzdar must immediately Come to me at the place where I had been about 400 yards from the Fort) ever since the first Conference excepting the time employed to Post the investing Corps, or the Guns would be instantly opened This had the Effect the Killadar accompanied with the Pouzdar came out to me and after a very short conferance were sent back to open the Gate of the Fort, from whence I am but now 4 P.M. returned after having the Moolcerdies accounts of the Public property interpreted and left with the Officer placed in Charge — the day was felt to be extremely hot and pressed the youngest of these employed on the service.

I will have the honor to write

you

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you before the Detachment moves at more
length.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Caroor 5.th April 1799.

(Signed) A.J Brown Lieut.l Col.e
Commanding S.r D.n

of this date written as above to Major General
Brathwaite

Copy of a letter from Mr. Collector Hurdis to Lieutenant
Colonel Brown dated Motepollam 6.th April 1799

Sir

I am this instant favored with
your letter of the 3.rd Instant and I am extreemly
obliged by the measures you have taken to
keep these Provinces quiet.

The fall of Cavoor will most
likely check the restless Polygars on the North
and Eastern Frontiers of Dindgul, but the —
Capture of Avericoorche is necessary to the quiet of
Dindigul, and I have information that the
Husham

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Hushaun Peons have orders to collect under the disaffected Poligars to assist them in plundering the Country.

The Palney Frontier in spite of every Vigilance has been severely harassed by the same barbarous Banditte as in September last, aided by the peons of Verepatchee and the Sackraghenny Columbum and Dindigul Dewans people, on the 2.d Inst Peons fell in with them attacked beat them and drove them to Columbum killing many of them (report says 50 or 60 killed and wounded, 8 we are sure of killed) and taking two Horses among the killed was a Mussulman of some respectability - I apprehend him to have been the Amildar.

The Man calling himself Nabob is with his Rabble at Cango Connevandy a short distance westward of Arravacoorichi the party marching to possess that Fort will easily dispense

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disperse him.

Information is just arrived that Luckier Naig himself was shot in the thigh on the 2nd. and that he escaped with difficulty.

In sending force from your Detachment to possess Arravacoorchee I would recommend the inner or more Eastern — Route by the Bank of the River by Penguem-=paddy as the moving in that direction would likely operate in prevention of any of the — Banditte getting into the Ramgherry Pollam. Arravacoorchi is a short distance nearly — west of Penguimpaddy.

The Travancorians with some of the trained Sibbendies might be put in the fort of Arravacoorchi which in — communication with the Sibbendies in Vencotta and Waddasundoor would I should apprehend be a sufficient check on the disaffected Polygar and Banditte in that Quarter

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Quarter.

The possession of Darapoor —
Major Lindsay might effect a party of
50 Sepoys at Pylney with the peons would keep
the District quiet and the Majors post being
advanced to Dairapoor, would probably —
prevent invasds of the Sultans people either
to disturb the District or to join that arch
traitor Veerapatchie whose Vakeel Tumachee
Modelly is now with the Dewan of Hanggeer
at Chingeewaddy close by Darrapoor with —
about 70 of the Poligars Peons.

Darapoor is stile a Fort, though
very much out of Repair, I understand the
Peons have orders to retire to Tachnaghery
where they are to make a stand.

The Majors Complaints of being
without Buzar men are unpleasant, some
Duhandars were attached to his Detachment
from Pylney, who left him from what cause

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I know not, about the 24th ultimo I was personally
informed of this by himself on the 29th at —
Trichumpelly. I tried to remedy the want by
ordering the Sahoukar Govindrow on the —
30th at Jawandeepully in presence of the
Major to send some Dubandours to
him. but he then declined having them
Supplies on the Pylney —
District are not precarious. the dry Grain
Villages Verepatchee Yerecottah and —
Manbarra do not afford Rice, not a
Grain of Paddy having been raised this
Season in either of the three Pollems.
The Inscreants in the
Parapoor Country instructed and assisted
by the Sirkar people are destroying all the
Grain they can find, by scattering it in
wells and Tanks, they are also doing the
same in the Sachraghenry and Columbum
Taloks, but in the latter I hope to save
some

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Some having directed the Bylney Jahseldar to use every possible endeavour for its Security.

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

(Signed) I B Hurdis

Collector

Copy of a letter to Major Wm. Kirkpatrick

Military Secretary.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letters of the 3d. and 4th. Curt. enclosing — original and Duplicate of letter to Lieutenant General Harris, the former arrived yesterday morning and was despatched by an — intelligent and trusty Man who barring accidents will deliver it on the 11th. Current Via Caveripauam. the letter came to hand an hour ago, and the Duplicates to which it gave cover has been despatched Via —

Guzzarodty

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Juzzaraddy, by a Man who has twice gone that Road, at my instance to Seringapatam and expects to deliver it on the 13.th Curt.

Having made the necessary arrangements for establishing Cavoy as a Post and thrown in the four 18 P.r Guns with the heavy Stores a Detachment —, under the Command of Captain Macgregor of the 2.nd Battalion 1.st Regiment N. I. and consisting of a Detail of 40 with an Officer from H. M. 19.th Foot 1.st Grens.r — 2 Battalion 3 Companies of the 2.d Battalion 1.st Regiment with a Brigade of 6 pounders 20 Pioneers and 300 of Tondemans Troops have this Morning Crossed the Ambrade and taking up Ground on the Route to Erode will proceed tomorrow morning against that place, which trust they will possess on the 11.th

Besides the effect this will have

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have in expediting Collection of supplies for the
Army. I have been additionally induced to make
the Detachments by Letters received yesterday
from Natives belonging to our Cutcherys in
the Talooks of Sankerydroog and Pannilly,
advising that 14 days ago 4 Hircarahs from the
Soultaun arrived with the Asoph at Erode,
bringing a Shaul Boosseemba Turband and
Gold Bangles to be given to Cornawell Gour,
and with orders to employ as many Peons,
in addition to those now with him (from 6 to
800) in plundering those Talooks and others
subject to our Government, on the North side
of the Cavery and which I hope, if not wholly
yet materially to defeat by means of
Macgregors Detachment.

To check rebellious Disposition
in some of our Poligars - to save those of
the Soultaun - to disperse a numerous Banditti
assembled on the Western Frontier of the
Dendigul

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Dindigul District and thereby to ensure the
tranquillity of the Southern provinces I move
with the Detachment tomorrow and reaching —
Avaracourchy on the 7th after possessing it will
either destroy or retain it as circumstances in
Communication with Nr. Collector Hurdis
may direct, from Avaracourchy the Detachment
will move by Darraporum which is every little
out of the direct Route to Erode, where making
allowance for the time required to give Cowle and
establish the Controul of our Government in these
Quarters. I expect to arrive on or before the —
23rd of this Colonel Read is informed and by a
letter I just now have from him of the 4th
from Amboor I find he expects to be at —
Caverporam on the 20th He is further informed
that should circumstances require more —
immediate junction of this with his Detachment
relinquishing part of the foregoing objects, amongst
which additional Resource for collecting supplies

for

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for the Army is a principal consideration, it will on receipt of notice from him more directly to form it. —

I have the honor to be

Camp near Carroor 8th April 1799

&c &c

Signed A. Brown Lieut.t Col.l Commanding Sr.s Dr.s

Write General Braithwaite as above with the following addition Captain Jepp is placed in Command of Carroor with 150 of Sindiman — Troops 2 Subalt.s 1 Assistant Surgeon Mr.s Connell and 200 firelocks of which 50 are carried by Europeans with a small Detail of Artillery — Irons most all of the 50 Europeans having been trained to the Sprunge staff. Lieutenant H. R. Barker being by roster of the European Detail for Garrison, and being in every way well qualified has been appointed to act as Fort Adjutant, until the pleasure of Government is known and as his situation will be attended with a great deal of

Extra

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Extra duty in taking account of supplies for the Army, Usual correspondence with corps relative to their sick, Drill and Details in Carcoy making out seperate abstracts for such men by Companies and paying them upon acquittance Rolls &c &c

I beg you may be pleased to recommend him to be confirmed upon the usual allowances, and —
I have further to request that you may recommend to the Right Honorable the Governor General in —
Council the confirmation of Captain Jeppe, than whom perhaps a fitter commander cannot be found an account of the Guns and quantity of Stores thrown into the Fort (which gave 400 draught and 547 Carriage Bullocks to spare for the Army) I have appointed Serjeant Babbidge of Invalid Artillery, who has been accustomed to the — charge of stores, store Serjeant, which I hope may be approved and that I may be — authorized to direct his drawing the staff —

allowance

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allowance

I have the honor to be

Camp near &c &c

Caroor 8th April 1799. Signed A Brown Lieut Colo

Commanding Sub Div

P.S. Besides the 150 of Tondeman's Troops —
immediately attached to Captain Lyon there are
95 attached to the Cutcherry which is now —
established in the Petta.

Copy of a letter to Major Kenny

Commanding in

Trichinopoly

Sir

Be pleased to order the —
Commissary of the Arrack Agent to forward to
Erode with as much Expedition as possible
(5000) Five thousand Gallons of Arrack which
is intended for the Army.

Two Sepoys with 20 bails will
be deem sufficient as far as Carroor and if
additional

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additional escort may be required from thence it will be
be furnished by Captain Gepp who is left in Commandhere

I have the honor to be

&c &c

camp near Carroor

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(Signed) A Brown Lieut Colo
Commanding Sn Dn

Copy of a letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

On the 5th Current I had the honor to
acquaint you after surrender of Carroor, for the information
of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

From the best accounts hitherto
procurable but not yet ascertained the Quantity
of Crear Grain heaped on the fields depending on
Carroor amounts to 25000 Cullums of Paddy.

By the Guards which have
been pleased over it little if any diminution
has taken place and measures which promise

to

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to be effectual have been taken to have it collected brought into the Fort and beat into Ree which will be brought on to Erode to be in readiness for escort to the army this Ree will be made over to Mr Commissary Hawkins who conformably to the Regulations of Government will be directed to pay the value of it to the Prize Agents when the state of the Cash Chest may conveniently admit.

Papers of bowle have been sent to 35 Villages depending on Carroor the heads of some of which have come in and the others still alarmed by the Nizams horse whose order for plunder it is difficult to controul, will come in as soon as the movement of the Detachment carries the horse from hence.

By means of the Catcherry which is now established under the superintendence of Sarwa Tem Row lately Sereshtadar of Salem

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Salem and sent to me by Captain William — a
Macleod, under sanction of Lieutenant General
Harris, the Balances due to Tippoo Cevan will be
ascertained and in greatest part recovered and
a Zemabundee made to establish and produce
future Revenue upon which I will have the
honor to report as early as circumstances may
admit.

Having made the necessary —
arrangements for establishing Caroor as a
Post and thrown in the Four 18 pounders
with the Carts and heavy stores, a Detach-
=ment under the command of Captain —
Macgregor and consisting of a Detail of —
40 with an officer from H. M. 19th Foot. The
1st Grenadier Battalion Macgregors 3 Companies
of the 1st Regiment with a Brigade of 6 pounders
20 Pioneers and 300 of Tondemons Troops have
this morning Crossed the Cambrade and taking
up Ground on the Route to Erode will proceed —
tomorrow

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tomorrow morning against that place which
I trust they will possess on the 11th.

Besides the Effect this will have
in expediting Collection of supplies for the
Army. I have been additionally induced to
make the Detachment by letters received
yesterday from natives belonging to our Cutcheries
in the Talook of Sankerry droog and
advising that four days ago four Harcarrahs from
the Sultaun arrived with the Asoph at Erodes
bringing a Showl Coosumba Turband and
Gold Bangles to be given to Cornawell Jour with
orders to employ as many peons in addition to
those now with him (from 6 to 800) in plundering
those Talooks and others subject to our
Government on the north side of the Caveri,
and which I hope if not wholly (yet materially)
to prevent by means of Macgregors Detatchment
To check rebellious Disposition
in some of our Poligars to owe those of the
Sultaun

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Sultan to disperse a numerous Bandelle
assembled on the Western Frontier of the
Dindigul District, and thereby to ensure
the tranquility, and Revenue of the Southern
provinces. Proceed with the Detachment
tomorrow and reaching Avaracourchy on the
10th after possessing, will either destroy or retain
it as circumstances in communication with
Mr. Collector Hurdis may render advisable.

From Avaracourchy the Detachment
will move by Dawaporam which is very
little out of the direct Route to Erode where
making allowance for the time required to
give bowl, and establish the Cantroul of our
Government, I expect to arrive on or before
the 23d of this, Colonel Read is informed,
and that should circumstances require a
more immediate junction of this with
his Detachment towards given certain
Escort to Benjarees relinquish such of the
foregoing

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foregoing objects as may not have been
effected (and amongst which extension) I
will on receipt of notice from him move
directly to form it.

By a letter I have about an
hour ago from Colonel Read of the 4th at
Ambour I find he expects to be at Coveripauk
on the 20th Current.

Captain Jeppe is placed in
Command of Carvan with 150 of Tondeamans
Troops, 2 Subalterns 1 Assistant Surgeon
(Mr Connell) and 200 Firelocks of which
50 are carried by Europeans having been
trained to the Sponge Staff.

I have the honor to be

Camp near
Carroor 8th April 1799

Yr &c

(Signed) A Brown Lieut Colo
Commanding Sn Dn

P S. I have the honor to acknowledge your
letter of the 31st ultimo and will pay every
attention

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attention that circumstances may admit to
the protection and escort to the army of the
Cattle therein mentioned, which will be —
increased by 400 Draught and 547 Carriage
Bullocks, rendered spare by the four 18 pounders
Carts and heavy stores sent into the Fort.
Besides the 150 of Sondemans
Troops immediately attached to Captain Popp
there are 95 attached to the Cutcherry which is
now established in the Pettah.

Copy of a letter to Captain Macgregor
Commanding a Detachment.

Sir

With the Detachment under
your command you will proceed and possess
yourself of the Fort of Erode in which by —
every account I have had the Garrison does not
exceed 100 peons who as the Fort, which is of
mudd and is so much out of repair as to
be nearly in a State of Ruin it is more than
probable

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probable will evacuate it and retire upon
the approach of your Detachment.

As Erode by Instructions from
the Commander in Chief of the army is
to be formed into a post, you will direct
and Assistant Engineer De Haviland who
accompanies your Detachment to survey the
Fortifications, and to make out a plan
and Estimate of the Expence of Repairs that
may be necessary to put it in the best "
state of Defence which circumstances "
connected with its original state, which is to
be preserved, and expedition, which is a principal
consideration with the means you have may
admit.

Shoy dumbrum Moodelier who
is to act as Tasildar accompanies your
Detachment, and by his means you will
distribute papers of bowle to the several "
Villages dependent on Erode. These papers
will

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will require the Joinduns or principal Inhabitants of the Villages to come on, and bring with them to his Cutcherry these accounts by which any Balances due to the Circar and other amount of the Revenue heretofore drawn by the Circar from last Village, will appear and you will require the Tasseeldar to use his best exertions to recover the Balances and to fix the Zemabundy so that the Revenue may be equally productive in future as heretofore.

Your Detachment has been strengthened by the 1st. Grenadier Battalion in consequence of letters from that Quarter last Evening advising that 4 Harcarrahs from Tippoo had arrived with the Assophs at Erode 5 days. bringing with them a Shawl Cossumba Turband and Bangles to be given to Camaraweel Pour to employ all the peons procurable in addition to or 800 now with him to

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to plunder the Sankerry droog Parmutty
and other Talooks depending on our "
Government, on the north side of the
Caveric — by means of your own Enquiries,
and the information you will receive from
Shaydumbrum Moodeliar if you cannot
Wholly Trust you will materially "
prevent their plundering by opposing to
Comarawell Jours - such part of your "
Detachment as their situation and "
numbers may render expedient. It is
hardly in the chapter off Chances that Tippoo,
under circumstance of late Defeat, and
the over powerful Army he has to encounter,
will detach any part of his Army of "
strength sufficient to put your Detach-
-ment at any risk. It is well however
at all times to be prepared for the Worst,
and by occasionally sending one or two "
intelligent Men or high up the River as

Gopaul

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Gopaul Chitty pollum and by keeping up a
constant communication with Major Cuppage
you will have it in your power to retire to —"
Sankerry droog before any party of Tippoo —"
Troops can arrive with you.

The 300 of Sondimans Troops
have no other claim whatever than to a Seer
of Rice P. Man P. day, without any difference
between the lowest and the highest Rank —
They have been served with rice up to the
12th inclusive and you will by Indents on the
Commissary of Grain and Provisions supply
them on the 13th Current with six days rice,
and on the 19th in like manner — on the
19th previously to a third supply being —"
required I shall have joined you with the
Detachment.

You will require the —"
Tasseldar to collect and bring into the —"
Fort the circar Paddy and to have it beat
into

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into rice with the least possible delay, and after ascertaining the means of the several Villages depending on Erode to supply cattle and sheep for the use of the army, you will direct him to have them brought into Erode that they may be in readiness to proceed with the 1st Escort towards the army which may be expected about the 23d Current of the 300 of Tondemans Peons with you, you will attack from 80 to 100 to the Tasseldar for the service of the Cutcherry, and Country business, should any thing occur you will be pleased to write me by the way of Carroor where your letters will be forwarded to me by Captain Jepps.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed A Brown Lt Colo
Commanding Sts Dn

Carroor
8th April 1799

Copy

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Copy of a letter to J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government.

Sir

I have to request you may acquaint the Right Honorable the Governor General in — Council that the Garrison of Avaracourchy — consisting of a Killadar and ninety seven Sepoys, have to day at 5 P.M. surrendered to the Detachment.

The Fort has been lately put into a state of complete repair, and although it is not favored by Ditch or Glacis, yet from the height and solidity of the Walls the — abounding number of projecting Bastions, and the broad and complete Rampart, it is certainly a very strong Post, to be maintained by the means with Mr. Collector Saunders whom in consequence of constant communication I expect here tomorrow — In the mean time having by means of Sippoys

Serishadar.

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Serrioladaro ascertained the number of Villages depending on avaracoorchy, papers of bowle will be dispatched to each at 10 A.M. to-morrow subsequently to which and after personal communication with Mr. Hurdis, from whom since coming to this Ground to-day at 11 A.M. I have received two letters, and in one an Extract of your letter to him under date the 6th. I will do myself the honor to write you more at length.

I cannot however close this without acquainting you, for the information of his Lordship that the movement of the Detachment in this direction has already had the effect purposed in relieving the Dindigul District and with it the Southern Countries, by pressing the Heads of the Party who had assembled a numerous Body on its Western Frontier, and this existing dissatisfaction between Lukha Nauche and the

person

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person detached from Seringapatam who on this quarter is known by the appellation of the Venkee Nabob they have seperated, the latter having retired to Conjeeveram and the former to some one of his Friends amongst the Pollegars, whom I have not been able to ascertain, but most probably he has retired to the Pollium of Verapatchy who by means of the Inhabitants of Calpully about 4 Miles off, and whence he directed the attack upon Vencatallah, which I have had the honor to report beyond doubt — furnished 200 Peons to favor the predatory system ordered by the sultan.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

(Signed) A Brown Lt Coll.
Commanding Sta. Dn.

Camp at
Savaracoupchy 10th April 1799.

P.S. I have just now a letter from — Major Romney at Paulghaut, intimating that Genl Stuart was at Sedapoor on the 31st ultimo

and

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and that letters from Bombay of the 27th ultimo had brought no news.

of this date wrote as above to

Major General Braithwaite and Major Kirkpatrick &c.

Copy of a letter to Benjamin Torin Esqr. President at Tanjore

Sir

The Detachment arrived here at 11 A.M. the 10th and after a few discharges from two harmless malabar guns and some Jingall pieces, the Killadar opened the Gates to us at 5 in the evening — The Fort has been lately put into a complete state of Repair and is indeed a very strong Post now Garrisoned by a Detail from Major Lindsays Battalion drawn yesterday from Vellore and a division of Mr Hurdis trained sibundies, the whole under charge of a trust worthy subidar

of

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of the Majors corps.

I last night received your letter of the 9th and having received letters from Colonel Read of the 7th and 8th from Hushna-ghurry advising his expectation of being at Caveripooram with a very large supply of 30,000 Bullocks &c &c by the 20th and — anxiously pressing arrival of this — Detachment by that time or as soon after as circumstances may permit, we shall march tomorrow towards Daraporam and after reducing that Fort, stretch on to Erode which I trust is now in the possession of MacGregor's Detachment, the strength of which you know by my letter of the 3d to Montgomery.

I expect to march from Erode to join Colonel Read at — Caveripooram by the 23d or 24th at latest. And beg of you to dispatch to Erode whatever number

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number of Bullocks you may have
collected when this reaches you, which I
think it will on the 15th. between which
and the 24th. they may reach Erode which is
not more than seven marches or eight
easy from Tanjour. should their number
be important I will take upon me to
wait their arrival at Erode until the
26th. if you will have the goodness to advise
me. Your letters addressed to me by Caroor
will find direct conveyance. I have written
to Major Kinny and the Nabobs people
and Mr. Hawkins writes to the Bullock
master at Trichinopoly as you desire.

Mr. Hurdis is here and goes on
with us to Daraporam. He is appointed
to take the management of all the
Countries which may submit to this Detachment

I have the honor to be
Sir &c

Camp at
Avaracourchy 12th April 1799.

Signed A Brown Lt Colo
Commanding Sth Drs
P.S.

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P.S. Mr Hurdis is doing all he can to assist you in getting Bullocks and with prospect of success.

Copy of a letter to Major Adam Sindsay Commanding a Detachment and the Troops in the Dindygul District

Sir

On receipt hereof you will proceed with the Detachment under your command by the most direct route from the place this may reach you to Daraporam whither this Detachment proceeds tomorrow and will arrive on the 15th Current — on which day or the day following I will hope to see you.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Camp near
Avaracourchy 12th April 1799

(Signed) A Brown Lt Col
Commanding Sr Dn

P.S. The Subidar at Vernicotta by my directions having

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having left a Hauldar naigue and 12 Sepoys
to assist with the collectors sibendies on —
guarding that Post has arrived here —
with 2 Hauldars 2 naigs and 32 Sepoys and
now commands in avaracourchy Fort which
is a very strong Post with the above Detail
and 70 of the Collectors trained sibendies —

With the 50 firelocks from your —
Battalion which will arrive at Pulney to
day or tomorrow and the collectors sibendies
already there that Post will be sufficiently
strong.

Signed A. Brown

Copy of a letter to Captain Evans
Commanding a Detachment.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter of the 3d advising the intended —
march of your Detachment on the 9th which
is a day sooner than Lieutenant Montgomery
had

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had given me to expect he could be ready.

This I imagine will find you at Carroó whence you will proceed with your — Company and Montgomery's Cavalry on the 14th. and prosecute your route to Daraporam whither this Detachment will proceed — tomorrow and arrive on the 15th. Current.

By means of Kifsen Row — who is at the head of the cutcherry at Carroó you will be able to ascertain the route which admits of your keeping close to the River — almost the whole way. By mentioning to Kifsen Row that your route must by Taliour, where we shall be tomorrow, and which is about half way between Carroor and Daraporam it will help him in making out the — stages. — From him indeed you will only require to know the stage between Taliour and Carroor as between Taliour and Daraporam there is only one stage. the name of which

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is shumbunghenry or Turumbaddy, both these names applying to one and the same place.

This Detachment will not leave Daraporam before the 8th and as your Detachment will have only four easy marches to make I will expect to see you on the 17th current.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) A Brown Lieut. Colk.
Commanding Srs Dy

Camp at
Aviaracourchy 12th April 1799

Copy of a letter to Major Kenny
Commanding in
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have been honored with your letter of the 10th Current. inclosing list of 28 Leaguers of arrack containing 3632 Gallns 33 drms of arrack to be despatched from Trichinopoly on the evening of that day. I request you to accept my

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my best thanks for your Zealous attention in so speedily complying with the request contained in my letter of the 8th. current, which I have taken opportunity to mention to Mr. Secretary Webbe for the information of Government and also to Major General Brathwaite.

Be so good as dispatch to Erode the quantity remaining to make up the 5000 Gallons as soon as the arrack arrives at Adiapatam, and to endeavour to agree with the Cart people to carry it on to Seringapatam, assuring them that they will run no risk, as the Detachment under whose wing it will move from Erode will be sufficient to give it safe and certain Escort.

Mr. Torin the Resident at Tanjour advises me that he has written to you, on the subject of Bullocks he has been directed to provide for the army, and I request you

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you may apply to Enaum Allee Caun the Naibob's renter to give his people all the assistance they may require, to procure the Bullocks — which are very much wanted with the — Army, and are intended to be sent under escort of this Detachment.

This Fort after firing a few — harmless shot from two malabar guns, and some fifyall pieces surrendered to this — Detachment at 5 in the evening of the 10th Inst. We march tomorrow towards Danapooram, which I hope to reduce on the 15th. and to be at Erode by the 22nd. from Erode the Detach= ment will probably march to join Colonel Read on the 23d. or 24th. at furthest. your letters addressed to me by Caroor will find direct — conveyance.

I have spoken to Mrs. Hawkins about the Families and he has written to his people at Tuckinopoly to pay them without

to

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without waiting for the Rolls from the Auditor General.

I have the honor to inclose two accounts and two lists which have been passed by the Military Board, and I will thank you to give them to Captain Finnell that the Officers they contain may be received upon the Books of the Garrison

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) A. Brown Lt. Colt
Commanding Sn. Dn.

Camp at
Ivaracourchy
12th April 1799

Copy of a letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government.

Sir

On the 10th current I had the honor to acquaint you with the surrender of Ivaracourchy which is now Garrisoned by a Subidar and a Detail of 36 from the 1st Battalion 14th Regiment drawn yesterday from Yerracolla

with

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with 70 of Mr. Collector Hurdis's trained —"
Sebundies, who is an intelligent trust worthy
Man being placed in charge.

I have the honor to achnowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 5th. Current and
to acquaint you for the information of the
Right Honorable the Governor General in —"
Council that agreeably to the instructions therein
contained the papers which were found with
the Tenistadar in the Fort of avaracourchy have
been delivered to Mr. Collector Hurdis who —"
Arrived here yesterday and having this day
established a cutcherry in the Fort just now
(½ past 4 P. M.) tells me he is getting on
very satisfactory in Revenue arrangements,
for this Talook, the Cowle papers for which
signed by him and me have been forwarded
to the several Villages, some of whose —"
Inhabitants have come in, and the remainder
may be expected in the course of tomorrow

or

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on next day.

The Detachment proceeds —"

tomorrow by a Route unavoidably some —"

what circuitous by a difficulty in finding Water

towards Darrapooram where it will arrive on

the 15th and after getting possession of the

Fort which I have reason to think will not

be difficult the Detachment will remain

until the 18th or perhaps the 19th to favor the

arrangements of Mr. Collector Hurdis who

proceeds with the Detachment which will

be there joined by the Detachment under

Major Adam Lindsay whom I have directed

to proceed from the Pylney District to —"

Darrapooram where I expect he will arrive

on the 16th and be in readiness either to —"

occupy that Post, or to assist in its being

occupied by a small detail from his —"

Detachment, with a Division of the Collectors

sebundies — and in this latter case Major —"

Lindsay

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Lindsay's Detachment may perform —
important service aid to the Collectors —
arrangements, and in collecting Cattle &
for the Army —— Arrangement having been
made and carried into effect for strengthe-
= ening the Posts of Pylney and Vericolla
in order to restore and give full confidence
to our Ryots in those quarters, where they
have for some time past been very much
alarmed and on some occasions pressed by
the Banditte who had assembled on the. —
Frontier effectually to extirpate, &
beyand the possibility of future combination,
it was my intention to have moved the
Detachment along the western Frontier
of the Pylney District, and to have reduced
the Hill Fort of Chuckerghenry, the only place
of Strength belonging to the Sultaun below
the Ghauts, and which would have ensured the
perfect tranquillity to all our possessions south
of

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of the Cavere, but from this I am unavoidably —
diverted by letters received yesterday and to day
from Lieutenant Colonel Read, of the 8th and 9th
from Kistnagherry, advising his expectation of
being at Caveripooram on the 20th current and
wishing my arrival there by that time or as
soon after as circumstances may permit —
and the safe and speedy Escort of his —
abundant supplies being the first and —
most important object every possible attention
on my part shall be given to favor it by
speedy junction with Lieutenant Colonel Read
and by every means to increase the supplies
now with the Colonel, towards which every exertion
is making by Mr. Torin, in procuring —
Draught and carriage Cattle, and by Mr. Hurdis
and others in communication with him and
by Takeeds which have been sent to the Poligars
I am hopefull of considerable supply in slaughter
Cattle and Sheep.

The

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The shortness of the time, intervening
necessity of my junction with Lieutenant Colonel
Read may prevent those Exertions from being
being completely productive but their operation
I have no doubt will prepare supplies for a
second Trip to the Army
Previously to the Detachment
moving from Trichinopoly a Guard had been
sent to escort the Arrack expected to arrive at
Adriapatam: 5000 Gallons of which having been
required to be forwarded to Carroor and thence to Erode
by my letter to Major Kenny in charge at
Trichinopoly under date the 8th Current the
Major by letter of the 10th Current advises me,
that by reason of the nonarrival of the
"Arrack from Adriapatam the whole of the
quantity required could not be supplied but from
the Garrison Store 3622 Gallons on 28 Bandies
would proceed that Evening to Carroor" the whole
of that quantity may be reckoned on to proceed
from

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from Erode with this Detachment for the Army.

I would have avoided instruction of this circumstantial recital did not the ready determination of the Major with his commendable Zeal in so speedily procuring the means to carry it into effect, call upon me to communicate the circumstances for the information of the Governor General in Council.

Montgomery's Cavalry with a Company of H. M. 19th Foot under Captain Evans having marched from Trichinopoly on the 9th will have arrived at Caroor by this day or certainly tomorrow, and in expectation of important service from the cavalry in collecting Cattle on the March from Darraporam to Erode I have directed Captain Evans to move with his Detachment to Darraporum where he will arrive on the 17th.

In addition to the number of Tondimans Troops formerly reported 345

have

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necessity of my junction with Lieutenant Colonel
Read may prevent those Exertions from being
being completely productive but their Success
I have no doubt will prepare supplies for a
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Trichinopoly under date the 8th Current the
Major by letter of the 10th Current advises me,
that by reason of the nonarrival of the
"Arrack from Adriapatam the whole of the
quantity required could not be supplied but from
the Garrison alone 3,622 Gallons on 28 Bandies
would proceed that Evening to Carroor" the whole
of that quantity may be reckoned on to proceed
from

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from Erode with this Detachment for the Army.

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In addition to the number of Tondimans Troops formerly reported 345 have

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have joined this Evening and I will have the
honor to state their particular Detail when
mustered upon the Ground the Detachment
takes up tomorrow —

Camp at
Avaracourchy
12th April 1799

I have the honor to be
Sr &c &c
(Signed) A Brown Lieut Colonel
Commanding 3rd Division
& Detachment

Copy of a Letter to Benjamin Torin Esqr
Resident of
Tanjour

Sir

Since writing you from Avaracourchy
on the 12th we have had two Marches yesterday of
10 to day of 15 Miles through very difficult country
by continued Inclosures and frequent Ravines
which we have got over with very little pressure
by our rear Guard getting in to day before two
O'Clock — tomorrow we shall have an easy
movement to Darrapooram which I understand
has

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has been destroyed.

Mr. Hawkins just now acquaints me for your information that his Trichinopoly Bullock masbries have promised him to have 500 Draught and 500 carriage Bullocks ready at Caroor in 15 days from this date This will be too late to be escorted by Colonel Read's Detachment and mine on our first Trip to the army nevertheless as that number will make an important addition to your collection to go by the second Trip I have directed him to close with the proposal of his masbries and to assure them of the Bullocks being received into the company's service from the day of their being mustered at Caroor.

During the Interval that will occur before they can be forwarded to the Army they will be employed in advancing Rice and Grain to Erode

I remain
&c &c

(Signed) A. Brown Lieut. Colk
Commanding Sr. Dn. Detachment

Kungapollum 9 Miles from
Darraporum 14th April 1799.

Copy

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Copy of a letter to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Va Va

Sir

I have to acknowledge the
receipt of your letters of the 4th from Amboor
and of the 8th and 9th from Hosnagherry
having reduced and Garrisoned Avaracourchy,
which have lately been put into a complete
state of Defence, and thereby given
considerable additional security to the
Destrict of Dindigul and the Southern
provinces, this Detachment marched from
thence yesterday and arriving at Darraporam
tomorrow will be in readiness to proceed
from Erode to join you by the 24th unless
I receive advice from Mr. Torin the Resident
of Tanjore that the Bullocks he has been
directed to collect for the army will to any
number that may be sufficiently important to
warrant the delay, certainly reach Erode by the
26th.

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26th and in this case I have acquainted him that I will detain the Detachment at Erode until that day.

Should however your advices from head quarters render an earlier movement to join you necessary, upon hearing from you to that effect I will proceed with the — Detachment from Erode without a moments delay Mr. Hawkins's Bullock masters have engaged to have 500 Draft and 500 carriage Bullocks ready to be delivered at Carroor in 15 days from this date — This Imagine must be received to go on to the Army under escort of the Detachment on occasion of a second Trip, as they cannot reach Erode until the — 2d of may. should however your information from head quarter admit of such delay in progress with the Benjaries & you will of course acquaint me. at all events every exertion is making to increase your supplies by

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by collecting cattle and Grain of which I have no doubt an important quantity will be collected and at Erode by the 2d. of may.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) A Brown Lieut Colo
Commanding Sta. Dn

Rangapolliam 8 Miles from Darraporam 14th. April 1799.

Copy of a letter to Major Kirkpatrick
Military Secretary

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letters of the 11th and 12th current the former received on the night of the 15th. covering letter for General Harris which was immediately dispatched via Juzzeraddy pass — the latter received at 5 this morning covered Duplicate of the former which has been forwarded via Caveripooram

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) A Brown Lieut Colo
Commanding Sta Dn

Camp at Darraporam 17th. April 1799

Copy.

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Copy of a letter to Lieutenant Colonel Read

&c &c &c

Sir

The foregoing is Duplicate of my letter of the 14.th — a letter from the Camp at Sedaseer transmitted to me by the Commissioners at Calicut advises the junction of — General Floyd with General Stuart on the 8.th Current General Floyds Detachment having consisted of a Regiment of Cavalry H. M. 73.d Regiment and 5 Battalions of Nat.l Infantry

Our army had crossed the Cavery without any opposition from the Sultan who was in Carregant. The army was encamped on the — 4.th four miles W.t of Seringapatam whither — Generals Floyd and Stuart were to proceed to join it on the 9.th — Colonel Shawe had possessed himself of a position within 1700 yards of the Fort on the night of the 5.th

Sam

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I am prevented from marching
tomorrow by want of Rice for the Nizam's
Detachment - shall march on the 19th and
without waiting for any of Mr. Town's Bullocks
proceed from Erode to join you on the 24th.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

Camp at
Daraporam
17th. April 1799

(Signed) A. Brown Lieut. Col.
Commanding 2nd Division

Copy of a letter to Major General Braithwaite
Commanding in the Carnatic.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter of the 10th and to acquaint you that
the appointments in this Detachment conforma-
-bly thereto are this day in orders the staff
allowances to commence from the 1st current.

Mr. Paymaster Hawkins having received
a letter from the Auditor General under date the
9th current intimating that the Right Honorable

Governor

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Governor General in Council not having thereon directed upon my application through you for Batta of the superior Rank to Captain Vincent — 11 Commanding 5 companies of H. Ms. 19th Foot, and directing him not to make any payment on that score until he received further advice from his office, that matter remains suspended altho your letter seemed fully to warrant the Captains drawing Majors Batta and as this may escape the attention of the auditor General may I request to be favored with your specific Instructions relative to this allowance: and in event of its being sanctioned I beg to know if it may commence with the Captains Command of the 5 companies of Negapatam.

Every exertion shall be made to effect a speedy junction with Lieutenant Colonel Read and I will have the honor to report progress from Read.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) A Brown Lieut. Coll.
Commanding Sn. Dn.

Camp at
Saraporam
18th April 1799

Copy

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Copy of a letter to Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government.

Sir

I had the honor to address you on the 10.th and 12.th current advising the surrender of Avaracourchy, and the intended movements of this Detachment, which arrived here the 15.th when the Fort was found evacuated and in too ruinous a state to be occupied — Major Lindsays Detachment will therefore be employed to move in this quarter to collect and escort to Erode batta and provisions for the Grand Army. To favor the arrangements of the Collector who has established a Cutcherry at this place and to cooperate with Major Rumney who commands at Paulgautcherry, in the reduction of Coimbatore which is weak and thinly Garrisoned, and on this subject I have written fully to the Major and also to the Commissioners on the

coast

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Coast of Malabar.

Major Lindsay with his Detachment which is arrived here also Captain Evans with his Company of H. M. 19th Foot and — Montgomery's Cavalry took possession on the 13th Current of the Fort of Columbum, having drawn from thence the prescribed Luckia Nague and his associated Bandittie who had moved out of the Fort and drawn up with apparent — intention to give the Detachment an — hostile reception, having allowed it to approach them nearly within musket Shot when they drew off and again shewing a — Disposition to make a Stand were followed until they dispersed amongst the neighbouring Jungle.

As Columbum which is reported by the Major to be a very strong post, is by its position S. W. of Pulney well — situated to keep in check the Garrison of — Chuckkergherry

Chuckherghierry it is now garrisoned by a Jemedars
parties from the 1st Battalion 4th Regiment with
100 of Mr. Collector Hurdis Sebundy and Captain
Simons is directed to take upon himself the
Command.

The Detachment since its
Arrival here has been busily employed in
Collecting the circar Grain which has been
discovered in holes at considerable distance from
each other, and which became undispensibly
necessary to the subsistence of the Nizams
Detachment who having joined without
bringing with them the means of carrying
one day's rice for themselves depend upon us
for Rice for their daily subsistence and the
two Head Sirdars to account for this
acquaints me that they had been told by
Captain Malcolm that it was unnecessary
to bring any Bazar or Store of Grain with them
as all their wants would be supplied by this
Detachment

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Detachment.

On the morning of the 16th a Sirdar having come to me from the Bahaders on the subject of Rice for their people, he was told that 6000 Sears of Paddy for Golam Hussains people and 8000 Sears for those of Semmaul Mahomet Cawn were in readiness to be immediately issued, and the fresh grain having been pointed out to him within 300 yards of their incampment whence their people were directed to send for it, he said he would report it to the Bahaders who having neglected to send for it this morning at day break sent them notice that the Detachment would march tomorrow, and as no dependance was to be laid upon obtaining grain on the road, desired they might immediately send for the Paddy, and that bearers for converting it into rice would be served with it, their answer intimated a person on the part of each of the Bahaders would

wait

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wait upon me they came about noon intimating that the Bahaders had convened the Sirdars to acquaint them that necessity required their — carrying 5 days provision with them and that they would be supplied with Paddy for that purpose positive refusal was the result — and in vain I told them our cavalry carried 5 days — provision by means of 10 bears of paddy issued to them.

This cramps our movements, and will unavoidably detain the Detachment here tomorrow, in order to convert into Rice as much paddy as possible, as we have not any Rice to expect on the route to Erode, which I trust — Captain Macgregor has reported his being possession of on the 11.th current — as he advises me by letter of the 12.th received yesterday inclosing a report of Lieutenant and Assistant Engineer De Haviland on the state of the Fortifications which I have directed to be put into as good a

state

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state of defence as means on the spot attending to
expedition may admit.

Mr. Hurdis has just now 4 P.M.
a letter from Major Ramsey at Paulghaut dated
the 15th at 1 P.M. mentioning that General Stuart
joined by General Floyd was to move the 13th with
provision and stores towards Seringapatam,
and that it was expected the seige would be in
great vigor by the 16th

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) A Brown Lieut. Col.
Commanding Sr. Dn.

camp at
Daraporam
18th April 1799.

Copy of a letter to Captain Macgregor
commanding at Erode

Sir

As Colonel Read writes me that
he is extremely in want of Pioneers I have to
request you may on receipt of this dispatch the
20 with you instructing them to proceed to —

Cavery

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[illegible] every proam where they will find him.

We shall march from hence to-morrow morning and be with you on the 24th and as it is of great importance of speedy junction with Colonel Read, I beg you to keep all the supplies which may have arrived at Erode in readiness to move with us on the 26th

General Floyd joined General Stuart on the 8th they move on the 13th with stores and provisions for Seringapatam and it is expected the Siege will be in great vigor by the 16th

I have the honor to be

Sirs &c

(Signed) A Brown Lieut Colt
Commanding Sr D

Camp at
Darapooram
19th April 1799

Copy of a letter to Major Alexr Cuppage
Commanding Sankerry droog

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that this Detachment

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Detachment arriving at Erode the 24th will thence proceed, Itrust the 26th to join Colonel Read at Davery poram and should you have the means of conveying any of the grain in store at Sankerry droog to the camp, I have to request you may take measures to have it at Erode in time to proceed under escort of this Detachment.

General Floyd joined General Stuart 8th they move on the 13th with stores and provisions for Seringapatam, and it is expected the Seige will be in great Vigor by the 16th.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed A Brown Lieut Colo
Commanding Srs Dn

camp at
Davaporam
19th April 1799.

Copy of a letter to Major A Lindsay
Commanding a Detachment.

Sir

With the Detachment under your Command you will direct your movements in the Arravacoorchy

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Arvacoorchy Daraporam Kangiam and Eroad Talooks &c.

as to preserve their quiet to favor the arrangements for Revenue

of Mr. Collector Hurdis to collect Cattle, Grain and Rice

for the Grand Army which you will occasionally dispatche

to Erroad to be under charge of Captain MacGregor, whom

you will of course advise of the number of Cattle and

quantety of Grain — You will correspond with Major

Ramsay Commanding Paulghautcherry and cooperate

with him should circumstances render it advisable

(and of which you are to be the Judge) in the reduction

of the Fort of Chuckhergherry which is extremely —"

desirable, you will by every means advise yourself

of its state as to Garrisons water and Provisions and

avail yourself of the earliest opportunity to possess —"

yourself of it. when taken a Jemadar Party of

regular Sepoys with a Division of Mr. Collector Hurdis's

Sebundies will be sufficient to Garrisons it and it may

perhaps be adviseable to place Captain Simons in

Command of it, of which you will be the Judge — you

will pay every attention in compliance with the —

requisitions

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requisitions of Mr. Collector Hurdis, which circumstances —
may admit but you are not on any account to Detach
Guards or Parties that may reduce your Detachment
below the Strength of 250 Firelocks.

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Camp at
Darraporam
19th. April 1799.

Signed A Brown Lieut Colo.
Commanding Srn Division

P S

In Communication with Captain Trotter in charge of
Dindigul you will direct your movements so as to
favor the Junction of the Brigade of Guns Ordered for
your Detachment.

Copy of a letter to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Sir

I wrote you at 6 this morning per —
Tappal by Nameul and in Duplicate direct by —
Erode at noon — This is to advise you that the —
messengers who convey this to Erroad carry a letter
to Captain MacGregor directing him on receipt to

detach

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detach Captain Dallas with his 5th Bn (consisting of 420 firelocks) instructing him to proceed with all practicable expedition to Cavenporam and there to put himself — under your Orders — We march tomorrow at 6 in the morning.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) A Brown

Camp at Daraporam 19th April 1799.

Copy of a letter to Captain Sepp

commanding Carnoor

Sir

In my letter of yesterdays date it — escaped me to beg of you to send all the few Artificers you have to Erroad whence they will be returned to — you — They are wanted to assist in puting into — Order the whole of Our Tumbrils most of which have — got loose and defective and we shall have only one day for this work at Erroad.

Camp at Daraporam 19th April 1799.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) A Brown

Copy

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Copy of a letter to Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your —
letter of the 15th Current just now 3 P. M. received and to
request you may acquaint the Right Honorable the —
Governor General in Council that in attention to the
Object of his wish the Garrison left in Carroor was —
formed upon a scale as much contracted as circumstances
could possibly admit. That Aravacourchy has been —
garrisoned without taking a man from this Detachment
with which every practicable expedition shall be made
to join the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel
Read and that with this united force I have no doubt
the supplies will be escorted in safely to the Army.

As the Fort of Danaporam is in
too ruinous a state to be occupied as a Post I have —
directed two 6 Pounder Guns to join Lindsay's Detachment.
They are to be drawn from Dindigul and will move
from thence in a few days when a Company of the
Travancore

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Travancore auxiliaries drawn from Pallamcotta and
now on its march reaches Dindegul

This takes no more than 6 Artillery
Men from this Detachment, whose presence in this
quarter is indispensably necessary — I hope it
may meet with the approbation of his Lordship
in Council — The Detachments marches —
tomorrow morning at 3 Clock

Camp at
Daraporam
19th. April 1799.

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

of this date wrote as above to General Brathwaite

Copy of a letter to Captain MacGregor
commanding Erroad

Sir,

On Receipt hereof you will detach —
Captain Dallas with his Battalion instructing him
to march with all practicable expedition to Daraporam
and there put himself under the Orders of Lieutenant
Colonel

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Colonel Read.

I have the honor to be

Yrs. &c.

(Signed) A Brown.
Lieutenant Colo. Commanding

P.S.

You will send the Hircarrah who accompanied your Detachment with Captain Dallas and should the 20 Pioneers mentioned in my letters of this date not have proceeded let them accompanying him.

Be so good to forward the accompanying letter to Colonel Read with the least possible delay.

(Signed) A B.

P.S. To Mr. Webbe letter on the other side

I have written express to Captain MacGregor at Erroad / where the letter will arrive tomorrow before noon / when its receipt to detach Captain Dallas with his Grenadier Battalion / consisting of 420 Firelocks / instructing him to march with all practicable expedition to Caveripooram and there put himself under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Read whom

I.

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I have advised of the Order to Captain MacGregor and of the intended movement of this Detachment by three several letters of this date.

(Signed) A Brown

Copy of a letter to Major Cuppage

Commanding Sankerry Droog.

Sir

An additional number of Pioneers being very much wanted for the service of this Detachment, which is about to join the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Read to escort a plentiful supply of Provisions for the Army by the Caveripauam pass, I have to request you may procure 100 Commaty Men and send as many as can be had upon this short notice, to Erode to move with the Detachment which by my letter of the 19th. from Daraporam you will have been informed proceeds towards Caverypauam on the 26th. such of the number as may not be immediately procurable, I beg you may dispatch to Lieutenant Colonel Read at Caveripauam By the Lieut. &c. Mc.

Manvill

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Marriott which I have requested in the accompanying
letter I hope the whole of the 100 may be procured in
time to attend this and Lieutenant Colonel Read's —
Detachments, which will be united and in readiness
to proceed from Caveripoorum by the 2d May.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) A Brown Lieut Colo
Commanding 3rd Division

Camp at
Velode 7 Miles from Erode
22nd April 1799

Copy of a Letter to Captain MacGregor
Commanding Erode.

Sir

At Poodapollum 3 Miles on the —
Darahoram side of Conguin I received your Letter
of the 18th at 5 in the evening of the 20th by the Bearer
who had made a good exertion going by Carroor —
Avaracurchy and Daraporam for which he has
been rewarded. The Detachment will be at Erode
tomorrow soon after you receive this.

You may have been able to procure
the

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the wood for repairs of the wheels of the Tumbrills mentioned
in my letter of the 19th from Darapooram the Original of
which went by bearer and a Duplicate straight way.

Be so good as to forward the accompanying for
Major Cuppage with the least possible delay — It is to
request him to procure an 100 commonly people to —
accompany the Detachment as Pioneers, and I will be
Obliged by your getting as many men of that Description
as this short notice may permit.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) A Brown Lieut. Colonel
Commanding the Division

Campat
Vellode
22d April 1799.

P S. The Garrison of Bergaum surrendered —
yesterday morning, a Garrison of Tondemans Troops
and Mr. Collectors Hundies & Rebindies have been plac
in it.

(Signed) A B

Copy

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Copy of a letter to Major Alexr Cuppage

commanding Sankerry Droog.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d current — and to acquaint you that this Detachment will proceed towards Cavery pouram on the Morning of the 26th Instant unless Disappointment in the arrival of Arrack carts &c. from Caroor / of whose situation in approach "I have just now received a favorable report / should prevent — and in this case — as I will give you advice that will reach you tomorrow night, should you not hear again — from me you may reckon on the Movement of this — Detachment on the Morning of the 26th and according to the expectation given me in your letter dispatch the Convoy from Sankerey droog.

General Stuart Sunderland carries with his force 30 days rice for the Army, Colonel Read has with him 33,000 Benjaries loaded chiefly, if not wholly I believe with Rice — with this Detachment 1200 Bullock

load

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load of Rice is carried — of these we can spare 700 to the Army on the supposition that the Detachment is sent back here to escort a second Trip of supplies

Lieutenant Deas of the Cavalry on the 10.th from Periapatam writes that after 18 Marching days without a halt the Cavalry horses had kept in good condition, but that their Store of grain was just then wholly expended and that they must looke to this Detachment for supply.

We have not a grain of Grain to carry with it, as it would appear there will be abundance of Rice. I would recommend that the whole of the Carriage at Sankerry droog be loaded with grain if the quantity of that Grain now in Store with you will be required to convey it

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

Camp at Erode 24.th April 1799

(Signed) A Brown Lieut.t Col.o
Commanding Sp.l Det.t

Copy

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Fort St. George 6th August 1799.

Copy of a letter to Thos. Marriott Esqr.

Ys Ys

Sir

An additional Number of Pioneers being very much wanted for the service of this Detachment which is about to join the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Read to escort a plentiful supply of Provisions for the Army by the Caveripoorum pass. I have by this Conveyance written Major Cuppage to request he — may procure an 100 Cammaly people and send as many as can be had upon this short notice to Erode to move with the Detachment which will proceed from thence on the 26th and by your good assistance — which I beg leave to solicit I trust though the whole may not be procurable in time to move from Erode with the Detachment yet the remainder may be obtained in time to accompany the two Detachments united from Caveripoorum. The Detachment — will arrive tomorrow Morning at Erode where I will

hope

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I hope to receive an answer to this.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Obt Hble

/Signed/ A Brown Lieut.

Commanding Irr. Dr.

camp at Vellode
7 Miles from Erode
22d April 1799.

Copy of a letter to J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that this Detachment having on its March from Daraporam compelled the surrender of the Fort of Sanguam a Post with a Ditch and Counterscarp complete, and nearly as strong as Carour by more than Ordinary exertion Arrived here on the 23d current.

The Wheels of the ammunition Tumbrills having been very much shaken in surmounting the steep and stoney pass of Shinganallee on the 21st Current were completely repaired on the 24th and the Detachment

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Detachment would have proceeded the day following towards Caveripaum but for disappointment in arrival from Carroor of part of the supplies stated in the accompanying Report of Mr. Commissary Hawkins which have come in to day. In the mean time the Pioneers having been advanced to make the Road the arrack carts and part of the sheep have been sent on under escort to Bavanicoral where after crossing the Bowaney they arrive to day at Noon.

The Detachment marches tomorrow and will arrive at Caveripaum on the 8th.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ A Brown Lieut Colo
Commanding Fr. Dn.

Camp at Erode
26th April 1799.

P S Duplicate of your letter of the 15th Via Sankerry droog was received at 5 P.M. on the 20th at Poodapollum where the Detachment had taken up its Ground at 1 P.M. having made a march of 16 Miles and 3 furlongs from Davapm. Conguim

on

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on the straight Road to Erode and in advance
3 Miles and 4 furlongs from Poodapollum, was
summoned to surrender to two Battalions which
with their Guns took up their Ground within
500 yards of the Fort at 6 in the evening of the
same day, but owing to failure in good exertion to
procure the means for escalade, it remaind in
possession of the Enemy until the remainder of the
Detachment joined the two Battalions at Gun
fire on the Morning of the 21st when the Garrison
consisting of a Killadar Phoujdar and 150 Gootie
Peons surrendered and having been disarmed were
permitted to take with them their private property.
Conjeum has been the residence of
two Aloophs who had gone off 6 days previously to
our arrival and being a central position, given
an important connection to the acquisitions of baron
Avaracourchy, Daraporam and Erode. Having
established under cover of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment
the Detachment prosecuting its route, the collectors
collectory

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Cutcherry under the protection of 50 of Tondiamans Troops and the like number of the Aygoody Poligar of the — Pylney District who had joined Mr. Collector — Hurdis at Darapooram the whole of the Detachment reached Vellode at ½ past 1 on the 21st. after a march of 13 miles and 4 furlongs.

/Signed/ A B.

Of this date wrote as above to Major General — Brathwaite

Copy of a letter to Stephen Rumbold Esqr. &c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter advising the state of your Treasury and have to request you may transmit for the use of this Detachment any Balance that may remain after discharging demands upon you for April, to — Mr. Hawkins Paymaster at Trichinopoly whose Cash keeper there will pass his receipt, which will be exchanged by a receipt from Mr. Hawkins to be

forwarded

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forwarded to you as soon as he is advised of the —
amount received at his Office

I have the honor to be

Camp at Amapetta
28th April 1799.

&c &c

Signed A Brown Lieut Coll.
Commanding Srn Division

Copy of a letter to Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Resident of Tanjour

Sir

This Evening at Six o'Clock I received your Letter of the 25th the time of an Officer in charge of a Detachment having in conjunction with it, nearly 1000 of the Nizams predalong Troops, who have not brought with them either Bazar or means of carrying a single days provision with them, in having and taking means to redress the numerous complaints of Vellayers is occupied beyond what can be conceived by any one who has not been in the situation hence I have been prevented from writing you which appeared the less necessary as my letter of the 12th from Avaracourchy

gave

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gave to expect that this Detachment would necessarily proceed from Erde to join Colonel Reads Detachment on the 24th previously to which from the information you had given me, it seemed so uncertain whether any of the Bullocks procured by your good exertions could — reach Erode, that after advising you of the time required for their movement from Tanjour hither, I advised you that in event of the number of your probably being important I would take upon me to "wait their Arrival at Erode until if you would" you have the goodness to advise me" I was disappointed in not hearing from you which — would have induced me to march from Erode on the 25th had we not been detained by the Non-arrive of supplies from Carur, which did not reach Erode until the 26th and thus we were detained until the 27th

Although Reports from the army — leave no room to expect your Bullocks to be escorted by a Second Trip can reach it previously to the Fall of Seringapatam, yet there can be no doubt that every one of the 15000 will be wanted to enable it to move from thence and I would advise that untill you are

ascertained

ascertained in the means of escorting them to the Army they may for the objects of easy and sufficient Forage be distributed between Trichinopoly Caroor and Erade the whole cannot be supplied with Forage if devided between any two of these places, but distributed as suggested, there will be no difficulty, and previous to arrival of the escort there will be time sufficient to admit of the Trichinopoly Division reaching Erode after you may have received advice of the movement of the escort towards that place.

A letter from Colonel Read of the 27th /yesterday/ from Marathilly about the head of the Pass just now received advises General Floyd with a Detachment from the army being at Cowdhilly about 8 Miles distant from Marathilly, Colonel Reads Detachment joining General Floyd will remain at the head of the pass until we carry on the Convoy of Benjaries and Treasure & the whole being left at Caveripoorum. I have seized the earliest movement since receipt to acknowledge your letter and must beg you to have consideration for the hasty production penned

under

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under the annoyance of so many Insects rendered active
by the thermometer heat being now at 104 and by day
at 100 and so persevering that three persons with —"
Viseeras cannot keep them from the paper.

I have the honor to be

Sr Sr

Amapettah 23 Miles W of Erde
and 22 from Caveripoorum
28th April 1799. 10 P.M.

/Signed/ A Brown Lieut Coll.
Commanding Sr. Dr. Detachmt.

Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown
to Major General Brathwaite

Sr Sr Sr

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you
that owing to the excessive ruggedness of the country
thro which this Detachment had to pass over after
crossing the Bowance, it could not reach —"
Caveripoorum until the 1st Current

On Arrival finding that Major
General Floyd at Cowdelly 38 miles and Lieutenant
Colonel Read at Marathilly 30 miles from —"
Caveripoorum where without any Arrack for the
Europeans of their Detachments and that 40 casks

under

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under charge of Captain Simons were there without
the possibility of proceeding by reason of the wholly "
exhausted state of their Cattle, an arrangement was
made to supply Captain Simons with 100 Draught
Bullocks for the arrack Carts, and a Tumbril which
had been conveyed to Cavenpoorum by Bullocks from
Selum and Sankery Droog.

Having placed in the Fort of Cavenpoorum
the Sick of the Detachment under charge of Mr.
Assistant Surgeon Moodie and every article of heavy
Stores with the contents of two more Tumbrils employed
by desire of M.G. Floyd for the reception of 150000 Pagd.
carried by Coolies now with Lieutenant Colonel Read
and Arranged for the progress of the whole of the
Sheep and slaughter Cattle in the Provision Department
of Major Cormer by means of 44 of Tondimans Peons,
who by Report of Captain Simons became indispensably
necessary by reason of total defection in their Drivers,
this Detachment marched on the 2d. current and
took up its ground within 2 Miles of Marathilly at
5 Oblock in the evening of the 3d. current after an "
exertion requiring the continued aid of every man with

Detachment

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Detachment at the Drag Ropes, and given under —
circumstances the most unfavorable that probably ever
occurred in discouragement and opposition.

The Detachment had but just —
entered the narrow and uncommonly difficult pass
where it was met by the Sick of the Army under charge
of Captain Dunn of the Cavalry with the exhausted
Horses and thousands of the Nizams Troops, with a
multitude of followers from the Army and an Host of
Bungaries returning from the Army to reload. These
choaking up the pass rendered the progress of the —
Detachment over the most uneven and rugged Road
I have ever had occasion to observe, extremly difficult
tardy and laborious which was encreased by the —
pressure of not less than 17000 Bungaries moving in
our Rear and occasionally availing themselves of any
opening to prosecute their object in front. To this was added —
Reports of those from the Army that Rice was with difficulty to
be procured at the Rate of two Seers for one Rupee that they
had escaped from starving and that we were going to

meet

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meet it — the consequence of this was an almost total desertion of our publick and private followers, during the night of our first halt in the pass, where after coming at 4 P.M. to our ground occupied to the most advantage not sea of Tents of the Detachment owing to the closeness of the Jungle could be seen from Head Quarters, and where not a drop of water could be procured, without digging in the dry and Rocky bed of a River.

The Store Grain and Provisions Departments were thus unavoidably deranged and not to be taken — account of during that evening or before the Detachment marched the following morning at 5 O'Clock.

On the march of the 3d the Detachment continued to be opposed in its progress over a Route as laborious as Troops ever encountered; as on the 2d with the exception of the Sick of the Army who had got clear off the pass that day, the Nizams Troops still coming down in undiminished numbers, and the Bungaries — from their Encampments on each side of the pass moving at will, occasionally crossing our line and pressing

our

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our Rear.

This kept the Detachment under continued pressure and the up and down Rocky road requiring a — continued aid which was most handsomely given to the Guns and Tumbrils, prevented its geting to its Ground — until five in the evening, the Rear Ground, with which the Artificers attached to the Park and to Corps had been directed to move and repair any of the Carriages occasionally standing in need, being nine miles in the Rear.

Major General Floyds letters to me having urged my junction with him, and the strength of the Rear Guard consisting of 1 Captain 3 Subs — 28 non Commissioned 460 Sepoys having been judged adequate to the aid that might be required to the arrack casks and Tumbrils which had fallen on the Rear the Detachment marching on the 4th having on the march and at the distance of 2 miles from the last Ground received a letter from the Officer Commanding the Rear Guard a Copy whereof

goes

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goes inclosed the Rear Guard coming on Duty was immediately sent back to assist the other dragging on the publick carts. and with a cheerful exertion that could not be exceeded the two Rear Guards thus united brought up every public cart that had not broke down — and also severals with Tumbrils which had broke down and been repaired in the pass and having joined the Detachments 3 Miles west of Cawdhilly at six in the evening of the 5th the Detachment marched — yesterday morning and took up ground 3 Miles — advanced of Colonel Reads and 2 miles of General Floyds Detachment, with which it united on this days march.

The wheels of 4 Tumbrils having — become irriparable during the march thro the pass they have unavoidably been left behind and their contents destroyed — The whole of the arrack in the Department of Mr. Commissary Hawkins has been brought up but owing to the opposition met — with in the pass the Bullocks with Rice in his — Department

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Department having been seperated and forced to straggle 91 loads of Rice have been lost

It is with concern I have to report the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Parr of the 1st Division 1st Eur. Regiment which happened soon after the Detachment came to its Ground on the 3d Current. and was occasioned by a stroke of the sun.

Captain Griand of the 2d Division 2d Eur. Regiment and Captain McCally of the 1st Div. 1st Regiment Eur. Infantry have been under necessity of leaving the Detachment upon such certificate the former at Erroad to go to Sankerry droog the latter at the last Ground to go to Caveripooram.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Camp near Hussoor 7th May 1799

/Signed/ A Brown

The following Paragraph was annexed to a letter to Mr Secretary Webbe of the above tenor and date.

"Fourteen thousand five hundred Rupees have

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have been issued by Mr Paymaster Hawkins to Surnaul Mahomed Cawn Lohani Bahader one of the Commanders of his Highness the Nizams Troops upon the letter of credit he brought to me from Captain Malcolm for 30,000 Rupees and also the Nabob Golaum Hussain Cawn Bahadur the other Commander did not bring any letter of credit yet in consequence of his representing to me that owing to disappointments in receipt of money from Canool his Troops were without the means of subsisting which had caused one of his Sirdars with a small Party to leave him I have agreeably to his Lordships Commands instructing me to conciliate the attachment of his Highness the Nizams Commanders by every attention directed Mr Paymaster Hawkins to issue to him the sum of 4500 Rupees upon his Receipt containing an obligation or promise to replace it upon arrival of the money he has to expect from Kanool.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/Signed/ A Brown Lieut Coll.
Commanding Sur Dr of Detachment

Copy

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Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown
to Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir

Last evening I had the honor to receive your letter of the 1st Current inclosing copies of letters to the Resident of Tanjore and Officer commanding Kistnaghery — From my observation of the Caveripooram pass I cannot hesitate in recommending that no part of the intended supplies from Sankery Droog and Darampoory be sent by that Route — For wheeled — " carriages that pass through which the Woombatulla runs and must be crossed seventeen times is — " impracticable without dragging aid of a large — " Detachment From Caveripooram it cannot be — " surmounted in less than four days by Carriage Cattle. The numerous convoys of Binjaries and Escorts &c which have lately travelled through it have totally consumed the originally scanty forage — with water in the Woombatulla which probably will fill before the —

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the end of this month it must be impracticable under whatever aid or Exertion

I would therefore recommend that the whole of the supplies from Sankerry drog Dairampoory and Kistnagherry be forwarded by Ryacotta and the Route taken by the Army unless it may be thought advisable to send those from Sankerry drog across the Bowanee by Bowanecoral Sattimungalum and Guzzurally and in this case Mr. Collector Hurdis may expedite the service by the means he has of procuring Bullocks and Jonies at Erroad and other places in the Coimbatore

An Hircarrah from Head Quarters with an Official letter advising the fall of — Seringapatam on the 3d. at noon has been deprived of it on the Road to camp — He says that Tippoo after receiving three wounds in endeavouring to — resist the attack put himself to death and has been buried in the Lal Baug that several of his sons and particularly the two former hostages with —

Purnaahs

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Purniahs sons are with General Harris in Camp that all the families of Tippoos Sirdars are in Seringa= =patam and the death of Tippoo has been confirmed by a villager to day who says he saw the Corpse

Reports from many of the villagers come in stating that an immence quantity of Grain and forage has been found in and about Seringapatam.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c

Camp at Tirnicoil

22d Miles from Seringapatam

9th May 1799.

(Signed) A Brown

This Detachments will arrive at — Seringapatam on the 11th Accompanying is duplicate of my letter of the 7th.

The letter from Azem ul Omrah Bahader has been delivered to Jumaul Mahomed Cawn.

Report

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Report of the Movements of the Southern Detachment.

Marched	From	To: halted	Remarks
1799 March 29th.	Tuchinopaly	Alitory	
30th.	Alitory	Poyamsooney	
31st.	Poyamsooney	Curtallum	Here buried Lieutenant Mc Donald of H. M. 19th. Foot.
April 1		halted	To receive Rice which had been purchased at Curtallum.
2d.			To arrange with the Nizam's and Sondimans Troops who joined the Detachment at Curtallum.
3d.	Curtallum	Mootoomaderaporam	
4th.	Mootoomaderaporam	Poorlook	
5th.	Poorlook	Carook	
6th.			To throw the battering Guns and heavy Stores and Sick into Carook and to make the necessary arrangements for forming Carook into a Post. and preparing a Detachment to attack Erode.
7th.			
8th.		halted	
9th.	Carook	Coilpetta	
10th.	Coilpetta	Avaracourchy	
11th.			To make the necessary arrangements for garrisoning Avaracourchy by drawing a Detail from Yordicotta, and for establishing Mr. Collector Hundis's Cutcherry in avaracourchy.
12th.		halted	
13th.	Avaracourchy	Tallicod	
14th.	Tallicod	Rangapollum	
15th.	Rangapollum	Darraporum	
16th.			To collect Paddy to be beat into Rice for the fighting Men public Followers and for the Nizams Troops who had not brought with them any Buzaroe Means of carrying Rice.
17th.			
18th.		halted	
19th.			To establish Mr. Collector Hundis Cutcherry and to make the necessary arrangements with Major Lindsay whose detachment joined the Southern Detachment at Darraporam.
20th.	Darraporam	Poodoopollium	

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		Marched	From	To	halted	
1799.	April	21	Poodoopolliam	Shingamally		On this days march of 13 miles and 7 furlongs compelled the surrender of the Fort of Hhanghiumvin which M.r Hurdiss butchery was established under protection of 50 of his trained Sibendies and 50 of Tondimans Troops.
		22.d	Shingamally	Velloud		
		23.d	Velloud	Erode	halted	On the 24.th of Erode joined Sir James Colquhon of H. M. 19.th Foot. Waiting the arrival of Rice sheep & Slaughter Cattle from Carvor. which did not reach Erode until the 26.th
		24.th				
		25.th				
		26.th				
		27.th	Erode	Verdanellore		
		28.th	Verdanellore	Amapetta		Mid way between Amapetta and Navelpetty the Road became extremely rugged with frequent Ravens which Continued to Caveriporam.
		29.th	Amapetta	Navelpetty		
		30.th	Navelpetty	Reddioor		
May		1.st	Reddioor	Caveriporam		This day throwes the Sick Doolies their could not be completely manned and Spare Tumbrels into Caveriporam.
		2.d	Caveriporam 14 Miles into the pass			
		3.d	14 miles advanced within 8 miles in the pass of Marathilly			
		4.th	Neighbourd of marathilly	3 miles West of Cowdhilly		Previously to march this morning Lieutenant Colonel Parr.
		5.th			halted	For the Rear Guards of the 3.d and 4.th which did not join with the Arrack Carts &c. until 5 O Clock in the Evening of the 5.th
		6.th	3 miles West of Cowdhilly	3 miles West of General Floyds Detachment.		On thes days march met by General Floyd at Hunnoor.
		7.th	3 miles West of Genl. Floyds Detachment	Hufsoor		This day encamped in line with General Floyds Detachment.

Signed A Brown
Lieut.t Coll.o Commanding 3.d Det.n

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brown

commanding a Detachment

Sir

Lieutenant Colonel Read has directed me to inform you that he has received a Copy of your instructions from the Commander in Chief dated the 25th February and that he now takes this Opportunity of opening a Correspondence with you which circumstances have prevented him from beginning sooner. He has desired me to transmit you the inclosed Paper which contains all the information that he is possessed of respecting the Cavery, and to add that he will take an early occasion of communicating with you more fully — Should he move to the Westward he will establish a Tappal to Paicottah and he has no doubt but that you will also establish one to Namacul or Tankerry droog — according as the one or the other plan may be the nearest point of communication

He wishes to be made acquainted with your general plan of operations as it most probably

Contains

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Contains something that it will be useful for him to know, and he will in return give you the like informa-
-tion on his part.

He is of opinion that from the —
act and from their being separated by such extensive
hauls of hills and jungle that you must collect —
supplies separately and that you can only co operate
in carrying them on to the Army.

A number of Bunjarries about 40,000
can shortly expected from the Northward. He proposed
at head Quarters to bring them forward with his own
Detachment but was told that it would not be
safe as the Army was so much incumbered with baggage
& that it would not be able to give him any Corn
in the early part of the Campaign — He has received
advice from Lieutenant Colonel Cameron that
12000 of these Bunjarries will reach Kistnaghery
tomorrow he does not think this a sufficient number
to advance with, but if 30,000 were collected he would
think

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think it an object of importance to carry them on to the army He is confident that his own Detachment joined to yours could do this with safety and he would for his purpose join you any where near Caveripooram He will be happy to have your sentiments on this subject

I am

Sir

Your

Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Signed Tho Munro

Secretary to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Camp at Raicottah

11th March 1799

A true copy.

Signed Tho Munro

Secretary to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment

Sir

Accompanying is copy of a letter from Colonel Read to Captain Macauley and one from Captain Macauley for you.

As there can be no doubt now that it is the intention of the Commander in Chief that your Detachment

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Detachment and that of Colonel Read should Cooperate and advance with the supplies by Caveriporam. The Colonel is extremely anxious to know when you can be at that place — He will write you himself by the next opportunity.

I am

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) H. Munro

Secretary to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Camp at Peddunagdurgum

31st March 1799

A true Copy.

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

Mr Sy

To Captain Macauley

Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir

Having communicated to the Right Honorable the Governor General my intended Plan for collecting supplies and advancing them to the Army on the North side of the Cavery — I herewith transmit a Copy of it for the information of the Commander

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Commander in Chiefs

I was so far as Boadicollah on my
march to Colar towards carrying that Plan into execution
when I received yours of the 23d Instant - understanding
from it that the attack of Seringapatam was to
be made on the South side and receiving no further
particulars as to the intend.d operations of the campaign
I have concluded that the Army will occupy all the Environs
of the City on the South side of the Cavery and cover all
the Country in the rear of it likewise that from the
want of an adequate force to invest the place entirely
all the Country on the north side of the River will
be left open to the incursions of the Enemy

From these conjectures I have further
concluded that Tippoo might find it convenient to
send a considerable division of his Army against
me which would make it impossible to prosecute
the plan I proposed with success — I have therefore
relinquished it and resolved upon advancing on the
South side of the Cavery with about 15,000 of the —

Benjamies

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Benjarries expected from the Northward and all the Supplies that Colonel Brown and I may be able to collect — Some time being required to draw them to any one point I think they cannot be collected at Caveripauram before the 17th of next Month.

That admitting of my returning by the Northern Route to the Baramahal I am marching by Petmungal and Peddunadurgum to expel Tippoos Garrisons in those places, and Charcull which will leave all the Country — between Colar and our Frontier entirely subject to the Poligars and others disaffected to his Government

Apprehending from the descriptions of Troops principally composing my Detachment that it would be adviseable to reinforce it, or for Colonel Brown to Join me, I have addressed him on the subject — at all events conceiving the advancing with the supplies that may be in readiness and receiving back the empty Bullocks now with the Army may be of the greatest consequence I shall certainly advance as proposed and trust to the

Commander

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Commander in chief's taking the necessary measures to

ensure my Junction.

I am

&c &c

Campat Venkatigurry

30th March 1799

(Signed) A Read

A true copy.

(Signed) H. Munro

Secretary to Lieutenant Colo Read

A true copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

M. S.

My Dear Brown

constant Marching Fatigue and Current

Business have prevented my writing you so often myself as

I would otherwise have done, but you will consider Munro's

letters as from myself— I was disposed to keep on the

North side of the Cavery on account of having an extensive

field there for supplies and the probably of its answering

for a line of approach with them. But the armies —

having crossed it and our consequent instructions —

requiring that line should be on the south side I am

returning

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returning to the Baramahal, and shall be ready to form the Junction with you at Caveripooram if you please by the 20th or sooner; I fancy however that Cattle arrack &c &c yet come from the Presidency will make it unnecessary to be there so soon. These are certainly necessary articles but it may be thought that the Banjarries assembled in the Baramahal are of still greater consequence. and whatever is not ready to go on with us now may be the Convoy of a second trip. Or we may be able to establish a safe line of approach as far as Honoor and our remaining in that quarter may be sufficient to cover all supplies whatever that may be constantly passing [illegible] with small Escorts from the Cavery.

I am badly off for Coolies Drivers and Gun Bullocks and should not have been able to bring on my Guns but for the Nizams Bullocks — I have performed a Circuit from Ryakotta North to Markely and Doodecola and crossed thence to Ambour — My intention was not to come this way but it has had the good effect of expelling Tippoos Ammildars

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Ammuldars and Garrisons which will enable me to Settle all the country on this side of Colar in the name of the Company — which enlarges our source of supply.

Tippoo it seems attacked our Grand Army on the 27.th and was repulsed with the loss of 1000 or 1500 at Malavelly.

Yours truly

/Signed/ A Read

Amboor
4.th April 1799.

A true copy.

/Signed/ S. A. Agnew
Military Sy.

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Commanding a Detachment of the Army

Sir

I have received your letter of the 30.th ultimo and see plainly the advantages proposed by your intended operations. Similar motives had induced my entering on the reduction of the Country to the Northward of the Cavery but the instructions I have lately

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lately received to join you and proceed with supplies for the Army up the Baverporam pass have determined my returning to this Quarter where I shall not wait an hour longer than may be necessary for collecting the several articles of supply.

Having been almost constantly on the move these three weeks past and away from the Barramahl, I have not had time to ascertain exactly the quantities of each in readiness but at a venture I shall suppose there are 100 casks of arrack 1000 Draught 1000 Carriage Bullocks loaded with Rice and Gram 1000 Slaughter Cattle 20,000 Sheep 10,000 hoes between 20 and 30,000 Benjarries loaded with every article of provision and a large stock of Mediums

It is proposed to send on with us exclusive of the above a considerable number of Draught and carriage Cattle from Tanjore Vellore and the Presidency a quantity of arrack from Vellore more arrack and 150,000 Pagodas from the Presidency

I wish

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I wish as you have supposed I were acquainted with all the wants of the army and means carried on with it for it would enable us to decide as to the necessity of advancing now and of the probable time to which it might be delayed without detriment.

The army marched on the 6th. 7th. and 8th. from Ranollah with 16 days rice on their backs. I sent on with it sufficient for the fighting men for a month and I have understand that the Commissaries were to take on as much as would last 40 days more reckoning from the 6th. ultimo that is Rice enough to the 31st. May but my information as to the forty. They may be in want of every other article by the end of this month and unless the Camp followers subsist chiefly on what they found in the Villages they must be in distress by that time.

All these things considered I am persuaded there is nothing so desireable as our forwarding another supply and getting back the empty Banjarries now with the army as soon as possible— I can proceed hence in a few days with what is here and procurable in the Barramahl but if I wait

to

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for the battle arrack and money coming from Vellore and the Presidency I must be delayed at least a — fortnight, It appears more desirable to move and to let whatever is coming follow, but as my proceedings up the pass depends also on your operations, and the time we should be at the head of it, on the position and circumstances of the Army, I propose leaving the Bengarries and other supplies from this quarter in the vicinity of Darrampory — and those from my Southern Districts, at Sankerydroog. The latter being 30 and the other 40 miles from Caveripooram they can join at a short notice

This arrangement leaving me without incumbrance I mean to proceed without loss of time towards Pinagur to commence upon the pass between that place and Caveripooram which I apprehend will require much labour to make it practicable, and if it can be done before your joining me to pay the Allembady and Dhankanicottah Countries a visit. I apprehend it will be prudent to defer entering the Caveripooram pass till our junction

or

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or till advices be received of our Armys being on the East side of Seringapatam.

Having only 20 Pioneers and about 100 Tools I wish you to assist me if you can with some of your Pioneers.

I am
Yr &c &c
/Signed/ A Read

Kishangerry
8th April 1799.

A true copy.
/Signed/ Tho Munro
Secy to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Commanding a Detachment of the Army

Sir

You will observe from the enclosed copy of a letter to Captain Macaulay that it was the Colonels determination to have advanced as speedily as possible towards Caveryporam. He wrote you fully of his intentions on the 8th and your letter of the 5th Instant which arrived only today wherein you offer

to

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to join him immediately has confirmed him in his design of moving forward without delay.

The uncertainty of the quantity of Rice &c. with the Army and the great number of Bengarries now in readiness here induce him to think that every other object ought to give way for the present to that of carrying on the supplies already collected to Camp — He wishes you to be at or near Caveripooram by the 20th. Instant or as soon after as possible — " because besides the Pioneers of both detachments it will require strong working parties, in order to clear the pass and it will not be safe or prudent for him to enter it before your junction —

I am

Sir

Your

Kishangerry
9th. April 1799.

(Signed) Tho: Munro
Secretary to Lieut. Col. Read

To

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To Captain Macauley

Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir

I am sorry to acquaint you that all my letters informing of my operations since the march of the grand army from Killamungal have been brought back from the inability of the Harcarrahs to proceed with them

It may of consequence be proper to repeat that after procuring the requisite articles of equipment for my Detachment, I proceed northward by Coolgurry, Mashly and Boadicottah to expel Tippoos Garrisons and restore the Poligars in that Quarter, as a security to our own Frontier, and that my next step was to visit Colar for the purpose of settling that District and drawing resources from all the neighbouring Districts north of the Cavery — While this was executing I learned from your letters of the 23d and 24th ultimo that

the

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the commander in Chief wished I should advance
with the Bengarries up the Coveriporam pass, Immedi=
=ately Relinquished the plan on which I had entered
and set out on my Return to the Baramahal for
the purpose directed — Knowing that the drawing
together the several articles of supply from —"
different Quarters would unavoidably delay me
there some time, and the distance back by either
of two Routes in my choice being nearly the same
I considered my proceeding by Bellumungul and
Peddanagdurgum most preferable to my returning the
road I had marched, as it afforded me the opportunity
of expelling Tippoo's Garrisons from these places — the
only ones in which he had any / Jurrumeondah —"
excepted / between Oscottah and the Carnatic — That
being done I have appointed an ammildar and
made such arrangements with him and the —"
principal Inhabitants as I am hopeful will —"
insure the obedience of Colar and all the neighbouring
Districts

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Destructs the measures that have been taken will be productive of same Revenue from them to the Company—prevent Tippoos collecting any—and they will secure perfect tranquility to our Frontier.

Now every preparation is making to buy on draught and Carriage Cattle—Palanquin Boys Arrack provisions Medicines and money for the Army—I have entered into communications with every Department requesting the utmost expedition and between 20 and 30,000 Benjarrees are in readiness to move on—Darampoory and Sankrydroog are the two places of rendezvous and I hope to be at Cawripooram by the 20th provided that Colonel Brown can be there so soon, and he thinks it advisable to proceed up the pass before intimation be received of the time the Commander may wish us to be at the head of it.

The giving us speedy and particular information of the time and place proposed for a

Junction

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Junction may be of the utmost importance.

I am

&c &c

Kistnagherry
7.th April 1799

/Signed/ A Read

A true copy.

/Signed/ H. Munro
Secretary to Lieut.t Col.o Read

A true copy.

/Signed/ P. A. Agnew
M. Secy

My Dear Brown

In conveying all the official information necessary I do myself the pleasure of enclosing copy of a letter of yesterdays date to General Harris — Having no draft Bullocks belonging to my detachment I am obliged to employ Major Dallas's in drawing my Guns and from their not being very willing to do this they could not be found last night or this morning in consequence of which I have not been able to march to day as proposed tomorrow however my Detachment will

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will start, and, staying behind to bring up some
business here I shall overtake it at Pinagra on the 17th
and go to work next day on the pass between that
and Caveriporam where I expect to be the 20th or 21st of
we should not be delayed in the pass I have mentioned
— I shall be anxious my friend for a Junction with
you, that we may set heartily to work upon the
Caveriporam pass or move up it quickly, in case
there be no difficulty — at all events I hope you
have sent me some of your Pioneers for including
a few of dowses I have only 30 — I have just —
received a letter from General Brathwaite who supposes
that a covering Army is already formed to favour
our advancing. In this case the sooner we advance
the better. I should like indeed that we could move
up without any covering army, lest we be sent
back without Joining the grand Army, and seeing
what they are about which would be very interesting
I think we shall be strong enough to proceed with

security

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security for tho' my Detachment contains very few efficient Troops, it covers a good deal of Ground — I'll send you a sketch of it the next opportunity.

A Frigate with 10 or 11 Indiamen arrived at Madras the 20th with Transports having on Board two Regiments and three Companies of — Kings Troops — These are to be followed by the 86th.

Yours truly

/Signed/ A Read

Listnagerry
14th April 1799

A true copy,

/Signed/ P. A. Agnew
Military Sy.

To Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief

&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding herewith two letters for you one from the Right Honorable

the

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the Governor General and one from Mr. Harris - Pursuant
of my determination to lose no time in carrying into
effect your Instructions of the 23d. and 24 ultimo my
Detachment marches tomorrow from Caveripatam —"
having the rooad to make between Pinagar and —"
Caveriporam and very few pioneers I expect to be
delayed there a few days, but shall probably arrive
at Caveriporam about the 20th. — The necessary —"
arrangements being made there I shall proceed to the
pass and set to work about repairing it —. As
Colonel Brown is to Join me soon I think you may
expect us at Honoor by the end of this month or
very early in May. but shall be very anxious to
receive your instructions in respect to advancing - I shall
bring on with me as follows.

Casks of Arrack ..... 110.

Draft Cattle of Major Dallas's 1290

Carriage Cattle of the Majors - 935.

Cavalry Bullocks ..... 396.

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Entertained by myself 150 3381

These are loaded with Rice Gram & Salt

Slaughter Cattle 3000

Sheep 25000

Company's Benjarries 6000

Nizams Benjarries 27000 33000

Palanquin Boys 100

Medicines 2 Cart and 150 Bullock loads

Pagodas 170,000

The Arrack and money are on the road from the Presidency but these and whatever else may have left it by this, may be in sufficient time to overtake us — I doubt not our being able after the Junction to keep the communication open during the Siege.

I am
Yrs. Yrs.
(Signed) A. Read
Lieut.t Coll.e Comm.t of a Detachment of the Army.

Kistnagerry
13th. April 1799

A true Copy,
(Signed) H. Munro
Secretary to Lieut.t Colonel Read

A true Copy,
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Mr. Sec.y

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment

of the Army

Sir

The Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Read arrived to day at this place which was given up without opposition. We proposes beginning immediately to clear the pass so that there may be no delay occasioned by it after your junction. and if he finds it practicable he will advance as far as Marathelly but as he is aware that if Tippoo Can detach a Considerable force he will consider a succesful attack on the supplies — now here as the most likely means of — retarding the fall of Seringapatam, the Colonel is extremely anxious to be joined by you — as soon as possible — He has received your — letter of the 17th. Instant which contains — intelligence of the Army he had not before —

received

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Received.

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Hs Hs

(Signed) Tho. Munro
Secretary to Lieut.t Colonel Read

camp at Caverypooram
22d. April 1799.

A true copy,

Signed, P. A. Agnew
Mily Secretary

My Dear Brown

Having to write East and west to day I left it to Munro to forward you a letter from Head Quarters. since this the bearer has brought me your letter of the 17th — Having very doubtfull accounts of the pass I march tomorrow to lose no time in improving it — I leave a garrison of three Companys in Caverypooram with all my treasure and other valuable and cumbersome articles, likewise all the Flocks covered by about 2000 of the Nizams Horse — as there is said to be a great want of water in the pass. I take only my

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my Infantry and Guns with me which I suppose equal to any force we are likely to meet with between this and the top of the pass- indeed I do not think it in the least probable that any part of the enemy will venture between Floyd and me in such a close country as that I am going to—all my convoy will wait here till your arrival to come on with you or for orders to proceed previous to your arrival agreeable to such orders as may be given by General Floyd —Your 20 Pioneers have arrived at a lucky time to get their share of Rice and move on with us tomorrow—Best compliments to my friend — Hurdes and believe me

Yours most truly

(Signed) A Read

camp Caverepoor

23.d April 1799

A true copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew.

Mas.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment of the

Army.

Sir

The accompanying letter from Captain Macauley was opened by desire of the — Commander in Chief by Lieutenant Colonel Read by a letter to Colonel Read from Captain Macauley of the same date it appears that General Floyd was to have left Camp in a few days to cover the Convoy advancing from this Quarter. The Colonel moves forward tomorrow to clear the pass and as he supposes that General Floyd will soon be — near the head of it, he means to endeavour to open a communication with him as speedily as possible, and to join him with the supplies now here if found safe.

I am &c

(Signed) H Munro

Secy to Lieut Col Read

Camp at Caverypooram

23d April 1799.

A true copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

M. S.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment of the Army

Sir

Lieutenant Colonel Read has received your letter of the 17.th Instant and is much pleased to hear that you are to leave Erode sooner than had been expected, and that you have sent him so seasonable a reinforcement as that of the — Battalion under Captain Dallas, which arrived to day at Caveriporam — The Colonel has ordered — Captain Dallas to Join him, he expects to reach the head of the pass on the 27.th and after having ascertained the state of the water and Forage he means to order on the money and afterwards — the Nizams Cavalry and Benjarries by degrees — and he hopes that by the time this arrangement is compleated you will reach Caveriporam.

In consequence of a Commission under the seal of the Governor General appointing

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him to the management of all countries reduced during the war by the company's armies, Colonel Read has hitherto given bowle to all the Destricts through which he has marched, and on his arrival at Caverieporam he appointed an amildar to give bowle to the Inhabitants of that Destrict. Andur and all the Countries north of the Bhowani — He has directed me to give him a note to you that in the event of his requiring your assistance you may give him such as you can conveniently afford.

A Copy of Lord Morningtons — commission to the Colonel is enclosed.

I am

Yrs &c

(Signed) Tho: Munro
Secy to Lieut. Col. Read

camp 8 miles below
Nerkawel 25th April 1799

A true Copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Military Secretary

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment of the Army

Sir

I am directed by Lieutenant Colonel Read to send you the inclosed Copies of letters from — Major General Floyd and of his answer to the General - as he is afraid that the treasure and Flocks from Sankerry drood may be late he wishes you to enquire after them as you come along, or on your arrival at Caveripooram and if you find that they have not already come up the pass to hasten them forward he will write himself to you more particularly tomorrow.

I am

Sir

Your

(Signed) Tho. Munro

Secretary to Lieut.t Colonel Read

camp at Mominty

25 Miles from Caveripooram

26th April 1799.

A true copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

M. S.

To

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To Lieutenant colonel Read

Sir

All well. I joined General Stuart
10.th and General Harris 14.th — 16.th Stuart crossed the
Cavery and erected a Battery of great annoyance —
I covered a Foraging party with great success — 19.th
I marched off to Join you and hope you are at the
head of the Gaut — all was prosperous at Seringapatam
and the belief sanguine that we should be masters
of it by may day. I have every uncertain accounts
of water on the way to you. I hope to hear of Water
at Hunoor and to march there tomorrow and —
forwards again if practicable we have but imperfect
accounts of you and none of Brown — a Body of
Horse is in our rear — I wish to hear from you and
then will forward dispatches — Pray send the accompa=
=nying one by express.

(Signed) I Floyd M.G.

A true Copy

(Signed) Tho Munro
Secy to Lieut.t Col.l Read.

To

Camp on the way to Caveripooram
about 40 miles from Seringapatam
April 24.th 1799

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To Lieutenant Colonel Read

Sir

I encamped here this day. shall march tomorrow for Couhadully— I am very desirous of hearing from you I wish for a supply of arrack and Gram— a small Body of the Enemy's Horse in the rear to day.

(Signed) J. Floyd M. G.

Despatched 2h P M. camp at Hunoor 25th April 1799-55- Miles from Seringapatam.

A true Copy

(Signed) Tho Munro

Secretary to Lieut. Coll. Read

To The Right Honble Richard Earl of Mornington

Governor General in Council.

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have arrived this day at monily five miles above new Cavel and about 25 miles from Caveripooram.

By letters just received from Major General Floyd of which the enclosure is a copy I

conclude

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conclude he is encamped to day at Cowdhully which I suppose to be twenty miles from this — Hope to reach Maridhully tomorrow which will bring me within a march of him, and according to my information — I shall then be through all the difficult part of the pass. apprehending no other difficulty I shall — immediately order on my Convoy which must follow in Devision on account of the scarcity of water, the want of Forage and the narrowness of the pass which to this place is confined on both sides by Jungle or high mountains and is probable much the same for 20 miles further.

So much being done towards the taking on my convoy in safety my next endeavour shall be the establishing such an intercourse between Caveripooram and some place well advanced, as will insure protection to stores and Merchandize on their way to the westward also to the Sappals — This may be done by posting small Guards

between

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between Caveripooram and Coudhully and probably the Commander in Chief will be able to afford such other means as may be necessary for forwarding them to Seringapatam.

Lieutenant Colonel Brown has reinforced me by a Battalion of 420 firelocks and 20 Pioneers and as he was to march on the 26th from Eroad I expect him at Caverypooram by the 30th and shall wait at the head of the pass to form a Junction with him or proceed without delay to Seringapatam as General Floyd may think most adviseable.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Signed Alexr Read

To Major General Floyd

Commanding a Division of the Army

Sir

I have just received your letters of the 24th and 25th from which I suppose you are now at Coudhilly and I expect to be at Maruthully tomorrow which

Campat Mommity
26th April 1799.

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which must be within 10 miles of you.

The scarcity of water and forage in the pass the expected delay on account of the badness of the roads, and the probability of the Enemys' opposing my progress induced my leaving the whole of my Convoy at Caveriporam under protection of the Fort and about 2000 of the Nizams Horse — The difficulties — apprehended being nearly overcome and my Junction with you in two or three days certain, I shall — immediately order on all the Arrack and other — necessary Articles of Store and direct the Benjarries and Horses to follow — The narrowness of the pass and other circumstances I have mentioned will make it necessary for them to come in Divisions or what would result from marching so in one long line. — I reckon that the head of this line will leave Caveripo= ram on the 28th and the rear of it the 30th Instant or 1st of May. Judging from what I have seen of the pass I think it four marches at least from —

Caveriporam

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Caveryporam to Coudhully consequently that the rear of the line cannot be up till the 4th or 5th — as the Benjarries are always slow in collecting parties of them may be many days later.

According to letters from Lieutenant Colonel Brown dated Daraporam 19th April he expected to be at Erode the 24th and March the 26th for Caveryporam so that he will be there the 29th or 30th and may bring up the rear.

The arrack left Madras in four — Divisions and I expect the first consisting of 35 Casks and perhaps the second of 15 will be in readiness to leave Caveryporam on the 28th if so it will arrive at Cowdhully the 1st of May — all that I have with me is two Casks and if possible one of them shall be sent you from Monthully the day after tomorrow — should you therefore deem it necessary please to send on a party to meet it — It is not improbable that I shall join you on that day, for the want of forage on the Pass makes it necessary for me to get out of it as soon as

possible

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possible

Sam

Yrs Yrs

(Signed) Alexr. Read

A true copy.

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
M. S.

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment of the Army

Sir

Your letter of the 4th arrived last night and the different letters alluded to, in it have likewise arrived

The corps under Captain Dallas joined us here this morning General Floyd is at Cowdhilly about eight miles distant and by the letters received by his Detachment together with verbal accounts it appears that supplies are very much wanted with the Army. Colonel Read is therefore very anxious that you should get up the pass as soon as possible. If you have any Guns heavier than 6 Pounders he recommends that you should leave them behind as they cannot possibly get

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get up in time and that you take such steps as may appear to you most proper for hastening the advance of any of the Benjarries &c that may be in the Rear.

I am &c &c

(Signed) Tho. Munro

Secretary to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Camp at Marathilly 27th April 1799.

A true Copy.

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

Lieut. &c.

Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment

Sir

I arrived here yesterday about 8 Miles short of Marathilly at the head of the Cavey[illegible] Pass- I left General Harris and the Grand Army all well on the 19th and in sanguine expectations of being Masters of Seringapatam on May Day.

I have this day been Joined by Lieutenant Colonel Read at the head of his advance— His important Convoy is following him as fast as they can and it is

I be[illegible]

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hoped that almost every thing of consequence will have left Caveripooram by the 29th. or 30th. of this Month.

I have to impress on your mind —

that it is of the utmost importance to the Army at Seringapatam your pushing on with your own Corps by every possible exertion to Join me here, or in this neighbour=hood, with all the Provisions and Stores of every kind that can be brought forward without delaying for trifles — The road I know is rough and long and little or no forage, but on this occasion nothing is to be considered as an obstacle — And exertion is required and no man more equal than yourself —

Whatever Stores or Provisions cannot come on, must be left at Caveripooram under the protection stationed there by Lieutenant Colonel Read and wait for further Orders.

I have the honor to be.

&c &c

(Signed) J. Hoyd M.G.

Camp at Coahilly
27th. April 1799.

P. S. I am extremely desirous of hearing from you with

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with the utmost dispatch.

A true Copy.

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

Mr. Secretary

My Dear Brown

I am in hopes you will arrive to day at Caveriporam or tomorrow at farthest — The state of the Army before we can possibly reach it will be very alarming for they had only Grain enough to the 3d — We are therefore extremely anxious to march and only wait your arrival — If has been a question with General Floyd whether he should — march now with half or wait four days more for you and the whole of the Benjarries — I dont indeed from their being so very slow in their movements that we shall get on many more than half of them along with us — They always require to be driven and I wish you would send out a few Parties different ways to drive them in — I am likewise uneasy about —

Engineers

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corners Flocks of Sheep, and Slaughter cattle, and —"
Dallas's draft and Carriage Cattle — I trust that —"
Captain Symons who was left behind to come on with
Arrack will be able to point out where they are — The
Arrack too is another most desireable object — they
have been so slow at Madras that I fear we shall
get up only 35 casks with us but there is a second —"
Division that must be near hand of 15 casks and
I hope you will be able to bring on both, but dont —"
delay for them on any account, for at this very critical
Juncture a single day is invaluable — The enclosed is
from General Floyd proposing very properly that you
leave your heavy Guns at Caveripooram and empty
their Tumbrils for bringing on the treasure from
Madras, a lac and a half of Pagodas which I expect —"
into Camp to day — It is carried by 430 coolies a
most inconvenient way of Carriage — There is more
Treasure upon the Road 40,000 Pagodas upon Bullocks
from Sankledroog Mr. Read and Mr. Marriott my
Assistants

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Assistants were both directed to send it on with you
from Caverypooram but in case it has missed you
I wish you could give intelligence of it and take
means for its security among the multitude — I
apprehend you will not be able to come hither in less than
three marches Viz.t the Wombutthully 8 miles the
Sabram 9 Mauruthilly 13 but if your Cattle are
not very much reduced you may come it in two
by coming 15 miles each day — General Floyd
is now at Cowdhilly 8½ Miles from here and his
first march will be to Honoor, where we could perhaps
reach him in one march from this — I have
sent a Guard to bring back all people returning
to the Carnatic like Sepoys Lascars Gentlemens
Servants — Be so good to do the same for there has
been a great Desertion.

Yours truly

Signed A Read

Just received the inclosed from Captain Symons
from

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from which you will see he is in want of assistance without date but by the enclosure it appears to have been April 28th

A true copy,

Signed, T. A. Agnew
Military Secretary

Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Sir.

As Lieutenant Colonel Read has a considerable treasure at present very inconveniently carried on the heads of coolies it is expedient to search for some better way.

In the event of your having any Eighteen Pounders with the Detachment under your command The Tumbrils of those Guns may be advantageously employed to carry the Treasure as there is no probability of these Guns being called into use, and their conveyance along this rugged pass will be very troublesome.

Your

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You will therefore be pleased to leave your 18 Pounders if there are any and the contents of their Tumbrils at Caveripooram and with all expedition bring up the empty Tumbrils and your Artillery Men and Gun Lascars in order that the Treasure may be placed in the Tumbrils.

I have the honor to be

Camp at Coudhilly
April 28th 1799.

Sir
Your Obt Hble
(Signed) J Floyd
M. G.

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown
commanding a Detachment of the Army

Sir

An Escort bringing 19500 Pagodas from Tellur 18576 33 28. from Sankery droog with 4872 Sheep 295 Slaughter Cattle and 900 Bullocks laden with Rice has been directed by Mr Marriott to halt at Caveripooram till it receives instructions from me — as this Order may possibly occasion some misunderstanding or delay in the arrival of the

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the Party— Colonel Read has desired me to send on the Bearer with this information to you, that in case it should have stopt you may order it on with the supplies immediately

I am
Yr. Hble.
(Signed) Tho: Munro
Secretary to Lieut Coll Read

Camp Marathilly
29th April 1799.

A true copy,
(Signed) P. A Agnew
M. Sy.

My Dear Brown

Your favor of the 26th from Erode by the Bearer reached me yesterday and that of the — 28th has Just come to hand — I have already and frequently informed you how much your Junction is wished for — you may judge of the urgency of the present when informed that all the Grain in — camp was supposed when collected at Macleods Tent to be only sufficient for the Troops and public —

followers

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followers to the 3d all useless hands were turned out of camp — If they had only enough to the 3d God knows how they can subsist till we arrive to relieve their wants — you will be sensible from the above how necessary it is that we march without waiting for any thing — I recommend your leaving all your Guns behind except the Gallopers — Floyd has about 20 and there are 11 with me which are sufficient — you will probably see Captain Symons at Caveripooram who has endeavoured without success to bring on 50 casks of Arrack — He writes me the Bullocks are so bad and the Bullock men so inexperienced that it will be impossible to get them any farther than Caveripooram. I judge — indeed from his letter that only 6 of the Carts can be brought on, and the road being very bad for 40 miles on this side of Caveripooram I advise the leaving them all behind — There are 1000 Bullocks from the droog 900 of them loaded 6000 Sheep and 25 Bullocks

loaded

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loaded with treasure that I am very anxious to get
on — Lieutenant Gibson who commanded at —
Caverypooram was ordered to make enquiry about them
all and about Comers Flock and bring them on with
him to day — If he has done so it is very well
but he will probably be delayed at Caverypooram
in which case I beg of you to enquire of him
concerning every thing and to afford him such
assistance as may be necessary or take his Convoy
entirely under your own charge — If you will do
as I have recommended leave your Guns behind, —
I am sure General Floyd will approve — it will
enable you to reach Hunoor on the 3.d and the —
whole to march on the 4.th in which case we should
perhaps reach Patam by the 7.th or 8.th — If on the
contrary you bring your Guns with you, you cannot
I think reach Hunoor before the 5.th we cannot all
move on till the 6.th or reach Patam till the 9.th or 10.th

There are no particular halting places

on

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on the road, water alone being the Guide as there is no forage to this place. but I shall put three stages down according to my recollection.

	With Guns. Miles		Without Guns.
Nunjy Chitty Satrum	10	Halfway	15
Seta Ramia Salvam	10		
Mawithully	10		15
Coudhully	9		
Hunoor	6		15
Total	5 Marches	Total	3 Marches

Forward, my Dear Brown, the Present Juncture is most critical

Yours truly

(Signed) A Read

Mawithully
30th April 1799.

If you leave your Guns the Artillery Men Lascars and Bullocks ought to come on.

(Signed) Tho. Munro

A true copy,

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

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Fort St George 6th August 1799.

My Dear Brown

I here forward another letter for you from General Floyd — as appears from it he wishes you to leave your heavy guns behind and to bring your Six pounders with you — He seems likewise desirous of your getting up the Arrack but he did not know of — Symons's failure and has not a competent idea of the difficulty of bringing Arrack Carts through a Pass like this of 30 or 40 miles — In case you try to get on what Symons may have brought on to Caveripooram, or — Symons should have any with him and have — marched before your arrival, I shall direct Corners people returning with 100 empty Carts to look out for them and relieve the decayed Carts and — Bullocks with you or him — Let me repeat my anxiety for the Sankledroog treasure, flocks and loaded Bullocks though I believe all are on the — road — Pray order people to look out for Deserters of all descriptions, Sepoys of Tolfrey's corps, Dushies, Servants

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5246 Fort St George 6th. August 1799.

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Fort St George 6th August 1799

Money Tumbrils as possible.

The urgency of our movement with the supplies is such that I most particularly request you will make every exertion and disregard every circumstance that might oppose it unless it be of considerable magnitude.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

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Camp at Cowdilly
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2d May

5249 Fort St George 6th. August 1799.

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown

Commanding a Detachment of the Army

Sir,

This Detachment came here this morning and General Floyd marched at the same time for Hunoor — As many of the Nizams Horse men serving under him have Deserted to day, and as they have of late been in a starving condition — Colonel Read is apprehensive that they may — plunder some of the Benjarries in the pass, and he therefore recommends that you send forward some small Guards in advance at the distance of 2 or 3 miles from each other so as to secure the Benjaries from any acts of violence.

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Camp at Cowdhilly

1st. May 1799

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/Signed/ Th: Munro

Secretary to Lieut. Coll. Read

A true copy,

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Fort St George 6th August 1799.

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Sir

As there is reason to apprehend that your draft cattle are much exhausted and that the bringing forward your 12 Pounders may cause delay — and as three Tumbrils are required for the Treasure here — there remains no other — way than to bury so many of your 12 Pounders and the Ammunition belonging to them as — will leave three Tumbrils empty to bring on the Treasure here with Colonel Read — The spare — Bullocks of the buryed Guns will be usefully — employed in assisting other ordnance — you will therefore consider this order as positive.

You will also be pleased to order Lieutenant Montgomery with whatever cavalry — there may be to proceed by a forced March if — necessary to Marathilly there to receive further instructions from Lieutenant Colonel Read — But

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To Lieutenant General Harris

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In communicating to you His — Lordship's orders for quitting the Army, The Governor — General has great satisfaction in availing himself of — the opportunity to express in Terms of the warmest gratitude his entire approbation of your distinguished — conduct in executing the important trust committed to your charge, at the commencement of the late rapid and brilliant Campaign.

His Lordship has already conveyed to you and to the gallant army under your command his cordial thanks and sincere congratulations on the conquest of the Capital of Mysoor, and the Governor General now — directs me to signify his particular sense of the firmness, constancy and perseverance with which you subdued the difficulties opposed to the progress of the army through the enemys Country, of the Zeal and unanimity with —

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This great atchievement entitles you to the gratitude and respect of the Company, of your King, and of your Country, and the Governor General in Council has already discharged with particular satisfaction the grateful duty of stating to the Honble the Court of Directors and to his Majesty's Ministers your eminent services, in a manner adequate to the honor and advantage which the British empire in India is likely to derive from the splendid Victories obtained by the Army under your Command.

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

Fort St. George
7th August 1799

To Lieutenant Colonel Close
Resident at
Seringapatam

To the Resident in Mysoor
he is to proceed to the Peish-
cawey to assist in forming
the Military Arrangements
which may now be
necessary.

Sir,

The Right Honble the Governor General in Council having transmitted to the Commander in Chief his Lordships

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Lordship's provisional Orders to proceed to the Presidency has directed that you should proceed to the Presidency without delay in order that his Lordship may avail himself of your opinion relative to the Military arrangements which the late change of public affairs in this part of India has rendered necessary, and that his Lordship may discuss personally with you the several material points connected with your political trust in Mysoor.

His Lordship in Council being also desirous that your duties as Resident at Seringapatam should during the period of your absence from Mysoor be confided to Captain C. Macaulay, has directed that he shall be permitted to remain in Mysoor for that purpose, and I am accordingly directed to desire that you will furnish Captain Macaulay with such instructions and information as you may judge necessary for his guidance.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ J. Webbe
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To be dispatched.
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