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To Colonel Vigors
Commanding the N. Division of the Army

Head Quarters
Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Lalande, Copies of a letter and Enclosure from Mr. Collector Scott and of a letter from Captain Molloy Commanding the Troops at Himdy, all of them Received this Morning.—

You will, I doubt not, Regret—with me that my Letter of the 11th Instant should have been too late to prevent Captain Molloys being Relieved in a Command, which he has Conducted with so much Credit to himself, and, if his Measures are followed up, advantage to his Employers; I shall endeavour to keep his Successor Steady in the Prosecution of the same Plan, if need be, and I hope you will forgive me for adding, that altho Captain Molloy has—

done

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done Much, it is not More than I expected from his ability and activity of which I have had the pleasure of expressing My Opinion to you, long before now —

As Mr Scott appears to be convinced of the Delinquency of the Potter or Duvan now in Custody, I dare say he has Recommended his Transportation to Ceylon; under the Same Impression, I have no difficulty of requesting of you to recommend to Government that such a measure should be adopted if they are Convinced that he is Culpable to the extent Stated in Captain Malloys Letter of the 4th instant, and that the more promptly it is carried into Execution, the greater would be the Effect. That can be no want of Opportunities at this Season of the year, of sending him and his adherents to Madras by Sea —

I am sorry to inform you that the Weather Continues perfectly Serene and unclouded

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Altho' the full of the Moon has past over - The price of Grain has already risen throughout the District and the Inhabitants begin to apprehend a Scarcity of that indispensible Necessary - It is for the Collectors to take Measures and to recommend them to Avert the dreadfull Calamity of Famine so recently experienced in this part of the Country as in 1792 and 3 I believe, for I thank God, I was not a Witness of it, but I confess it is yet too early to despair of a favourable Season -

I have the honor to be with great Respect,

Vizagapatam
14th October 1799

H. H.
Signed / Geo: Tothringham
Lieutenant Colonel Comm.g
Vizagapatam District

P. S.

I have written to Mr. Scott to request that he would recommend to the Board of Revenue the Transportation of the Potter, if he should not already have done it -

A true Copy
(Signed) Ur: Vigors

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Tothringham
Commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam District

Sir,

I am favoured with your letter of the 11th Instant, desiring Captain Hall may not proceed to Himedy to relieve Captain Molloy but as he left this on the 9th Instant, and Captain Molloy, as I suppose, is on his return to this place, I presume it is too late to Countermand the Order

When Cash arrives for the Payment of the Troops, a proportion shall be sent to Himedy as you direct.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c. &c.
(Signd) C. Lalande
A true Copy
(Signd) Geo: Tothringham, Lieut Col.

Chicacole
12th October 1799

Extract of a letter from Mr. Collector Scott dated Chicacole 12th October 1799 to Lieutenant Colonel Tothringham.

I am favoured with your letter of

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the 11th with the one you wrote Molloy with whom I am very much pleased I enclose Copy of the answer which I wrote to him, and should have been very glad, as things have turned out, if he had continued a little longer in the Command. but Captain Hall went off from this several days ago. I hope however that Molloy will stay long Enough to see his own Measures followed up, and that the Change in the Commanding Officer will make no change in the Sentiments of the Vesoyes - I shall be very glad if circumstances admit of a part of the Troops being with drawn, before the worst season comes, which unfortunately is the Season when the Corps is most Exposed to injury. These Vesoys are at the best but Slippery Dogs, and never must be trusted, I insisted written Engagements from every one of them, declaring themselves satisfied with being left on their former footing, and promised never to engage any more

in

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in disturbing the peace of the Country, in which it is Evident there was no Sincerity I hear from report that Molloy has taken Roygudda, belonging to one of the Vizpoyes, and I am glad to hear it, because it is proper they should find that they can be attacked in their own pastureses, which perhaps they may have thought would not happen, as the Sepoys employed last year acted from Necessity on the Defensive only. It is also said that Campbell is gone against another Vizpoyer in the Western part of the Country, and if he so, we shall hear in due time. The letter was taken as soon as we could find out the place of his Residence, which was on the opposite side of the River and the Peon who was sent to Conduct the Guard to the proper place, reported that he was quite Ready to make his Escape He is an Inhabitant of Vizagapatam, and perhaps you may have seen him, and as I did not like him, I have long declined all

Entercourse

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Entercourse with him.

(Signd) A Scott

A true Copy

(Signd) Geo: Fotheringham
Lieutenant Colonel

Enclosed in the proceeding

To Captain John Molloy
Commanding the Troops Employed in the Kimedy
Country -

Sir,

I have been favoured with the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant, and have much satisfaction in observing the progress you have made in bringing the Vepoyes to Submit themselves to the Companys Authority. Being informed that you are about to be relieved in your present Command, by Captain Hall, I hope and trust that the same Measures which you have pursued with so much success will be followed up to a happy Conclusion, or as may be practicable Every Assurance may be given to the Vepoyes, who submit themselves, that it

Never

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never was intended to have deprived them of any of the privileges they Enjoyed under the Zemindary of Guzzapatty &c. and that I am Authorized to Confirm them in the possession of those Rights in any manner they may wish. I instead of taking up Arms against the Companys Authority, (in doing which I am willing to suppose they may have been misled) all or any of them had represented their Complaints to me, attention would have been paid to them. and If I had not been able myself to have granted the expected redress, I would have forwarded their Representations to a Superior Authority Indemnity for the past has already been granted them, but they should be Careful not to infringe what they have promised on their part, by harbouring Jaggernaut Deo, or any of his Family or adherents Among them; and if, on the contrary they secure and deliver him, up the reward of 10,000 Rupees which shall then afford will be punctually paid.

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The late Potter or Dewan of Guzzapatty Deo, is a person with whom I have constantly declined having any kind of intercourse. On his late return from Vizagapatam, I declined receiving a Visit from him, because I had heard that he aimed at the Management of the Vizimedy Country, and I apprehended that reports of an intended change might be circulated on so slight a Ground. This Matter is however now put past a Doubt as the Man in question was last Night Secured by a Guard of Sepoys, in consequence of an application which I made to Captain Reddell.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) And.w Scott

10th October 1799.

A true Copy
(Signed) Geo: Fotheringham
Lieutenant Colonel

A true Copy
(Signed) And.w Scott Col.r

To Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham
Commanding in the District of Vizagapatam

Sir,

You will have received a Copy of my letter

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Letter of the 7th Instant to Mr Collector Scott, & Since which time, I deemed it Expedient to send Detachments against Ryagudda and Guiba, Places belonging to two Vesoyes who proved Dilatory in subjecting themselves to the Company's authority, I have the pleasure to tell you that both Places were taken without Opposition; and are now in the possession of Luggyrauze Peons, as I did not think it advisable to leave Sepoys in such Places, knowing their Excellent there would be very Short The Ryagudda Vesoy has fled with one of Jaggernaut Dass Sons, but the greater part of his people have taken Cowl yesterday from Luggyrauze

By being in possession of the above mentioned important Posts, I prognosticate the most happy Effects as it precludes Jaggernaut Dass Small resources from the Hemedy Country, they were also the Places where the Inconderies and plunderers always resorted from, and afterwards

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harboured themselves

Camp near Baugsallah
10th October 1799

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Molloy Capt. Line St.
Commanding

A true Copy
(Signed) Geo. Fothringham
Lieutenant Colonel

True Copies
(Signed) Ur. Vigors

Resolutions on the foregoing letters

As the removal of Captain Lieutenant Molloy from the Command of the Troops in the Vizimedy Zemindary appears to have been the effect of some internal arrangement of the division, Resolved that his restoration be left to the discretion of Colonel Vigors.

With regard to the necessity of maintaining posts in the Vizimedy country at this season the Board have the fullest reliance on the judgement of Colonel Vigors, Resolved however to inform him that if it should be possible to dispense with the

presence

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presence of the Troops or to form any arrangement for their relief after the unhealthy season shall have commenced, the Board are desirous that they may be entirely withdrawn until a change of season may admit of active operations.—

Read the following Letters from Bengal

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

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to transmit you, the enclosed Copy of a letter from General Stuart, with a Copy of his Lordships reply and the Statement referred to in it, and to request, you will lay the same before the Right Honble the President in Council for his information.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. H. Barlow
Sect to the Govt

From the Secretary at Bengal. Encloses Copy of a letter from the Governor of the Mauritius on the subject of the ostensible and regarding the exchange of prisoners with Copy of the Governor Generals reply and of the abstract Statement of the exchange of prisoners referred to in it.

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the 26th September 1799

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To His Excellency Lord Mornington

Governor General of the English

Establishments in India.

My Lord

I reply to the letter, which your Excellency did me the honor to write to me — under date the 14th April last.

I am highly penetrated by the kindness and politeness with which you honored Captain Labaze, and for the justice which you render to Captain Beaulieu Le Loup, who according to report, was killed in the engagement between his Frigate and one of yours.

I cannot My Lord regard as exchanged the officers who formed part of the Garrison of Pondicherry - because agreeably to the Capitulation they ought to have been transported to Europe.

I am of opinion with your Excellency respecting Ships taken by us who may

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enter your Ports as Carbels.-

I have Received my Lord the List of Officers embarked on the Recovery.-

I have also received Copy of a Report accompanying your letter relative to Complaints which have been made on the subject of ill treatment of the Prisoners of Panamally, and I find my Lord on their proceedings what I experienced myself on the part of your Generals in Canada in 1760.-

I likewise acknowledge My Lord the receipt in Tripliate of your letter of the 17th December 1798 concerning Mr. John Palmer, formerly Lieutenant of the Bristol station by our Frigates who I permitted to return to India, and who you have discharged from his parole.-

I send your Excellency eleven Paroles of honor of English Officers who have been taken by our Privateers on your Merchantmen- also a list of three other Officers brought to the Isle and who I have permitted to return to India.-

I have

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I have the honor to send to you in Original a demand which has been made to me by the Officers of the Frigate Prudente, who desire to be exchanged - I beg you to consider their request.

Rear Admiral Linzee has acquainted me that he will have the honor of informing your Excellency that he cannot exchange the Officers of the French Republic against Officers of Merchantmen. I concur with him in Opinion and I hope you will also.

I hope my Lord that you will have the goodness to treat the Ship Osterley taken by the French Frigate La Forte, and dispatched as a Cartel to Calcutta by Captain Beaulieu La Loup, as you have treated the Recovery - my thanks will be then unbounded.

I have the honor to be with equal esteem and consideration.

His. &c.

(Signd) Malartic

Sole of France - the 24th of Messidor the 7th year of the French Republic Corresponding with the 12th July 1799 (old Style)

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To His Excellency General Malartic
Governor General of the Isle of France
and Reunion, and Commandant General
of French Establishments to the Eastward
of the
Cape of Good Hope

Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive
since my return to this Presidency, your Excellency's
letters dated the 12th and 17th July 1799.

2 Lieutenant General Sir Alured Clarke
having addressed your Excellency very fully,
under Date the 29th of August last, on the
Subject of the Asterley, it is only necessary for
me to observe in answer to what your Ex-
Excellency has written to me regarding that
Ship, that the Sentiments delivered by Sir
Alured Clarke are exactly conformable to
mine, and to express my hope that they will
prove entirely satisfactory to your Excellency—

My

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My determination in the instance of the Recovery was suggested by considerations which are in no respect applicable to the case of the Osterley.

3 I subscribe to the justice of your Excellency's remark respecting the French Officers made Prisoners of War at the Capture of Pondicherry; and I shall in consequence direct that Credit be not taken for any of them who may have been released on the account of the Exchange of Prisoners between the two Nations in India.

4th. I should be happy if it were in my power to meet your Excellency's wishes regarding the Officers of the Frigate La Prudente but I can only make those wishes known to the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope; (to which Port that Frigate was carried subsequently to her Capture); To the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope as well as to His

Majesty's

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Majesty's Naval Officer Commanding on that Station, I beg leave to refer your Excellency on this Subject.

5 It is impossible for me to admit the distinction which your Excellency appears desirous to establish between Officers of the French Republic, and those whom you designate Officiers de Commerce; Rear Admiral Percy has not maintained the same distinction vi'd letter which I have had the honor to receive from him under date the 19th July last, I hope on further reflection, he has relinquished the Opinions which your Excellency's letter of the 12th of the same Month States him to have entertained at that period.

6 I have the honor to enclose for your Excellency's satisfaction, as a supplement to the account transmitted with Sir Alured Clarke's letter of the 29th Ultimo, an Abstract Statement of the Exchange of Prisoners between the two Governments

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Governments committed (as far as my present knowledge extends) to the date of this letter

I had the honor to receive from your Excellency during my residence at Fort St. George a letter upon the Subject of the measures which I had found it necessary to take for removing certain persons from Pondicherry to Europe. your Excellency has anticipated the grounds of that measure which compelled me to resort to such a Step for the Safety of the Government committed to my charge. The Persons removed by my Order from Pondicherry were concerned in a conspiracy of the most pernicious tendency, with others of the French Nation established at Tranquebar, and with the Agents of the late Tippoo Sultaun Every practicable degree of attention has been paid to such of the families of those Persons, as remain at Pondicherry

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Pondicherry.

Fort William
the 26th September 1799

I have the honor to be
&c &c.

True Copies (Signd) Mornington
(Signd) G. H. Barlow Secy to the Govt.

British Officers, Seamen &c released by the French Government;

Released from on board the Osterley as per Accompanying Lists.

Ships Company ..... Officers 11
Seamen 49

Party of the 28th Light Dragoons ..... Officers 4
Soldiers 114
Women 18
Children 2

Released from the Recovery at Ganjam and Madras

At Ganjam ..... Officers 7

At Madras ..... Officers 6
Sailors 1
Women 9
Children 1

Persons released upon Parole at different periods as per Certificates transmitted by Mons.r Malartic in his letter of 12th July 1799 ..... Officers 11

Officers released at different periods, as per List transmitted by Mons.r Malartic in his letter of 12th July 1799 } of the Yarmouth 1
of the Clarissa 9

Mr. Palmer ..... as an Officer 1

Abstract

Officers 43
Seamen and Soldiers 164
Women 6
Children 3

French

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French Officers Seamen &c released by the British Goverment

	Officers	Seamen and Soldiers	Women Children
Differend in favor of the English Gouernment 12th June 1798 see Town Mayor Malcolms Genral Abstract of that Date	68	2	325 2 3
Deduct taken at Pondicherry, which the French Government object to being exchanged	42	"	" " "
Remain	26	2	325 2 3
Deduct Officers and Men stated on the opposite side	43	"	164 6 3
Balance of Men in favor of the British	"	2	161 " "
Balance of Officers in favor of the French	17	"	" 4 "

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the 26th September 1799

A true Copy
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secrt. to the Govt.

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To J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal States the Recommendation of the Governor General in Council that an increase may be made to the allowance of the Commanders of Company's Ships for the European troops who may be embarked as passengers or Marines

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Genral in Council having in consequence of various Representations from the Commanders of the Company's Chartered Ships setting forth the inadequacy of the allowance of Eight Annas a day for Victualling each European Soldier on board of Ships, directed a revisal of the Regulations of this Government on that Head which were adopted in Novr 1779, His Lordship in Council has Resolved that the allowance on the above Account shall be encreased to Twelve Annas per Man per day for all European Troops embarked on

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The Company's Ships either as Passengers or for the purpose of doing duty as Marines.

2 I am also directed by his Lordship in Council to request you will express to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council his recommendation that the same Allowance may be granted for Victualling European Troops embarked as Passengers or for the purpose of acting as Marines from the Presidency of Fort St. George, provided his Lordship in Council sees no objection to the Measure.

3 The Governor General in Council has further directed me to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General at this Presidency on the above Subject with a Copy of the Statement referred to by him.,

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) L. Hook
Sub Secy.

Fort William
the 1st October 1799

Extract

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Fort S.t George 29.th October 1799

Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General
Dated the 2.d August 1799

I have been honored with your Instructions, Contained in a letter from Br.t Lieut.t Lindsay Hook, dated 16.th July 1799 to give my Opinion whether or not the Sum of Eight Anas per diem for Victualling European Troops on board the Company's Ships when Provisions are not laid in for them, by Government is sufficient; and if not, to state what I think would be an adequate Allowance for the above purpose.

2.d In consequence of these Instructions, I have made every possible enquiry on the Subject and from the best information I can obtain, I am satisfied that it would be no more than Common Justice to the owners to raise the Regulation of August 1779 which fixes the Allowance at 8 Anas Pr. Day Per Man, and to

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encrease it to 12 As. and in order that the Board may judge of the Necessity of this encrease, I enclose a Statement of the daily allowance of each man, as I understand it to be served out on board the Company's Ships with the prices annexed to each.

3 In this Estimate I have taken the Europe Prices for the Salt Provisions only, supposing the Troops to be Victualled in that Article from the Ships Europe Stores, but for the Spirits, Bread, Rice and other Articles which are Cheaper here, and which would be purchased therefore in preference in India, for the Ships Expenditure and for the Homeward bound Passage I have taken the India prices, applying however in preference the rates of Madras as the fairest general Standard.

4 If the Board should adopt the proposed Rate of 12 Anas Sonat Per Man, Per diem I conceive it should be recommended to be regulated

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regulated by the same Standard at all the
presidencies of India, which would make the
allowance at Bombay 12 Anas per diem also
and at Madras 10 fanams and as some Specific
engagements have been made I understand with
some of the Commanders of Indiamen at an
higher Rate it would also be advisable to apprize
the Marine Board that the new Rate was to be
adhered to in future, in all Instances, in which
European Troops were ordered on board Chartered
Ships either as Passengers or to act as marines,

[A true Extract]

Signed L. Hook
Sub Sen.y

Estimate

Estimate for Victualling 5 Men of the usual Complement of a Mess at the following Stated Allowances Viz.

1799

Quantity	Quality	Europe first Cost £. S. D.	India first Cost R. A. P.	Proportion in Bengal Currency Sicca Rupees a 2/6 R A P	s d
1 Mess Pound	Beef or Pork	9 10 6	" " "	Per time of 42 Mess pieces 1 13 1	4 6/a Pr. piece
5 Ounces	Rice		2 8 "	Pr. Maund }	
5 lbs or	Biscuit		5 " "	Pr. Md. Average } " 5 "	
2/3 lbs	Flour		3 " "	Pr. Do. " 1 6	
1/2 Pints	Rum or Arack		1 " "	Pr. Gallon " 3 "	
1/2 lb	Suet	3 6 0	" " "	Pr. Cask of 66 each " 3 2	6 Pr. 1/2 lb
1/2 lb	Raisins		32 " "	Pr. Maund " 3 2	
5 Gallons	Water		7 " "	Per Cask of 280 Gallons } " 2 "	
1 Quart	Vinegar each Mess Pr. Week }		1 " "	Pr. Gallon " " 7	
2 Oz	Mustard, each Mess Pr. Week }		" 5 4	Pr. Seer " 4	
	Farinaceous			" 2 6	
				3 2 4	
	Allow for Waste, packing, Shipping Expences, and other incidental Charges 10 Pr. Cent			" 3 5 4	
				£. " " 3 7 4	

Equal to Sonat Rupees 3. 9. 10. a each Man Pr. diem 12 Annas.

A true Copy (Signed) L. Hook Sub Sct.

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that the allowances recommended by the Governor General in Council to the Commander of the Company's Chartered Ships on which European Troops may be embarked as passengers or Marines, be authorized.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Major General Floyd.

To Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief

Sir

If the enclosed address from Major Paterson of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons meet your approval, I request you will be pleased to lay it before Government with your Despatch so that some public act of Government may relieve Major Paterson from all dread of being hereafter called upon to refund any part of the Pay and allowances He received while doing the duties of Major in his Majesty's 25 Dragoons - I beg leave to say that his services in that Corps as Major were eminently useful.

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

(Signed) J. Floyd, M. G.
Comg the Cavalry

To

From Major General Floyd - Transmits to the Commander in Chief an application from Major Paterson stating the hardship of his case in his promotion to a Majority in the 25th Regiment of Dragoons having been after an interval of 17 months dis approved by His Majesty and expressing a hope that he shall not be obliged to refund the pay he has drawn as Major

Choultry Plain
20th October 1799

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord

I have the honor to bespeak your

Lordships attention to a Statement from the truth and

justice of which and from the peculiar hardship of the case

I am led to hope for your favorable decision

On the 1st of February 1798 being

the Senior Captain in the Line of Cavalry, the Commander

in Chief in India was pleased to appoint me to a Majority

in the 25th L.d D.o by purchase which Corps I immediately

joined and have done the duties of Major for Seventeen

Months, This promotion His Majesty has been pleased

to disapprove of and Return me back to the 19th L.d D.o

with the loss of Seventeen Months Rank and at the

hazard of being obliged to refund the whole of the pay and

allowances of Major for that period. To this part of the subject

I particularly crave your Lordships notice by the specific

appointment of the highest Military Authority in India

I performed the duties General and Regimental of that

Rank and became intitled to the allowance Little

dreaming at that distance of time of the chance of a reversal

This

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This my Lord, I would humbly presume to hope is the Natural basis of all Claims I performed the duties appertaining to the Rank and Station I then filled and it was not left to me to have drawn the allowances of an inferior Rank even if I had wished it: These are Circumstances to which the justice and candour of your Lordship will allow some weight in deciding upon my case—

Situated as I am a Refound of this magnitude would involve me in inextricable ruin and this instance of the Commander in Chief attention to the Claims that seneority and long Service give to promotion would prove to me the severest Calamity of my life time—

In a case like this of such rare occurrence in the Army, and I may say of considerable hardship and moreover when the Consequences would dead ruin and distress to myself and family I entertain the strongest hopes that your Lordship will be pleased to set a side any order that may be given for my refunding the allowances drawn by me while acting as Major to the 25th L. D—

Without further intruding upon your Lordships time, I commit the whole to that justice and Liberality

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liberality that Marks every act of your Government

I have the honor to be

Yrs Yrs Yrs

(Signed) Thos Paterson

Major H. M. 19th Lo. D.

Vellore

th
5. October 1799

Ordered that Major Patersons

letter be entered on Record in order that in the event of any

future doubt his claim to immunity may be referred to the

Honorable Court of directors –

Read the following letter from

the Nabob (also entered in C. C. N. 70 –

Translation of a letter

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic –

To the Right Honble Lord Clive – Governor of Fort St. George

th
Dated 14 October 1799

Received D. D.

By the blessing of God I have paid

From the Nabob – He has paid his Octobr Kist –

to the Company the Sum of One Lak Star Pagodas in full of

the kist of October 1799 and Mr. Secretary Webbe has given

me the Receipts for the Same – I have written this for my

Friends Information –

What can I write More ?

A True Translation

(Signed) Falconar –

Pr. Translator to Govt.

The

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The President required to acknowledge the receipt of the Nabob's letter

The President is requested to acknowledge the receipt of the above letter—

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer at Tiagar

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From the Commandant at Tiagar - Enters into a full explanation of the subject of complaint preferred against him by the Nabob, agreeably to the letter to him of the 16th Instant and transmits different enclosures from No 1 to 5 on the subject—

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant covering one from His Highness the Nabob, and one from Hussain ul Mulk Bahader. In answer to which I beg leave to say for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council—

That these letters do not originate in any oppression of the Inhabitants of Tiagar and its dependencies by me or in any fear by them of me - But in consequence of a letter No 1 which I framed for my writer to send and a Visit which I made unattended to a man calling himself Khanisibe Bahadur who made a Circuit of these Districts, attended by a considerable armed force some time ago—

That no Rice was to be had here shortly before his arrival, and the Peshgar of this place who

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who disclaims any authority but that of Collecting Revenue had fled as is his constant custom in cases of difficulty — That upon the return of the Peshgar he assured me there was plenty of Grain in the Country, in the presence of all the principal Inhabitants —

That I desired the Peshgar to provide me with Rice for the Garrison and that he sent me Seven . Nault Dams who by his desire I confined in the Main Guard, and who before Night supplied me with one hundred and fifty Pagodas worth of Paddy for which they were paid, and were released by the same authority under which I had confined them —

That the Peshgar said he could get no more Rice in the Sagheer, and advised me by — times to apply to the other depending Talooks as had always been the Custom in such Cases —

That I wrote to the respective — Amildars desiring their attendance and the Amildar of Ellevasinore only sent me his Peshgar over whom I placed one Sepoy being all that I could spare from the duty of the Garrison: The Calicourchy Man whose General Conduct has been highly proper in other respects

has

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has not to this Moment supplied the Garrison with one
Grain of Rice

That before I had time to Com
with the Peshgar of Ellivansenore, a Trooper came with
Letter from the Person calling himself Khan Saib sayin
that he was the Nabob, and desiring the Peshagar of
Ellevasinore to be released which I immediately
complied with

That thinking it was one of
His Highness the Nabobs Brothers I repaired to
make my receipts to him, but upon examining the
Letter with other Enquiries I found it was Sied. Murth
Hussain Bahadur whose Character I am well
acquainted with and was informed that he was the
Occasion of the Scarcity of Rice by levying Monopolies
throughout the Country, from the Amuils who were
accustomed in such Cases thus to make the people
at Large bear the Burthen of them by Raising the
Price of Grain

That I immediately went to
him by a most disagreeable Journey of seven miles
to Callicounothey where I found him incompassed with

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not less than one thousand. Men Horse and Foot and after informing him of what I had heard, spoke to him nearly to the purport of my inclosed letter No. 1 in answer to No. 2.—

That he called for Shawls and other presents to give me, and pressed me very much to stay with him. But I departed saying that I only wanted Rice and that I should send to the Begum to whom the Jaghier of Tiagar appertains which with her Answer No. 4. and the Declaration of the Peshgar, disclaiming all Authority will give the best Idea of my Situation ever since I have been here.—

It behoves me further to State for the Information of the Right Honorable the President in Council that the moderation pointed out in His Highness the Nabob's Letter to Government is the one that has uniformity been adopted by me ever since I had the honor of Commanding Tiagar and the Distress of the Garrison from the Scarcity of Grain cannot be more fully detailed than it is in No. 5. which I had

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I have the honor to address to the Military Board on the 19th Instant and which is now enclosed for the information of the Honble Board - Indeed so extremely cautious have I been least any people from the Garrison should misbehave towards, or Intimidate any of the Ryotts that I sent a Native Commissioned Officer and one Sepoy only to Calliconrichy to the Amildar of that place to endeavour to prevail on him to furnish the Garrison with Grain in order to prevent if Possible our opening the Honble Company's Granery I have every reason to believe that there is abundance of Rice and other Grain in the Country but monopolized and that I think by three or four fellows who reside in this Pettah calling themselves Dubashes one of whom I had occasion to punish for having the presumption to use my name in his various dealings with the Country people by his own Confession — Some of these fellows have very probably made use of my name again and may have been Guilty of matters of which I am totally ignorant as I solemnly declare again that neither myself or any Person under my authority have been Guilty of oppression or violence against

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any one of his Highness's Rijotts. Indeed my Authority
is so very Circumscribed here as I have already had the
honor to State that neither Amildar or Peshgar pay
any Attention to my Requisitions, and as the Amildars
of Ellavasinore and Callicourichy have each 500 Sepoy's
at least under his Command its Rather improbable
that they should be intimidated by me or much less by
a Native Officer and one Sepoy only. The Country
appears impoverished it is very true and if His
Highness during a Scarcity deputes a man with
upwards of 1000 Troops under his Command to levy
Contributions as well as devour the Grain it will I
fear shortly become a desert Altogether

I hope Sir that the Right
Honble the President in Council after what I have so
Solemnly declared will be satisfied that my Conduct
has not been blameable and that the Complaints
preferred against me by His Highness the Nabob
thro' Hassam ul Mulk Bahadur are in conse-
quence of my earnest endeavours to persuade his
Man Sied Muntha Hussein Khan, Bahadur
from pursuing the nefarious Conduct of Plundering
his

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his Highness' Country by overrunning it with so large a Body of Troops in peaceable times after his having declared there was such a Scarcity for the Consumption of the Inhabitants and there was the less Occasion for his coming to those parts as the Revenues of the District are invariably at Arcotta—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) E. Fergueson

Lieutenant Colonel

Tiagar
22 October 1799—

P.S. Not being able to Collate the persian Letters I have sent the originals and kept the Copies—

Translate of a Letter

From

To Lieutenant Colonel Fergueson

Commanding

Tiagar

Dated 26th September

After Compliments

I have just learnt, that you sent for the Peishkar of the Ellevasinore talook and having Caused him to write orders to the Zemindars in the

Villages

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Villages you dispatched these orders with the Sepoys for the purpose of purchasing grain in the Villages of the said Talooks

That the Sepoys accordingly proceeded to the Villages where they violently seize and carry off the small proportion of grain, which the Ryots by stenting and distressing themselves had contrived to preserve for Seed

In consequence of the failure of the rains the Ryots are alarmed and not a span of ground has yet been cultivated - A little rain however thro the goodness of God, has lately fallen and it is necessary that the Ryots, availing them selves of it should apply themselves to Cultivation - but if you send Sepoys to their houses to carry away their Seed grain how can the cultivation go on? the Sirkar must sustain loss - In fact the interests of the Sirkar and of the Company are one - You should then withdraw your Sepoys - If the Ryots have grain in Store and do not dispose of it in this Season of Scarcity - when pray will they sell it be therefore pleased to recall your Sepoys from the Talooks the Ryots will recover their confidence and apply themselves

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to Cultivation – otherwise the Kists will be affected and the detriment which would ensue must be evident to your mind –

What more need be written

A True Translate –

(Signed) A. Falconar

Pr. Pr. to Government

My. Master was much surprized at your letter of the 26th Instant. If you had any thing to say to him, it was your business to have waited upon him It could not be supposed that he detained the Pashcar of Ellivasinaar but for sufficient reason. The price of Rice here before you left Arcott was 3/4 fanam per 3 Single fanams it is known become a famine by your interference altho' there is plenty in the Country –

This is to inform you that if you dont send to the Amildars of these Districts immediately and direct them to regulate the Bazzars. My. Master desires me to say that he will report your Conduct to Government and represent the mischief that you have done in this Country.

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2. October 1799

A True Copy

(Signed) E. Fergusson

Honored

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Honored Madam

My Master desires me to inform you that there is nobody of sufficient Authority in your Jaghier to take the due care of it on which account all the trouble of providing of the Inhabitants falls upon My Master—

The price of Grain at this time amounts to a famine altho my Master has clearly ascertained that there is at least five years provision of Grain in the District even tho' the Crop of this promising year should fail he has in vain taken every measure in his power to prevent the mischief arising from a monapolizing of it in this place which must be very Prejudicial to your Revenue in future by Destroying and banishing your people who are now crying out from every side for Rice what is a Country or Jaghier without Inhabitants—

My Master therefore requests the favor of you to order Caugeecamalidah Cauon the Amildar of this place now at Arcott to reside here or to apply some remedy to these growing evils as Chunnee Vannon the Pashcar with whom the people do just as they please for want of a Capacity and Authority is totaly unfit for his Station as soon as convenient let me

have

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have an answer to these

Tiagar
9th October 1799

Sam. Madam
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servent
(Signed) Kistnama. Naig

A True Copy
(Signed) C. Fergusson

Translation of a letter
From Serajul Mulk Bahadur
To Kistnama. Naick Dubash of Colonel Fergusson
Dated 14th October 1799

I received on the 12th October your two letters of the same month relative to the Peishkar of Tiagud and understand their contents.

I was very happy at the information which the Colonel caused you to communicate to me on the subject, and I have written in consequence to Khanajah Kemol ud Deen.

What more

A True Translation
(Signed) A. Falconar
P.w F. to Government

To

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To Captain Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board

Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you for the Information of the Military Board that from the mismanagement of the person in charge of collecting the Revenues at this place for the Nabob of Arcott, the price of Grain amounts with respect to the Country people to a famine and tho' I have used every possible exertion for these two Months past to obtain a supply for the Honble Company's Troops under my Command it has been with infinite difficulty that I have procured enough for their daily Consumption tho from the Enquiry I have made I have very reason to believe that no Scarcity in fact exists but that all is occasioned by a few Monopolizers - This day the Bazaar is shut up altogether so that no rice is procurable at any Price The Peshgar who acts under the Amildar has gone into the Country as he has done more than once lately, when the Bazaars were shut up and the Amildar resides Constantly

at

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at Arcott instead of attending to the duty's of his Station: Under these embarrassing Circumstances should they exist tomorrow, I shall be under the Necessity of availing myself of the General Orders of Government of the 19th. of July 1797. Article the 28th — Should my intentions be Contrary to the wishes of the Board, I have to request you will speedily favor me with their determination on the Subject —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Your

(Signed) E. Fergusson

Lieut.t Colonel Com.d

Tiagar

19th October 1799

Copy of the above Letter to be transmitted to the Nabob —

The President is requested to transmit a Copy of the above letter to the Nabob —

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

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief Lays before the Board a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Fothringham giving cover to a letter from the commanding officer at Chicacole who requests that Authority may be given for repairing the guard room of that fort and also giving cover to a letter from Mr. W. Preston

The Commander in Chief delivers to the Board a Letter addressed to the Secretary to Government by Lieutenant Colonel Fothringham and Recommends the admission of Mr. William Preston as a Cadet on this Establishment and his promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant of Infantry —

date

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Preston ordered by the Court of Directors to be admitted a Cadet on this establishment which the Commander in Chief recommends may be done and that he be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Recommends that the Fort Adjutants at Ponamalle and at Vellore may be permitted to exchange situations recommends that Lieutenant Thomas Sydenham may be allowed to join the head quarters of the Army

date of Rank to be settled hereafter

Lieutenant Jones Fort Adjutant of Pondamallee and Lieutenant Grant Fort Adjutant of Vellore being desirous of exchanging Situations have applied to the Commander in Chief who recommends to Government to permit this exchange to take place

Lieutenant Thomas Sydenham having been obliged by a very severe illness contracted in the execution of his duty when employed to Survey a part of the districts lately ceded the Honble Company in Mysore to abandon that Service and proceed towards the Sea Coast for the reestablishment of his health and the nature of his disorder rendering it improbable that he can for a considerable time attempt to return to the duty on which he has been employed without danger of a relapse the Commander in Chief requests the Board to appoint some other person to complete the Survey and to allow Lieutenant Sydenham to join the Head Quarters of the Army

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing a letter addressed to you from Lieutenant Colonel Lalande Commanding

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Commanding at Chucacola Received this morning with a Request of forwarding it, should I approve of it—. As I know the Main Guard Room at that Station to have been constructed of the materials described and have every reason to believe it to be in the condition Represented and as I think the Charge as low as it can be, I have no Hesitation in Requesting that you would be so good as to state the matter to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council—

I have likewise the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter received this Morning from Ensign William Preston of His. Majestys Scotch Brigade stating his wishes and pretensions to be received into the Honorable Companys Service, the Letter founded on the extract from the Honble the Court of Directors Letter enclosed in. Mr. Prestons letter to me—

The young man has resided for some time past with his father in this District and I have frequently — — — — seen him, he appears to be very exceptionally but as he has only been here on Furlough by permission of Government his Character can be best ascertained by the Officers under whom he has served—

This

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This Letter and enclosures are
Transmitted under a flying Seal to the Commander
in Chief and the Officer Commanding the N. Division
for their Approbation—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) G. Fotheringham
Lieut. Col. Comd. Vizagapatam Distrct—

Vizagapatam
17th October 1799—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government—

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that the main
Guard Room at this place is a temporary Building of Mud
and Straw, which require an annual Repair and is now
rendered so bad that it cannot be occupied. I therefore
request you will be pleased to state to Government the
necessity of its being Repaired, which when Authorized I
shall take care to see duly executed— The House can be
Thatched &c &c by Contract for the Sum of Forty Rupees
which I deem Reasonable, I make this communication
there being no Engineer at this Station—

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) C. Lalande
Lieut. Col. Comm.g

Cantonment at
Chicacole
15th October 1799—

To

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Lieut. Col. Comm.g

Cantonment at
Chicacole
15th October 1799—

To

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Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing you an Extract of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to Madras Government and one from the Secretary to Government to Major General Braithwaite concerning my appointment to a Cadetship on this Establishment I arrived at Madras the 3 of February 1798. on the Henry Dundas Indeaman. Captain Carruthers rated as a Seaman where I was left Sick. On the 16th of May last I was honored with an Ensigney in His. Majestys Scotch Brigade but being then a Lieutenant in the Nizams Service I could not obtain information either of my being appointed to the Kings or Company's Service untill my arrival at Madras in August— I now wish to take up my rank in the Companys Service and shall esteem it as a favour if you will be pleased to acquaint the Government of Madras thereof—

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

(Signed) W.m Preston—
Ens.e H. M. Scotch Brigade

Vizagapatam
17th. October 1799—

A True Copy—

(Signed) G. Fotheringham
Lieutenant Colonel—

To

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To. Major General Brathwaite

Sir,

I am Directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to furnish you with the Enclosed Extracts of a Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors dated 5th December last and to desire that the Necessary Reports may be made on Mr. Prestons Qualifications on the arrival of that Gentleman—

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Government

Fort St. George
17th July 1799—

(A True Copy)
(Signed) G. Fothergingham
Lieutenant Colonel—

Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 5th December 1798.—

6th

We have appointed Mr. William Preston now abroad in the Ship Henry Dundas a Cadet on your Establishment provided the Governor and Council shall be satisfied that he is not exceptionable for that Station in any respect, and that he shall obtain his Discharge from

that

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that Ship with your consent. The necessary Certificate of Mr. Prestons age has been produced to us—

A True Extract

(Signed) G. Buchan

Sub. Secretary

A True Copy

(Signed) G. Fotheringham

Lieutenant Colonel

Resolved that Mr. William Preston be admitted a Cadit on the establishment and that he be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant

Resolutions on the Commander in Chiefs Minute—

Resolved that Lieutenants Grant and Jones be permitted to exchange situations agreeably to the Commanders in Chiefs recommendation—

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government—

Sir

From the Adjutant General—Recommends the promotion of Captain Lieutenant Evans to be Captain and of Lieut. Thos. Boles to be Captain Lieutenant

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request that you will signify his recommendation that the following promotions be Ordered to take place—

Captain

lies

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Captain Lieutenant Heenry

Evans to be Captain of a Company vice Keay Invalided

date of Rank 15th October 1799—

Lieutenant Thomas Boles to

be Captain Lieutenant vice Evans promoted date of Rank

15th of October 1799—

I have the honor to be

Sir, Sir,

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Approved & Ordered

Adjutant Generals

Office Fort St George

16. October 1799—

Ordered

Read the following letters from the Commanding Officer in Mysore

The Secretary of Government—

Sir

I enclose a letter which I have

From the Officer Commanding in Mysore Encloses a letter from the Killedar of Dunwar states the different arrangements he has made in the Soonda province which is now more settled—

received from the Killedar of Dunwar I have written to

him to desire that he will send into the Commanding

Officer at Hollial all the persons who have been

carried away from Soonda by the Troops acting

under his Orders—

These are two Company's of the

1st of the 1st in Soopah, and one in Mundrajoor Lieut.t

Marriatt commands the former Lieutenant Kelly

the

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the latter There is one Company of the 2. Battalion of Bengal volinteers at Soondah the remainder of that Battalion and 3 Companies of the 1st with four field pieces are at Holliall – I have ordered Captain. McFarlane from. Nuggur with the 1st of the 8th and I expect that he will Cross the Werdah tomorrow. As soon as this Corps will have reached Holliall. I intend that Captain Bailey's Battalion should Join the Army –

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Inhabitants are returning to their Villages and that the Country is more settled than it was I shall therefore order the three Regiments of Cavalry across the Werdah and as it is difficult to procure Supplies for them in the Bednore Country eventually a cross the Tembadra –

I have the honor to be

Camp at Yellapour

9th October 1799 —

Sir

Your Obt

(Signed) A. Wellesley

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

From the Officer Commanding in Mysore Enclosed a Letter

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter

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Letter from Bapojee Scindia to Captain Setty by which it appears that he has changed his mind Respecting the Ryots who had been driven off by his Troops since I left Soonda—

Letter from Bapojee Scindia Respecting the Ryots who had been driven from or Soonduk by his troops—

Lieutenant Colonel Close is arrived in Camp—

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

(Signed) Arthur Wellesley

WCV

The President proposes that the Madras Militia be Cloathed for the ensuing Year 1800. in the same manner as for the last Year 1799—by the Regulating Officer and that the Military Paymaster General be authorized to advance to the regulating Officer the Sum of 500 Pagodas on Account of the Cloathing of the Madras Militia for the Year 1800. that the Regulating Officer be permitted to Indent on the Import Ware House Keeper for the Quantity of Cloth necessary to make up the Uniform for the Corps, which he is to be answerable for the Payment of—

Presidents Minute Respecting the cloathing of the Madras Militia—

The President proposes that The Cloathing now Ordered to be made up for the Madras

Madras Militia Shall Serve three two Years, Such as Soon as the Corps shall have been Sufficiently Drilled and Inspected after the next Meeting the New Cloathing Shall be taken into store and that the Regulating Officer shall give the Necessary Orders for Cloathing of each Company being Properly and Separately Packed and Marked—

Ordered Accordingly—

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Military Auditor General and to the Regulating Officer of the Madras Militia—

Order Mention

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General—

The Right Honble Lord Clive—

President and Governor in Council—

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General Authorizes the Sum of Pagodas 41826 . 2 . 12 . to be issued from the Treasury agreeably to the Pay master Generals Estimate of the 25 Instant—

I have examined the Additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current month enclosed in Mr. Sub Secretary Buchan's Letter of the 26th instant and have the honor to report that the Amount Thereof Viz. Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Six Pagodas Two Fanams and

Twelve

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Twelve Cash/ Pagodas 41826. 2.12./ is Admissible and to be issued from the General Treasury, for the purpose of Answering Bills drawn by the Paymaster at Seringapatam on the Military Paymaster General, for Cash paid to him by Individuals at that Station

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Milly Audr. General

. Military . Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
29th
29. October 1799

In consequence of the foregoing Report Ordered that the Sum of Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Six Pagodas Two fanams and Twelve Cash/ Pagodas 41,826. 2.12, be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 25th Instant

Ordering the Sum of Pagodas 41826,,2,12, to be issued from the treasury agreeably to the Paymaster Generals estimate of the 25th Instant

Resolved that at the particular recommendation of Captain John . Malcolm Ball= Kistna pensioned Commandant be permitted to draw the usual allowances for a palankeen from the 1st January last for his zealous and meritorious exertions with the contingent of his Highness the Nizam

Ball Kistna pensioned Commandant permitted to draw the usual allowances for a Palankeen from the 1st January 1799

Read

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Read the following letter from the Resident in Mysoor —

To The Right Honble Lord Clive —

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord —

From the Resident in Mysoor - States that Ramah Saumy ... cow expelled polligar of Balapoor had been guilty of considerable violences in that follow suggests the expediency of Orders being sent to the Collector in the Baramahal where he shelters himself to endeavour to apprehend him —

I find it necessary to address your Lordship respecting the very offensive conduct of Rama Saumy Poligar of Chatoor Balapore — This person had been expelled by the late Suddaun and having taken Refuge in the Carnatic, Remained there till the Commencement of the late hostilities when at the suggestion of Lieutenant Colonel Read he obtained the sanction of his Excellency the Commander in Chief to return to Balapore — . At the conclusion of the Treaty of Mysore he was accordingly in possession of the place but although repeatedly desired by Lieutenant General Harris to pay obedience to the . Amildar of Mysore appointed to Balapore or else to repair to Head Quarters where he could have an opportunity of stating his claims to

Pursuit.

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Purniah, who was favorably disposed towards him he obstinately avoided doing either persisting in keeping possession of Balapore in defiance of the . Amildar till Captain Itton by orders from Head Quarters dispossessed him of the Fort and expelled him from the District — Thus opposed he returned to the Baramahal, from whence he occasionally sent Messages to the Inhabitants of Balapore holding forth that he had obtained the Protection of the Company, and threatening them with his vengeance — Lieutenant Colonel . Macalister however with the 3. Regiment of Cavalry having been stationed near the Place at the time encouraged the . Amildar and the inhabitants and inspired them with confidence on the departure of the Regiment he renewed his ~~for~~ threats which added to a Letter he has lately written to Captain Itton, have again so alarmed the Inhabitants as to induce the Captain to address a Letter to . Major Cuppage on the Subject an Extract of which I do myself the honor to enclose —

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As it appears that Rama=
=Sawmy is now resident at Congoondy or is sheltered
some where by the Rajah of that place it has
occured to me that your Lordship may judge
it expedient to direct Captain Graham Collector
to take measures for securing his person in order
that he may be kept in confinement till he
can produce some satisfactory Security for his
future good behaviour or give such proofs of
his submission to the Government of Mysoor
as may enable the Dewan to settle some arran=
=gement by which he may derive a decent
Maintenance

I have the honor to be

Sea Sea

(Signed) B.T. Close

Resident in Mysoor

Shikarpoor
20th October 1799

Extract of a letter from Captain Sutton to Major Cuppage
dated Nundydroog 14th October 1799

On a former occasion I mentioned
to you the propriety as I thought of having recourse
to the fountain head of the grievances complained

of

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of by the Mysoor Collectors in the interruption that they met with from the Pollegars who have taken refuge on the Company's and Nabobs bounds, and who deter the Inhabitants from obeying the Mysoor Circar in settling their villages by threats of punishment — I am induced to bring this circumstance before you again, from a letter I have this day received from Ramah Sawmy of Bellapore who intimates to me his intention of returning again with authority (as he says) from the Company to get back his Country — the influence such reports must have on the Country People at this period will tend much to enjure the Revenue if not checked on a supposition of its being unfounded —

I have therefore made some inquiries concerning his present residence and find it to be at the village of Pottiguntah in the Congoondy District that in case Government should find it necessary to take any steps concerning these People they may know where to find them —

A True Extract

(Signed) B. Close

Ordered

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Order thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the above letter be transmitted to the Collector at Masaghurry, with Orders to take effectual Measures for securing the persons therein described.—

" Close

" Geo. Harris

" Wm Petrie

" E.H. Fullofield

Compd
Geo Moore

6705 Fort St. George 1st October 1799.

Diary

29th Received the following Letter.

Lieutenant General George Harris

Commander in Chief

&c &c &c

Sir,

As the Army is now drawing towards Seringapatam, and a probability of its breaking up on its arrival at that Station. I am making every exertion in my power to carry on, and close the accounts of my Department. The intention of this Letter is to solicit your support towards obtaining a favorable decision on a Subject which may, or may not, compose any part of those accounts —

From the Commissary of Provisions to the army, makes application for the heads and offals of the Sheep and Cattle killed for the Army as a perquisite which has been usually allowed to former Commissaries —

It has been the usage of the Service in former Wars, to allow the Commissary of Provisions with the Army in the Field, the Heads &c. of the Sheep and Slaughter Cattle supplied to the Troops; intended

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29. "intended to afford the means of Rewarding active and
trusty Servants, and if any thing has been left, it has
usually been allowed to remain with the Commissary.
As I have no positive Authority for the
disposal of these Articles for this purpose, and in
the manner above Stated. and having no directions to
bring them to the Credit of the Honble Company. I beg
the favor of you to solicit Government to bestow them on
me in like manner, as has been usual to former
Commissaries. in former Wars. "

I have the honor to be with much respect.
Sir &c &c

Camp
23d October 1799.

Signed C. Corner
Commissy of Provisions

"

Sent the following Letter.

To Major Colin. Macaulay
Barrack Master

Sir,

The Right Honble the Governor in
Council, being about to publish Orders for the distribution

of

To the Barrack Master
with his opinion forming
him that orders were about
being published for the
Distribution of the Troops
who are to remain where
they are, into Garrisons
and desiring him to provide
accommodation for them
Barrack Articles for them.

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29th. of the Troops destined to remain above the Ghauts into Garrison, directs me to acquaint you, that the distribution will include three Regiments of Europeans. His Lordship therefore directs, that no time may be lost in providing Cots, and the other Barrack Articles for the use of the Troops according to the existing Regulations. —

The Military Board have been informed of this Order, and you will report your proceedings in consequence to them. —

I am &c &c

Signed J. Webbe

Sec.y to Government —

Fort St. George
29th. October 1799.

" Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 118-119-120. —

From the Commandant at Pondicherry —

From Captain Grant — requests that he may be authorized to re-establish the Police at Pondicherry and that he may be allowed an Interpreter. —

From Ditto — at Trevelipatore —

From Captain Deighton — requests — permission to proceed to the Presidency on private business —

To

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To the Military Board. —

29th

To the Military Board — enclosing Copy of the instructions to the Barrack Master in Mysore for the provision of Barrack Articles for the European troops destined to be stationed above the Ghauts. —

30th

Received the following Letters —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government —

Sir, —

From Captain John Malcolm at Hyderabad. Encloses Copy of a Letter addressed by him to the Resident at Hyderabad on the subject of his accounts while in command of the Nizam's Troops during the War. And States that he has paid into the hands of the Resident, for the purpose of being remitted to this Presidency the sum of Rupees 19025. 12 3/4 of advances made to different Burgarries —

I have the honor to enclose for the Information of the Right Honble the Governor General. Copy of a Letter, dated the 21st Instant, and to inform you, I have paid the balance 19025. 12 3/4 mentioned therein to the Resident, who will remit it by the earliest opportunity, or Pay it to the Madras Government. —

I have not thought it necessary to transmit the Copies of the different Enclosures mentioned in this Letter, as all such as are of Consequence are already in possession of Government. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed John Malcolm —
Envoy &c.

Hyderabad
25th October 1799. —

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30th

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hyderabad.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you an account of advances made at different periods during the war to Banjarries and Sirdars of His Highness the Nizam, not included in the Residency Accounts.- you will observe I have recovered of the advances made to Banjarries &c. by Captain Forbes, Colonel Read and Colonel Sale 19.025. Rupees 12. Annas and 7/8. which I now send for the purpose of being remitted to the Madras Government. who have already settled the accounts of these Officers- you will also see that there is still due a balance of 7.627. 5½ Rupees. One hundred and seven of which is due on Maun Singh's Bond. No 1. to me which I enclose to facilitate its Recovery.- The Remainder is due by different Banjarries to Colonel Read. as per Account particular with Vouchers No 2 also enclosed.-

whenever

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30th Whenever this Sum, or any part of it is recovered, it will be necessary to remit it to the Madras Government, but it is proper formally to remark, that the Circumstances under which the Banjarry Naiques are placed, who are made accountable for this Balance, entitles them to a consideration, and perhaps to a deduction from the amount. The Naiques who were sent to me by Beemah Naique, (the Chief Banjarah,) as the persons who owed this Sum, were men who had been detained by unavoidable Circumstances from joining, till a late period, and were not arrived when the Commander in Chief took a quantity of Rice from those who had received advances, and were unable to make a Repayment at the moment, as the grain was at a very low price in the Market, and the Commander in Chief refused taking any further supply.

The Purchase of Rice to the amount of Eight Thousand three hundred and Ninety Nine Rupees, One and a half Annas, from Setchima Naique and others was made from them at the same rate, (five Seers the Rupee,) as allowed those who had received

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30th Received advances to Complete the wants of the Department
and also as a liberal indulgence to those Naiques who
had made themselves particularly useful during the
Siege — you will observe that this amount with the
Repayment of the different advances to Banjarries —
brought to Credit exactly corresponds with the Value —
received in Grain by the Commander in Chief at —
different periods as expressed in his account which I now
forward for your information. —

The Commander in Chief sent
Meer Allum at Seringapatam four Lacks of
Rupees which was Repaid the moment the Treasure
arrived from Hyderabad: In making this loan a —
Considerable benefit arose to the Company in the exchange
of the Sultany Pagodas which they Received from the
Prize Agents at 87½ Cent and paid them / agreeably
to a Standard he had adopted in a small payment to
the Subsidiary Force a Month previous / at the exchange
of four Rupees two annas the Pagoda — but as the
Repayment of this loan was made in the Hyderabad or

Sultanee

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To
30. Sicca Rupees there is reason to fear from their depre-
=ciated value at Seringapatam that Government ~~~~
~~~~~~~~~~ have ultimately sustained a loss on the balance
of this account. This was however inevitable, as Hyderabad
Rupees were the only Coin in the Meer Alloom's Possession.
I mention these Circumstances for your Information
lest there should be a future reference on this Subject.
It is also necessary to apprize you that there were several
advances made during the War by Officers in command
to the Nizam's Sirdars particularly by Colonel Brown
and Colonel Read but it is unnecessary to bring these
again forward as they have already passed in account
with the Commander in Chief. To whom Meer Alloom
paid the amount of the Receipts of the different
Sirdars the moment they were presented. I do not
believe that any of these Receipts are outstanding, except
one or two for trifling advances made by Mr. Haldane at
Vellore, which will probably be transmitted to you by the
Secretary to Government. ~

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) John Malcolm
Envoy

A true Copy
(Signed) John Malcolm,
Envoy

Hyderabad
21st October 1799. ~

Lieut.
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30.

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Adjutant General of the

Army.

From the Officer commanding Northern Division — encloses Copies of Letters from Lieut.t Colonel Hamilton Commanding a Detachment of the Marine Battalion in the Western parts of this District of Masulipatam, giving a particular Account of the Strength of the Freebooters who infest that quarter, and of the Measures he has taken to check their Incursions. —

Sir.

I have the Honor of forwarding to you, for communication to the Commander in Chief, and if necessary to Government, Copies of three Letters which I received this day, from Lieut.t Colonel Hamilton, as the Western parts of this District are menaced with serious inroads by the Freebooters. I have re-inforced Lieut.t Colonel Hamilton with fifty men of his Battalion whom I drew from the different Collectors. — His force at present exceeds three hundred men, a Number I should suppose sufficient for the general protection of the Country, but perhaps incapable of entirely securing so extensive a frontier from sudden incursions and partial depredations. —

I have the honor to Remain

Sir Your most Obed.t Humble Servant

Masulipatam

26.th October 1799. —

Wm. Vigors

Colonel

6/14 Fort St. George 24 October 1799.

30. To Colonel Vigors

commanding the Northern Division.

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you, that I yesterday returned to this place from the Northern part of the Frontier, for the reasons specified in the inclosed Copy of a Letter I have addressed to Mr. Collector Read.

I mean to move in the course of a Day or two towards the Gunjavaram Talook, the general Seat of Nagarow's Depredations, tho' he has not ventured to molest the Company's Subjects within their own Boundary, at present I am detained here in the hope of having an Interview with a Vakeel from one of Nagarow's Brothers, and in expectation of receiving an answer from the Nuzeel of Khummamait by the Peon I dispatched to him, who are not yet returned.

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your most obt. Servt
Signed R. Hamilton
Lieut. Col. Comg. 1st Nizam Batt.

Camp Sheer Mahod Pett
24th. October 1799.

A true Copy
Signed Wm. Vigors.

To

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Fort St. George — October 1799.

30th

To John Read Esqr

Collector

Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 20th Instant and the enclosures.

The Name of the person who repeatedly applied to me for the withdrawal of the Guard at Juggiapettah is Narsannah, but he only did it at the express instance of Seetaram Nazarat the Talookdar of Juggiapettah.

With respect to the Cattle that were taken away from the Bezoara Zemindary, I have only to observe, that as this was an act of the Nizam's Subjects who are not in a State of Rebellion, I do not consider myself authorized to take offensive measures against them, more particularly as my intelligence states the Cattle to have been seized in the Jungles within the Kummamett Circar, on account of some pecuniary

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30th pecuniary claims the Nabob of that Country alledges to have against the Zemindars of Bezoara and Munchi-
=nehella. - I conceive this business can only be adjusted to the Mutual Satisfaction of the parties concerned by investigation, and which may require a reference to Hydrabad. -

The Village of Pummy, and Pagoda which Temiah States, (in the Order issued by him) to have been plundered of Jewels, and afterwards set fire to, by the Sibbundies of Duggirpett, is unfounded. Depredations were committed there by the Nizam's Detachment serving with Captain Broughams, and for which they were recalled. -

Having been informed a few days ago that an Inhabitant of Mudkapore had been carried away from the Jungles by six or eight of Temiahs people. I made a movement to that Village, and after learning the particulars, I wrote to the Nabob of Kummamet to have him restored, and at the same time desired him to exercise his

authority

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30th Authority in the prevention of such oppressive practices.

but I have not yet received his Answer—whilst I was in that quarter information was brought to me of a large Convoy of Merchandize to the value of Forty Thousand Rupees which was proceeding from Veggiapetta to Hydrabad having been detained by an Armed Party of Ragorow's in one of his Villages and which they would not allow to pass without paying an exorbitant Duty.—In consequence of this I immediately returned to this place and have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Proprietors of the Merchandize have been permitted to prosecute their Journey, but instead of paying at the rate of four annas p.r Bullock the usual Duty they were constrained to pay one Rupee.—As Ragorow is only known to the Company's Subjects on this Frontier in the Character of a notorious Free Booter it appears very extraordinary that they should Order such Valuable property without any Guard through the very Centre of his Talook and close to his usual place of Residence.

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30th when they could have avoided it by taking another route equally as good, and which does not interfere with his views or without even given me the smallest Intimation of their intention. Indeed they sent it off when I was more remotely situated from the place than usual.—

H. Majesty now possesses the turbulent and predatory spirit which is represented. This certainly afforded him a fine opportunity of displaying it: but he was satisfied by levying a duty which amounted to about 300 Rupees: however as this conduct must be highly discouraging and injurious to Commercial intercourse between the two States, and cannot happen but with the connivance of the Nizam's Officers, it certainly becomes a subject which ought to be seriously enquired into, and if possible prevented.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(signed) R. Hamilton
Lieut. Col.

Camp Sheer Mahomed Pett
24th October 1799.—

A true Copy
(signed) Wm. Vigors.
Sec.

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To Colonel Vigors

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Masulipatam.

Sir.

I have the Honor to acquaint you that soon after the dispatch of my Letter of Yesterday's date, the two Sepoys returned with an answer from the Aumil of Kummamait signifying that he neither possessed power or private influence to obtain the release of the person I had written about from the Refractory Chieftain Timiah. The Sepoys were informed at the Fort of Kummamait that Timiah had within the last twenty days augmented his Force to the Number of seven hundred Matchlock Men; and had also been joined by four other Considerable Zemindars. That they were committing great depredations on the Nizam's Villages, and the Garrison of the Hill Fort of Kummamait lay every Night on their Arms

in

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30th in the expectation of an assault. The Sepoys on their return to Join me were attacked and fired upon by a party of about fifty of Tiniah's men, who had that morning plundered a Villages of the Nizams of 300 Sheep and Goats, the Sepoys returned the fire, and effected their Junction. —

This report is confirmed by intelligence from other Quarters, with the additional Rumour of Tiniah being determined to invade the Company's Territories; and is particularly bent on the pillage of the Wealthy Town of Suggaipettah and Sheermahomed Pettah. —

In consequence of these reports, I shall not move in the direction I mentioned in my Letter of yesterday; but shall March in the morning towards the parts adjacent to the incursions of Tiniah and his Confederates, considering their Operations of a more serious Nature than those of Pagarow; though it is not improbable but they may have a concerted plan, and that during the absence of my Detachment from

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30th from the Vicinity of Suggiapetta. Nagarow may venture to assail it. The Guard you ordered is still there, which with the armed Peons ought to be able to repel any force Nagarow can bring against it. From the present strength of my Detachment, (leaving one Havildar, one Naick and twelve Sepoys detached for the protection of Dobackpilly, and above forty men in the Hospital,) I do not conceive it prudent to divide it any further, admitting the Report of the Zemindar's having united with Ismiah, and the present state of his own force to be authentic, except a small Guard for the protection of this place, and to act in concert with the Guard at Suggiapettah should it be necessary. - Be assured, no exertions shall be wanting on my part, for the Security of this District. -

I have written to Mr. Read to the same effect as the above. -

I have honor to be
&c. &c.
(Sign'd) R. Hamilton.
Lieut. Col. Comd. 1st Marine Battn.

Camp. Sheer Mahomed Pettah
25th October 1799. -

A true Copy
(Sign'd) Wm. Vigors.
Lieut.

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir.

From the Commandant at Vellum states that the English troops had evacuated the Forts of Tanjore with the exception of troops who are to remain there & of whom he encloses a return - Capr Jones himself dissatisfied at the conduct which he states to have been shewn to his troops when evacuating the place.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Forts of Tanjore were this morning evacuated and the Garrison under my Command removed to Vellum agreeably to the orders of Government under date the 12th September and Mr Sorin's Requisition dated the 13th Instant having left under Captain Blackburne the detail stated in the accompanying Return. This measure has been carried into effect with all possible dispatch and I trust with every proper and respectful attention on my part and that of the troops to his Excellency the Rajah - I should have been happy to have had it in my power to add that it met with an equal and becoming return - I shall address you tomorrow and Government will then be able to judge whether the disrespect experienced by

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30th by myself and the Troops, or rather the Honorable Company's Authority on this occasion could have proceeded from mistake or intention. —

I have the honor to be

Hon.ble Sir

Sign.d Sam.l Innes

Major Commanding

Vellum
27th October 1799.

P.S. Captain Fennell Deputy Commissary, two Conductors, and two Store Serjeants left with the Stores at Tanjour. —

Sign.d Sam.l Innes

Return of a Detail of Troops left under the Command of Captain Blackburne at Tanjour upon the evacuation of the Forts by the Garrison. —

Vellum 27th October 1799. —

Detail	Lieut.s Dan.s	Lieut.s Dan.s	Lieut.s Dan.s	Serjeants	Drummers & Fifers	Privates	Total
9th Batt.n 13th Regiment Native Infantry	"	1	5	5	1	1	105
Native Invalids	1	2	10	"	"	"	"
Total	1	3	15	5	1	1	105

N.B. Lieut.t Butler Remains on Sick Certificate at Tanjour

Signed Sam.l Innes
Major Command.g
Tanjour

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30th

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

X

Sir.

From the Officer Commanding in Mysoor States his opinion that the exchange of Sondah for some part of the territory of the Rajah of Mysoor would not be productive of any advantage.

Colonel Close has communicated to me a letter from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council dated the 17th Instant.

I think it proper to observe upon the proposed Exchange of Sonda for territory on the borders of Baramahal. that as the former will in that case belong to the Rajah of Mysoor. and as it will be equally necessary to protect it by means of the troops of the Honorable Company. nothing will be gained by the measure in a Military point of view.

It will not be so convenient as a Military Arrangement. as for the Honorable Company

to

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30th to keep it to manage it by means of the Collector of Canara, and to protect it by troops under the orders of the Commanding Officer of that Province. The will have a short and easy mode of communicating with them. They will have their supplies and every thing they can want near them, and in their rear. —

Colonel Close will have the Honor of addressing Government and will state various Political considerations upon this subject. —

I have the Honor to be

Sir Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Nuggur
October 25th 1799.

Signed Arthur Wellesley

Received the following Letter from the Military Auditor General. —

&c.

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Fort St. George — November 1799.

1st

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Accountant General. Reports on the General Estimate for November and authorizes the issue of Pagodas 276459-1-72. to be issued on account of it.

1st

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of November 1799. which came enclosed in Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 29th Instant. I have the honor to report. that the Sum of Three Lacks Sixty five Thousand and four Pagodas, Twenty fanams and Nineteen Cash Pags. 365004. 20. 19. is required for the Payment of such Military Charges as became due in the Course of the ensuing Month.

From the General Treasury 276459. 1. 72

By Bills on the Mil. Paymaster General ... 88545. 18. 27

Total 365004. 20. 19.

2d

The Paymaster at Seringapatam having included in his Estimate Pagodas Six Thousand. Pagodas 6000. - -. as an advance on account of the Deputy Paymaster.

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1st Paymaster General of the Kings Troops. I have in consequence deducted that sum from the Estimate of the latter and the Military Paymaster General will of course make the necessary Adjustment accordingly. - Finding also that the sum of Three Thousand four hundred and four Pagodas Twelve fanams and Twenty five Cash / Pags. 3404.. 12.. 25 / has been included by mistake in the List of Bills drawn by Captain Keene Paymaster of the Bengal Troops / the same sum having been passed on a former Estimate / I have in Consequence deducted it from the Total amount of the General Estimate now reported upon. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c. &c.

Signed W. Sydenham

Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor Generals Office

Fort St. George 31st. October 1799. -

In consequence of the foregoing Report. Ordered

Authorizing the sum of Pagodas 276459.. 1.. 72. to be issued on account of the general Estimate for November. -

That the Sum of Two Lacks, Twenty Six Thousand, four hundred and fifty Nine Pagodas One Fanam, and Twenty two Cash / Pagodas 276459.. 1.. 72 / be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General Estimate for November enclosed in his Letter of the 28th Ultimo. -

Sent.

6728 Fort St George 2nd November 1799.—

Sent the following Letters.—

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen

To the Military Board. The grain issued to the Maistries in the Bullock department must be charged to them at the rate of Pags. 90-21-69. per Garce. This resolution must be communicated to the Principal Agent Bills for the freight of paddy enclosed, and the amount to be charged to the value of the paddy—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 18th Instant. and to desire that the grain issued to the Maistries. on the condition of its being conveyed by themselves. may be charged to them at the rate of Pagodas 90.. 21.. 69. per Garce.—

The Governor in Council desires that you will communicate this Resolution to the late principal Agents. with such injunctions as you may deem necessary to provide against the Renewal of this claim.—

I am directed to inclose sundry Bills for the freight of paddy delivered in charge to the Garrison Storekeeper. and am directed to desire that the amount may be charged on the Value of

the

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2nd the paddy in that department. ~

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George

31st November 1799. ~

(Signed) J. Webbe

Sect. to Govt.

To Colonel Vigors

commanding the Northern Division at

Masulipatam.

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of

your Letter's dated 15th and 23d Instant. ~

As the removal of Captain Molloy

from the Command of the Troops in Kimmedy appears

to have been the effect of some internal arrangements of

the Division the Governor in Council leaves to your ~

discretion the restoration of that Officer to the Command. ~

With regard to the necessity of maintaining

posts in the Kimmedy Country at this Season. His ~

Lordship in Council has the fullest reliance on your

judgement.

To the Offic. Com-
manding Northern
Division. it is left to
his discretion to restore
Captain Molloy to the
Command of the Troops
in the Kimedy Zemindary
if he should deem it
expedient. The expediency
of withdrawing the troops
from Kimedy during the
unhealthy Season
suggested to him if it
should be found
practicable. ~

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2nd. Judgement. But if it should be possible to dispense with the presence of the Troops or to form any arrangement for their relief after the unhealthy season shall have commenced. His Lordship in Council is desirous that they may be entirely withdrawn untill a change of the Climate may admit of active Operations. —

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31st October 1799.

Sam Hon Wm
Signed J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated 22d. Instant and to inform you that the Governor in Council has ordered a distribution of the Off-Reckoning fund for the year 1797 in General Orders. —

Under the particular circumstances of Captain O'Reily, his Lordship has judged it expedient to grant him the Residue of the Stoppages made according to the Calculations of the Committee from the Malay Corps

under

To the Military Auditor General. A distribution of the Off-reckonings for 1797 has been ordered in General Orders. The balances of the Stoppages made from the Malay Corps, and the European Invalids have been granted to Captain O. Reily, and to Captain Lieut. Bridewell. The Board have recommended that the passage Money of Lieut. Colonel Murray may be adjusted by the Bombay Government in the manner he has recommended. —

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2nd under his Command, and His Lordship has been pleased to grant the balance of the European Invalid fund to Captain Lieut.t Brodnell.—

His Lordship in Council has recommended that the passage Money of Lieut.t Colonel Murray may be adjusted in the manner you have recommended.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed J. Webbe

Sec.y to Government.

Fort St. George
31st October 1799.—

To Colonel Brown

Commanding the Southern Divisions at

Trichinopoly.

To the Officer Commanding Southern Divisions approving his several Orders for the evacuations of the Forts of Tanjore. He has been already instructed in a former letter that such a proportion of Sepoys only are to be stationed there as can be accommodated in the present quarters. The detachment of H.M. 19th Regiment to be ordered to March to Tuticorin as soon as the Weather shall permit with a view to their being Embarked for Ceylon. The Command of Tuticorin must not with standing remain with the Lieut.t Colonel Agnew the detail of Bengal Artillery at present with Major Fleming's detachment to remain with him. The remainder of the artillery to be ordered to Palamcotah or Trichinopoly.—

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated 11th and 21st Ultimo.—

The Governor in Council approves the several Orders issued by you for the evacuation of the Forts of Tanjore.—

In regard to the evacuation of the Troops

6732 Fort St. George 7th. November 1799.

2nd. Troops at Vellum. you will have been furnished with his Lordships Orders in my letter of the 22d. Instant. by which you are directed to Station at that place such a proportion of the Sepoy only as can be accomodated in the present quarters.

The Governor in Council having Resolved, that the detachment of His Majesty's 19th. Regiment should be embarked as soon as it may be practicable for the Island of Ceylon. directs you to issue the necessary Orders for their marching to Tutacoryn whenever the state of the weather may permit.

You will order Captain Davison to provide for the accomodation of the Troops untill an opportunity for their embarkation may occur; but the Command of Tutacoryn itself will remain with Captain Davison.

After the detachment shall have arrived at Tutacoryn. the Commanding Officer is to use his discretion in transporting small parties to Colombo on such occasional Vessels as he may judge perfectly safe; but as His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon will be requested to provide freight for this purpose; it is not the intention of the Governor in Council that the Troops should be exposed to hazard or inconvenience.

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2nd

The Governor in Council desires that the detail of Bengal Artillery at present with the detachment under the Command of Major Turing may remain under the orders of that Officer; and that Captain Clarke with the remainder of the Detachment of Artillery, and the 12th Regt may be ordered into Madura or Tinnivelly, as you shall judge most expedient.

Sam Wm Fmr

Sign'd J. Webbe

Sec.y to Government.

Fort St. George
31st October 1799.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent a letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No 71.
Satisfaction expressed at the discharge of his Arbitrary Kist. Copy of Colonel Fergusson's explanation of the violences imputed to him by the Nabob's Aumil of Arcot enclosed.

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9.

From the Commandant at Vellore

From Major Innes - Complains of disrespect having been shewn towards him while quitting Tanjour -
Encloses Copy of the G.O. published by him on that occasion with Copies of his Correspondence with the Resident in explanation of the grounds of his complaint.

From the Paymaster at Vizagapatam -

From the Honble Mr. Murray - applies for promotion

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2nd. permission to purchase a Cash Chest for the use of the Pay Office at Vizagapatam.

From the Paymaster of His M. 19th Regiment of Foot.

From Lieut. James Lalley - requests an advance of 1000 pagodas on account of arrears due to different Officers of the 19th Regiment at present at Madras.

To the Governor of Ceylon.

To Mr. North - The Detachment of His Majesty's 19th Regiment doing duty under this Presidency is to be embarked as soon as possible for Columbo. The expediency of engaging freights for the purpose of transporting the troops suggested to His Excellency.

To the Paymaster of the Stipends at Vellore.

To Lieut. Colonel Doveton - The several disbursements referred to in his letter of the 11th Ultimo relate to the fund for the payment of the Stipends and have been referred to the Accountant General, who will furnish him with the necessary instructions respecting the charges.

To the Accountant General.

To Mr. Woolf - Enclosing Copy of a letter from Lieut. Colonel Doveton with such instructions as may be necessary for the disposal of the several Charges therein mentioned.

To the Collector at Nagore.

To Mr. Francis A. Grant - desiring that means may be provided for the payment of the Stipends allowed to the prisoners mentioned in an enclosed Copy of a letter from the Governor of Ceylon, and for preventing them from

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2nd — from having any correspondence with Ceylon - He is to draw on the Bills on the treasury in favor of the Board of Revenue for the sums he may pay to them. —

To Mr. Ricketts. enclosing extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General at this Presidency. and recommending that the passage money of Lieutenant Colonel Murray may be adjusted in the manner suggested by the Auditor General. —

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3d my power, and that in Conformity to his Lordship's Commands Orders have this day been dispatched to Major Innes to leave at Vellum under the Command of a Junior Officer only such a Detail as can be fully accommodated with Quarters and Barracks, and to proceed himself with the remainder of the Force now at that Station, into Quarters in the Fort of Trichinopoly.—

I have further to acquaint you for the information of his Lordship in Council, that five Companies of H.M. 19th Regiment of foot under the Command of Captain Vincent with a Brigade of 12 Pdr. Guns manned by a Detail of Bengal Artillery Commanded by Captain Clarke, the whole under the Command of Captain Evans of H.M. 19th Regiment of foot arrived on the 27th at Secundermally whither they had been ordered by Major Bannerman.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Signed A. Brown
Ch. Com. Southern Division.

Trichinopoly
29th October 1799.—

Sent the following letters.—

&c.

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

To the Military Auditor General. enclosing Copy of a letter from Bengal and desiring that the signature of the Governor General in Council respecting an increase of allowances to the Commanders of the Company's Chartered Ships on which European troops may be Embarked as Passengers or Marines may be added inclosing Extract of the Minutes of Council regarding the Cloathing the Madras Militia for the ensuing year. the Commanding officer at Pomamallee has been authorized to offer the usual Reward for destroying Pariah dogs - He is also authorizing payment of a bill for working money paid to Native troops at Seringapatam amounting to Fan.s 18868.-40. a bill of the Commissary of Stuffs at Dindigul for Pagodas 123.-3.-20. a bill of the Gun Carriage Contractors for Pags. 3596.- an advance of 1500 Pags. to the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency; an advance of 1000 Pags. to the agent of Supply to the 25th Dragoons and an advance of 1000 Pags. to the late agent of Supply to that Regiment. and an advance of 500 Pags. to the Superintending Engineer at Seringapatam. Mr. Gilchrist Assistant Surgeon at Amboor to be permitted to draw the usual allowance for attending three Native Companies.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to enclose Copy of a letter from the Governor General in Council and to desire that the allowances therein recommended may be in future paid to the Commanders of the Company's Chartered Ships on which European Troops may be embarked as passengers or Marines.

I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance Extract of the Minutes of Council regarding the Cloathing the Madras Militia for the ensuing year.

The Commanding Officer at Pomamallee has been authorized to offer the usual Reward for destroying Pariah Dogs.

The Governor in Council desires that you will authorize payment of the following Bills and advances.

An inclosed bill for working Money paid to Native Troops at Seringapatam amounting to eight

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3d. eight thousand eight hundred and fifty eight fanams forty Cash / fanams 8.858.. 40 /.—

An enclosed bill of the Commissary of Supply at Dindigul for firewood, amounting to one hundred and twenty three pagodas, three fanams twenty Cash /123.. 3.. 20/.—

An enclosed bill of the Gun Carriage Contractor's amounting to three thousand five hundred and Ninety six Pagodas /3,596.. .. /—

An advance of fifteen hundred Pagodas /1500.. .. / to the Superintending Engineer for works executing under his superintendance.—

An advance of one thousand pagodas /1,000.. .. / to the Agent for Cavalry supplies to his Majesty's 25th Regiment of Dragoons: as also an advance to the late Agent for Supplies to that Regiment of one thousand pagodas /1000.. .. / towards Reimbursing him in expences stated to have been incurred in his Department during the late march of the Regiment to the Carnatic.—

An advance of seven hundred pagodas.

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

We have received your letters of the 15th 22nd and 25th Instant. —

We approve your suggestion for —

Sending to Bombay the Garrison and field Gun Carriages with

3rd Pagodas 1700 .. .. /to Captain Norris of the Corps of Engineers for Repairs at Seringapatam. —

His Lordship in Council desires that you will authorize payment of the usual allowances to Mr. Gilchrist assistant Surgeon at Amboor for attending three Companies of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment of — Native Infantry. —

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

Fort St. George
31st October 1799. —

To the Military Board —
their suggestion for sending Gun Carriages to Bombay instead of Models approved. The Gun Carriage Contractors to be directed to replace the 6 and the 18 Pdr. field Carriages. the Governor in Council at Bombay will be requested to return the dismounting Carriages. Application will be made to the Nabob for the usual Bullocks to be granted to the Gram Contractor at Arcot. Copy of a letter from the Officer commanding the 25th Dragoons enclosed. and the necessary Repairs to be authorized to the Barracks occupied by that Regiment at Arcot —

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3d. with limbers complete, proposed in your letter of the 15th Instant. instead of Models: and we desire that the Gun Carriage Contractors may be directed to replace the 18 Bde and 6 Bde Field Carriages.—

We shall request the Governor in Council at Bombay to give orders for the return of the depressing Carriage to this Presidency, as soon as Lieut. General Stuart shall have no further occasion for it.—

Application will be made to His Highness the Nabob, for the usual Dustucks to be granted for the Grain Contractor at Arcot.—

We enclose Copy of a letter from the Commanding Officer of the 25th Regiment of Dragoons, and desire that you will order such Repairs as you may judge necessary to the Barracks occupied by that Regiment at Arcot.—

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

We are

Fort St. George
31st October 1799.—

Hon Hon

Signed Clive

Hon Council

Revd

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Received and Sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17 —

From Colonel Vigors — expresses a hope that in the event of General Bridges not intending to resume the command of the Northern Division he may be confirmed in his present situation and details the services on which he ventures to ground his application. —

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division. —

To Captain Graham — referring him in reply to his letter of the 18th Instant to the orders transmitted to him on the 26th August respecting the payment of the pension of Hafiz Mahomed Khan and Meer Gholam Ally. —

To the Collector at Kistnagherry. —

To Messrs. Kindersley Watts and Co. — as two claims have been preferred to the ground stated in their letter of the 8th February last to have belonged to the Estate of the late Mr. Douglas their application for payment of the demand cannot be complied with until the question of property shall have been legally determined. —

To Messrs. Kindersley Watts & Co. attorneys to the late Mr. Douglas. —

To Messrs. Chalmers and Anstruther. —

To Messrs. Chalmers and Anstruther — as their claims to the original property of the ground stated in their letter of the 25th Instant to have been disposed of to the Company in the year 1780. have been preferred. no demand

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3.. demand on that account will be paid until the question

of property shall have been determined by law.—

To the Collector at Ramnad.

To Mr Lushington.- Messrs Gratian and

Albrecht may remain at Manaparau as long as they shall

continue to conduct themselves with propriety. The advance

of fifteen Pagodas each paid by him to Messrs Vansputtls

and Co may be considered as a gratuity.—

To the Commandant at Paramankkee—

To Lieut.t Colonel S. Cohen- authorizing

him to offer the usual Reward for destroying pariah dogs.—

To the Regulating Officer of the Madras Militia—

To Captain Brown- enclosing for his

information and guidance, extract of the minutes of

Council respecting the cloathing of the Militia for the

ensuing year.—

To the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr Roebuck- informing him that

Pagodas 276.459.1..72. will be issued on his application

on account of the general estimate for November.—

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Received the following Letter.—

From the Resident at Tanjore, enclosing accounts of his disbursements in the Bullock department in consequence of the special instructions he received for the provision of Bullocks for the use of the Army.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you my accounts

for

6743 Fort St. George 2 November 1799. —

To

L. for the Draught and Carriage Cattle directed by Government
to be provided for the use of the Army serving in Mysore. —
according to the orders of the Governor General, contained in
your Letters to me of the 31st March and 20th April last. —

The Registers of the different Gentlemen
in the Southern Countries who have assisted me in this
Equipment, as well as the Certificates from the different
Commanding Officers or Fort Adjutants accompanying
the Accounts, in addition to these Vouchers I hold the
receipts of the respective Bullock Owners for the money
advanced to them. —

The Regulations of the Bullock —
Department I have been for the most part Regularly
adhered to, and I have had but little occasion to avail
myself of the latitude allowed me by Government to
depart from them; — in these cases I Reported the deviations
to Government therefore. The accounts will in every
respect I hope be found correct. —

I feel myself amply Repaid for the
trouble I have had in this Extra Service, by the —
approbation

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4th approbation the Governor General was pleased to Express.
and have only to request you will have the goodness to
put these accounts into the way of a speedy adjustment
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From Mr. Edmonstone—acknowledges
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From Bombay.

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dispatches recently received from Mr. Manesty at
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Intelligence.—

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6745 Fort St. George 5th November 1799.—

At a Consultation

Present.

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President.

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that subject which ended in establishing the absolute ne-
cessity of a thorough reform of the Government and the
sentiments of the Governor General on this important
question are recorded in his Lordship's Minute of the 4th
Ultimo.

Having furnished the Resident Mr Torin
with such instructions and explanations as appeared
to be necessary for conducting the intended negotiation with
his Excellency, together with distinct propositions on which
the future Treaty should be formed. - I had the satisfaction
of receiving in a short time from that gentleman the
most satisfactory report of his conferences with His Excellency
the Rajah Sherfogee.

A Treaty founded on these propositions
having accordingly been concluded. I have now great
pleasure in laying it before the Board with the material
parts of my correspondence with the Resident. From these
papers the Board will observe, that His Excellency the
Rajah has felt and acknowledged the indispensable
necessity of a fundamental change in the Government
of Tanjore, a change not to be effected by a remedy

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less efficient than the undivided authority of the Company over the whole of that Country. This object so long and so anxiously desired by the Honble Court of Directors, has been accomplished not only with the full consent but with the zealous Co-operation of the Rajah for the permanent benefit of his people: and I am happy to observe that the mode by which it has been effected places in the hands of this Government the fullest latitude to introduce such a form of Administration as shall appear most conducive to the establishment of a permanent Government, to the Collection of an adequate Revenue in Tanjore. To improve these advantages to the extent of which they are capable will be the subject of my constant care: and the future duty of this Board. In the mean while I propose that the Treaty with the papers annexed to this minute be transmitted without delay to the Governor General in Council.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Resident and Governor &c &c

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

In consequence of the instructions I had the honor to receive from your Lordship, and from the Governor General, I lost no time in proceeding to Tanjour.— In the repeated conferences I held with the Rajah on the subject of reforming the Government of Tanjour, I explained the necessity of the measure, and the principles on which it was founded. I referred His Excellency to the history of the connection between the Company and the Rajahs of Tanjour, and to the mode of administering his affairs, the inconsequences of which had been such a course of expedients and fluctuation of authority, as to have left at this period none of the powers of an established Government.—

The Anarchy occasioned by the

Cavalgars

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Cavalgars having assumed the Military and the Putteckars the Civil Power of the State, left no power in the Government but that which is derived from the temporary exertion of the Company's Military Force. It was evident therefore that a radical Reform on a scale more extended than had hitherto been used, must be effected by the restoration of a regular Authority in the Government. Hence it was no less the interest of the Rajah, than of the Company to introduce without delay a fundamental Reform, and that it became their mutual duty to rescue the Country of Tanjore from its present distraction. That although the application of the Military Force might always be expected to accomplish its immediate object it was evident that the infrequency and irregularity of such power must be inadequate to restrain and punish the minute Crimes and disorders which were dispersed throughout the whole of the present System. The reformation of those Crimes and disorders could only be looked for in the result of a regular, consistent and Systematic administration of Civil and Criminal

Justice

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Justice, which being founded on general and fixed principles must produce corresponding effects. — Under these considerations the Court of Directors in provided in their orders for the elevation of the Rajah Sirfoge. for a thorough reform of the Government, particularly with respect to the administration of Justice. and conceived that no period could be so proper for that reform, as the moment of restoring the legal Heir to his rights. — The Court accordingly provided for the details of this reform. by the appointment of a Commission to investigate the whole subject. — That the result of the Enquiries of that Commission established beyond Controversy. the facts I had already stated. and the necessity of introducing without further delay a form of Government on a permanent foundation: that the proposition I was about to offer to His Excellency or provided for the introduction of that Form of Government. and that the Company and the Rajah would be mutually benefited by the establishment of it. — By acquiescing therefore in the proposed arrangements.

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the Rajah would prove not only his earnest desire to promote the permanent welfare of his people, but to avoid the consequences of a failure, which a continuance of the present System would eventually entail upon him.— That with respect to the Honble Company, it must be evident to him, that their only object was the permanent prosperity of the Country, for Independent of their power being of such extent in Hindostan, as to derive no aggrandizement from the possession of so small a Province as Tanjore, the efficiency and permanence of the proposed System must depend on the Justice of the assessment proposed to be made, and that whatever sacrifices of Power the Rajah might be supposed to make, the Company would be also bound to divest their Government of all Power over the property of the People, except by the decision of Regular Courts, acting on fixed principles, and defined Laws.—

In the first conference I had with the Rajah, I proposed these general points upon him with all the earnestness in my Power, and endeavoured to—

convince

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convince Him of the Considerations of Justice and mutual advantage which have operated with the Company in this proposal.—

His Excellency paid due attention to the subject and after making a suitable acknowledgement of the Obligations He already owed to the Company for their late signal act of Justice in restoring Him to the Musnud: He said he felt himself so much the fostered, and protected Child of their Power, that He was confident they could take no steps in reforming His administration for the benefit of his People, that would not be found to secure His honor, and interests, equally with their own.— Having now obtained His Excellency's fullest acquiescence in the absolute necessity of a change in the present System, and in a thorough Reform in the Government of Tanjore, I communicated to His Excellency that part of the Governor Generals proposition which contained the basis of this arrangement.—

The Rajah remarked it was not probable he should have any serious objections to make

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make to a Treaty founded on those propositions, but as the System was altogether new to him, and went to an entire change in the Government of this Country, as well as in the management of his Revenues. He confessed himself unable at the first view of the subject to judge of its effects. The Rajah therefore required a short period to enable him to comprehend, and determine upon its merits, for it appeared to divest him of that portion of Power, which he conceived he inherited with his Musnud, and which he felt conscious had not been abridged in the course of the last fifteen months, since his accession. That the evils meant to be remedied originated for the most part with his Predecessor, and he thought himself fully equal, under the Company's auspices to this undertaking, as this assertion of the Rajah was directed against the leading principle of the proposed Reform. Repeatedly adverted to the irrefragable arguments I had stated in the early part of the conference, and concluded by assuring the Rajah, the more he saw of the System, the more he would approve of it, and on this account

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I would Readily consent to postpone the determination for a few days, and sedulously devote that time to such explanations, as could not fail to lead to a thorough conviction. Being satisfied from the Rajahs declaration, that His Excellency would willingly accede to the material parts of the proposed arrangement, I communicated to him the whole of the propositions and concessions which it was intended to make in the Form of a Treaty.

It was easy to prove to the satisfaction of the Rajah, that in all the subsidiary articles of the Treaty, the Company had been solely influenced by considerations of Kindness and attention to his respectability and accommodation, particularly in securing to him an income greater than the Rajah could have derived under the stipulations of the Treaty of 1792. and in evacuating the Fort of Tanjore, in order to remove those sources of inquietude, of which the Rajah has so frequently complained, nor could it escape the Rajahs observation, that he could receive no satisfaction in the constant struggle to support a

declining

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declining Government, and that it were better to exchange
Care, anxiety, and ultimately disgrace, for the —
unalloyed enjoyment of a Princely Revenue. —

During this short period I had two
interviews with the Rajah and as many with his
Servant. It will be unnecessary to take up your —
Lordship's time in detailing the discussions at these
meetings, as the substance of them were all removed
in the final interview on the 25th Instant. the —
particulars of which I shall now proceed to relate. —

The Rajah sent for me on the 5th day
to hear his final determination, and I went accompanied
by Captain Blackburne the Mahratta Interpreter,
and my Assistant Mr. Irwin; I am of opinion I cannot
afford your Lordship a more satisfactory account of His
Excellency's conduct on this important occasion, than
in his own words. —

The Rajah began by observing
that he had considered the Treaty proposed to him with

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the most serious attention. that He was impressed with a firm conviction. that as the Company by a signal instance of Justice had placed him upon the Throne of His Ancestors, so in the arrangement now proposed. they were solely influenced by their ardent attachment to the permanent prosperity and happiness of himself and his People.— Under this conviction. he gave his full consent to the Treaty. confident that his peculiar rights would always be respected, his dignity supported, and the sums allotted for His Expences punctually discharged. by adopting this measure. he did not consider himself as making a present to the Company of His Country. but as uniting himself still more closely to them. for the purpose of establishing the administration of Justice upon a firm Basis. and securing the happiness of his People. He consented therefore to receive the Treaty. satisfied that the plant which had been raised and brought to maturity by the Company. would never fail to

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receive the benefit of their fostering care and protection.

After this explicit declaration of

His Excellency's acceptance of the Treaty, the Rajah

said there were some points of comparatively small

importance involved in it, in which he requested

some alteration might be made, and he hoped

that the Governor General would accommodate him

in those points which would not be found of material

consequence to the Company. He observed in his

frequent conferences with me, he had been satisfied

of the propriety of refraining from all demands which

tended to impede, or interfere with the full and

complete execution of the 3rd and 4th Articles of the

Treaty, and in consequence he had abandoned the idea

of several modifications which had suggested

themselves to him. That he had well considered the

points he had to propose, as well as the observations

I had made upon them in our former conversations

and feeling them to be essential to his Peace and

comfort

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comfort. he must persist in his request to have them
referred to Government.—

The Rajah then presented very
earnestly the inadequate sum set apart for his expences
and specified the number and various descriptions of
Persons, with their families dependant on his bounty.
His own family, and those of his Wives, the Widows
and connections of the deceased Rajahs, and their
relatives, in addition to these, many Mahratta families
were still in existence, who came into the Country
with His Ancestors, and whom He was bound to
support. Besides a considerable number of Servants
and dependants, whom it would be impossible for
Him to part with. Exclusive of these, He must
maintain a few People for State, and form a small
establishment for the protection of the Fort, and to
preserve it from decay. He found therefore, upon the
strictest Calculation, that He should be exposed to
great inconvenience, unless some addition was
made to the sums stipulated to be paid to Him. He

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was unwilling to appear unreasonable, and should confine His requests strictly within the limits of his necessities. He proposed therefore, that 25,000 Pagodas ℔ annum, should be added to the Lack which was to be paid to Him, in the first instance, or, that the calculation of 5% of the Nett Revenue to be subsequently paid Him, should be made on the whole of the Nett Revenue, not upon the deduction from it, of the sum's one Lack and twenty five thousand Pagodas to be paid to Him and Ameer Sing.—

The Rajah said He had no desire to amass money, and should not have made this proposal, if He had not considered the additions essential to His convenience and comfort.—

In answer to the Rajah. I—thought's proper to repeat, that the sums proposed to be appropriated to His expences had been calculated on the most liberal considerations; that the proportion of his Receipts to the Nett Revenue, would be found ample

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ample, and was considerably larger than from the accounts of the Revenues of Tanjore. His Excellency could expect to receive under the stipulations of the Treaty of 1792. that many of the expences he had enumerated were of a gradually decreasing nature, and in others, a little time and attention would probably enable Him to make retrenchments equal to the amount of the additions he proposed.—

The Rajah replied that although a saving might be made in some parts of His expenditure, in others, a contrary effect must be looked for. He instanced His own increasing Family, and said that the new Revenue arrangements would throw many of His Servants out of employment, and prevent him from assisting them as formerly. He therefore persisted in desiring the proposals might be referred.—

The Rajah then observed, that the Tenth article of the Treaty reserved to the Company the right to occupy the Fort of Tanjore in the event of War.— He was far from objecting to this stipulation, but proposed that it should also be stipulated, that at the

the end of such war. the Fort should be again restored
to them. - I explained to the Rajah that the condition
he proposed was in fact implied in the Tenth Article;
but as he particularly desired it to be expressed. I would
refer the proposal to Government. who would readily
accede to it, if no material objection occurred. -

The Rajah then said that he should
be exposed to many inconveniences and mortifications
from the operation of the 13th Article of the Treaty. -
which gives a Power to the Courts of Justice in all
cases, and in some compells them to hear and decide
upon Causes wherein one of the Parties is the -
Rajah's Servant. and the other a person of a different
description. - This he said would make his nearest
Relation, or principal and most confidential Servant,
liable to be carried before the Company's Courts of -
Justice upon a frivolous or malicious charge from
the lowest of the People. - He earnestly deprecated the
insertion of this part of the 13th Article, and proposed in

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Viz. That the following Stipulation.

That any person having complaints against any of the Rajah's Relations or immediate Servants should prefer them to the Company's Representative, who should communicate the Complaint to His Excellency. And that the Rajah should engage to order an immediate investigation to be made in His Court of Justice, or in case the parties preferred it, that the disputes should be referred to a proper Arbitration. His Excellency engaging to bring it to a direct issue, and to carry the Sentence or award, if unfavourable to His Relation or Servant, into immediate execution.

The Rajah said He had maturely weighed the objections which He had made to every thing that tended to limit or confine the Jurisdiction of the new Courts; that he was also desirous to give them the fullest possible scope and effect, and in consequence He had not in this proposition gone to the extent which would be most acceptable to Him Viz. to have an independent and exclusive Jurisdiction in all

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Cases wherein His Servants or Relations might be parties.—
There could be no doubt of His fulfilling the engagements
He should enter into. and that the great ends of Justice
would be effectually answered.— He then enquired of His
Excellency, if He had determined on the quantity of Land
He might wish to reserve in His own hands.— He said that
he was very sensible of the Consideration which had
dictated that Provision of the Treaty.— that He was equally
sensible of the propriety of averting as far as possible every
ground of future discontent. and He hoped by the
moderation with which he should avail himself of
the Clause in question, to induce the acquiescence
of Government in His proposals.— The Rajah said
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A Paddy would probably be sufficient.—

Having discussed all the serious and important objects of the Treaty, it remains only to mention a few immaterial matters of personal accommodation, not of sufficient consequence to be embodied in the Treaty, but not less essential to the Rajahs happiness and comfort. These have been treated upon at our several conferences, and His Excellency has promised to transmit them to Government in the Form of a Letter, to which He hopes for a satisfactory answer. It was then agreed that I should refer the Rajahs proposals to your Lordship, and as soon as possible, that Copies of the Treaty should be mutually interchanged, until the Final ratification could be received.—

I cannot conclude my Account of this important Negociation, without attributing much of the facility in the Rajah, and the ready acquiescence of His People, to the strenuous and exertions, and assiduous attentions of Captain Blackburne

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Blackburne the Mahratta Interpreter.

I have the honor to be

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Tanjore

26th September 1799.

Signed Benjn Torin

President.

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

President at

Tanjour.

Sir.

I have received your dispatches of the 26th Ultimo. and have observed with great satisfaction the progress which you have made in the negotiations entrusted to you by the Governor General.

The material proposition for the reform of the Government of Tanjore having been acceded to by his Excellency the Rajah. It is only necessary for me to furnish you with my instructions on the points which you have referred to me at the desire of the Rajah.

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The proportion of the revenue to be allotted to the Rajah according to the propositions with which you were furnished was calculated on the most liberal consideration of His Excellency's expences compared with the produce of this Country: and it is demonstrable from such accounts as it has been possible to obtain that the Rajah will enjoy an income under this proposed arrangement not only more secure, but much larger than he could have expected under the operation of the treaty of 1792. and the expectation expressed by the Court of Directors of an encrease of his Subsidy.—

This provision for the dignity and comfort of His Excellency has been made at the expence of the just demands of the Company, who have therefore a right to expect that His Excellency will make an equal concession for the Establishment of a System, of which the indispensable necessity is mutually felt and acknowledged.—

Upon a fair consideration of the Income proposed to be secured to the Rajah and of the existing

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existing and future demands of the Company in the Country of Tanjore. I do not feel myself at Liberty to accede to His Excellency's proposal for an augmentation of the amount, or for the mode of calculating his proportion of the Nett Revenue. I therefore desire you to state this point explicitly to the Rajah, and if necessary, to enter into the calculations which were discussed during your Residence at the Presidency, to prove the pecuniary advantages secured to the Rajah by the proposed arrangement.

With respect to the modification proposed by the Rajah relative to the article which provides for the determination of Causes in which His Excellency's Relations or Servants may be parties, you will explain to him that that part of the propositions has been drawn with great attention, and with reference to the circumstances actually felt in the Lands ceded under an imperfect definition of Authority to the Rajah of Benares.

This part of the proposed arrangement was made entirely with a view to the gratification of His Excellency, but as he does not appear to have

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expressed that anxiety which was expected for retaining so large a portion of Territory in his own hands. Authorize and direct you to propose to the Rajah to provide for the more efficient administration of Justice throughout the Country by subjecting the whole of it, (with the exception of the Rajah's Fort and Palaces,) to the jurisdiction of the Company's Courts.—

In the event of the Rajah's acquiescence in this proposition. Authorize you to engage that the Company shall furnish His Excellency with one Lack of Fellums of Paddy, or any greater quantity which he may require, at the average price of grain for the time being, the amount being deducted from his Excellency's proportion.—

In the event of the Rajah's acceding to this proposition. Authorize you to insert an article in the Treaty providing for the payment of the Danish Peishcush immediately to the Rajah, without any deduction on that account from his Excellency's proportion: and in that event I also authorize you to modify, subject to my final approbation, the proposition

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proposition relative to the jurisdiction of the Company's Courts over the Inhabitants of the Fort of Tanjore in a manner more consonant to the Rajahs wishes as expressed by his Excellency to you.

These points being however adjusted I have no objection to your proceeding to an entire change of the treaty subject to my approbation and the final ratification of the Governor General.

Sam W. Fw

Signed Clive

Fort St. George
3d October 1799.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor &c &c

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

I had the honor to receive your Lordships instructions relative to the propositions referred to your consideration by the Rajahs desire.

I have had frequent communications with his Excellency upon the points in question.

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and have great satisfaction in being able to inform you,
that We relinquished with the less difficulty than We had
expected, this demand of an augmentation of the proportion
of the Revenue stipulated to be paid to him, and appeared
at length convinced, that this provision for his dignity
and comfort, whether considered in regard to the Revenues
of the Country, the existing engagements between the
Parties, the just demands of the Company, or the great
sacrifices they proposed to make for the general welfare,
had been calculated on the most just and liberal principles.

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own hands any considerable portion of the Country, and
to subject the whole of it, with the exception of his
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to which I urged the Rajah's acquiescence on the general
grounds of making the new System, the necessity of
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The Rajah's good sense and candour enabled him at length to perceive and admit the force of these arguments, but he observed that if he acceded to this proposal, he should require the Company to supply him annually with a certain quantity of Grain and other articles as well as Rice.—

Having engaged that Government would readily meet His Excellency's wishes in this respect, he consented to abstain from availing himself of the stipulation in his favor contained in the twelfth article of the Treaty.—

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His Excellency then said, that He hoped I should do Justice to the Candour and temper of His Conduct during the whole course of the negociations: that the measure, although new and unexpected; and destructive to the hopes he had indulged of being the immediate agent of the happiness of His own Country, had been received by him without prejudice; and fairly and deliberately discussed: that from the moment he had expressed his acquiescence in the fundamental principles of the Treaty, He carefully abstained from all demands which tended to impede their full operation. Under the influence of these sentiments, he had also abstained from keeping in His own hands the Lands which had been offered to Him by the original propositions: that His situation was now materially changed, and he should be entirely dependant on the Company in future for many accommodations which He had hitherto drawn immediately from His Country: He trusted therefore that I would represent His Conduct in

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such a manner as to secure to them the confidence and favorable disposition of Government. —

I the more willingly promised to make this Representation to your Lordships from my entire conviction of its truth. I have only to add that the moderation and good sense discovered by the Rajah upon this occasion have been eminently conspicuous, and far surpassing the expectations that might have been formed from his youth and inexperience. —

Enclosed I have the pleasure to send your Lordships a Copy of the Treaty. —

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble & Hon.ble
Sanjore
14th October 1799. —

Sign'd Benj.n Torin
Resident.

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjore.

Sir,

I have received your dispatch of the 14th.

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14th Instant.

I am extremely happy that His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore has been made so sensible of the liberal provisions of the proposed Treaty, as to relinquish his expectation of an increase of the proportion of Revenues intended for his use.

The inconveniences which might be expected to result from the exercise of a double authority within the Country of Tanjore particularly with respect to the Jurisdiction of Courts of Justice, appear to have been ably stated in your communications to the Rajah: and I am happy that His Excellency has acknowledged the force of them, being persuaded that his intention of retaining no part of the Territory eventually reserved for him, will relieve him from much personal inconvenience and vexation. Being also satisfied that much public embarrassment will be avoided by an uniformity of System, I desire that the 12th Article may be expunged entirely from the Treaty.

I inclose

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Inclose a draft of the 10th Article according to the modification proposed by his Excellency. And of the 13th Article, as it should be inserted after the 12th shall have been expunged. together with a draft of the additional article respecting the receipt of the Danish Peishcush.

I have added an article for the supply of grain required by His Excellency which may either be omitted or inserted according to the wishes of His Excellency.

As soon as these alterations shall have been introduced into the Treaty, I desire that after interchanging Copies with His Excellency, no time may be lost in transmitting to me a fair Copy. for the Ratification of the Governor General in Council.

Fort St. George
19th October 1799.

Sam'l Wm. Kaye

Signed Clive

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor &c &c

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship, that the treaty with the Rajah of Tanjore was this day, Signed, Sealed, and interchanged by His Excellency; enclosed you will be pleased to receive a fair Copy of it, in which the alterations and additions suggested by your Lordship in your letter of the 19th Instant are inserted.

The facility with which the Rajah came into these Adjustments, gave me occasion to pay His Excellency a Compliment on His chearful Co-operation towards the attainment of every wish which the Governor General, and your Lordship have expressed throughout the Negociation, and while I gave the Rajah credit for His justness of the great benefits to result from the new System, I could not but observe how completely His Excellency was

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was devested of every degree of difficulty and procrastination. The Rajah said this was to be attributed to His perfect confidence in the Company's Government from whose justice He had already received such distinguished marks of favor and protection.—

His Excellency then put into my hand a letter, of which I beg leave to enclose a translation; it contains a few remarks on the answers made by your Lordship to the requests preferred by His Excellency in addition to the Treaty.—

The Rajah is very earnest in his expectations, that your Lordship will be pleased to take these remarks into your favorable consideration. They appear to me to be of no material consequence, in respect to the general principles of the new System of Government, and I am well assured they are of the utmost importance to the Rajah's happiness under its operation. I cannot therefore avoid hoping your Lordship will afford me the satisfaction

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of gratifying the Rajah ——— by granting to
His Excellency this indulgence. —

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

Translation of a Letter from His Excellency
Serfojee Rajah of Tanjour. To Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Resident at Tanjour. —

You have done me the favor to
insert two of the additions and alterations which I
proposed to be made in the Treaty. The third relative
to my Expences not having been inserted. I shall
make no further Observations upon it notwithstanding
the Distress and Difficulties which I cannot help
anticipating. —

1st. In answer to my proposal relative to the
Pagodas you observe that the Rights and property of
the Pagodas must be subject like all other property
to the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice. The

property

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25th. October 1799 —

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property and Endowments of the Pagodas may be subject to the Jurisdiction of the Courts, but in order to secure the faithfull appropriation of these Revenues conformably to the Laws of the Shaster, it is necessary that a man appointed by me attend at each Pagoda, and superintend the Distribution of them.— In the Event of any misconduct in the people attached to the Pagodas I shall make a regular application to the Court of Justice for punishment.— The entire Jurisdiction and Authority over the Pagodas in the Fort of Tanjore must remain with me.—

2d. In Answer to my desire to have every thing within the Range of the Guns upon the Rampart given up with the Fort, you confine me within the Pillars which have been erected.— Those Pillars however are very near the Fort and far within the Range of the Guns.— I request therefore that all within the small Punchum Houses may be given up to me along with the Fort.— There are no Cultivated Fields within this space and but few Houses.—

3d Requested

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Requested that the Circar, the two Dowager Queens, and my two Queens, might be exempted from the payment of Duties: you replied that this request could not be complied with, on account of the Frauds and Impositions to which it would subject the Revenue. It is no new thing that I ask. From time immemorial these Exemptions have existed in my Country as well as in every other. Even when imported by Water, no Duties have ever been demanded upon Goods intended for the Circar. If I am not exempted from the payment of Duties in my own Country, I shall be disgraced in the Opinion of all my people. Whatever Regulations in this respect you may do me the favor to make, with regard to my Relations and others, it is impossible for me to consent to pay Duties upon the Articles required for the use of myself and Family.

4th

You write that the Court of Justice will ascertain the Rights of the Sirkareen Lands in

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in the Soubah of Manarcoil, held by the Boyhawat Male, or the Musicians of the Palace.—The Bramins holding this Sostrium, are the Servants of the Palace, and have been attached to it from time immemorial: and hold this Sostrium as the Wages of their Service. I am willing to have the Revenue arising from this Sostrium deducted from my proportion of one fifth: but the Lands must be given up to me. I desire it only in this respect. that the arrangement which was made upon every assumption of the Soubah by the Company, be continued.—

5th A Lack and a half of Collums of Paddy being required for the yearly consumption of the Circar. it was thought proper to reserve some of the Lands in my profession for the supply of Rice and other Grain. but as it appeared to you very desirable that an undivided authority should prevail over the whole Country. and that no part of it should be excepted from the Operation of the new Arrangement.

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arrangement. I acquiesced in your desire. I hope in
consequence that no failure will be suffered to take
place in the supplies of Rice and other articles which
I am to receive from the Company. In order to reduce
the Charges of transporting the Rice and other
Grain which the Company are to supply me with
as low as possible. I request that the Grain may be
furnished from such Districts in the Neighbourhood
of Tanjore, as I may point out for the purpose.

I am perfectly satisfied from the
Letter of the Government and the Conferences I have
had with you, that by the Establishment of Courts of
Justice, the Company have particularly in view the
protection of the Rights and property of the Inhabitants.
and the Encrease of their prosperity and Happiness.
I am equally confident that my peculiar Rights
and Dignity will always be maintained. That
the Honble Company will treat me with the
Distinction due to my Station and to
punctually fulfill the Engagements they

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have entered into with me.—

What can I write more?—

Sd/ Sree Rampretaaph

23d October 1799.—

A true Translation

Signed/ William Blackburne

Mahratta Interpreter

A true Copy

Signed/ W. R. Irwin

Assistant.

Treaty for Cementing the Friendship and Alliance between the Honble Company and His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour and for establishing the Government of Tanjour on a permanent foundation.—

Whereas the Stipulations and Conditions of the Treaty of 1792. concluded between the Honble Sir Charles Oakeley Bart. Governor in Council of Fort St. George and His Excellency Ameer Sing late Rajah of Tanjour have been found inadequate to the intentions of the Contracting Parties and Whereas His Excellency

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Maha Rajah Sirfogee Rajah of Tanjore has by a certain instrument under his Signature previous to his Elevation to the Musnud of his ancestors engaged to Consent to such Arrangements as may be deemed Expedient for the better Management of the Country of Tanjore; particularly for the due administration of Justice, and also for securing to the Honble English East India Company a regular discharge of their Existing and future demands on Tanjore: Whereas the present Treaty is concluded between His Excellency Sirfogee Rajah of Tanjore on his own part and Benjamin Torin Esqr Resident at Tanjore on behalf of the Company being invested with full powers by the Right Honble the Earl of Mornington &c Behauder Governor General of Bengal according to the following Articles.—

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Such parts of all former Treaties with the former Rajahs of Tanjore as are intended to establish the

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the Friendship and alliance between the Honble Company and His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore are hereby strengthened and confirmed; and the Contracting Parties mutually agree that the Friends and Enemies of either shall be considered to be the Friends and Enemies of both.—

Article 2d

The several Provisions hereto for established for enabling the Contracting parties to carry the Spirit and intention of the preceding Article into Execution having proved defective, and the Result of an Enquiry instituted by the Authority of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, with the previous written Consent of His Excellency Maha Rajah Sirfoje, for the purpose of ascertaining the actual State and Condition of the Country of Tanjore having proved that it is become indispensably necessary to establish a regular and permanent System for the better administration of

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the Revenues of the said Country. It is Stipulated and agreed. that all former Provisions for securing a partial or temporary interference on the part of the Honble Company in the Government or in the administration of the Revenues of the Country of Tanjore. shall be entirely annulled. and that in lieu thereof a permanent System for the Collection of the Revenues and for the administration of Justice shall be established in the manner hereafter described. —

Article 3rd

The Honble Company shall be at liberty. as soon as possible. to ascertain. determine. and Establish rights of Property. and to fix a reasonable assessment upon the several Soubahs. Pergunnahs. and Villages of the Country of Tanjore. and to secure a fixed and permanent Revenue; and the said assessment so ascertained and fixed. shall not be liable to change. but shall be collected according to fixed Rent Rolls by such Officers as shall be appointed for that purpose. —

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Article 4th

A Court, or Courts, shall be established for the due Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice, under the sole Authority of the English East India Company. the said Courts shall be composed of Officers to be appointed by the Governor in Council of Fort St. George for the time being. and shall in no instance whatever be subject to the Controul, Authority, or interference of the said Rajah. but shall be conducted according to such Ordinances and Regulations, (framed with due regard to the Existing Laws, and Usages of the Country,) as shall from time to time, be enacted and published by the said Governor in Council.—

Article 5th

The Revenues shall be collected according to the Rates of Assessment, to be established by the 3rd Article, by the Officers to be appointed by the said Governor in Council for that purpose, and the said Rajah shall Exercise no Controul whatever, nor in any manner

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manner interfere in the administration of the said Revenues.

Article 6th

Whereas it is stipulated and agreed by the 5th article of the Treaty of 1792. that the Payments to be made to the Honble Company by His Excellency the Rajah shall amount to Five Lacks seventy four thousand two hundred and Eighty five Pagodas pr annum under the different denominations of Subsidy Peishcush Public and Private Debts: It is now stipulated and agreed that those distinctions shall for ever Cease, and that the whole Revenues shall be Collected and accounted for by the said Company in the manner hereafter provided. The said Company charging themselves with the Payment of that part of the Registered private Debt which has not already been transferred to their account.

Article 7th

In lieu of the said Stipulations in the 5th article of the Treaty of 1792. It is hereby Stipulated and agreed that His Excellency the Rajah shall in all Cases receive annually

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annually. one Lack of Star Pagodas. which shall be considered to be the first charge payable from the net Revenues of Tanjore.— In addition to the said Sum of one Lack of Star Pagodas. His Excellency shall receive a proportion of one fifth. to be calculated on the remainder of the Net Revenue. after deducting all charges of Collection. of whatever description. and the charge specified in the following Article.—

Article 8th.

It is Stipulated and agreed. that the Sum of Twenty five thousand Star Pagodas. shall in all Cases. be appropriated to the support of the late Rajah and Ameer Sing. and shall be considered as a charge on the Revenues to be deducted. previous to the Calculation of the proportion of one fifth abovementioned.— The Residue of the Revenues. after the foregoing deductions. shall be at the disposal of the said Company.—

Article 9th.

It is Stipulated and agreed. that the Rajah shall

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shall be treated on all occasions in his own Territories, as well as in those of the Company, with all the attention, respect and Honor which is due to a Friend and Ally of the British Nation.—

Article 10th.

Whereas His Excellency the Rajah has had occasion to complain of inconvenience to His Excellency and His Servants, from the present mode of Garrisoning His Excellency's Hereditary Fort of Tanjore, by a part of the Honble Company's Troops, it is Stipulated and agreed with a view to the accommodation and Satisfaction of His Excellency, that the said Fort of Tanjore shall be evacuated by the Company's Troops entirely, and that His Excellency shall be at full Liberty to Garrison the said Fort in such manner, as to him shall seem fit.—

Provided always, that in the Event of an Invasion of the Territories of the Company, or of their Allies, or in the Event of any failure in the due performance of the Engagements Contracted by His Excellency the Rajah,

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the said Company shall again have power to occupy the
said Fort as a Military Post for the Protection and mutual
Interests of the Contracting parties.— The said Company binding
themselves to evacuate the said Fort as soon as the Reasons
for Re-occupying it shall no longer exist.—

Article 11th

His Excellency the Rajah Stipulates and agrees
that the said Fort shall in no case whatever become an
Asylum for public Offenders, or for Persons desirous of
Escaping from the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Civil or
Criminal Justice, or from the Authority of the Revenue
Officers, or of any other branch of the Authority of the
Honble Company; and His Excellency the Rajah further
Agrees to deliver up all such persons, without delay, on
application from such Officer or Officers, as the Governor in
Council of Fort St. George shall appoint for the purpose.—

Article 12th

In Complaints brought before any of the Courts
of Justice, in which it shall appear either by the
application of the Rajah, or the Representation of the
Defendant,

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Defendant. at or before the time of giving in his. or her answer. or by the petition of the Complainant. that both Parties are Relations. or Servants. or Dependants. of his Excellency. or Inhabitants usually Resident within the Fort of Tanjour.- It is Stipulated and Agreed that such parties shall. in the first Instance. be referred for Justice to the Rajah. or to any Person He may appoint to dispense it. any Complaint against the Rajah's Relations. immediate Servants. or others residing in the Fort of Tanjour. by Persons of a different description. shall. in the first instance. be made to the Company's Representative at Tanjour. who shall refer it to His Excellency. The Rajah hereby engages to order an immediate Investigation to be made in his Court of Justice. or in case the Parties should desire it. to order the Dispute to be referred to a proper arbitration.- His Excellency engaging to bring it to a direct Issue. and to carry the Sentence. or award. if not unfavorable to his Relation or Servant. into immediate Execution.—

Article 13th

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Article 13th

In order that His Excellency the Rajah may have full Satisfaction in respect to the Revenues of the Territory hereby subjected to the Management of the Company. His Excellency shall be at Liberty to inspect the accounts of the Head Cutcherry or Collectors Treasury from time to time, or to Station a Vakeel or Accountant at His own Expence, for the purpose of taking and transmitting to His Excellency Copies of any, or of all the accounts which shall be recorded in the Head Cutcherry or Treasury of the Collector.

Article 14th

Whereas a certain annual Peishcush amounting to Chuckrums 2.000. is payable by the Danish Government of Tranquebar, for lands held of the Rajahs of Tanjore in the Vicinity of that place. It is Stipulated and Agreed that the said Peishcush shall continue to be received by His Excellency the Rajah without any deduction from His Excellency's proportion of the Revenue as herein before Stipulated.

Article 15th

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Article 15th

And Whereas it is necessary to the Convenience and Comfort of His Excellency the Rajah, that certain supplies of Rice, Grain, and other Grain should be supplied for the use of His Excellency, the Company bind themselves, to furnish the said Supplies as often as the Rajah shall find it necessary to apply, for this purpose, His Excellency binding himself to pay for the said Grain, with the charges of transportation, at the rate of the current prices for the time being.—

This Treaty Consisting of fifteen Articles, being settled this day, the 25th October 1799. Corresponding to the 12th of Alpeshy in the year Sadharley, by Benjamin Torin Esqr. on the part of, and in the Name of the Right Honble Richard Earl of Mornington, Governor General aforesaid, and by His Excellency Maha Raja Sirfojee Rajah, on his own part. The said Benjamin Torin Esqr. has delivered to His Excellency Maha Raja Sirfojee Rajah

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Rajah one Copy of the same Signed and Sealed by himself; and His Excellency Maha Raja Serfojee Rajah has delivered to Benjamin Torin Esqr another Copy of the same Sealed and Signed by himself: and Benjamin Torin Esqr engages that the said Treaty shall be ratified by the Right Honble the Governor General under his Seal and Signature within forty five days from the date hereof.

(Signed) Sree Rampretaup (Seal)

A true Copy

(Signed) Benjn Torin

Resident at Tanjour

To Benjamin Torin Esqr

Resident at Tanjour.

Sir.

I Received with great Satisfaction your dispatch of the 25th instant communicating to me the final success of your negotiation with His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour

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Tanjore, and enclosing a Copy of the Treaty in its
amended form.

The accomplishment of new arrangement
so long and so much desired by the Honble the Court of
Directors, cannot but be gratefull to me, and to the
Governor General; and I shall have great pleasure
in stating to them my sense of the services which you
have rendered to the Company.

I have observed with infinite satisfaction
the Candor and good sense displayed by His Excellency
the Rajah in acknowledging the principles on which
the Treaty is founded as well as his zeal and manly
Co-operation in the establishment of a System on a
permanent basis for the Government of his Country,
the prosperity of his Revenues, and the happiness of
his People. at a future opportunity I shall convey to
His Excellency the high opinion I entertain of his conduct.
and in the mean while I proceed to furnish you
with my determinations on the several points stated
in

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in His Excellency's letter of the 23d. Instant addressed to you.

1st. I desire you to assure the Rajah that I am not less anxious than himself to provide for the faithfull administration of the Revenues appropriated for the support of Religious establishments. This will form a particular part of the duty of the Company's Officers and will be amply secured under the protection of the Courts of Justice. In addition however to these precautions. I readily acquiesce in the appointment of persons on his Excellency's behalf to watch the appropriation of these funds and I invite his Excellency to make the earliest communication of any abuses which may be discovered being earnestly desirous of shewing every respect and attention to the established Religion of Tanjore.

It is the intention and meaning of the Treaty that every thing within the Fort of Tanjore shall be subject to His Excellency's exclusive Controul except in the particular cases provided by the 11th Article

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Articles but you will assure His Excellency that it is not my intention under any circumstances to interfere with the administration of the affairs of the Pagodas in the Fort.—

2d His Excellency's application for possession of the Range within the small Custom Houses appear to me unexceptionable. I do not hesitate therefore to comply with his wishes in this respect.—

3d Although his Excellency's apprehension of being lowered in the estimation of his people by the payment of Customs is without any real foundation. I can have no reluctance in yielding to his prejudices on this point; instead however of a general and undefined exemption of duties, it will be necessary for the Rajah to inform the Resident from time to time of the different articles provided for the use of himself and his family, in order that specific orders may be issued for their free passage.—

4th The lands in Manarcoil appropriated to the support of His Excellency's Musicians shall still be

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be applied to the same purpose: and the amount deducted from His Excellency's proportion. The Rajah however will of course understand that cases of Civil or Criminal Jurisdiction arising within those lands must be subject to the ultimate decision of the Company's Courts, but without precluding them from effecting any previous accomodation between the parties.—

5th I desire you to assure the Rajah that every degree of attention shall invariably be paid to His Excellency's convenience and accomodation, in the supplies of grain to be provided for the use of himself and his family by the Company's Officers.—

I am &c &c

Signed Clive.

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Letter dispatched to the Governor General in Council with the Treaty.—

Resolved that the following letter be dispatched to the Governor General in Council &. with the Treaty, for his Lordship's ratification.—

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

My Lord,

P. Bengal. Enclosing copy of Lord Clive's Minute on laying before the Board Copies of the Proceedings of the Resident at Tanjour and the treaty concluded with the Rajah.—

We have the honor of submitting to your Lordship in Council the Copy of a Minute of the Right Honble Lord Clive, with the proceedings of the Resident at Tanjour, and the treaty concluded by that Gentleman with the Rajah of Tanjour on the basis of your Lordship's instructions.—

As the Correspondence of Lord Clive with the Resident will explain the progress of the negotiation, it will be unnecessary for us to add more than our recommendation for your Lordship's early ratification of the treaty.—

We have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your
Signed Clive
Hon. Comrs.

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The President

Presidents Minute stating that Major Bannerman had previous to his acceptance of the Command of the Tinnevelly Detachment engaged his passage to England on the Calcutta and proposing that he be reimbursed in the amount of forfeiture paid agreeably to usage in such cases to the Commander of the Calcutta

Having in my knowledge that Major Bannerman had previously to his acceptance of the Command of the Tinnevelly Detachment engaged a passage for himself and his family on the Calcutta and that his attornies have during his absence satisfied the demand of the Commander of that Vessel according to the usage in similar cases of disappointment I think it my duty to bring the circumstance under the notice of the Board and to point out the particular and disinterested zeal of Major Bannerman.

If Major Bannerman had not postponed his departure from India at the particular instance of the Governor General and myself he would not have been liable to this forfeiture: I therefore think it incumbent on the Company to relieve him from an

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expence in which he might have been involved by his Sentiments of public feeling and Major Bannerman having suppressed this engagement at the time of his accepting the Command. I deem it unnecessary delicacy towards him to anticipate any application on this account; and I accordingly propose that Major Bannerman shall be reimbursed in the amount which has been paid to the Commander of the Calcutta.—

Resolution on the foregoing Minute—

The Board entirely concur in the sentiments expressed by the President regarding the circumstances under which the forfeit of Major Bannerman's passage money has been paid by his attorney:—

Resolved accordingly that Major Bannerman be reimbursed in the amount being Pagodas 2.000 by the Military Paymaster General, and Debited to the Head of Major Bannerman's Detachment.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Minute.—

Preparatory

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Preparatory to the General subject of Military Arrangement which it is the intention of the Commander in Chief to submit this day to the Consideration of Government, he begs to draw the attention of the Board to the situation of Captain Watkins of the Infantry, who for some years past has rendered himself unfit to perform his duty as an Officer. - Lieut. General Harris lays before the Board an Extract from the Returns of the Army, and an Extract of a Letter which he deems it necessary to write regarding that Officer before the Army took the Field for the late Service. - and as there appears no reasonable ground to expect any favorable change on Captain Watkins's constitution, he recommends his being placed on the Pension List with the Subsistence of his Rank. —

The Commander in Chief also states to the Board that Captain Lieut. Foote embarked from Trincomalee some months since for a Sea Voyage, since which

Commander in Chief's Minute - Recommends that Captain Watkins of the Infantry be in consequence of his incapacity for active duty removed to the Non-effective List - States that intelligence which there is every reason to suppose authentic, tho' it is not official, has been received of the Death of Captain Lieut. Foote, and requests the opinion of the Board whether previous to the new Arrangements being made Captain Foote's name should be on the grounds of this intelligence struck off the List of the Army. —

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which period no Official Report has been received concerning him - the Vessel on which he sailed is known to have been taken by the Enemy; and a Letter has appeared in a Bengal Newspaper, stating that a small Vessel on which the Crew of the Captured Vessel had attempted to reach an English Port was Wrecked on the Coast of Sumatra, where many of them died, amongst whom Captain Foote is particularly mentioned. - The Survivors, from one of whom the Letter is said to be received, being some time afterwards taken off the Coast by His Majesty's Ship Imperieuse - Circumstances render this account highly probable: and it is desirable, that before the new arrangements take place, it should be ascertained; - but as no Official account has been Received, the Commander in Chief wishes the Board's instructions, that in conformity to them, Captain Lieut. Foote may, or may not be included on the new arrangement. -

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Extract

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Extract from the Remarks in the monthly Return for November of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment.—

"Since Captain Watkins was appointed to the Battalion, he has been constantly reported Sick, and does no duty whatever: from every appearance, he has rendered himself entirely unable for any kind of Service, and seems only fit to be put on the Invalid List."—

True Extract.
Signed D. A. Agnew.
Adjt. Genl. of the Army.

Extract of a Letter from the Adjutant General of the Army to Captain Hart Commanding the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment dated 19th December 1798.—

"In consequence of Captain Watkins's long illness, and the report received yesterday, that he is afflicted with a disorder that renders him unfit for any active duty, the Commander in Chief desires, that you will deliver over the Command of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Regiment to Captain M.c Cally, the next Senior

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Senior Officer in Chief Corps.

Three Extract

Captain Watkins's letter of 5th November 99. accompanies three Extracts.

Signed D.A. Agnew
Adjt. Genl. of the Army.

Signed J. H.
Lieutenant Colonel Agnew.
Adjutant General.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 1st instant. and in reply have to beg the favor of you to represent to General Harris that I have for upwards of two years been afflicted with a severe Rheumatism so much so as to be unable to walk without assistance but that I make no doubt a Voyage to my Native Country would restore me to a good state of health for which purpose it is my intention to apply for leave of absence.

I am &c &c

Madras
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Signed J. Watkins
Capt. 1st Bn. 1st Regt.
Recd

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Resolutions thereon—

Resolved that Captain Watkins be agreeably to the Commander in Chiefs recommendation placed on the non-effective list on an allowance equal to the subsistence and gratuity of his rank.—

As there is every reason to believe that Captain Lieut.t Foote is dead. Resolved that his name be struck off the list of the Army.—

15th October 1799.—

Commander in Chiefs Minute—Lays before the Board a plan for the distribution of the troops under this Presidency into Cantonments.—gives it as his opinion that an augmentation of our Military force is indispensably necessary.—recommends strongly that measures may be adopted for relieving the Native troops now stationed at the Moluccas—

In compliance with the desire of the Right Honorable the Governor I have turned my attention to the consideration of a Plan for the distribution of the army serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George.—

I consider it necessary to maintain a sufficient number of Troops to preserve the internal tranquility of the Country.—to protect the Collection of the Revenues and to Guard the Frontier; and these should be so stationed as to afford the means of drawing together at the shortest notice either in the Centre Division or on the North-Western Frontier a force which is not equal to repel the

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the assault of any Hostile Powers on the Territories of th
Company, or their allies shall be capable of opposing
progress, and giving time for the Collection of armor
Corps. —

The present establishment of the
Army appears to me very inadequate indeed to the
that Army is expected to perform: and although
accompanying "Distribution" I have, as far as I
it could be done without danger, limited the num
Troops to be employed. the Services of all those of the
Presidency now acting on the Coast, and of all the
and other Corps, surplus to the regular Establishm
which have been raised at various periods for temp
purposes: will be required to carry this Plan into ef

I have only stated in general terms
force which I recommend to be stationed in each D
of the Territory to be occupied by our Troops. The D
allotting those Stations to particular Corps, and the mo
this Arrangement may render necessary, cannot be
until the Board has decided on the expediency of th

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I have suggested, and I am informed of the Force which it is intended to leave at our disposal.

The employment of the Troops of another Establishment on the Ordinary Service of the Coast may at present be attended with some inconvenience: but in my opinion it will cease to be a measure of Policy, as soon as Corps can be raised here to supply their place. The usage of the Company's Service entitles such Troops, when so employed to full Batta. The expence therefore attending their Service here, is much greater than would be incurred by the employment of an equal number of the Troops of this Establishment, who would receive only the Ordinary Pay; and this inequality in allowances to Troops of the same description performing similar Duty, cannot fail to produce Jealousy and discontent, the effect of which must ever be injurious to the public Service. - I therefore repeat to the Board, the opinion I expressed in my Letter of the 9th of July last to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, that an increase of the Madras Artillery Corps, and an addition of four Regiments of Native Infantry to this Establishment

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is necessary for the security of the territory under the
Presidency of Fort St. George: and to supply the force subsidi
by His Highness the Nizam: if that force is in future
to be furnished from the Madras Army.

Should it however be thought proper
employ a Detachment of the Bengal Army permane
on Service in this Quarter of India: it can only be done
without inconvenience resulting from the intermixtu
of the Troops of the separate Establishments, by postin
the Bengal Troops to the Detachment serving with
His Highness the Nizam: which is constantly receives full
Batta. - Thirty Eight Battalions of Native Infantry ar
necessary to allow of the Distribution proposed in the
accompanying Plan: - The regular Establishment of
Coast consists of twenty eight: - which with one Extra
Battalion serving in the Vizagapatam District. - one
Provincial Corps at Tinnevelly: - three Local Battalion
Stationed at Madras and Masulipatam. a Volunteer Cor
at the Moluccas: and Six Battalions of Bengal Troops
acting under the Orders of the Presidency: present the

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means now at our disposal to carry it into effect. - Of these I must consider the Extra and Local Battalions, from their want of Officers, as unfit for any active Service. - And however desireable it may be to restrain as much as possible the increase of our Military expences. - I cannot deem the support of these undisciplined Corps a measure of prudence or economy. - The number of non Commissioned and Privates in these Corps, together with the additionals ordered to be Recruited by the regular Battalions, is greater than the increase which I propose to the Army of this Presidency. And there cannot surely exist a doubt, that the advantages arising from the superior efficiency of eight regularly constituted Battalions, compared with the present defective establishment of the same number of nominal Troops, would more than compensate for the additional expence arising from the appointment of Officers to Command them. -

In the Minute which I had the honour to Submit to Government on the 1st of May 1798. I stated at length the reasons which induced me to recommend the

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the establishment of Sibundy Corps for Revenue Service
such Service was ruinous to the Discipline of the
Battalions which could only be maintained by keep
them in a collected State. The same reasons still e
with equal force; and therefore in the allotmen
Troops to the Northern Circars I have considered on
force which should be kept if possible collected a
principal Stations of the Districts; and reduc
the Revenue Battalions now established there.
supplying the ordinary Guards and small Deta
required for Duty by the Collectors of Revenue.

If Malacca and the Moluccas
still be garrisoned from hence I would Return one
Local Battalions in Garrison at Madras, where th
of Officers is not so severely felt as in other Station
I trust that measures may be adopted for relieva
the Bengal Marine Battalion the Native Deta
serving in our Eastern Conquests whose Distress
the attention of Government.

This Detachment consists of
37th Battalion and a Corps of Volunteers Dra

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Service. The former Embarked with the utmost alacrity on a distant foreign Service in the year 1795. under the firm belief that they should Return within twelve Months; nearly four years have since elapsed during which time they have been Stationed in a most unhealthy Climate.

Their Families here are all Clamorous for their Return; and the many amongst them who in consequence of the Death of their absent Relations have forfeited their Claim to the small pittance which was Paid by Government for their support are in distress.

These circumstances cannot but make an unfavourable impression on the minds of the Native Troops and may destroy that Spirit which has lately prompted them to Embark with such alacrity on foreign Service unless effectual means are adopted to avert their effect. I therefore request the Board to consider the most effectual means for relieving without delay the Native Troops of this Establishment now serving at

Malacca

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Malacca, Amboyna and Banda, and beg to suggest the
propriety of deviating in this particular instance from
the usual Regulations of the Service by granting for
the support of the Widows and Children of such of the
Native Troops as have perished there, an allowance
equal to the Pension of the Rank held by the Decease
such a measure may reconcile the Native Troops to the
Service, and the expence will be well bestowed if it
produces this effect. —

The distresses of the Eastern Detachm
have led me to this digression from the original Subj
on which I have only to add that the deficiency
the European force for Duty under this Presidency
may probably be most readily supplied by detachm
one of the five European Corps now serving on the
Bombay Establishment to occupy a Station in the

Distribute

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Distribution of the Troops for Garrisons and Detachments under the Presidency of Fort St. George.

Centre Division

Fort St. George

1 Regiment of European Infantry.

The Governor's Body Guard.

2 Battalions of Native Infantry.

3 Companies of Native Invalids. - The Supernumeraries.

and a detail of Invalid Artillery.

The Mount.

1st Battalion 5 Companies of Artillery and Lascars attached.

Pondamalee.

1 Company of Native Invalids. - The Recruits. Kings Invalids and Men of the European Corps whose time is expired.

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Vizagapatam and District.

1. Companies European Infantry at Vizagapatam. a
Detachment of Artillery from Masulipatam 1. Battalion
of Native Infantry Head Quarters Chicacole.

Ganjam and District.

2. Companies European Infantry.
1. Company Native Invalids.
1. Battalion Native Infantry. Head Quarters Aska.

Mysore

Seringapatam.

2. Regiments of European Infantry
3. Battalions of Native Infantry.
2. Companies of Artillery.

Chittledroog.

1. Regiment of European Infantry.
1. Company of Artillery
2. Battalions of Native Infantry.
1. Regiment of Native Cavalry.

Bidenore.

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Bidenore and Soondah.

2 Battalions of Native Infantry.

Nundydroog and Baughur.

1 Battalion Native Infantry.

Bangalore.

1 Regiment of Native Cavalry.

Sera.

1 Regiment of Native Cavalry.

Southern Division.

Trichinopoly.

1 Regiment of European Cavalry.

1 Regiment of European Infantry.

1 Company of Artillery.

1 Battalion of Native Infantry.

Tanjore District.

1 Battalion of Native Infantry.

Madura.

1 Battalion of Native Infantry. Palamcotta.

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Palamcotta.

1 Battalion of Native Infantry.

Dindigul

1 Battalion of Native Infantry. Detaching five Companies to occupy various Posts in the District from Chumbrum to Caroor. —

A Detachment of Invalid Artillery. —

Coimbatore and District.

1 Regiment of Native Cavalry.
1 Battalion of Native Infantry.

Hyderabad Detachment.

2 Companies of Artillery.
1 Regiment of Native Cavalry.
6 Battalions of Native Infantry.

Ceylon Detachment.

1 Company of Artillery.
2 Battalions of Native Infantry.

Eastern Detachment.

1 Regiment of European Infantry.
1 Battalion of Native Infantry.
1 Company of Artillery. —

Resolved

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Resolutions on the foregoing Minute—

Resolved that the distribution of the Troops under this Presidency recommended by the Commander in Chief be published in General Orders, and the Commander in Chief is requested to issue such orders as may be necessary for moving the different Corps to their respective Stations.—

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing Minute and "distribution." be dispatched to the Governor General in Council with the following letter.—

To the Right Honorable
The Earl of Mornington K. P.
Governor General in Council
Fort William

My Lord.

To Bengal. Enclosing Copy of General Harris's Minute regarding the distribution of the troops under this Presidency into Cantonments—suggesting the measure of relieving the Native Troops Stationed at the Moluccas by the Bengal Marine Battalion.—

We have the honor of Submitting to your Lordship in Council a Minute of the Commander in Chief on the Subject of a distribution of the Troops under this Presidency into Cantonments in such a manner &c &c

Lieut. Genl Harris deems best adopted to their protection

&c

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of the Territories under this Government.—

We are happy that the assistance of Troops which we derive at present from the establishments of Bengal and Bombay, with the aid of the Subsidy Corps already in the pay of the Company, will render unnecessary any immediate augmentation of our Military Establishment. But in the event of your Lordships determining to withdraw any part of the Bengal Troops now Serving on the Coast. We beg leave to recommend the opinion of the Commander in Chief on the extent of our present force to your Lordships consideration.—

We beg leave in a particular manner to attract your Lordships attention to the observation of the Commander in Chief on the situation of our Native Troops now serving at Malacca, Amboyna and Banda.—

The succession of Military Service which has occurred at this Presidency since the embarkation of those Troops, has effectually prevented

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prevented our intention of an early relief. and the irregularity of their occasional Supplies. it was not in our power at this distance to controul. —

Although we feel the urgent necessity of relieving those Troops. yet the protection of our lately extended Territories demands so great a portion of the Military Establishment. that your Lordship in Council will observe from the distribution proposed by the Commander in Chief. the impossibility of detaching any part of our own Troops for that purpose. We are therefore compelled to look for assistance to Bengal. and We beg leave to recommend in the most earnest manner. that We may be authorized to embark your Marine Battalion for the relief of the Native Troops on the Moluccas Islands. a measure of so much importance to the preservation of the confidence of the Sepoys. that We deem any expence for the accomplishment of it to be a secondary object. —

Until the means of effecting it shall be attained. we have. in conformity to the suggestion of the

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the Commander in Chief consented to the families of the absent Corps the proportion allotted for their support without any deduction on account of the casualties which have occurred.

We have the honor to be
Hon. Sirs
Your most
Obedt. Servts

Fort St George
7th November 1799.

(Signed) Clive
Wm. Cowell

No deductions to be made from the family certificates of the Native Troops serving at Malacca and at the Moluccas, payment of which is to be continued to their families notwithstanding any casualties which may occur.

Resolved, that until an opportunity shall occur for relieving the Native Troops now serving at Malacca, Amboyna, and Banda, no deduction shall be made from the family certificates of those Corps on account of the Casualties which may have happened since their Embarkation on that Service.

Pensions to be granted to the families of the Native Troops who may have died to the Eastward and the Commander in Chief requested to prepare lists of them.

Resolved, further to manifest the sense the Board entertain of the Zeal and galantry of those Troops, and of their attachment to the Honble Company by granting to the families of those who may have died in Battle or otherwise a pension equal to the regulated pension of the different Ranks. The

Commander

W.C.W.

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Commander in Chief is therefore requested to order lists to be prepared of the persons constituting the immediate families of the deceased for the purpose of regulating the payment of the pensions.—

Commander in Chiefs Minute—Lays before the Board the draft of a G. O. founded on the letter from the Court of Directors of the 25th July 1798, with a list of the Names of the Officers to be posted to the different Corps in consequence of the introduction of the Regimental Rule.—

The Commander in Chief after an attentive consideration of the Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors, bearing date the 25th of July 1798. for the regulation of the Military Establishment of this Residency, and the directions of the Right Honble the Governor General, regarding the same, recommends to the adoption of Government the following Orders for carrying into effect the Commands of the Honorable Court.—

Proposed G. O.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to publish in General Orders for the information of the Army, the following Extracts from a Letter of the Honorable the Court of Directors, bearing date the 25th of July 1798.—

Para 5.th

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Para. 5th "No Officer either in His Majesty's Regiments serving in India, or in the Company's Service shall be allowed higher Batta than that to which he is entitled by his Regimental Rank."—

Para. 6th 8th 9th & 10th

Appointments and Promotions.—

Para. 25th 26th 28th

Pay and allowances.—

Para. 32nd 33rd 35th 36th 38th 39th 40th

Medical Department.—

Para. 46th 47th 48th

Furlough.—

Para. 49th 50th 51st 52nd 53rd

Retiring from the Service.—

Para. 54th 55th 56th 57th 58th 59th 60th 61st 62nd 63rd 64th 65th 66th

Rates of Passage Money.

Para. 67th 68th 69th 70th 71st

In Obedience to the Orders above cited, the Right Honble the

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The Governor in Council is pleased to direct, that from the 30th day of November 1799. no Officer shall be allowed to draw a higher rate of Batta, than that to which he may be entitled from his Regimental Rank. —

The Commander in Chief is directed to issue the necessary Orders, for drafting the Non Commissioned and Privates of the 2d Regiment of European Infantry to complete the 1st Regiment to the new Establishment, and to supply such vacancies in the Corps of Artillery as the Number and Nature of the Men to be drafted may allow. — The Non Commissioned Officers, who may become Supernumerary by this Arrangement, are to do duty with the 1st Regiment, and be brought upon the strength of Corps as Vacancies occur in their respective Ranks. — That Corps to be denominated in future, "The Madras European Regiment". —

In order to carry into effect with the least possible delay, the arrangement of the Honorable the Court of Directors, for the future Promotion of Officers

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Officers of Infantry to the Rank of Major by the Principle of Regimental Succession. The 15 Senior Officers of each Rank are to be Separately and successively posted to the 15 Regiments of Infantry on the Coast Establishment.— The next in Seniority allotted in a similar manner, and this Operation to be Repeated untill all the Corps are complete with Officers.— The European Regiment to be considered as the Senior Corps, and the Native Regiments to rank in succession as Numbered.—

X Officers whose date of Appointment as Cadets has not been determined by Communications from the Honble the Court of Directors, are to be posted agreeably to their present Standing on the Army List.— But the relative Rank of those who may be placed in the same Regiment will be adjusted hereafter, in Conformity to the Court of Directors List.—

Enter List of Officers in Corps.

X The Exchange of Officers consequent to the above detailed

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detailed Arrangement is to take place gradually, and untill the Commander in Chief shall issue orders for Officers to join the Regiments to which they stand appointed, they will continue to do duty with the Corps in which they now Serve.— But from this date their Promotion is to be regulated by the Casualties in the Regiments to which they belong, with this reservation only, that the Officers who become supernumerary to the Establishment by the Reduction of the second European Regiment, shall succeed to the vacancies which may happen in their respective Ranks before any Regimental Promotion to those Ranks be allowed to take place.—

The Commander in Chief will appoint those Officers to do duty with such Corps as he thinks proper, till they are brought on the regular Establishment of Regiments.—

All Officers who may hereafter be desirous of obtaining permission to Exchange from one Regiment

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Regiment to another shall only be allowed to enter as Youngest of their Rank in the Regiments to which they are removed.— But the Commander in Chief is authorized when necessary to allott the Officers of the same Regiment to the 1st or 2d Battalion as occasion requires.—

As by the new arrangement the Officers holding Regimental Staff appointments are in general removed from the Corps with which they now serve, it will be necessary to make new appointments of Officers to those Stations.— In so doing the Commander in Chief considers it as a general Principle, that no consideration for individuals should induce the Board to deviate from the rule which has guided the allotment of Officers to Corps, with a view to preserve to any one a Staff appointment by removing him to any other Regiment from that in which he is placed by seniority. Officers who now hold Regimental Staff situations may with propriety be considered as entitled

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entitled to a preference in the Selection of Officers for the Staff in their own Regiment. but to no farther indulgence.

The Commander in Chief recommends that these Orders be Printed for general Circulation to the Army.

Ordered to be published.

Approved and Ordered to be published.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board - Enclose a letter from Colonel Browne requesting the Stores in Tanjore may not be evacuated by our Troops. and request further instructions on the subject. Enclose a bill of the Tent Contractor for Pags. 6160 " " -

1st We do ourselves the Honor of laying before your Lordships in Council. Extract of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Southern Division of the Army. on the Subject of the evacuation of Tanjore. and Request to be favored with

with

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with instructions thereon.

2nd " We recommend that payment be ordered of the accompanying Bill amounting to Pags. 5150 " " for Tents supplied by the Contractor and approved upon Survey by a Committee of our Board.

We have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Fort St. George
29th October 1799.

(Signed) John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham
" Jno. Richardson
" B. A. Agnew.

Extract of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Southern Division of the Army, under date the 20th October 1799.

"With Copy of a letter from the Secretary "of Government (No. 6) under date the 12th Ultimo. and "received under Cover from the Resident of Tanjore on "the 16th Current. and Copies of my letters of Instructions

to

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"to the Officers in charge of the Provision and Ordnance
"Departments at Tanjore. /No. 7.-8./ I have the honor to
"transmit Letter from the Deputy Commissary of Stores
"/No. 9./ with a detailed Report /No. 10./ of such Articles, as
"from their unserviceable State, are not worth the expence
"of transportation, and which, under exception of the Gun
"Carriages requiring Repairs, with the sanction of this Board
"may be destroyed, in presence of the Commanding
"Officer, or of a Committee to be appointed by him for
"the purpose." —

A true Extract.

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

To the Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor in Council

Wm. Wm. Wm.

My Lord.

From the Mil.y Board. recommend the discharge of a balance of £1.000 — Pay.t due to the agent for Spiritous Liquors. and an advance to him of Pay.t £4.700 on account of an additional supply of 170.409 Gallons of Arrack —

1st. We have to acknowledge the receipt of
Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 29th Instant. with the
enclosure. —

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2d. It appearing from a Statement laid before our Board by the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, supported by Vouchers, that a balance on account of Arrack purchased under authority for the last year's consumption is about 21.000 Pagodas, and it being our opinion that the procuring by purchase, as proposed by him, the quantity required to keep up the general Stock to answer probable future demands is the most eligible mode of supply that can be adopted under present circumstances. We in consequence Recommend that such balance be discharged, and that the Agent be authorized to purchase the quantity of Liquor required. Viz. 370409 Gallons on the most advantageous terms, to be obtained, for which We further recommend an advance to be made to him of 24.700 Pagodas, being half the Estimated Amount, deducting therefrom the Sum of Star Pagodas 6.557.13.45. which the Agent states to have already received via a Bill drawn by Major Vaugene on the Government

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of Batavia. —

We have the honor to be

Hon. Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

(Signd) John Braithwaite

" Patrick Ross

" W. Sydenham

" P. A. Agnew

Fort St. George
1st. November 1799. —

Order and Resolutions on the foregoing letters —

Ordered that extract of the Board's instructions to Colonel Brown respecting the stores in the Forts of — Tanjour, on that place being evacuated by our Troops be transmitted to the Military Board, and that they be directed to give such farther orders respecting the stores, as they may Judge necessary. —

Resolved to authorize the discharge — of the balances due to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, — and that the Military Board be directed to desire — him to purchase the quantity of Arrack required for the general stock. —

Resolved

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Ordered that the Medical Board take such measures as may be necessary to prove the guilt of the offenders before the Court of Sessions.

the consequence. It is however to be fortunate that by the timely discovery of these iniquitous transactions the Medical Store-Keeper has been enabled to bring to light most of the principal offenders and thereby deliver them over to Justice.

Mr Casimire the Deputy Apothecary being by the Medical Board represented altogether incapable of that trust. We recommend that in consideration of his Father's long Services he may be permitted the indulgence of retiring from the Service on half his present Salary. and that the Medical Store Keeper may be permitted to entertain a proper person in his room.

We regret that on account of the insecurity of the present

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present Medical Godowns
we are prevented holding
the Storekeepers so respons-
ible as we could wish.
and recommend to the con-
sideration of Government
the necessity of granting more
extensive and commodious
Lodgement for this purpose.—

The Receipts and
Issues of Medical Stores
being much more extensive
now than forty years ago
when the present Building
was appropriated.—

Accompanying the
Medical Storekeepers Letter
is a List of the articles that
are missing.—

Ordered that the Chief Engineer be
directed to Survey and Report on
the State of the Medical Store-
Rooms, in Order that if it shall
be judged expedient they may
be effectually repaired.—

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" W. Raine
Chief Surgeon
Lieut.

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List of Medicines, Instruments &c. sent to Dr. Ewart Physician General Columbo, on the Ship Henry, by order of Government, with the Invoice prices, usual percentage and expences charged, together with the Expences incurred for forwarding to Trincomallie the Ceylon Medicines from Bengal landed here from the H. C. Ship Caledonian.

		£	S.	D.
Rad Ipecac	30 "	46	15	"
Spt. Æther Nitros	10. "	2	"	10
Æther Vitriol	10 "	11.	"	"
Saps Venetus	20 "	1.	10	"
Liquor Vol Corn Cerv	30 "	4	10	"
Sal Corn Cerv	4 "	1	16	8.
Mag Alb	10 "	3	"	"
Rad Jalappæ	5 "	1	2	6.
Mannæ	20 "	4	"	"
Cort Peruv	100 "	40	"	"
Flav	30 "	3	7	6
Rubr	20 "	4	"	"
Pulv Cort Peruv	20 "	12	"	"
Rad Gentian	15 "	"	15	"
R Menth pip^{ds}	1 "	6	10	9.
Spt. Lavend C.	10 "	2	10	"
Ammon Spt.	4 "	2	"	"
Emp^{l} Cantharid	50 "	45	"	"
Lythargyr	10 "	"	10	"
Ag Lythargyr Acetat	15 "	1.	10	"
Hydrargyr	50 "	14	7.	6.
Ung^{t} Basil. flav	80 "	6	13	4
Cerat	80 "	6	13	4
Carried over	£	221.	12.	5.

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Brought over		£	221	12	5
Super Vitriolat	4	"	"	4	8
Ext. Glycyrrhizæ	15	"	1	12	6
Bals Sapon	20	"	3	6	8
Copaiv	2	"	"	15	"
Traumatic	5	"	1	12	1
Shells and Corks ... Dozens	50	"	2	10	"
Lint ... £	20	"	4	10	"
Flannel ... Yards	100	"	8	15	"
Gallypots ... Dozens	15	"	"	11	3
Pins ... Papers	2	"	"	2	"
Male Catheters ... Cases	2	"	3	"	"
Large Scales and Wts ... Box	1	"	"	6	6
Small D. D. ... D.	2	"	"	8	"
Deep Copper D. D. ... Sets	3	"	3	4	6
Large Measures ... D.	1	"	"	4	"
Line Vitriolat ... ℔	4	"	"	3	4
Gum Kino ... ℔	2	"	"	17	6
Pill Boxes ... Papers	20	"	"	10	"
		£		254	5	5
Advance at 10 ℔ Cent				25	8	6½
		£		279	13	11½
At 8 Shillings ℔ a Pagoda, is Pagodas				699	11	2

Carried over Pagodas 699 11 2

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Brought over Pagodas				699	11 2
Country Articles.					
# 10 Myrrha		11	22 40		
# 10 Opium		28	16 40	39	39 "
Charges for Chests, Trunks, Cooley hire.					
Boat and Tarpaulin hire, Wax Cloths				64	26 50
Commission and Freight to Columbo					
Pagodas				803	31 52

Expences incurred for forwarding to Trincomallie the Ceylon Medicines, from Bengal, landed here from the H. C. Ships Caledonian. Expences for carrying to the Beach 18 Boxes and 2 Casks. with Boat hire to, and from H. M. Ships Victorious, together with Cooley hire from and to the Beach, a second time to Embark them on the Ship Henry, including Boat hire, & 50 Pagodas Freight to Trincomallie, and Commission ..... Pagodas 73 31 2

Total Pagodas 877 . 32 . 54

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22d. October 1799.

E. E.
Sign'd. And'w. Berry
Medical Storekeeper.

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To Dr James Anderson

Physician Genral &c. and Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen!

I am extremely concerned to be obliged to inform you, that on Friday last I discovered there had been very considerable embezzlement of the Company's Medical Stores, from the deficient quantities of several of the articles as stated in the Returns of the 31st July last, allowing for all the issues since: on sifting this whole on Venecatakistna a Store Cooly, who had been detected in an attempt to carry off a little Thread the day before, and threatning him with severe public punishment if he did not confess, he immediately gave information, that he had seen Louis Harris Writer to Rama and Swamy, Store Coolies, carry off at different times Medicines. - and that a Peon whose name he is unacquainted with could also

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also to come for Medicines;- having so far ascertained the guilty persons. I carried Venkatakistna to the Justices's Office, and got the Clerk of the Justices to send Peons to apprehend Louis Harris, Rama, and Swamy. none of them were to be found at their houses, on Friday evening. but on Saturday Morning Harris came, expressing great contrition at what had happened, and said he would recover the Medicines.- he further explained how a young man like him been led astray - Viz. by the persuasion of Jacob Pascal, who keeps an Apothecary's Shop in Black Town, and who was lately a Sub-assistant Surgeon in the Company's Service, and that the Peon who came for the Medicines was Jacob Pascal's house-keeper. he also said, that Venkatakistna had carried several things to Duggo Chetty, who keeps a large Medical Boutique in Black Town.- Harris was on this sent to the Justices Office, to repeat what he had said: and being anxious to recover the Company's property, I desired him immediately to endeavour to do it.- he went

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went with a Constable, and some Peons, once brought from Jacob Pascal's Shop, four large Jarrs of Glauber Salt, and Cream of Tartar, which he knew, and being asked why he did not bring more, said they were sold.— Venkatakistna was also desired to go to the Lobbity Shop in the same manner, but he only returned with a Bottle half full of Corrosive Sublimate.— on this, three Articles were lodged at the Justices's Office, and Lewis Harris and Venkatakistna sent to the Polegar's Choultry to appear again this morning.—

On the investigation today, before the Justices, Appaswamy, a boy employed in the Store without pay, and the Sukkudar engaged for keeping the Instruments clean, have been added to the number of delinquents.— further Search Warrants have been granted for the discovery of the Medicines, at the houses or Shops of Jacob Pascal, and Seygo Chitty; and Warrants of Arrest against Rama and Swamy with offers of Reward for apprehending them.— and

Jacob

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Jacob Pascal and Suggs Chitty are to be bound over to appear at the Sessions.

This is the state of the business at present of which I thought it improper to acquaint you till I could give full and particular information of so unpleasant a business, which is doubly so to me, as I must in consequence lose all the old Servants of a Slave from which there are almost constant and great issues - and in this number Sam extremely concerned to include Mr. Casimire Deputy apothecary whose particular duty it is to see that no issues are made, but on Indent. or by my Signature, and who I will not pretend to say knew of these things, but who should have known, and could have prevented them. This is not the first instance among many that I have had to find fault with Mr. Casimire, nor can he complain that Sam now alleged, on account of his father's family, to recommend his being invalided, from inability

or

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want of inclination to attend sufficiently to the trust committed to him, as I have frequently been alleged to speak very harshly to him, and threaten him with a public Complaint, and I can have no dependance on the arrangement. I must now make while he remains at the head of the Store Servants, having said so much of the Malversation in the European Medical Store department, it may be expedient to exculpate myself, and trust you will allow, that it is impossible I can see every particular if I am made from the Store, and from a distant Bomb proof, that the sudden applications, and extensive demands frequently require, or that it could be expected of me, when there was a Deputy Apothecary to attend to them. - I consider it extremely fortunate, that this discovery has been made so soon, as it is only since the first of August that their combination made them bold, as will appear by the accompanying List of Deficiencies that have been ascertained

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to have been embezzled since the 1st of August last & pilfering in the Issue of Medicines that are not sufficiently estimated by them from being issued gratis. can with difficulty be prevented, when it is considered that often 100 Cooley loads are dispatched in a day, but further is certainly extraordinary. I had flattered myself that I should have had credit from this particular part of my Department, which I believe is the only one that has not encreased in proportionate expence to the Issues. — The Servants paid by the Company being the same in number now, as they were 16 Years ago, with the exception of two Coolies granted in April 1797. although the Issues are at least ten times encreased, and these two Coolies were only allowed, on my pressing representations of the inadequacy of the number, and I have been obliged to pay an additional Servant myself to assist in the Issues, as well as in making out the Returns and valuations now required. —

Having

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Having about 21 Months ago detected an attempt to carry off a parcel of Trusses by Sadaseva, a Canicopoly who had been 11 Years in the Store, and for which I discharged him, and finding now that I have been disappointed in my hopes of thereby preventing further attempts I hope you will point out to Government the inadequacy of the present Ola, and in some places ruinous building, for the protection of the encreased and encreasing Medical Stores, that can only properly be taken care of in one place. —

I have the honor to be with Respect

Yrs Yrs

Signed. And.w Berry

Medical Storekeeper.

Fort St. George
28th October 1799.

A true Copy

Signed. Alex.r Baswell

Sec.y Medical Board

A List.

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A List of the quantities of Medicines found or deficient in the Honble Company's Store as at present ascertained and supposed to be embezzled since the 1st of August last by Lewis Harris Writer. Rama Swamy and Venkata Kistna Store Servants and others —

		lbs	oz.
Quick Silver		328	"
Corrosive Sublimate		18	"
Caustic Lunar		12	7½
Calomel ppt.		28	5
Thread		20	14
Tape	Pieces	11	"
Castor Russia		1	"
Oil of Mint		12	13½
Pins	Papers	303	"
Salappi		55	12

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the
28th October 1799.

Signed Andw Berry
Medicine Storekeeper

Read the following letters from the
Officer Commanding in Mysore —

The

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The Secretary of
Government.

Sir.

From the Officer commanding in Mysoor states fully his opinion respecting the forces which should be stationed in Mysoor, and the mode of distribution —

As it will probably be the wish of the Government to place the Army in Cantonments and Garrisons as soon as possible. I take the liberty of submitting the following arrangement as what appears to be most convenient. —

I take it for granted, that it is intended to leave in Mysoor, (at least for the present,) all the Troops that are above the Ghauts. excepting probably the 19th L. Dragoons and one of the European Regiments of Infantry. —

These consist of the 19th L. Dragoons.
3d Regiment of Native Cavalry, part of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, 2 Companies of Bengal Artillery, 4 Regiments of European Infantry, 12 Battalions of Native Infantry, including 3 Battalions of Bengal Volunteers

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Volunteers, and the Corps of Pioneers. There is besides a Battalion of Bombay Sepoys at Nuggur which I shall mention hereafter.

I propose that the 3 Regiments of Native Cavalry should be placed at Hooly Honore which is a convenient Station for forage, and not very distant from the Grain Countries. They will be well forward towards the Mahratta frontier. The expence which has been incurred at different times in building Cantonments, which afterwards for various reasons, have been found inconvenient and the consideration that in this Country it is not necessary to keep the horses under Cover, and that the Sepoys can dress themselves as they do elsewhere, induce me to refrain from proposing that any such Cantonment should be built. It will however be necessary that the Officers should be put upon Tent allowance, and probably Government will think it proper to make an annual or a Monthly allowance to the Officer

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Officer Commanding the Cavalry &c. / a building in which may be placed the Arms Accoutrements &
and Saddles. /. —

The Commander in Chief has
already instructed me to send into Chittledroog all
the Field pieces and Ordnance with the Army. and
I propose to place there the 2 Companies of Bengal
Artillery at present in the Field. —

I propose that there should remain
in Seringapatam the 1st Battalion of Artillery. and
2 Regiments of European Infantry. where they
will have good Cover. —

Either Chittledroog. Seroe or Bangalore
would be a good Station for another Regiment of
European Infantry. In the first and in the last
there is Cover for them, but there are doubts respecting
the Climate of the first. and there are reasons which
probably would make it inconvenient to send a
Regiment.

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Regiment of European Infantry to Bangalore, at present Sera is a healthy place where it would not be difficult to procure provisions, but there is no Cover. They must therefore remain there in Tents, untill the Climate at Chittledroog is better known, or untill to place them in Bangalore would not be attended with so inconvenience.—

I propose that there should be 12 Battalions of Sepoys at Seringapatam, from whence will be detached Garrisons to Mysoor, Munzerabad and Chunroyspatam.—

2 Battalions of Sepoys in Chittledroog;
1 Battalion of Sepoys in Sera detaching to Pauly hur Murgaire and Mud Gurry; 1 Battalion of Sepoys in Bangalore detaching Garrisons to Rycotta and Colar; 1 Battalion of Sepoys at Nundydroog, making the detachments to the Northward found necessary by Captain Irton; 2 Battalions of Sepoys at Nuggur detaching Garrisons to Chandergooty, Anantpoor and Colydroog; and 1 Battalion of Sepoys

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Sepoys at Vurry Vurr. –

The Corps of Pioniers at Seringapatam from whence detachments might be made to any place at which their Services might be necessary: Thus then there would be 3 Regiments of Cavalry at Hoolly Honore. –

1. Battalion of Artillery
2. Regiments of European Infantry
4. Battalions of Sepoys – at Seringapatam
The Corps of Pioniers. –

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2. Companies of Artillery
2. Battalions of Sepoys. – at Chittledroog

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1. Regiment of Europeans
1. Battalion of Sepoys – at Sera

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1. Battalion of Sepoys – at Bangalore.

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1. Battalion of Sepoys – at Nundydroog.

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2. Battalions of Sepoys – at Nuggur.

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1. Battalion of Sepoys – at Vurry Vurr.

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As I have been informed by the Resident in Mysoor that the Sonda Country is to be placed under the management of the Collector in Canara. I propose to move into that province the Battalion of Bombay Sepoys at present at Nuggur; and if the Commanding Officer below the Ghauts should not find it convenient to send another Battalion into Sonda. I propose to detach thither part of the Battalion which I have proposed to post at Hurry Hurr. —

There is a certain Number of Elephants and Camels, and of Draft and Carriage Bullocks with the Army, all of them the property of the Honble Company, to which without doubt the Commander in Chief has already drawn the attention of Government. The best situation for the Bullocks is along the bank of the Sunbudra between Hooty Honore and Seny Kerra. It is a fine Grass Country, and there is a sufficiency of Jungle in it to give them Cover. The late Sultan Kept his Elephants

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Elephants and Camels at Narsingpoor, a large Village on the bank of the Cawvery, near its Junction with the Caspane. It is in a Rice Country with Jungle in the Neighbourhood, and it would probably be the most convenient situation for those of the Honble Company at the present moment. a small number of them might be kept near Sera for the use of the European Regiment. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Camp at Shekarpoor
20th October 1799. —

Sgnd Arthur Wellesley

P.S. The Army marched this morning towards Hooly Honore. where it will cross the Tumbudda. The Native Cavalry will follow it tomorrow. —

The Secretary
of Government

Sir

I have the Honor to inclose Copies of some

From the Officer Commanding in Mysore. Encloses extracts of Orders published by him which require the conformation of Government. Notes the reason of the establishment of Servants allowed to the Barrier Department being proportionally larger than that allowed to any of the other Departments.

during his absence. —

September 18th Vide Abstracts of the Officers Commanding
Brigades &c. for the allowances stated in the Orders
of the 12th to have been granted to them. are to be
Countersigned by the Acting Deputy Adjutant General
before they are paid. —

" 24th Agreeably to orders received from the
Commander in Chief. Captain Drummond of the
Bengal Artillery. has permission to proceed to
Fort St. George. and Mr. John Best. Deputy Commissary
of Stores to Vellore. on their private affairs. Mr. Best
to return to his duty at Chittledroog as soon as possible.
Lieutenant Trenche Deputy Commissary
to take charge of the Stores at Chittledroog. during
Mr. Bests absence. —

October 17th Mr. Assistant Surgeon Steward. has
leave of absence to proceed to the Carnatic on Sick
Certificate for the benefit of his health. —
Mr. Surgeon Gilmour to take charge
of

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Of the Sick of the Army in Chittledroog, and the Garrison Staff, during the absence of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Steward, and to draw the usual allowances from the 1st. October.—

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Inverarity to return to his Corps at Chittledroog.—

Signed A. Barclay
Act. Dep. Adj. Genl.

Extract from the Orders issued by the Honble Colonel Arthur Wellesley, to the Troops serving above the Ghauts.—

Camp at Shicarpoor 18. October 1799.—

Colonel Wellesley having received the Orders of Government notifies the following appointments to the Army.—

Mr. Cherry to continue as Paymaster to the Army with his present Establishment and Salary.—

Major Cormer to do the duties of Commissary of Grain and Provisions, on his present allowances.— Lieut.

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Lieut. Hugh Mackay to be principal Agent for Draft and Carriage Cattle, upon a Salary of Two hundred Pagodas per Month. —

Mr. William Hesse Gordon to be Paymaster of Seringapatam, with an allowance of three hundred Pagodas per Month. —

The Establishment of the Commissary of Grain to be

	Total one of each Rank.	Total of each Rank	Total of each Class of Servants	Total of Establishment.
1. Master	30 " 0	30 " 0		
1. Head Conicopoly	20 " 0	20 " 0		
4. Conicopolies	5 " 0	20 " 0		
1. Head Measuring Man	6 " "	6 " "		
3. Measuring Men	5 " "	15 " "		
1. Head Packer	3 " "	3 " "		
10. Packers	2 " 22 " 40	25 " "		
3. Peons	2 " 11 " 20	6 " 33 " 60		
2. Mussalchies	2 " "	4 " "		
3. Sweepers	1 " "	3 " "	132 " 33 " 60	
Lascars & Artificers.				
1. Syrang	6 " 120 " 40	6 " 120 " 40		
1. First Tindal	2 " 81 " 40	2 " 81 " 40		
2. Second Tindals	2 " 62 "	4 " 124 " 00		
50 Lascars	90 " 23 " 45 " 0		161 " 16 " —	294 " 7 " 60

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The Establishment of the Commissary of Provisions to be. —

	Total each Rank	Total of each Rank	Total each Class of Servants	Total of Establishment
1. Assistant Victualler	60 " "	60 " "		
1. Head Writer	30 " "	30 " "		
2. Writers	20 " "	40 " "		
1. Writer	15 " "	15 " "		
1. Head Comicsply	20 " "	20 " "		
2. Assistants D°	10 " "	20 " "		
2. Second Assistants D°	8 " "	16 " "		
2. D° D° D°	5 " "	10 " "		
1. Shroff	6 " "	6 " "		
2. Coopers	5 " "	10 " "	217 " "	
Lascars and Artificers				
3. Carpenters	4 " 6 " "	12 " 18 " "		
1. Mastry Smith	6 " " "	6 " " "		
3. Smiths	4 " 6 " "	12 " 18 "		
3. Hammermen	3 " 6 " "	9 " 18 "		
3. Bellows Boys	1 " " "	3 " " "		
1. Chuckler	3 " 6 " "	3 " 6 " "		
3. Massalchies	2 " " "	6 " " "		
1. Syrang	6 " 116 " "	6 " 116 " "		
1 1st Tindal	2 " 81 " "	2 " 81 " "		
1 2nd Tindal	2 " 60 " "	2 " 60 " "		
50. Lascars		90 " 2270 " "	2908 " 22 " "	
Extra Servants.				
At Kistnaghurry 1 Comicsply	10 " "	10 " "		
" Seringapatam 1 Comicsply	12 " "	12 " "		
2. Peons	2 " "	4 " "		
" Sera 1 Comicsply	6 " "	6 " "		
1. Peon	2 " 22 " 40	2 " 22 " 40		
" Chittledroog 1 Comicsply	8 " " "	8 " " "		
1. Peon	2 " 22 " 40	2 " 22 " 40		
In Camp. 2 Mastry Shepherds	2 " 22 " 40	5 " [illegible]		
50 Shepherds	2 " "	100 " "		
2. Extra Comicsplies	10 " "	20 " "		
3. D° D°	6 " "	18 " "	118 " " "	613 " 22 " "

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The Commissary of Provisions is besides to employ the Number of Victualling Servants allowed by the existing Regulations in proportion to the Number of European Troops to be Victualled.—

The Establishment of the Commissariat Agent for Draft and Carriage Cattle to be.—

	Total one of each Rank.	Total of each Rank.	Total of Establishment.
1. Head Writer	30. " "	30. " "	
2. Second Writers	20. " "	40. " "	
1. Head Conicoply	20. " "	20. " "	
4 Second Conicoplies	8. " "	32. " "	
1. Shroff	10. " "	10. " "	
2. Peons	3. " "	6. " "	138. " "

Candles and Stationary per Month Pagodas 25.—

All persons belonging to those Departments not included above, to be discharged from this day.—

All the Inhabitants of the Carnatic belonging to the different departments, who may be discharged in consequence of this Order, are to receive one Months pay from this date, in order to defray their Travelling expences.—

Captain Blair of the Engineers has

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The Establishment stated underneath, from the 1st Instant. until he will have performed the Service upon which he is now employed. —

	Draftsman	Asst. Ms.	Pro. Asst.	Bombay Lascars	1st Tindal	Lascars	2d Tindal	Lascars
For Carrying Instruments and assisting in the Survey	1.	1.	3.	5.	1.	16.	1.	8.
For Carrying the Office Table	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	"
" D°. D°. A Plan Box	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"
" D°. D°. A Stationary Box	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"
Total	1.	1.	3.	5.	1.	26.	1.	8.

Engineers Tent

All the other Staff and Establishments at present with the Army, are to remain with it. upon the Salaries and with the Establishments which they have been allowed hitherto. —

Signed R. Barclay
Actg. Dep. Asst. Genl.

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To
The Secretary
to Government.

Sir.

From the Officer Commanding in Mysoor. States that the Killedar of Darwar has sent back the people who were carried off from the Province of Sondah and that all is quiet there - Recommends that an allowance be granted to the Commanding Officer in Sondah for the purpose of enabling him to procure Intelligence of the proceedings of the Mahratta Chieftains -

I have the pleasure to inform you that Bapojee Scindia the Killedar of Darwar has sent to the Commanding Officer at Hulliall the persons who had been carried away from the Province of Sondah by his Troops all remains quiet upon the frontiers.

It would be very desireable if the Officer in Command in Sondah had the means of procuring Intelligence of the designs and movements of the different bodies of Mahratta Troops on the Frontier; and I shall be much obliged to you if you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council my request that he will grant an allowance to the Officer in Command in Sondah

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Sondah to enable him to employ persons to give him
Intelligence of what passes on the Mahratta frontier.

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Arthur Wellesley

Nuggur.
24th October 1799.

Minute thereon.

Resolved to inform Colonel Wellesley that
the Board would with much satisfaction, had circum-
stances permitted, have availed themselves of his
suggestions for a distribution of the Troops under his
command into Cantonments, but that the indispensable
necessity of bringing into the Carnatic a considerable
portion of the Native Troops now serving in Mysoor,
has induced the Board to Resolve on a general destri-
bution of the Troops under this Presidency.

Resolved, that the several orders
and Establishments reported by Colonel Wellesley
be confirmed.

Resolved to inform him that the
Board

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Board entirely concur in his recommendation for granting to the Offic commanding in Soondah the means of obtaining the best information of the proceedings of the Mahratta Chieftains on the frontier, and that he is authorized to sanction the payment of such an allowance as he may judge adequate for this purpose. —

Resolved, that the following letter be dispatched to the Officer Commanding the forces in Malabar and Canara. —

To Lieutenant General Stuart

or Officer Commanding the Forces in

Malabar and Canara.

Sir.

The Right Honble the Governor in Council having resolved to distribute into Cantonments the several Corps lately employed in the Field, finds it indispensably necessary to employ a part of the Troops serving under the Presidency of Bombay

To the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara. directing him to order a Complete European Regiment to march from Canara to Chittledroog, and one Native Battalion to march to the Bidenore Country with all practicable expedition. —

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Bombay. in protecting a part of the Territories subjected to the Company and to the Rajah of Mysoor by the Grants. —

I am accordingly directed to desire that you will order one of His Majesty's Regiments complete. to March with all practicable expedition for the purpose of Garrisoning the Fortress of Chittledroog —

In addition to the Battalion of Bombay Troops. now Stationed in the province of Soonda. the Governor in Council desires that a Native Battalion may be detached for the purpose of Garrisoning the fort. and of protecting the district of Bidnoor. —

As the distribution of the whole of the Troops under this Presidency has been made with reference to this assistance from the Coast of Canara. and Malabar. the Governor in Council is particularly anxious. that no delay should arise in

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in the execution of this Order; and I am accordingly directed to desire that the Officers Commanding those Several Corps may be instructed to put themselves under the Orders of the Officer Commanding in Mysoor.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govern.t

Fort St. George
6th November 1799.—

Copy of the foregoing letter transmitted to Colonel Wellesley.—

Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter be transmitted to Colonel Wellesley, and that he be directed to regulate the reliefs of the Troops destined to return into the Carnatic by the approach of those ordered from Canara.—

Read the following Letter from the Governor General in Council.—

To the Right Honble Edward Lord Clive
Governor in Council at
Fort St. George.

From Bengal—Enclosing Copy of an Order published in Bengal, agreeably to the instructions of the Court of Directors for the discontinuance of the Brevet Batta, and the allowance of five Rupees per day to Brevet Captains.—

My Lord.

We have the honor to transmit to you the

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The enclosed copy of the orders which we have published at this Presidency for carrying into effect the instructions of the Honble the Court of Directors respecting the discontinuance of Batta to Officers according to their Brevet Rank and for granting one Rupee a day to Brevet Captains in addition to their usual allowances as Lieutenants.—

2. We desire that you will publish correspondent orders to the Army on your Establishment with any Modifications which a difference of local circumstances may require.—

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort William
the 15th October 1799.—

Signed Mornington

" Alured Clarke

" P. Speke

" Wm Cowper.

Minutes

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Minutes of Council in the Military Department
of the 15th of October 1799.—

In conformity to orders received from
the Honble Court of Directors the Governor General in
Council is pleased to order.—

1st That the Batta granted to Officers in
consequence of their Brevet Rank be discontinued.
and that from and after the 1st of November next.
no Officer either in His Majesty's Army serving in
India, or in the Company's Service be allowed higher
Batta than that to which he is entitled by his
Regimental Rank. with the exception of those Staff
Officers who draw superior Batta in virtue of their
Situations on the Staff previous to the introduction
of Brevet Rank into the Company's Army.—

2d That the additional allowance
which was withholden from Brevet Captains
when serving in the Vizier's Country be restored to
them from the above date, and that it be drawn as
heretofore in advance with their Pay.—

3d The

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The Honble Court of Directors have further been pleased to notify to Government, that they consider the Brevet Captains, who obtained that Rank in 1796, after a period of 15 Years Service, as standing in a very different Situation from Officers advanced beyond their Regimental Rank merely on account of general Brevets granted by His Majesty; and the Honble Court of Directors have therefore authorized the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to make an addition of one Rupee a day to the Pay and allowances of Lieutenants holding the Brevet Rank of Captain.—

The Governor General in Council therefore orders, that Brevet Captains be permitted to draw in all Situations, from the 1st of November next, the above addition of One Rupee per Day to their usual allowances as Lieutenants, except when they may be in receipt of Captains Batta either in consequence of holding a Situation on the Staff entitling them to such Batta, or when they may

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Cr in receipt of Captain's Batta, in consequence of
Commanding a Battalion or Regiment. This additional
allowance of One Rupee per Day, to be drawn as Batta
in Arrear. —

A true Copy
Signed G. H. Barlow
Sec.y to the Government. —

Read the following Letter from the Nabob
/also entered in C.C. No. 72./ —

Translation of a Letter from His Highness
the Nabob of the Carnatic &c.a &c.a &c.a
To the Right Honble Lord Clive, Governor &c.a of Fort St. George. —
Dated 9th October 1799.

From the Nabob suggests the expediency of appointing a deputation on the part of each Government for the purpose of investigating the grounds of disagreement between Bommarazu and the Mogul Poligar. —

I have received and understand the
Contents of your Lordship's Letter of the 5th Instant. on
informing me of the irregular and oppressive Conduct
of the Cavelikar of Mogul in the boundaries of
the Bommarajpolah poligar. —

As soon as Captain Wilks apprized me
of the violence and oppression of the Cavelikar of
Mogul

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Mogral. I immediately dispatched positive injunctions for his refraining from further irregularity and from exceeding his own ancient limits.—

Bomraje has in like manner Complained to me of the misconduct of the Mogral man:- but I have hitherto received no answer from the latter. The truth of this transaction therefore remains in suspence. I learn from report indeed that Bom Raje also has contrary to custom encroached on the Mogral Boundaries, but until the matter be thoroughly investigated, we cannot on the allegation of one party, impute the blame, or apply the —— punishment to either.—

I have directed an inquiry to be made into the misconduct of the Cavelikar of Mogral—and if the aggression have been really on his part, Gods-willing he shall meet with due chastisement:- if on the Contrary, this irregularity have originated on the part of Bom Raje, I am persuaded that he will be punished.—

With

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With a view to the speedy investigation of the disputed ground, it were better that a person should be deputed by your Lordship, and another person by me, who, after they should have ascertained, and adjusted the limits in dispute, should be directed to apprize both parties, that the excess of either will be punished. —

If it shall be ascertained, that the fault has originated with the Cavelikar of Mogral, and that he has been guilty of the alledged enormities I shall myself request, that your Lordship will detach a force to Chastise him, - and I shall consequently in that event, give Credit in my Books for the expences of the detachment. —

What more need be written.

A true translation

Signed A. Falconar

Pers.n Trans.r to Govern.t

Resolution thereon

Resolved, that in conformity to His Highness's suggestion, Captain J. H. Symons be appointed

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appointed to investigate, in concert with a person to be deputed on the part of the Nabob, the disputed boundary between the Polygars of Bommaraze Pollams and Moograh, and that Captain Symons be furnished with the necessary instructions, and ordered to proceed to Narnaveram without delay.—

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding in Canara.—

To Lieutenant General Harris

&c. &c. &c.

Sir.

I had the Honor of reporting to you on the 8th Instant the Death of Major General Hartley and that the Command of the Troops in the Province of Malabar and Canara Country had in consequence devolved upon me.— The Surrender of the Fort of Semaulabad also took place upon the 8th and I have been under the necessity of deferring my Report upon the occurrences of the Siege &c. to the

From the Officer Commanding in Canara. States that he has taken Semaulabad and gives a particular account of the attack of which he encloses a Plan. Encloses different Returns &c.

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the present Moment as the necessary Returns could not be sooner procured. —

I arrived in the vicinity of Seringapatam upon the 25th Ultimo, and the Troops destined for the Siege, consisting of a Detachment of Artillery, with two 8 Inch Howitzers and two Mortars, under the Command of Major Thompson, and the Flank Companies of His Majesty's 75th and 77th Regiments, with the Grenadier Battalion under the Command of Lieut. Colonel Montresor, having arrived on the 27th the 1st of the 5th under the Command of Major Patterson — being previously stationed at Seringapatam for the purpose of forming the Blockade. Lost no time in Reconnoitering the Place, and taking such measures as appeared most likely to bring the Siege to a speedy termination. —

The Rock of Seringapatam is — Elevated 472 yards in Perpendicular Height above the lowest Part of the surrounding Ground, and has

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has three distinct Lines fortified upon it at different Elevations - The Lowest of those Lines having no Ditch, appeared to me to be assailable by a Coup-de-main, but from the considerable Elevation of this Work, and its being under the Command of the Second and Third Lines, to the Second of which there is a Deep and wide Ditch, I judged it most prudent to erect Batteries against it, in order to ensure our Success with the least possible Loss - Accordingly opened on the 4th a Mortar-Battery at 600 yards Distance, and one of two 8 pounders at 1200, and the Effect on the 5th appearing to be considerable - Ordered the Flank Companies of the 75th and 77th Regiments with those of the Grenadier Battalion, and of the 1st of the 5th under the Command of Lieut.t Colonel Montresor to assault the Lower Works by two attacks on the morning of the 6th The two Lower Works were taken possession of without Opposition.

and

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and it appearing to Lieut.t Colonel Monstor. that a Surprize of the Enemy in the upper Work was practicable. The narrow and steep Stair Case which forms the Communication with this Work was attempted by a party of the Flank Companies of the 75.th and 77.th Regiments with the Pioneers and Scaling Ladders. The usual Gallantry of those Troops was eminently conspicuous upon this occasion. and tho' the very advantageous Situation of the Enemy, which enabled them to Roll down Large Stones with an Effect which reduced the Party to the necessity of Retreating, after a Loss of two Europeans Killed. and 39 Europeans and Natives Wounded. / Rendered this attempt abortive. Yet in a great Degree attributed the unconditional Surrender of the Fort upon the 8.th to the exertions made upon this occasion. and consider myself much Indebted to the Gallant conduct of Lieut.t Colonel Monstor. Major Spry and Paterson, who Commanded the two attacks. and Major Grant of the Grenadiers. who as

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as Field Officer of the Day, Commanded the Reserve formed from the out Posts, and the Grenadiers of the 75th

The great assistance I have received from Major Thompson of the Artillery, Captain Moncrieff of the Pioneers, and Lieut. Bentley, who had charge of the Engineer Department, claims my warmest acknowledgements, and beg leave to subscribe my Humble Testimony to the ardent Zeal displayed by all Ranks and Departments of the Troops I have the Honor to Command, in the execution of their respective Duties.

I have the Honor to inclose you a Plan and View of the Place, a Return of the Killed and Wounded during the Siege, the Prisoners taken in the Fort, and Ordnance, Military Stores, and Publick Property found therein.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

Hon. Sir

Sign'd J. C. Sartorius

A. A. Commanding

Field

Camp near Seringapatam

the 13th October 1799.

Field General Return of the Detachment under command of Colonel John Conrad Sartorius, Camp near Semaulabad the 7th October 1799

	Staff	Artillery and additional Gunners Artillery	Lascars &c. Gunners	Engineers	Pioneers	European Flank Corps	Grenadier Battalion Native Infantry	1st Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry
	Colonel, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, Adjutants, Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, Quarter Masters, Serjeants, Drummers, Rank & File	Major, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, Adjutants, Surgeons, Conductors, Serjeants, Drummers, Rank & File	Serjeants, Drummers, Rank & File	Lieutenants, Ensigns, Serjeants, Rank & File	Major, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, Serjeants, Drummers, Rank & File	Major, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, Adjutants, Surgeons, Serjeants, Drummers, Rank & File	Major, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, Adjutants, Surgeons, Serjeants, Drummers, Rank & File	Major, Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, Adjutants, Surgeons, Serjeants, Drummers, Rank & File
Present	1 1 2 1 1	1 1 2 1 1 4 6 7	2 3 1 2 2 2 7	1 3 4 3 2	1 1 1 4 4 5 4 8 8	1 3 6 1 10 10 2 2 9	1 1 6 5 1 1 6 8 2	3 8 12 4 6 2
Total	1 1 2 1 1	1 1 2 1 1 4 6 7	2 3 1 2 2 2 7	1 3 4 3 2	1 1 1 4 4 5 4 8 8	1 3 6 1 10 10 2 2 9	1 1 6 5 1 1 6 8 2	3 3 1 8 4 6 2

		Native Infantry	1st Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry	1 2 7 1 1 1 6 7 2 2 6 1 6 5 8 6

General Return of the Killed and Wounded of the Detachment under Command of Colonel J. C. Sartorius in the Blockade and Siege of Semaulabad from the 25th of August to the 6th October 1799. both Days included.

			Ensigns	Lieuts	Capts	Privates	Native Officers	Majors	Staff	Total
Engineer Corps		Wounded	1.	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
European Flank Corps	H. M. 75th Light Infantry	Killed	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	2
	Ditto Ditto Ditto	Wounded	"	3.	2	21	"	"	"	26
	H. M. 77th Grenadiers	Wounded	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1.
Native Infantry	Grenadier Battalion N. Infantry	Killed	"	"	"	"	"	"	1.	1.
	Ditto Ditto Ditto	Wounded	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	1.
	1st Batt.n 6th Reg.t N. Infantry	Killed	"	"	"	"	1	"	4.	5
	Ditto Ditto Ditto	Wounded	1.	"	"	"	1.	"	21.	23
Pioneer Corps		Wounded	"	"	"	11.	"	"	"	11.
			2	3	2	35	2	1	26	71.

Names Officers Wounded

Ensign E. S. Insall doing duty with the Pioneer Corps

Ditto Sam.l Thomas 1st Batt.n 5th Reg.t Dead of his Wounds

Return

(Signed) J. C. Sartorius
Lt. Col.

(Signed) R. B. Crozier
Major of Brigade

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Return of Prisoners confined in the Fort and other Places at Seringapatam. - Camp Seringapatam 11th October 1799.

No.	Rank.	Were confined	Remarks.
1.	Killedar	In the Mosque	
1.	Second Killedar		
1.	Sipadar.		
2.	Sipdars		
4	Semidars		
6	Isidars		
1	Wardewallo		
1.	Neshaneallo		
2.	Men		one the Head Killedars Father in Law the other his Nephew.
2.	Strangers		People who were detained in the Fort.
1.	Sepoy		
3	Faklkeirs		
2.	Servants		
289.	Sepoys.	In the Upper Fort.	
3.	Brahmins		
2.	Boys.		
11.	Not known	In the Barracks.	Men who endeavoured to escape during the Siege.
332	Total.		

(Signed) John Chas. Sheen
Capt. Commanding

A true Copy
(Signed) R. R. Crozier
Major of Brigade.

(Signed) J. C. Sartorius
Col. Com.

Return

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Return of Ordnance and Stores taken in the Fort and Pettah of Seringapatam

Camp near Seringapatam October the 10th 1799.

			Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Total
Iron	26	Pdrs	1	"	"	1
"	24	"	"	"	1	1
"	18	"	12	"	2	14
"	16	"	2	"	2	2
"	12	"	7	"	8	15
"	9	"	5	"	5	10
"	8	"	1	"	3	4
"	6	"	"	"	1	1
"	5½	"	1	"	2	3
"	3	"	"	"	2	2
"	2	"	5	"	3	8
Swivels			2	"	28	30
Petards			2	"	"	2
Brass	4	Pdrs	"	"	2	2
"	4	Inch Mortars	1	"	1	2
Tinjaulls			"	"	2	2
Carriages	18	Pdrs	"	"	3	3
"	12	"	"	"	5	5
"	9	"	"	"	1	1
"	8	"	"	"	1	1
"	6	"	"	"	2	2
"	3	"	"	"	7	7
"	2	"	"	"	3	3
Swivel			"	"	"	1
Mortar Beds	4	Inch	1	"	"	1
18 Pdrs	Round		1650	"	"	1650
12 "	"		860	"	"	860
9 "	"		3146	"	"	3146
8 "	"		46	"	"	46
5½ "	"		1035	"	"	1035
3 "	"		39	"	"	39
18 Pdrs	Grapes		"	165	600	765
Shot Round of Sizes			600	"	"	600
Hand Grenades			120	"	"	120
Muskets			"	"	73	73
Ditto. Balls. from Report of the Person in whose charge they were in Garrison			300,000	"	"	300,000
Ditto. Flints. Boxes. Do.		Do.	Do. ..	2	"	"	2
Powder			Maunds	2000	"	"	2000

N.B. The Magazines are Confined, and the Powder is contained in a Variety of Packages but Chiefly in large Binns, some of which are but partly filled. We Estimate that could be depended on can therefore be found of the quantity. The Musket Balls and flints can be got at. These Articles are therefore given on Report of the Person in whose charge they were. A quantity of Powder which was wetted during the Siege is not included.

(Signed) T. Thompson
Major Commanding Artillery

True Copy
(Signed) R. B. Crozier
(Signed) J. C. Sartorius
Col. Com.

List

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List of the Property Captured in the Fort of Seringapatam

1. Stock of Rice containing	Moorhas	500.
1. Ditto Salt Ditto	Ditto	100
6. Ditto Paddy Ditto	Ditto	3,000
One Godown containing Ragee	Ditto	300
Pepper	Ditto	40
Dholl	Ditto	30
Saltpetre	Maunds	30
Tamarind	Ditto	100
	Ditto	940
Copper	Ditto	6,000
Lead	in Number	1,463
Rice	Ditto	500
Reams of Portuguese paper	Maunds	25
Copper Cooking Potts	Ditto	40
Ghee		

N. B. The quantity of Rice &c. and weight of the Copper and Lead is taken only from the Prize Agents from the Account in the hands of the Brahmin who had charge of the whole.—

A great quantity of Lumber is not included in the above List being of little or no Value.—

Seringapatam the 12th. October 1799.—

(Signed) Geo: Warden
A. A. P. P.
" Wm. Burke
Prize Agent.

A true Copy
(Signed) R. B. Crozier
Major of Brigade

(Signed) J. C. Sartorius
Col. Comd.

Ordered

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Order thereon. Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter be transmitted to the Governor General in Council.

Draft of a G. O. laid before the Board by the President.

The President lays before the Board the following Draft of a G. O.

Fort St. George
5th. November 1799.

G. O. By Government.

G. O. By Government. bestowing the highest commendations on Major Bannerman's Conduct during the late expedition against the Southern Poligars.

Major Bannerman having returned from the Command of a Detachment against the Southern Poligars, after having completely effected the objects of his mission in the short period of two months. - The Right Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to publish to the high sense he entertains of the important Services rendered to the State by that valuable Officer: -

Adverting to the frequent attempts which have been made to subject these Poligars to a regular Government, and to subdue their Spirit of independance, to the indispensable necessity of introducing a radical Reform in those provinces, to the

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The anxiety of the Honble Court of Directors for disarming the Poligars, and to the particular spirit of zeal, gallantry, and public sentiments with which Major Bannerman accepted the Command of this Detachment: the Right Honble the Governor in Council has felt the strongest impressions of the distinguished activity, energy, and ability, and above all of the spotless integrity with which Major Bannerman has executed this important Service: and His Lordship performs a most pleasing part of his public duty, in thus conveying to Major Bannerman his public thanks, and in pointing out to the notice of the army those qualities, which to the best of his judgement and information, shall on all occasions determine his Lordship's selection of Officers for situations of delicate and important public trust. —

Major Robert Turing is appointed to — Succeed Major Bannerman in the Command of the Detachment. —

By Order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council

approved

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ordered to be published

Approved and ordered to be published.

Read the following Letter from

the Military Auditor General.

The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

From the Military Auditor General. Enters into a full detail of the Compensation to which he thinks the Bullock Owners employed during the late Campaign are entitled, on account of the great mortality amongst their bullocks, and encloses different documents to in. elucidate the subject. Enters also into a full Statement of the principles on which the Regulations for that Department were framed.

I have the honor to acknowledge the

1. receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 26th August

last, enclosing Copies of the Correspondence and Orders

which had been laid before Government by the

Commander in Chief respecting the Bullock

Department previous to, and after the March of

the Army from the Carnatic, and directing the

accounts of that Department to be adjusted on

principles conformable to those Orders, as well with

respect to the Arrangements made before the

Capture of Seringapatam as to those which shall

have

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been established since the Bullocks of the late Tippoo Sultaun came into our possession: - and that in regard to the claim of the Bullock owners to a Compensation for the loss of their Bullocks on the public Service over and above the payment of full Hire to the 31st May on the whole originally mustered and the remission of the Balance of Advances due on the 1st of that month which had been already granted by Government. I should take the whole subject into serious consideration and report my opinion under the circumstances stated by the Commander in Chief as to the expediency of any further Indulgence. -

2. As the first step towards forming a judgement on a subject of such importance, I called upon the principal Agent for information on such points as I conceived essential to that purpose. and in particular, desired to know the actual number of Bullocks that were in the Service at the end of each

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each Month, which information appeared indispensibly necessary to ascertain the operation and extent of the remuneration which had been already made to the Bullock owners by Government, from which it would not be difficult to judge of the expediency of granting them an addition, it being evident that the difference between the actual Numbers in the Service at each period, and the whole Numbers for which Hire was allowed to the 31st May, would be a clear gain to the owners from the date when the Casualties happened.

3. I have the honor to enclose Copy of the correspondence which passed between the principal Agent and myself on the Subject to which I beg leave to refer your Lordship, for the reasons which induced me to press for the last mentioned information, and for the grounds upon which the principal Agent has stated his entire inability to furnish it: Thus frustrated in my hopes of obtaining that knowledge upon which alone a distinct notion could have been formed of the claims of the Bullock owners

I have

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I have only to state what is in my power, in hopes that, however short of the wished for information, it may still enable your Lordship to decide how far such claims are deserving of consideration.—

1. The Total number of Draught Bullocks entertained for the Service, under the directions of the principal Agent were 13.283.—

Advances made	53.632.. 7.. 16
Stoppages to the 1st May	38.473.. 29.. 76.
Balances due and remitted to the Owners	15.158.. 19.. 20

Carriage Bullock's Total number
= 37.152.—

Advances made	120.602.. 29.. 32
Stoppages to the 1st May	71.442.. 39.. 16
Balance due and remitted	49.159.. 32.. 16
Total Remitted	64.318.. 9.. 36.

In this Sum is included 936 Pagodas advanced for Draught and 12.189 for Carriage Bullocks not Mustered or provided.— Full this has been allowed on the whole of the Bullocks Mustered to the 31st May, altho the greatest part of them had died before that period, on the Muster taken

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taken the 30th May there were only remaining with the Army 2,075 Draught and 1,018 Carriage Bullocks. but a considerable number had been detached with General Floyd towards the Coorg frontier Pass on the 19th April, and of these 10,000 Bullocks were said to be afterwards in the Berahmal recruiting their Strength.—

5. It is further to be observed, that all the Bullocks mustered at the Presidency were allowed Full Hire from the period of their being collected at the different out Stations.—

6. Calculating that one Eighth of the Cattle of each description died on the Road to Seringapatam in March.—one fourth in April, and one fourth in May, the Owners will have received 2 months Hire on the first proportion, Viz.t 21,204.16.— and an equal Sum on the second proportion, making together Pagodas 42,408.32.— without reckoning on the Bullocks that died between the 1st and 31st May, the Hire on which, say for half that Month, would be Pagodas 10,602.8.— more,—and these sums in addition to the Amount of

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of the Balance of Advances remitted on the 1st May, would give the Owners 1,17,329 Pagodas exclusive of the hire of the actual numbers in the Service at the end of each Months.—

7. On perusing to the number of Drivers mustered with the Bullocks at the Presidency, it appears that the proportion did not exceed one to every 3 Draught, and one to every 5 Carriage Bullocks, which is confirmed by the Report of the Commissary of Grain in January last, which stated a deficiency of 2,518 Drivers on the Bullocks in his Department, and he afterwards declared, that when he ascended the Ghauts, he had not Drivers in the proportion of one to 10 Bullocks.—

8. The Commissary of Provisions likewise stated on the 27th February, that the Drivers were not only incomplete in his Department, but that there was no attachment to the Service in those who were employed, as they were hired from Village to Village.— and that he had frequently seen Carts with Double Yokes without a single Driver.—

9. Having

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9. Having ascertained as nearly as possible the average price of Draught and Carriage Bullocks in the Countries where the Army was supplied in the Months of November. December. January. and February last. I find that at Masulipatam. Draught Bullocks were sold from 10 to 11 Madras Pagodas p. pair, and Carriage Bullocks 12 Madras Pagodas each. - at Ongole. Guntoor. and Innaverdah. Draught 6. and Carriage 12 Madras Pagodas each, and at Madras and the Southern Countries in general, an average taken for those months. 5 Pagodas for a Draught and 12 for a Carriage Bullock. -

10. Supposing therefore. that 3 Draught Bullocks cost ..... 18 " "

1 Driver for 5 months from 1st Jan.y to 31st May at 1.21 - 7 " 21 " "

Straw at 30 Fanams p.r Month each Bullock for 2 Months. after which Forage was obtained by plunder in the Enemy's Country. - on 3 Bullocks 180 Fanams ..... 4 " "

Total .. 29 " 21 " -

Hire of 3 Bullocks for 5 Months at 2 " 8 each ..... 32 " 30 " -

Probable

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Probable Gain to the Owners on every 3 Draught Bullocks after defraying the first Cost and all Expences ..... } 3..9..—

Supposing 5 Carriage Bullocks to cost at 5 Pagodas each — 25..—..—

1 Driver 5 Months at 1..21.. ₱ Month ..... 7..21..—

2 Months Straw at half a Pagoda ₱ Month for each Bullock .. 5..—..— 37..21..—

Hire of 6 Bullocks for 5 Months at 1..21.. each ..... 37..21..—

11. Admitting the above Statement to be correct the Owner of every 3 Draught Bullocks will be a gainer, and the Owner of every 5 Carriage Bullocks will have exactly reimbursed himself, provided he had not suffered from Contingencies. but it may be presumed, that under the extreme difficulty of procuring Drivers he might have been obliged to pay them more than has been stated, as they could have had higher Wages either as Coolies or Grasscutters: that having made advances to them as he did for Cattle, great numbers deserted with the Money, which besides a certain loss, reduced him to the necessity of hiring others to replace them, and

that

that notwithstanding there was a considerable deficiency of Drivers, the Owners may have disbursed as large a Sum as if they had kept up the established number without reckoning their own personal expences, with the Army, which under the great scarcity and high price of Grain, must have been considerable. —

12. After the conclusion of the Service against Pondicherry in 1793 a Compensation was made to the Owners of 2½ Pagodas for each Draught and 1½ for each Carriage Bullock, on account of the short time they had been employed, but no remission whatever appears to have been made on account of advances: of very few however of those Bullocks died, and Grain was to be had at a reasonable price, it may be taken for granted, that this Compensation was a clear profit as the Grain, or the hire of the Cattle would make up any deficiency in price, at the time they were disposed of. —

13. I cannot find, that any Gratuity was given to the Bullock Owners at the Conclusion of the former

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former War in Mysore under Marquis Cornwallis. but
it appears that the Sum of Pagodas 28.036..40..40. in
part of advances made to them was deemed irrecoverable
and written off at this time too. the owners had been
employed for a considerable time, upwards of two
years, in the Service, sufficient probably to have
reimbursed themselves, the first cost of the Bullocks
and all Expences, besides leaving them a considerable
profit. —

4. I cannot think admit of a doubt.
that the Bullock owners employed during the late
Service in Mysore, have been reimbursed the first
cost of their Bullocks, and all Expences attending them,
by the payment of Full Hire to the 31st May, on the
numbers originally Mustered, and by the remission
of the Balance due by them, on account of advances
to the 1st of that Month, but as it must be also —
evident that the motive which produced the —
extraordinary efforts made by them to equip the —

Army

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Army with Cattle in so short a period; was the expectation
of considerable profit it may be deserving of consideration.
whether a mere indemnification from loss is a sufficient
recompence; - and all the Owners have no positive claim
on the Company beyond the Arrangement which has
been already made in their favor, yet should your
Lordship in Council consider them entitled to a further
remuneration on seperate grounds of necessary encouragement
to a set of Men whose exertions in collecting Cattle for the
late Service, have greatly contributed to the public success.
I would beg leave to offer an opinion, that a Gratuity of
equal to a Months pay, or 2. P. should be allowed on
each Draught, and 1½ Pagoda on each Carriage Bullock
originally Mustered, which will amount to Pagodas
84,824. 4. " but that the Balances to be remitted on
account of advances, should be stated as it stood on the
31st May, (the period when the accounts of the Owners
were finally closed, and the remaining Bullocks
discharged the Service,) after making the usual
stoppages

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Stoppages from the Hire for that month, which by a former account of the principal agent and upon which those Stoppages were returned, amounted to Pagodas 27,868.5.20. Besides which the deficiencies for Bullocks not provided, amounting as before stated to Pagodas 13,425. - ought I conceive to be deducted, for was this sum to be remitted as part of the Balance remaining due by the Owners on the 31st May. on account of Advances, it would be an encouragement to them in future, not to purchase the whole of the Bullocks ordered. Those sums together, will reduce the proposed Gratuity to Pagodas 43531. - Should your Lordship consider the Owners deserving of this addition to the Compensation which they have already received -

15. The only deviations from the established Regulations, which appear to have been admitted by the Commander in Chief, were that the Registers of Cattle to the subordinate agents in the prescribed form, should be dispensed with, until such

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such time as the principal Agent could have them completed by a general account of advances which he was directed to do as soon as possible, and that under the peculiar circumstances of the Service. the Hire of the Cattle was to be paid thro the medium of the principal Maistries. The principal Agent in his Letter No. 6. attributes the failure of the Regulations in a great degree to the partial mode of distributing the Cattle in the first instance, which dispersed the Bullocks of each Owner among the several Corps and Departments of the Army, whereas had they not, he says, been finally distributed until the whole were assembled at Vellore, the Bullocks of every Individual might have been put under his own charge. - all this at the instance of the Commissary of Grain, and with a view of enabling his Department to move complete from the Presidency. the Distribution took place as has been stated, under the idea that it would facilitate rather than retard the general movement. it is now apparent that by a measure which placed part

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part of every man's Bullocks in each Department. The Maistries were furnished with an opportunity of shifting their responsibility from one to another, as it suited their interest or convenience, and it is only to be wondered at, how the Service was so well conducted, under an impediment of so serious a Nature. It was this impediment which rendered it difficult, if not impracticable, for the Subordinate Agents to keep a regular Account of Casualties, dispersed as the Cattle must have been throughout so long a Line, still it became their duty to have kept the best account of such Casualties that was in their power, by means of the Maistries and Conicoplies in their respective Departments, for altho' under the circumstances before stated, such an Account might not have been correct, it would have been better than none, and it must be evident, that no great Department can be carried on, under the wisest Regulations that human judgement can frame, unless the Subordinate Servants are obliged to perform their duty, to the extent

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extent that the circumstances of the Service at the time will admit. Indeed the observance of the Regulations respecting Casualties cannot in any case be dispensed with, as the public have no other Security than in this Check, and I should be glad to ask, how the principal, and Subordinate Agents employed in the late War, could have made up their accounts, had Government decided in paying only for the actual Number of Cattle in the Service at the end of each Month, and making the question of Compensation entirely distinct, a Decision for which they should certainly have been prepared, by keeping the best account that was possible, of the Casualties in their respective Departments. -

16. As the Regulations for the Bullock Department were reduced into their present form by myself, and as they have been the subject of much observation, in consequence of the partial failure which took place in carrying them into effect.

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effect. I hope I shall stand excused, for stating, that in suggesting those Regulations to Government, I had a better security for their success, than what depended on mere Experiment. as the enclosed Extracts of Instructions from Marquis Cornwallis to the principal, and subordinate Agents with his Army, will shew, that they are verbatim, the same as those which effectually answered the purpose of the Service at that time. - It cannot however be denied, that the circumstances of the last War, were of so novel and Com=plicated a Kind, as would have rendered the most perfect System that could have been devised, in a great measure nugatory. - It is to be remembered, that the Supplies of Bullocks for his Lordship's army, were gradual, and afforded time for complete Arrangement, by persons who had been long in habits of conducting the Department, and of course had surmounted all the Obstacles which they themselves, under circumstances similar to those which happened during the late Service, would have experienced. - on the other hand the difficulties which occurred in carrying on this Service, were augmented in proportion to the magnitude of

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of the Equipment, the provision of every article for its move-
-ment was made with a rapidity that nothing but
extraordinary exertions in all Departments could have
produced. - As the Supplies of Cattle arrived at the general
place of Rendezvous, they were immediately dispersed
in different employments for forwarding the great object.
without leaving time to form the necessary detailed arrange-
-ments before the great Machine was put in motion; and
its continual progress under every impediment, rendered
the observance of Regulations in a great measure impra-
-ticable. The same reasons may serve to remove the prejudices
which the conduct of the Bullock Masters naturally
excited, until it was seen that a want of time for arrange-
-ment had been the principal cause of their apparent
counteraction, and indifference. -

57. I trust I have sufficiently explained the
causes of the temporary failure of Regulations, which on
a former occasion answered every end that was expected from
them, and as I have no merit whatever in those Regulations.
but what arises out of the order into which they were
thrown

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thrown, so as to be generally understood by the Army, as well as by the Departments which had to carry them into effect. I hope I may be allowed to offer my humble opinion, that although some modifications might have been necessary, to render them applicable in all their parts to the peculiar circumstances of the late Service, they combine in themselves what should be the object of all Regulation. Security to the public, with Justice to Individuals. —

B. I beg leave to enclose a copy of the Letter of Instructions from my Office, which accompanied the Regulations, to the principal Agent, as it will evince the pains I took to render them clear and practicable, by laying down distinct Forms for keeping the Accounts of the Subordinate Agents, the observance of which was indis= =pensibly necessary, as well on account of the Individuals concerned, as the public; and that in requiring an acquittance Register from every Owner of Bullocks to be deposited in my Office, at the end of the Service, as a proof that they had been duly settled with, I have met the wishes of Government

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Government by obviating in future similar Complaints to those which I understand have been preferred by different Bullock Owners respecting the settlement of their accounts as far back as the War concluded in the year 1783. which could not have happened had the same mode of adjustment been pursued then as is prescribed by the Regulations now in force.

I have the honor to be
Hon. & Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed W. Sydenham
Mily Secy. Govt.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
28th October 1799.

To Lieutenant Colonel Dallas
Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks.

Sir

Government having referred to my consider-
ation the claims of the Bullock Owners for a compensation
on account of the loss of their Bullocks during the late
Service against Seringapatam, and adverted to the
amount of Hire having been allowed on the full
Establishment

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Establishment to the 1st. May last. and to the remission of the Sum unrecovered on account of Advances on the 1st. of the same Month. it becomes necessary, in order to form a judgement on the Subject, that I should be furnished with the following Information. —

Viz.t. 1. The number of Bullocks mustered at different periods, from the commencement of the Supplies, to the time of the Army marching from the Neighbourhood of Vellore, at which time it is concluded the Establishment was more complete, than at any subsequent period. —

2. The Advances made to the Owners for Draught and Carriage Bullocks. —

3. The period when the hire on each Lot commenced. —

4. The Monthly Stoppages on account of such Bullocks, from the period of the Advance having been made, to the 1st. May. —

5. The Sum remaining unrecovered on account of Advances on the 1st. May. —

6. The actual number of Bullocks of each description in the Service, at the end of the Months of

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of February, March, April and May, after deducting
each Month the Casualties from the full Establishment
and supporting the Statement of numbers at the last
Period viz.t 31st. May. by the Return of the Muster Master.
if any Muster was taken at such period.—

7. The number of each description for which there
is charged on the 31st. May.—

The above information will enable me
to judge of the Claims of the Owners according to the
time they had Bullocks respectively in the Service and
to the Casualties that happened between the period
of their being hired and the date of the discharge of
the whole of the remaining Bullocks from the Service
on the 31st. May.—

To this information might be added
the average cost of each Bullock, Draught and Carriage
at the time of their being provided for the Service, and
as the object for which such information is desired must
be obvious, I am persuaded you will furnish me
with every explanation on the foregoing points that
may be necessary towards my forming a distinct
opinion of the case, and to enable Government to
decide

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decide upon the degree of Compensation, to which the
owners of the Bullocks may be severally or generally
entitled.—

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Signed W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
3d September 1799.

A true Copy
Signed W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George.

Sir.

To enable you to form the judgement
required, for the information of Government, on the Loss
sustained by the Proprietors of Cattle employed with
the Army, during the late Campaign, I have stated
answers to the several questions contained in your
letter of the 3d. instant, as correctly as the nature of the
subject

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Subject will admit, and hope that the Claims of the Owners from Losses, Personal exertions, and various hardships never experienced in the same degree before, will appear sufficient by them, to induce Government to grant a Compensation, such as may be thought adequate to the sufferings of a Class of People, who evidently exceeded the most sanguine expectations, in the part they had to perform, in the preparation for the late Expedition; as the Exertions alluded to, can only be judged of by Comparison, it is only necessary to reflect on the time required to fit out former Equipments, more of which although not amounting to half the extent of that in question, were completed in twice the time, consequently as the movement of the Army, in time to give a chance of success to the Expedition, before the setting in of the Mysore Monsoon, depended almost entirely on the Exertions of those people, it is but just that they should be recommended to the consideration of Government for such remuneration as they may be thought to

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to merit, from having lost the whole of their Property in the Service; - On all former occasions the Bullock Owners have got some consideration at the end of a War, for instance, in that of 1780. under General Sir Eyre Coote, where their Cattle were employed fifty one Months, they received a months Pay gratis on being discharged, at this time they were employed, was much more than sufficient to reimburse their Casualties, had they even sustained a total loss of their Original Property, especially as the Hire of a Draught Bullock was then 2 Pagodas and 40 fanams. Carriage 2 Pag. monthly, with the same allowance of Rice to their followers from the Public, as was issued to the fighting men, whereas at present the hire of the former is only

P. F. P. F.
2..8.. the latter 1..21. -

At the conclusion of the former War, they likewise received a Donation of a Months Pay, by Order of Marquis Cornwallis, notwithstanding they had enjoyed the Service on that occasion about two years, and a half, also after the late Siege of Pondicherry, which detained their Cattle only six weeks, the Owners were allowed to retain the Balances due for advances, which was

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was very considerable, considering their Bullocks did not die; nor they themselves experience any hardship whatever — The case of the present Bullock Owners is very different. The Service they were employed on, having carried them into a Situation where their Property unavoidably sunk in the space of four or five Months, and they obliged to purchase for their maintenance Rice at the rate of one or two Seers p.r Rupee, not having received the smallest relief from the Public Store, whilst the Sepoy got an allowance equal to his daily subsistance gratis, besides a very handsome Sum, as Prize Money, 12 Pagodas on the fall of Seringapatam. The Commander in Chief being convinced of their sufferings, gave them every indulgence in his Power, and recommended them to the further Bounty of Government, in consequence of which, the Governor General in Council ordered a remission of Ballances due, on account of Advances from the 1st. of May, no doubt, from a supposition that those Ballances would be a considerable Compensation to every individual concerned, but from the accompanying Statement, had it been called for, it would have appeared very trifling, and such as only affected a few, whose Cattle came last into the Service, and had very little Share in forwarding the Equipment to the Westward of Vellore, therefore, and as it must be the intention of Government to reward the Owners of Bullocks employed on the late Service, as nearly as the

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alike as possible. I shall take the liberty of recommending a remission of the original Advances, as the most equal method to be devised for compensating their Losses, or as the Amounts of the Agency must undergo a total alteration which is not now practicable, if the Advances are to be remitted on the face of the monthly Accounts, it may therefore be as well to grant a Specific Sum of 2½ Pagodas to each Draught, and 2 Pagodas to each Carriage Bullock, as a Compensation for all Losses, the Amount of which will be within two fanams each Bullock of the whole Advances already recovered previous to the 1st. of May.

I hope my Statement and proposals will meet with your approbation, and have to request, that you will forward it along with your opinion, on the different heads to Government. It will be found impossible to reward the Owners severally, as some thousands are concerned.

I have the honor to be

Hon. Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Thos. Dallas

Chief Agent for Bullocks

Fort St. George

19th September 1799.

A true Copy

Signed W. Sydenham

Mil. Sec.

Adn.

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An Account of Draught Bullocks Mustered in the Service with the

	The Number of Bullocks Mustered in the Service	Stoppage	Balance.
To Stoppage in full for	3517	13632	7. 16
To Ditto in part of hire to 30th April 1799 for	9766	24841	22. 60
	13283		38473. 29 76
To Balances due by the Bullock Owners		16222.	19 20
To Ditto. or Advance for Bullocks not produced to the Service	234.	936	" "
			15158. 19. 20
Total	234.	13283	53632 7. 16.

N.B. The Average Price of Draught Bullocks from every enquiry, seems to have been above 7 Pagodas. —

No Muster having been made before the 31st of May, it becomes impossible to ascertain the Monthly Casualties as required in the 6th Article of your Letter. —

There is no Copy with me of the Muster taken by Captain Ogg on the 31st of May / it must have been forwarded to your Office / but the Number counted by me on the Spot was Draught Bullocks 2095. Carriage 1018. not including those absent with Corps. and of the Commissary's Departments. sent down the Ghauts in April + with General Floyd's Detachment. —

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The Amount of Advances and Stoppages made to the 1st of May 1799.—

		The Period when Advances commenced	The number of Bullocks for which Advances were made	The Number of Bullocks Mustered in the Service	Amount of Advances.
By Cash advanced for		16th July to 22nd Sept. 98		3517	13,632 7. 16
By Ditto	for	1st to 31st Dec. 1798		4231	
By Ditto	for	1st to 31st Jan. 99		5294	
By Ditto	for	1st to 28th Feb. 99		241	9766. 39.064 " "
By Ditto - for the Bullocks not Entertained in the Service			234		936 " "
					40,000 " "
Total			234	13283	53,632 7. 16

Signed Tho.s Dallas
D.C. Agent for Bullocks

A true Copy
Signed W.m Sydenham
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

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An Account of Carriage Bullocks. Mustered in the Service with

	The number of Bullocks for which Pay is to be issued	The number of Bullocks Mustered in the Service	Stoppage	Balance
To Stoppage made in full for		3.315	6.602. 29. 32	
To Ditto. made in part of hire to 30th April 1799		33837.	64.840 9. 64	
		37.152		71.642. 39. 16.
To Balance due by the Bullock Owners				36.670. 32. 16
To Ditto. or Advance for the Bullocks not produced to the Service for	4.163		12.489. " "	
				49.159. 32 16.
Total	4.163	" 37.152		120.602 29. 32.

N.B. No Muster having been made before the 31st of May. it becomes impossible to ascertain the Monthly Casualties as required in the 6th Article of your letter.— There is no Copy with me of the Muster taken by Captain Ogg. on the 31st of May. it must have been forwarded to your Office. I sent the Number Counted by me, on the Spot. viz Draught Bullocks 2.095. Carriage 1.058. not including those absent with Corps. and of the Commissary's Departments. sent down the Grants in April. with General Floyd's Detachment.—

The Average Price of Carriage Bullocks from every enquiry. seems to have been something above 5 Pagodas each.—

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An Account of Advances and Stoppages to the 1st of May 1799.

	The Period when Advances were made	Number of Bullocks on which Advances were made	The Number of Bullocks Mustered in the Service	Amount of Advances
By Cash advanced for	13th July to 5th Augt 98		3315	6602.29.32
By Ditto for	1st to 31st Decr 98		14483	
By Ditto for	1st to 31st March 99		14666	
By Ditto for	1st to 28th Feby 99		3758	
By Ditto for	1st to 31st March 99		952	
			33837	101511. " "
By Cash advanced for which not to Entertained the Bullocks in the Service		4163		12489 " "
				114000 " "
Total		" 4163	" 37152	120602.29.32

(Signed) Thos Dallas
Dy. Agent for Bullocks

A true Copy (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Dallas.

Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks.

Sir.

I have received your Letter of the 19th Instant with the Statements enclosed, which have afforded me information on most of the points mentioned in my Letter of the 3d Inst. as I still consider it to be indispensably necessary that I should be furnished with an account of the actual number of Bullocks in the Service at the close of each Month, which I should hope, may be without difficulty obtained, as the Regulations positively enjoin the Heads of Departments and Corps to transmit to the Principal Agent a Monthly Certificate, according to Form No. 2. of the number of Bullocks actually with such Corps and Departments, specifying the Casualties that have happened in the Course of the Month, and as these Certificates must be doubtless formed on the Number of Loads carried, with the usual and allowed proportion of Spare Bullocks, I request you will call on the

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the Heads of Corps. and Departments. to transmit such Certificates to you for each Month. without loss of time. conformably to the Regulations of the Service. being particularly required on the present occasion. towards forming a Judgement on the Claims of the Bullock Owners. to a further Compensation from Government.—

The Subordinate Agents are expressly directed. by the 13th Article of the same Regulations. to transmit to you as Principal Agent. an Account of the number of Bullocks employed in each of their Departments. at the end of every Month stating the number of — Casualties. the Degree to which they may have been replaced. and the number of Loads carried. and I have seen no Order. or Authority of Government. or the Commander in Chief. for dispensing with this Form. upon which alone your Accounts must have been made up. but for the circumstance of the full Hire of the Bullocks. according to the number originally mustered. having been allowed to the 31st. of May. an Arrangement which was not known until nearly the

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the end of that Month, and as it was possible that Government might have directed only the actual number of Bullocks in the Service to be paid for, and the Compensation to the Bullock Owners to be regulated on distinct grounds, the Vouchers indispensably necessary for the making up the Accounts of the Bullock Department upon the latter principles, must have been the Certificates and Accounts before mentioned, which this not received by you, in Consequence of the former Arrangement, must no doubt have been prepared by the Heads of Corps and Departments, and the Subordinate Agents, and Street therefore, you will have no difficulty in obtaining them, for as I am directed by Government to form my Report, after a particular investigation of the subject, and as the Degree of Compensation to the Masters must be judged of in a great measure by the Remuneration they have already received by a Remission of the Balances due on the Advances to the 1st. May, and by the Payment of Full Hire to the 31st.

or

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in the whole of the Bullocks mustered. compared with the actual numbers present at the end of each Month: the information which I have required on this point. by means of the Reports of numbers. and Casualties prescribed by the Regulations. cannot be dispensed with.

Observing in your Letter. that you state the Bullock Owners at the conclusion of Sir Eyre Coote's War. to have received a Gratuity of six Months Pay for the Bullocks on being discharged: - that the owners of Cattle with Marquis Cornwallis's Army. received a similar Donation. and that those employed at the Siege of Pondicherry. were allowed to retain the Balance due for Advances. Request you will furnish me with a Copy of the Documents upon which you have made this Statement. or point out the source whence your information was obtained. as the publick Accounts that I have been able to refer to. do not contain it. but merely shew that a certain part of the advances made to the Bullock Owners with Marquis Cornwallis's Army

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Army were written off as irrecoverable, and that those employed at the Siege of Pondicherry received a Gratuity of 2¼ Pagodas for each Draught and ¼ for each Carriage Bullock upon their being discharged, in consideration of the short time they had been in the Service, but no remission of the Balance of Advances due at the latter Period, appears to have been made.

You further state, that the Bullock Drivers were obliged to purchase for their Maintenance, Rice at the rate of one, or two Seers per Rupee, not having the smallest relief from the public Store, which I cannot reconcile to the circumstance of 1160 Garce having been ordered by Government in January last, to be delivered from the public Stores at the Presidency, Arnee, and Vellore, on account of the Bullock people, and to my having observed, in the Return of the Commissary of Grain to the Army for the Month of March 1799, an Issue of 20 Garce of Rice to the Public Followers, and Bullock Drivers of the Grain Department.

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I would be very desirable to know the number of Bullocks in part of each Lt mustered, which remained on the 31st May, to shew how long they had respectively been in the Service from the Date of muster. and if this information should be attainable. I shall be much obliged to you for it, with the monthly Certificates &c. before mentioned. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
24th September 1799.

Actng Cpy
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George.

Sir.

I perceive that the 60 Jarce of Rice indented for on account of the Followers of the Bullock Department

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Department in January last. is ordered to be paid for
at the rate of 11½ Pagodas pr Garce. Previous to its being
received. I was informed by Mr Brodie the Garrison
Store Keeper. that the rate would be 80 Pagodas pr Garce. —
Conceiving that 11½ Pagodas pr Garce had
been the rate paid on Grain issued to Followers after its
having been transported. inland at the Company's
expence. I have to request your authority for receiving the
amount of that in question at 80 Pagodas. it having
been taken from the Sea Beach by the Bullock
people themselves. —
With respect to other issues of Grain
(of any Kind) to the Bullock people. either during
the Preparations. or in the Field. I know of none. the
20 Garce of Rice issued on the Commissary of Grain's
account to the Bullock people of this Department.
in the Month of March. I find on enquiry. to be that
which was issued to him. as his part of the 60 Garce
in January. but he having received it the very day on
which his Department left the Mount. it became
impossible.

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impossible to distribute it before his people reached Vellore.
Its being brought on his Books was merely to shew that
he was accountable for the amount and it was struck
off in March because he intended to stop it from that
months Bullock hire.

I have the honor to be
Hon Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Thomas Dallas
Principal Agent for Bullocks.

Fort St George
30th September 1799.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Auditor Genl

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St George

Sir

In consequence of your Letter of the 26th
September I wrote to the Heads of Departments representing
how necessary it was to have their monthly accounts
of Casualties before you could form the judgement
respecting

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respecting the Losses of the Bullock owners as required by Government.

In reply to which they state the impossibility of giving such an account. further than that their Departments were complete on the 6th of March. when the Army left Ryacottah. and the whole of their Loads were delivered at Seringapatam on the 5th of April. with the exception of 20 Sheep unavoidably lost in so long a March through difficult Passes and thick jiengle. that no Public muster had been taken, and they were cautioned against private ones. because they would have been very prejudicial to the Cattle. consequently. it became impracticable to ascertain the positive number of Casualties. as directed by the Regulations. in fact the existing Regulations being found unsuitable to the Service. the Commander in Chief felt himself under the necessity of setting them aside, and directing that useful exertions only should be made to forward the Service, his own immediate Order, or the directions of his Staff. were the only Orders received for setting the

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the Regulations aside, consequently, as he must still be convinced of the impossibility of mustering the Cattle on marching days, and the impropriety there would have been in detaining them from grazing when the Army halted, he may yet, should it be necessary, grant written authority for such Forms being dispensed with, as became evidently impracticable during the late Campaigne.

It is impossible for me to procure further information on this head, but it is evident, that the whole of the Cattle were procured, and almost totally destroyed within a few months, by being led on the Company's Service into a situation when they could not exist. Therefore I trust on this occasion their Owners will be thought entitled to the Company's Bounty, when their Losses, fatigues, and personal Risk is considered, and put fairly in competition with the Claims of Bullock Owners on former Occasions. - Your Letter states, that, after the Siege of Pondicherry, the Owners of Cattle employed there, received a donation equal

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equal to 2¼ Pagodas for each Draft Bullock, and 1¼ for the Carriage, on account of the shortness of the Service, in this case, Property could not be lost, nor hardships of any kind sustained, in fact the Owners are the same people, and acknowledge the Company's liberality to them on that occasion, which probably was the cause of their entertaining so rapidly at the commencement of this War, but if not extended to them now, they must be ruined. —

With regard to remuneration granted to Bullock Owners at the close of Sir Eyre Coote's and Marquis Cornwallis's Wars, as is stated in my former Letter, I can have only the declaration of the most respectable Maistries and Owners who served in both, they tell me that they received 4 Months hire gratis, at the end of each, although in the former they enjoyed the Service 31 Months, and in the latter upwards of 30, which, without recompense, gave them time to recover any Losses they might have sustained; that is not the case at present.

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even with the earliest entertained Bullocks. therefore.
and as remission of advances from the 1st. of May can only
be a small and partial Remuneration. I again state the
impossibility of Rewarding severally, and having done every
thing in my power to find out how to satisfy those people
at the smallest expence to the Company. and without —
displeasing individuals. Recommend an allowance over
all. of 2½ Pagodas to Draft. and 2 Pagodas to Carriage Bullocks
mustered for the late Campaign. which is positively within
2 fanams pr. Bullock of the complete remission of Original
advances to both Classes. previous to the 1st. of May. and
scarcely exceeds one Months hire. —

Supposing that the above Statement
may help to make their Claims appear such as to —
induce Government to consider their case in a favourable
point of view. I have to request that you will forward
this Letter with your own Report on the Subject. —

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Thos. Dallas
Pt. agent for Bullocks

Fort St. George
7th. October 1799.

A true Copy
Signed W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.
Major

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Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General.

Sir

Your having mentioned some time that on some occasion the General had represented his having reason to be displeased with the Conduct of the Bullock people, induces me to mention a Circumstance which must have been the cause of their not giving satisfaction to him then, and at all times; as the General's remark may perhaps operate to their disadvantage, when Claiming the Company's Bounty, on account of Losses and hardships I have to request that you will state the following, as the positive reason for any temporary failure on the part of the Bullock people in any of the Departments.

During the preparation for the Army's taking the Field, the management of the Bullocks was entirely left to the Military Board, who instructed me to comply with Major Clarke's applications for

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for Cattle, to transport the Guns, ammunition, and Stores of the Commissary General's Department to Vellore, without the usual form of Indenting for them, this part of the Service was completely performed, through the excessive exertions of the Bullock Owners, and had the Grain for the Army, been forwarded to the same place, by Mr. Brodie, the Garrison Storekeeper, in like manner, without being delivered to the Commissary at Madras, the Bullocks would have remained with me, until the whole arrived at Vellore, when I should have had it in my power to give over the Proportions to each Department, with their particular Owners, however unfortunately, I received orders to comply as expeditiously as possible with the Indent of the Commissary of Grain, for about 18,000 of the strongest Bullocks, the Consequence of which was, that as parties returned from Vellore, or came in from the Country, he selected from each, the stoutest Cattle, and had them branded, with the mark of the Grain Department, this threw the whole of the weakest Cattle, on the Commissary of Stores, but what

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was of much more consequence, it separated the
Bullocks of every Owner, to different Stations. The Camp
Equipage Department having been unavoidably supplied
in the same manner, this was evidently the case of
the distracted state of the Bullock Owners, who were
constantly called for in different Quarters of the Camp, at
the same Moment, and harrassed to as to render them
almost incapable of serving any where with effect.—
and no doubt Complaints being made, the General
might conceive them to be inactive, however I trust
the above statement will shew sufficient cause for
their perplexity, and satisfy Government that they
were not in fault without a reason, which did not
originate with them, but unfortunately was out of
their power to remedy at the time the Commander in
Chief must have alluded to; in fact every evil felt—
during the Campaign throughout the Bullock Depart-
-ments must be attributed to the Cattle of individual
Owners being separated, and it ought to be most
strictly prevented on all future occasions, as a thing

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The most prejudicial to the public Service, and
Reasonable to private property.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
Signed Tho.s Dallas
Bullock agent to the Army.

Madras
9th October 1799.

A true Copy
Signed W. Sydenham
Mily Asst. Genl.

Extract of a letter from Earl Cornwallis to Captain
Edmund Wells. Agent for furnishing Cattle in Camp.
dated 1st October 1791.

In Consequence of the General orders
of the 28th September 1791. Copy of which is enclosed, and
by which you was appointed the principal Agent to
accompany the Army, and in that Capacity, to undertake
the General Superintendance of all the Draught and
Carriage Cattle engaged by the public for the Service
of the Army, and to adjust the accounts thereof
in Camp. the following are the Instructions under
which

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which you are to act, and to which you will pay the utmost attention. —

You will receive from time to time from Mr. Cockburn, the other Principal Agent who is to remain in the Carnatic, for the purpose of providing Cattle, engaging Drivers &c. on account of all the Cattle delivered by him to the different maistries, and Proprietors of Cattle attached to the Army, and of the Sums due for them respectively for such Cattle, and it will be your duty to realize the same, thereafter by Stoppages from the monthly hire of the Cattle, which such proprietors may have in the Service. —

As the interior Detail, and due execution of the Service, and Duties which are to be performed, as well by the Cattle, as by the people attached to them, cannot possibly be attended to, with effect by the principal Agent, whose business should be, that of General Superintendence, & Subordinate Agents have been appointed, for the internal &

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internal Regulation of each Department, and the
Commissaries of the several Departments have been
directed to hold the Subordinate Agencies in order
that the responsibility for the care of the Provisions
and Stores may be attached to them at all times.
and these Subordinate Agents are accordingly to
be held answerable to the Public for the Provisions
and Stores in their charge; and to be subject to repay-
ment of the value of Stores or Provisions lost, as well
as to removal from their Offices, when any Losses occur
from their own Negligence, or that of the people under
them; and which they shall not make clearly
appear to have proceeded from Causes which it was
obviously not in their power to prevent, and in Consequence
of such Responsibility the proprietors and Maistrees
should look to the Subordinate Agents, as the persons
whose Orders they are immediately under, and whose
directions they are bound to obey, that it may not happen
as it has done heretofore, that the responsibility for
the loss of Provisions and Stores shall be disavowed

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from the time they are moving from one Ground to another, both by the Commissary, and Contractors, avowing to the former, not possessing the necessary Authority over the Servants of the latter, It is on these accounts desireable that the Masters, and proprietors of Cattle should be taught to Consider themselves strictly accountable to the heads of their several Departments, and that the payments due to them, should pass from you thro' that medium, and while they felt that degree of dependence on the Subordinate Agents, which is likely to secure their attention to their Duty, that they should also know there is a general Superintendent established in Camp, over the different Departments, thro whom they may apply to Head Quarters, for the redress of any grievance they may suffer.

The general rates of hire, for all Cattle engaged for the public Service under the Agency, is to be regulated at 12 Pagodas 8 Fanams pr. month for each Draught Bullock, and 4 Pagodas and a half pr. Month, for each Carriage Bullock, except the

Carriage

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Carriage Cattle employed in the Conveyance of Camp Equipage under the Subordinate Agency of Lieutenant Sandys, who is authorized to allow 1 Pagoda and 3/4 Pr. Month for the hire of each Bullock, in consideration of the nature of their Loads, the greater number of Casualties that Department is liable to, and the superior strength and quality of the Cattle requisite for the performance of that branch of the Service.—

Whenever it may be deemed expedient to make advances of Cash, to enable the Maistries to encrease their Number of Bullocks in the public employ, such Cattle when purchased, are in the first instance to be presented to you, and if approved, you will cause them to be branded in your presence with the mark of the Department, for which they are designed, and transfer them accordingly.—

But Bullocks provided by the Maistries to supply Casualties, shall be presented to the Subordinate Agent, under whose immediate authority

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authority they are employed, and he will after approval cause them to be branded with the mark of his Depart=ments, noting in a Register Book, which he will be directed to keep for that purpose, the dates of such admissions, to enable him at the expiration of each Month, to regulate his Certificates in respect to Casualties—

And to that end, all Casualties as they occur, shall in like manner be Registered by the Sub Agents, who will be strictly enjoined to require such Reports regularly from the Masters, and to incite them as much as possible to exert themselves in replacing Casualties.—

It will be your duty as Agent, to take frequent Musters of all Bullocks and Drivers that may be entrusted to your superintendence, in order to check and Controul all failures of engagements, and to prevent all impositions upon the Public or neglect in executing the business of the Army, and to effect these purposes with the more certainty, it will be more incumbent on you to examine upon marches

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Marches. the appearance and Numbers of the Bullock and Drivers of different descriptions that are under your management.

The Certificates of the Heads of Departments. Checked by frequent Musters. as to the monthly hire of Bullocks. which Certificates are to express the precise Dates of all Casualties. But with a view to afford every possible encouragement to the Masters to replace all Casualties that may happen as early as possible. they will be allowed to receive hire for half a Month. for every Bullock dying between the first and 15th provided the Casualty shall be replaced by another Bullock before the 15th and so likewise shall hire be paid for a whole Month. for Cattle dying and replaced between the 15th and end of a Month. but for every Casualty that is not replaced within the period above specified. hire shall only be paid to the date of such Casualty.

Whenever Musters of Cattle are ordered. you will be accompanied by the Master. master of the Army

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Army, with whom the power of inspecting unserviceable Cattle is vested, but it will be your province as General Agent to point out any causes which may arise from unfavorable Seasons, or temporary hard Services, to entitle the proprietors of Cattle to the indulgence of time, to restore them to a fit condition for Service, uniting your endeavor however with the Muster Master to relieve the public from the Expence of any Cattle which are without hope of recovering, and prospect of becoming serviceable to the public, and if notwithstanding such Representations on your part, the Muster Master should deem it his Duty to reject the Cattle in question, you are to furnish him with your reasons for differing in Opinion, which he is to transmit with his Muster Return, to the Commander in Chief for his ultimate decision.

You will be furnished by each Subordinate Agent, with Weekly Reports, specifying the Number of Cattle in their several Departments, all Casualties that have occurred in the course of the preceding

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preceding Week, the degree in which they have been replaced, and the extent to which their means of Carriage have been encreased, and their Reports are likewise to specify the number of Loads carried, or to Carriage Drawn in each Department.

The Agency is to be Conducted upon Honor, that is to say, the strictest Economy to be observed in all the Expences attending it, and only the precise Sums that may be advanced or disbursed on account of the public, are to be charged in your Accounts, which are to be attested, as in the following form.

"I do hereby solemnly declare upon my Honor, that these Accounts contain nothing to the "best of my knowledge, but bona fide transactions "between the Honorable Company, and the Individuals "respecting Concerned, that I have endeavored in the "adjustment of them, to see strict Justice done "between the Company, and the proprietors who "furnish the Cattle, and that no item of Expence is "included in this account, which I do not think has "necessarily

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necessarily and inclusively incurred for the Public
"Service".

Your Accounts are to be made up
monthly, and to be delivered on or before the 10th of each
month to Captain Robinson Aid de Camp, who will
lay them before me, after which they are to be forwarded
to the Principal Agent in the Carnatic; - and you
will be allowed to charge in those Accounts for such
a proportion of Head Masteries, Conicopolies, or those of
public Servants as are indispensibly necessary for
Conducting the business of the Agency. - But you are
directed to keep the Establishment in as low as it
possible, and on no account to admit in the different
Departments any charge for Masteries that shall
exceed the proportion of one Mastry to every Fifty
Bullocks Draught or Carriage, or one Head Mastry to
every 2,000 Bullocks, the monthly pay of the former
to be 2 Pagodas, and of the latter 10 Pagodas. -

Your allowance for discharging the
General Superintending Agency in Camp, as well as
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the allowance of the principal Agent in the Carnatic are to be fixed at 600 Pagodas p.r Month each including all charges of Writers and Stationary, and as it is the principle of the present System of Agency, by liberal and avowed allowances, to place all who were employed in it upon a respectable footing, and beyond any temptation to seek for unauthorized advantages, I shall naturally expect from all parties a hearty Co-operation to promote the objects of the public Service, in which Event I shall not be disappointed. —

Such are the outlines of the Duties which I shall expect to be performed by you, but as it would not be easy to frame Instructions so perfectly comprehensive as to include every particular duty required of you, you are to take into Consideration the general Scope and object of your appointment, which is to secure, in the most effectual manner, the due and full performance of the public Service, and you are accordingly to exercise your own discretion

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discretion when necessary, in order to provide for it in the Compleatest manner; and above all things to watch over the publick; and to take care that Individuals shall neither be suffered to sacrifice them to their own private advantage, nor to fail in any respect in a due attention to them. —

It will accordingly be made a part of the Instructions to the Subordinate Agents, that no Cattle in the pay of the publick shall be employed but for publick Services, and you are to report every instance that may come to your Knowledge, or fall within your own Observation of any Neglect or evasion of this Order. —

Signed Cornwallis

A true Copy

Signed W. Sydenham

M.B. Secr. Govt.

Extract

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Extract of Letter from Earl Cornwallis to Lieutenant Alexander Morrison Commissary of Grain and Subordinate Agent for Cattle employed in that Department Dated 1st October 1791.

You are desired to require Daily Reports from the Masistries of all Casualties among the Cattle of your Department, and to impress them strongly with the necessity of making Correct Reports, using every means in your power to detect and punish them if they fail therein - You are directed also to keep a Register Book in which is to be noted the Dates of all Casualties of Cattle in your Department and of the admission of new ones, whether to supply Casualties or to encrease the Establishment to enable you therefrom to make out your monthly Certificates with the greater degree of precision as well as to form the Weekly Reports which will be hereafter mentioned -

At the beginning of each Month you are to furnish the principal Agent in Coimbr with an account

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Account of what is due to the Masters for the hire of Cattle in your Department for the preceding Months and this Account is to be accompanied by a Certificate which is to express the precise dates of all Casualties.

But with a view to afford every possible encouragement to the Masters to replace the Casualties that may happen as early as possible, you are hereby authorized to make out the account of what is due to the Masters for the Monthly Hire of Cattle upon the following principle, Viz.t Charging half a months hire for every Bullock dying between the 1st and 15th provided the Casualty shall be replaced by another Bullock before the 15th and charging hire for an entire Month for Cattle dying and replaced between the 16th and end of a Month. But for every Casualty that is not replaced within the periods above specified, Hire is only to be charged to the date of such Casualty.

Weekly Reports are to be made every Monday

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Monday Morning for my Information. Through the
principal Agent in Camp. specifying the Number
of Cattle in your Department. all Casualties that
have occurred in the course of the preceding Week.
the Degree in which they have been replaced. or
the extent to which your means of Carriage may
have been encreased. and these Reports are likewise
to specify the number of Load. then carried in your
Department. —

(Signed) Cornwallis

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Sydenham

M.B. and Dy. Genl.

To. Major Dallas.

Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your
Information and Guidance. Copy of the Regulations
established

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established by Government under date the 2d January
1799. for the Department of Principal Agent for
Draught and Carriage Bullocks in the Field.—

Having already furnished you
with the Forms alluded to in those Regulations,
it only becomes necessary for me to transmit to you
the enclosed Forms No. 6 E. and No. 7 G. translated
into Malabars. for the purpose of making the several
owners of Bullocks, acquainted with the nature
of the acquittance Roll, which they are required
to sign as a Voucher for their having duly settled with
monthly, and you will of Course furnish each
subordinate Agent with a Copy of this Form in
Malabar's, as well as in English, together with the
other Forms necessary to be observed by them in
Keeping the Agency Accounts in their respective
Departments.—

Having in Consequence of your Letter
of the 28th Ultimo, recommended, that the
Subordinate

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Subordinate Agents should be allowed as Conicoply
at 5 Pagodas per Month each to every 2.000 Bullocks
for the purpose of assisting them in keeping
their Accounts with the several Bullock Owners
this assistance is provided for in the Regulations
now enclosed: and the Subordinate Agents will
no doubt consider it to be their particular duty to
assemble the Owners of each Division of 2000
Bullocks in the Course of every Month: and in
presence of the Conicoply attached to such Division
who should at the same time produce the acquittance
Rolls in Malabar: signed by each Owner: ascertain
by inquiry that they have been duly settled with
for the Months preceding: after deducting a proportion
of the advances by Stoppages agreeable to the
Regulations prescribed by Government: and it
should be also understood that the Bullock owners
are to sign quarterly an acquittance Roll in English.

for

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for the purpose of being ultimately deposited, as a Record, with the Malabar Registers in the manner hereinafter directed.

The Accounts which you will have to send Monthly, or whenever safe opportunities occur for transmission thro' the Military Paymaster General, are as follows.

1st Your General Account with the Military Paymaster General, supported with the necessary Vouchers.

2nd General Account Current of Advances and Stoppages for Draught and Carriage Bullocks.

3rd Monthly General Register of Bullocks entertained, with Certificates from the Mustering Officer, of the Number and date to entertained.

4th Monthly Return of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, and Carts entertained, and supplied in the Course of the preceding Month.

5th The Original acquittance Registers of Receipts

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Receipts for Pay and Stoppages, and the Signatures or marks before Witnesses of each Owner, according to Forms No. 6 E and No. 7 G. on account of such Bullocks as may be occasionally under your Charge, are to be carefully preserved for the purpose of being delivered into the Military Auditor Generals office, when called for. on the Dissolution of the Service on which the Bullocks have been employed, is at an end, and when the Cattle have been delivered to the Subordinate Agents. the same documents are to be preserved by them for the same purpose, so that if any Demands are made by the Bullock Owners, in case of the Death, or Removal from India of any of the Agents, the means may be always at hand, of ascertaining that they have been duly settled with, for the period that the Bullocks were employed in the Service.

You are also to enter distinctly in a Book to be Signed by yourself the Monthly Casualties in the prescribed Form, also the Weekly Report to be made from it, which Book is to be in like manner delivered into the Military Auditor General

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General's Office when required, or at the close of the
Service, as well as the Book or Books containing the
accounts with the Individual owners, which Kept
by you and the Subordinate Agents. but the before
mentioned Documents Nos. 1. 2. 3 and 4. are all that
occur to me as necessary to be sent every month with a
Duplicate of the General account Current of advances
and Stoppages, which are to be forwarded thro' the
Paymaster of the Army to the Military Paymaster General
conformably to the 23d. Article of the Enclosed Regulations.
Copy of which you will of course furnish to each of the
subordinate Agents for their information and Guidance.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
12th January 1799

List

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List of Papers enclosed in the Military Auditor General's Letter to Government dated the 28th October 1799.

No. 1. Letter from the Military Auditor General to Lieut. Colonel Dallas principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks. dated 3d September 1799.

2. Letter from Lieut. Colonel Dallas to the Military auditor General. Dated 19th September 1799. enclosing two Statements. marked A and B.

3. Letter from the Military Auditor General to Lieut. Colonel Dallas. dated 24th September 1799.

4. Letter from Lieut. Colonel Dallas to the Military auditor General. dated 30th September 1799.

5. Do. from Ditto to Ditto. dated 7th October 1799.

6. Do. from Ditto to Ditto " 9th " "

7. Extract of Letter from Earl Cornwallis to Captain Edmund Wells. Agent for furnishing Cattle in Canara. dated 1st October 1791.

8. Extract of Letter from Earl Cornwallis to Lieutenant Alexander Morrison Commissary of Grain and Subordinate Agent for Cattle employed in that Department. dated 1st October 1791.

9. Letter from the Military Auditor General to the principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks. dated 12th January 1799.

Signed W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

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Geo: Harris

Wm Petrie

E H Fullerton

Comm. W Wright