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Resolution thereon.

Resolved that Mr. Darke's Memorial be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors by the first dispatch.

Read the following letter from Captain Mackenzie.

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Captain Colin Mackenzie - applies for an advance of allowances for himself and his Assistants - Encloses copies of papers relating to a claim of Mr. Mather for two months pay due previous to his appointment to the Survey.

As neither my Assistants, nor myself have received the Salaries annexed to the Situations on the Mysore Survey, since the date of the appointment 4th. September last, I beg leave to request that order may be granted, for issuing the amount at this place up to the 1st Instant until the Resident in Mysore has arranged the mode and place of drawing Monthly when this Money may be carried to account.

Mr. Mather, who is just ready to proceed up to the Mysore on this duty represents to me that he has not received his Salary for July and August last, owing to his being appointed to this Survey before he could join the Collector of the Dindigul District under whose

orders

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orders he had been placed by the Revenue Board of 27th July on completing the Barramall Survey; and as the orders of Government are now requisite for the payment, he hopes these will be granted for his Salary for these two Months being issued by the Collector of Barramall, Dindigul or from any other office where it may be carried to Account.

I have the honor to be,

&c. — — — — &c.

Fort St. George

December 14th. 1799. —

(Signed) C. Mackenzie. Capt.n Eng.r
Superd.t Mysore Survey

P.S. I inclose Copies of the Orders from the Board of Revenue. —

Extract of a Letter to Government

Dated 6th. July 1799.

We cannot close this address without strongly seconding the recommendation of Colonel Read in favor of Mr. Mather, whose Geographical Survey of the Ceded Countries containing 6259 Square Miles, completed within a period of four years must be considered a wonderful effect of industry, as the execution exhibits proofs of his ability as a Surveyor — We have the honor

of

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of submitting it for your Lordship's inspection, not doubting that you will deem the proposed reward of 1000 Pagodas not more than his services justly merit considering that his allowance while employed was until 31st. July 96, 25 Pagodas and from that date 50 Pagodas per Month, and we shall also be well pleased to be permitted to avail ourselves of his Services in other quarters your Lordship allowing him such salary as you may consider adequate. —

Extract of a Letter from Government

Dated 13th. July 1799. —

We approve the laborious industry of Mr. Mather, and direct you to present him with one thousand Pagodas as a reward for the work which he has produced. —

We desire that Mr. Mather may be employed on his present pay of fifty Pagodas per Month, in completing a Geographical Survey of the districts lately subjected to the Company's authority and of the province of Dindigul. —

True Extracts

(Signed) W. G. Wright
A.D.C.

A true Copy
(Signed) C. Mackenzie Captn. Engrs.
Supt. Mysr. Survey.

To

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Fort St. George 17th December 1799.

To Mr. Mather

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to inform you that Government have been pleased to grant to you One thousand Pagodas as a compensation for your exertions in the Baramahal which sum will be paid on application to Captain Graham, Collector at Tistnagherry

Government have also authorized your being employed in completing a Geographical Survey of the Districts lately subjected to the Company and of the Province of Dindigul.— The Board in consequence desire you will put yourself under the orders of Mr. Hurdis, Collector at Dindigul, to survey the Districts under his authority who has been directed to pay you Monthly a Salary of 50 Pagodas per Month.—

Extracts of the Board's Letter to Government and their reply on these subjects you will herewith receive

I am, &c.ª &c.ª &c.ª

(Signed) J. B. Travers
Secy

Fort St. George
July 27th 1799.—

A True Copy
(Signed) C. Mackenzie Capt. Engr.
Supt. Mys. &c.

Ordered

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Order thereon.

Ordered that the Sum of 1000 Pagodas be advanced to Captain Mackenzie from the treasury on account and debited to the Resident in Mysoor. —

Ordered that the allowance claimed by Mr. Mather previous to his appointment in Mysoor be allowed and discharged by the Board of Revenue. —

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjour. —

To Josiah Webbe Esqre.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore - States the wish of the Rajah that a certain number of guns may be allowed to remain at Tanjour to support the appearance and consequence of the place - His assistant Mr. Irwin requests to be permitted to proceed to the Presidency - The Rajah has paid his Kist for December. —

In obedience to the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, I have intimated to the Rajah His Lordship's Sentiments relative to His Excellency's request for a proportion of Guns and Stores to be left in the Fort of Tanjour. —

His Excellency has desired me to inform the Governor, that in addition to two Brigades of Guns for the purposes of Ceremonies and Salutes, He also had in view the necessity of preserving the importance of the Fort in the Eyes of the People of the Country, by leaving a few Guns

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in the most conspicuous parts of the Works, and that He should certainly suffer a little mortification, if He were left in possession of a Fort wholly dismantled — His Excellency however desires me to add that He wishes to possess nothing in a Military sense that Government are not fully disposed to allow him, and therefore begs to leave the propriety of His request entirely to His Lordship's consi=deration and decision. —

The Statement I have made of the Rajah's sentiments upon this subject is, I believe, the true state of the case, and that His Excellency will reconcile himself to whatever the Right Honorable the Governor in Council shall be pleased to determine. —

I am desired by my Assistant, Mr. Irwin to forward his request to His Lordship in Council for permission to visit the Presidency. —

I have also to report the payment of the December Kist by His Excellency the Rajah, and that the late rains have secured the Crops, and afford an assurance of plenty for the ensuing year throughout the

Southern

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Southern Countries.—

I have the honor to be,

Tanjour
12th December 1799.— (Signed) Benj.n Torin

&c.— — — &c.

Resident

Resolution thereon.—

Resolved to inform Mr. Torin that however desirous the Board are of meeting the wishes of His Excellency the Rajah, they must be governed by other motives in withdrawing the guns and Stores from the forts of Tanjour.—

Resolution on the list of officers proposed by the Commander in Chief to be struck off the List of the Army.—

The Board having taken into con=sideration the list of Officers proposed by the Commander in Chief on the 10th. Instant to be struck off the list of the Army; and entirely concurring in the opinion expressed by General Harris of the expediency of striking off those Officers who are supposed to be no longer in the Service previous to establishing the regimental rise, Resolved that the following Officers who for the reasons stated by General Harris, there is every reason to believe are dead or have retired from the Service be struck off the list.—

Major

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Major Thos. Clerk
Captain Jas. Cunninghame
Lieuts. John Vivian
— John Carruthers
— William Murray
— Chas. Gibbs
— Edward Brooke
— G. I. Forbes
and
R. W. Fraser

Resolved that Lieutenant C. S. Marriott be, in consequence of his having been appointed a Cadet of the year 1797, struck off the list as a Lieutenant of the year 1796; and that Mr. Gilbert Briggs be struck off the list of the Army in consequence of his appointment to the Medical Establishment

Resolved that the Names of the other Officers mentioned by the Commander in Chief, whose length of absence does not appear to warrant a positive belief that they are out of the Service, be pointed out to the notice of the Honorable

Court

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Court of Directors in order that their pleasure &
regarding them may be known. —

The President proposes that

Major Macaulay proposed by the President for the command of the fort and district of Palamcottah. —

Major Colin Macaulay be appointed to relieve
Major Robert Turing in the command of the
fort and district of Palamcottah. —

Approved and Ordered.

Approved and Ordered

Resolved

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Major Macaulay to succeed Major Robert Turing in the Command of the Detachment in the Palamcottah district

Resolved also that Major Macaulay do shall succeed to the Command of the Field Detachment now serving in the District of Palamcottah.

" Clive

Geo: Harris

" Wm Petrie

" Eli Fuddofield

Compd
Glotthover

Office Sec 6th progs
Copied by D'Souza

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Diary,

Y.t

Received, and Sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 47-48-49-50-51.—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly.—

From Colonel Martindell reports the arrival of the Detachment of His Majesty's 19th Regiment at Manar.—

From Ditto at Pondicherry.—

From Captain Grant applies to have a Surgeon appointed to Pondicherry.—

From the late Commandant of the Savanah Amelia.

From Mr. Moller Requests that an allowance may be granted him for his support.—

From the Commandant at Tiagar.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Ferguson gives the particulars of a disturbance which has broken out amongst the Polygars in the Vicinity of Tiagar.—

To the Chief Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr. Barlow enclosing Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Crane.—

Received

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Received and Sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos 52. 53 54. 55. 56.

From the Secretary at Bengal.

From Lieutenant Hook. transmits Copies of letters from the Paymaster General, and Accountant General at Bengal, respecting advances made to Captain Crawford of H.M. 33rd Regiment. which appear to have remained unadjusted at this Presidency. —

From the Governor of Columbo.

From the Honble Mr North. the Detachment of H.M. 19th Regiment. and of Bengal Artillery sent from the Coast. have arrived at Columbo. —

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr Roebuck. encloses an Indent from the late principal Agent for Bullocks. amounting to Pagodas 71,399.. 4. —

To the Military Board. —

To the Military Board. — a Supply of Camp Equipage &c. to be sent from Vellore. for the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment. and 2d Battalion 9th Regiment. —

To the Military Auditor General. —

To Major General Lydenham. — Referring for examination. the Indent transmitted by the Military

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18th Military Paymaster General for Pagodas 71399..4..

Received the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

Having examined the additional Estimate which accompanied Mr. Sub Secretary Buchan's Letter of this days date, I have the honor to report, that the Amount thereof Viz.t Seventy One Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety Nine Pagodas and four fanams, (Pagodas 71399..4..) is unobjectionable, and issuable from the General Treasury being required on Account of the Donation granted by Government to the Bullock Owners, as Communicated to me, in Mr. Sub Secretary Buchan's letter of the 16th Instant.

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the Indent transmitted in the Paymaster General's Letter of this date, and authorizing the amount to be issued.

I have the honor to be,

Military Auditor Genl.s Office
Fort St. George 18th December 1799.

Wm. Wm.
Sejrs. W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

In

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16th

In consequence of the foregoing Report.

Ordered that the Sum of Seventy One Thousand three

Hundred and Ninety Nine Pagodas and four fanams

Pagodas 71.399..4.. be issued from the Treasury to

the Military Paymaster General on account of the In-

dent enclosed in his Letter of this date.—

Ordered that the Sum of Pagodas 71.399..4.. be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymr. General—

To the Military Paymaster General—

Sent a Letter to Mr. Roebuck — entered

in M.B. No. 57. informing him that Pagodas 71.399..4..

will be issued agreeably to his Indent of the 16th Instant—

19th

Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 58-59.—

From the Commandant at Pondicherry—

from Captain Grant — encloses an Ap-

plication from Madame Reynaud, for some allow-

ances in consideration of her distressed circumstances—

To the Reverend Mr. A. Clarke—

To the Reverend Mr. A. Clarke — permit-

ting him to proceed to Seringapatam.—

20th

Sent the following Letters.—

To

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20.

To Mr. Robert Woolf

Accountant General.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to enclose for your information Copy of a Letter from the Honble Colonel Wellesley with Copies of its several enclosures containing Statements of the pensions which have been granted to the family, Officers, and dependants of the late Tippoo Sultaun.—

You have been already furnished with instructions respecting the payment of the annuities to the families and immediate connections of the late Hyder Ally and of Tippoo Sultaun.—

In regard to those persons in the Service of the late Tippoo Sultaun to whom pensions have been granted by the Commissioners for the affairs of Mysoor I am directed to inform you that Orders for which the enclosed Copies have been transmitted to the proper

To the Accountant General - Communicating to him the arrangement which has been made for the payment of the pensions chargeable on the Revenues of Mysoor -

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20th proper Officers at the several places where the Sundrys are desirous of residing, to pay the amount of their pensions; and as those sums are chargeable to the Revenues of Mysoor, they have been directed to keep separate accounts of their payments, and to transmit the original receipts to you, in order that you may be enabled to make an annual adjustment with the Resident in Mysoor, to whom this arrangement has been communicated.—

The expence of the Mosques and Tombs at Seringapatam, is to be charged to the Company, and will appear in the accounts of the Paymaster of that Garrison as a Military charge.—

The Right Honble the Governor General in Council, having resolved to grant Mysoor Purnuliow an additional pension of 3,500 Pagodas per annum, from the 1st. September last, orders have been given to the Civil Paymaster General, to pay him this sum, in quarterly instalments, and as this is an additional

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20th additional allowance is chargeable to the revenues of Mysoor. he has been directed to debit the amount to the Resident in Mysoor, with whom you will make the necessary adjustment. —

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18th December 1799.

I am Wm Kaye

Sign'd I. Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

To Benjamin Torin Esq.r
Resident at
Tanjour.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12th Instant. and am directed to acquaint you. that although the Governor in Council feels every disposition to meet the wishes of His Excellency the Rajah. his Lordship must be governed by other considerations in moving the Ordnance and Military Stores from the Fort of Tanjour. such attention as it may be practicable to pay to his Excellency's desire will be communicated

To the Resident at Tanjour informing him that the Board are not at liberty to comply with the Rajah's desire to have the Ordnance and Military Stores left in the Fort of Tanjour. —

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20th communicated to the Military Board on this subject —

Your Assistant is permitted to —

proceed to the Presidency. —

Fort St. George

18th December 1799.

I have the honor to be,

Hon'ble Sirs

Your most

Obedt Hble Servt

J. Webbe

Lieut to Govt

To Lieutenant General Harris.

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

We have received your several letters

of the 10th 11th and 14th Instant. with their enclosures. —

On further consideration of the

subject of the grain and Military Stores in the —

Fort of Seringapatam. We think it expedient to —

direct that measures may be taken for repairing

the Granaries in such a manner as the Honble

Colonel.

To the Military Board.
authorizing the disposal
of the Grain in Store at
Seringapatam, and the
breaking up the Unser-
viceable Gun Carriages.
with the Repair of the
Granaries, Copy of a
Letter from Colonel
Wellesley enclosed and
the Repairs recommended
by him to be authorized.
They are to report the
best means of providing
quarters for the Troops
of Cavalry which is to
be Stationed at Vellore.

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20th Colonel Wellesley may think expedient, and that the Storekeeper shall commence the disposal of the grain by retail, under such restrictions as you may establish for his guidance. —

We adopt the recommendation of Colonel Wellesley, for breaking up the unserviceable Ordnance Carriages in Seringapatam, and desire that authority may be granted for this purpose. —

We direct that exact and separate accounts may be kept of the produce of the grain, and of the value of the Iron work taken from the Carriages, as well as of the expence of repairing the Granaries, and of breaking the Gun Carriages. —

We inclose Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding in Mysoor, and direct that authority be granted for executing the Repairs in Seringapatam, in the manner recommended by him. —

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

St.

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20th

It being our intention, that one Troop of Cavalry should constantly be detached from the Cantonment at Arcot, to do duty at Vellour, we desire that you will consider, and report the best means of providing quarters for this detachment. —

Fort St. George
20th December 1799.

We are &c &c

Signed Clive
&c Council

To Lieutenant General Harris.
President &c Members of the
Military Board.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to enclose a letter from the Garrison Store Keeper with its several enclosures, and to desire that you will give Mr. Brodie such orders as you may judge necessary for the adjustment of the accounts of the Bullock Owners with whom he entered into engagements.

agreeably

To Ditto - enclosing a letter from the Garrison Store Keeper respecting a balance due from the Bullock Owners employed under him and directing that they may give him such Orders on the subject as they may judge necessary - they are to report the quantity of Salt Provisions and of Gun Carriages which can be furnished from the Stores for Ceylon - Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Military Secretary at Fort William - and directing that the 26th Sheet of this Presidency may be sent to Bengal if wanted to the Guns of the Sea Ports - &c

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To
20. agreeably to the instructions communicated to you in
the letter from his Lordship in Council of the 10th October
last. —

His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon, having
made application for a supply of Salt Provisions, and for
a certain number of Gun Carriages, his Lordship in Council
desires, that you will report to what extent the state of
the Stores will admit of a compliance with his Excellency's
wishes. —

I have the honor to enclose, Copy of a letter
from the Military Secretary at Fort William, and am directed
to desire, that the 24 pounder Shot may be shipped for
Bengal, by the earliest opportunity, if suited to the
dimensions of the Guns of the La Forte. —

I have the honor to be,
Hon. Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Signed J. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

Fort St. George
18th December 1799.

&c.

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20.

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General.

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General - directing him to report his opinion of the enclosed Copy of an application from Lieut.t Sheridan - respecting the period of his furlough - Lieut.t Edw.d Smith to be relieved from the responsibility he has incurred by the Death of a horse belonging to one of the Remount Lots - the orders given to the Paymasters at Trichinopoly, at Seringapatam, and in the Baramahal regarding the pensions &c.a communicated - to authorize payment of four Accounts of the Garrison Storekeeper amounting to Pags.das 41.423.15.3. to authorize payment of Bill of Lieut.t Fetherstonhaugh for Pag.s 2300.39.11. and of an advance of Pags.das 275. to Lieut.t Castle. -

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to desire, that you will report your opinion of the enclosed Copy of an application from Lieut.t Charles Sheridan, respecting the period of his furlough. -

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Lieut.t Edward Smith of His Majesty's 25.th Dragoons and His Lordship in Council desires, that he may be relieved from the responsibility he has incurred by the death of a horse belonging to one of the Remount Lots. -

I am directed to inform you, that the Paymasters in the Baramahal and at Trichinopoly have been instructed to pay the amount of the pensions mentioned in the enclosed Statements, for which they have been directed to keep separate accounts, and to draw bills on the Treasury, in favor of the Military Paymaster General for the amount. -

The

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20th

The Commanding Officer in Mysoor.

has been directed to authorize the Paymaster at ~
Seringapatam to defray the expences of the Mosques
and Tombs at that place, of which I have the honor
to enclose a statement. ~

The Governor in Council desires that
you will authorize payment of the four enclosed accounts
of the Garrison Storekeeper, for the quarters ending ~
31st January and 30th April last, under the head
of "Military Board Provision Department" and of
"Suspence", amounting to Pagodas 1423..15..3. ~

I am also directed to desire that
you will authorize payment of the enclosed bill of
Lieut. Tottenham of the Corps of Engineers, for works
at Kistnagherry, amounting to three thousand three
hundred Pagodas thirty nine fanams eleven Cash.
/3.300..39..11./ and of an advance of one hundred and
seventy five Pagodas /175./ to Lieut. Castle of the ~

Corps

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20th Corps of Engineers. for Repairs at Arcot.

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

Fort St. George
19th December 1799.

Received and sent the undermentioned
letters entered in M. B. Nos. 60-61-62-63-64-65.

From the Company's agent at the Cape of Good Hope.

From Mr. John Pringle - requesting that
payment of the usual passage money may be authorized
to Major Baillie of the 86th Regiment ordered to join
his Corps.

To the Secretary at Chambers.

To Mr. Cleghorn - enclosing Copy of
Captain Godfrey's explanation of his reasons for with-
-drawing from Ceylon. the whole establishment of
Artificers attached to his Corps.

To the Chief Engineer

To Major General Ross - directing him to
prepare a Copy of Captain Orr's route to the Southward
of the Cawery &c.a for transmission to Bengal.

To Capt.n Mackenzie of the Engineers.

To Captain Mackenzie - Lieut.t Warren
of His Majesty's 33rd Regiment. will be permitted to draw
Surveyor's

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20th Surveyor's allowances.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham. This Detach-
=ment of Cavalry at Vellore, to draw batta while
unprovided with quarters.

To Mr. Roebuck. Major Griffin to be
put under a Monthly Stoppage of 60 Pagodas. if he
cannot adopt any other mode of satisfying the demand
against him.

21st Received and sent the undermentioned
letters entered in M.B. Nos. 66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73.

From the Commandant at Malacca.

From Lieutenant Colonel Taylor. Reports
the Death of Lieutenant George Foote.

From Ditto. The Master Attendant at
Malacca has been obliged to go to Bombay for his health.

From the Reverend Mr. I. E. Atwood.

From the Reverend Mr. Atwood. Reports
his arrival at this Presidency.

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck. encloses an additional
Estimate for Pagodas 11.553.22.51.

To Ditto.

To Ditto. desiring him to pay the usual
allowances.

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21st allowances to the Invalids to be Embarked on the Boston, and William Pitt.—

To the Commander of the Ship Boston.

To Captain Murray—enclosing an Embarkation Return of a detachment of H.M. 19th Regiment whom he is directed to convey to Columbo.—

To the commanders of the Ships William Pitt and Boston.—

To Captains Mitchell and Murray—enclosing lists of Charter party Passengers whom they are directed to furnish with a passage to England.—

To the Commander of the Ship William Pitt.—

To Captain Mitchell—directing him to receive Nine Bales of Cloathing for the Troops at Columbo.—

22nd Sent the following Letter.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Close

Resident in

To the Resident in Mysoor—the allowance granted to Lieutenants Marriott, and Symthen will be paid at the Presidency—an advance of 1000 Pagodas has been granted to Captains MacKenzie—master of the Ceres.—

Sir. Mysoor.

Having submitted to the Right Honble the Governor in Council, your letter of the 7th Instant. I am directed to acquaint you, that His Lordship has ordered the Amount of the allowance due to Lieutenants—

Marriott

7665 Fort St George 22 December 1799.

22nd Marriott and Sydenham, to be paid to those Gentlemen at the Presidency, and the balance, being Pagodas 9451..29..53. to be carried to the Credit of the Company by the Accountant General —

I have further the honor to inform you, that the Sum of Pagodas 1,000. has been advanced to Captain Mackenzie, on account of his Survey — which has been debited to your account in the books of the Treasury. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
J. Webbe
Sec.y to Government.

Fort St George
22d December 1799. —

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in
M.B. Nos. 74-75-76. —

To the Secretary at Columbo —

To Mr Cleghorne — forwarding twelve Copies of the printed Regulations of this Presidency
Enclosing Copy of an Embarkation Return of a Detachment of H.M. 19th Regiment Embarked on the Preston for Columbo. —

To

7664 Fort St. George 10 December 1799.—

21st allowances to the Invalids to be Embarked on the Boston and William Pitt.—

To the Commander of the Ship Boston.

To Captain Murray—enclosing an Embarkation Return of a detachment of H.M. 19th Regiment to form part directed to convey to Columbo.—

To the Commanders of the Ships William Pitt and Boston.—

To Captains Mitchell and Murray—enclosing Lists of Charter party Passengers, whom they are directed to furnish with a passage to England.—

To the Commander of the Ship William Pitt.—

To Captain Mitchell—directing him to receive Nine Bales of Clothing for the Troops at Columbo.—

22nd Sent the following Letter.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Close

Resident in

Mysoor.

To the Resident in Mysoor—the allowance granted to Lieutenants Marriott, and Hyndman will be paid at the Presidency—an advance of 1000 Pagodas has been granted to Captains MacKenzie—warrant of the Secretary.—

Having submitted to the Right Honble the Governor in Council your letter of the 7th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that His Lordship has ordered the warrant of the allowance due to Lieutenants

Marriott

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I have further the honor to inform you, that the Sum of Pagodas 1,000. has been advanced to Captain Mackenzie, on Account of his Survey which has been debited to your Account in the Book of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Sign'd J. Webbe
Sec.y to Government.

Fort St. George
22d December 1799.

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in
M.B. Nos. 74-75-76.

To the Secretary at Colombo

To Mr. Cleghorne - forwarding twelve Copies of the printed Regulations of this Presidency
Enclosing Copy of an Embarkation Return of a Detachment of H.M. 19th Regiment Embarked on the Preston for Colombo.

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To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham enclosing for examination the Paymaster General's Estimate of the 21st Instant for Pagodas 11553. 22. 51.

To Mr. Charles Darke.

To Mr. Charles Darke his Memorial will be transmitted to the Court of Directors by the first dispatch. The original letters from the Nabob, have been according to his Request been returned to General Floyd.

23d

Received the following Letter.

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Copy of a Letter from him to the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary forces of His Highness the Nizam, directing him to proceed to Hyderabad with other instructions regarding the Movements of his detachment.

I have the honour to transmit you, for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, Copy of my Letter of this date to the Commanding Officer of the Subsidiary force.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick,
Resident.

Hyderabad
27th December 1799.

P/o

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D.
23d

To Lieutenant Colonel Bonser

Or Officer Commanding the

Subsidiary Force.

Sir,

The objects for which the Subsidiary Force was halted in the Rachore District being nearly accomplished; you will be pleased on receipt hereof, to proceed with the Troops under your Command to Hyderabad, leaving however, two Coast Battalions with their proportion of Artillery at Calicheboodrah Ghaut, until further Orders. —

Should Meer Allum, who is on his way to Rachore, make an application for the movement of the two Battalions remaining behind, you will be pleased to authorize the Commanding Officer of them, to comply therewith, to an extent not exceeding eight or ten Cos. in any direction from its present

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23d

Present position at Calicha boolrah. I shall where to observe he is to consider as his fixed quarters until called upon to advance to Hyderabad. which will probably be a month from the present date at farthest.

It has been intimated to me by this Durbar, that three Lacks of Rupees eventually intended for the payment of Subsidy, are on the way from Kurpah; should this Treasure arrive before your departure, you will so far take charge of it, as to give it a safe Escort to Hyderabad, but I would wish you to avoid if possible granting a Receipt for the Sum, as I am not satisfied with regard to the description of Specie composing it.

Sam Hurl Hon

Hyderabad
27th December 1799.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

True Copy

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick,
Resident.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 77-78-79.

From the Commandant at Vizagapatam

From Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham Commanding Detachment

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23. explains the circumstances which prevent him from giving the Paymaster at Vizagapatam the quarter he applied for. —

From the Commandant at Ryacottah —

From Lieut.t Colonel Coke. He has delivered over the Command of Ryacottah to the next Senior Officer. —

From the Committee of the Inhabitants of this Presidency.

From the Committee of the Inhabitants at this Presidency. Request that the Statue of Marquis Cornwallis, which has arrived in Bengal, may be sent round to this Presidency on one of the Indiamen. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor and President.

Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief —

William Petrie and
Ernst William Stalhofield } Esquires

Tuesday
24th. December 1799

Minutes of last Consultation read, and approved. —

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

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief.

Lays before the Board an application from Major Gibbings for permission to proceed to Europe—

Recommends that Lieuts. Lynn and Reade may be agreeably to their request transferred to the Cavalry.

Lays before the Board an application from Colonel Roberts and Lieut. Colonel Coke for permission to proceed to Europe, states a doubt entertained by Colonel Coke, whether his period of Service entitles him to retire—lays before the Board a letter from Major Barnes enclosing a petition from Thomas Hercomrade at Tanjore, to have a provision made for him—a letter from Colonel Mills, relative to the proceedings of an Invaliding Committee held at Seringapatam—states that he has received an application from Colonel Stevenson, to be appointed to act as Commandant of Cavalry—

Proposes removals and appointments affecting Major Turing, Captains Pierce and Lieutenant Mackenzie, Lieut. Jarvis Grant, and Lieut. Shaw—

Submits to the Board the expediency of appointing

Vide P. C.

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December 24th 1799.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Papers

1st An application from Major Gibbings, Deputy Quarter Master General, for permission to proceed to Europe, accompanied by a Certificate of the necessity for this application—

Note— The Commander in Chief recommends in compliance with Major Gibbings's request, and that the merits of this valuable Officer be stated in the Letter announcing his return to Europe, to the Honble the Court of Directors.—

2d & 3d Applications from Lieuts. of Infantry Lynn and Reade, to be transferred as Cornets to the Cavalry.

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appointing Lieuts. Colonels to Corps. by Seniority, or of leaving them to be posted to Corps by the Commander in Chief.—

they being fully aware of the Loss of Rank they must sustain by such transfer.—

The Commander in Chief recommends compliance with the Request of these Officers.—

Ordered, that permission be granted, but that the publication of Colonel Roberts's Leave of absence on Furlough be postponed until he may have procured a passage.—

4th Application from Colonel Roberts for permission to proceed on Furlough to Europe.—&

5th Application from Lieut. Colonel Coke for permission to proceed on Furlough to Europe.—

The Commander in Chief is requested to inform Lieut. Colonel Coke, that this point has been Specifically stated to the Honble Court of Directors in the Dispatches from this Government, but that no answer having been received, the Governor in Council is not at liberty to pass a decision on the Case.—

accompanied by a Request to be informed, how far he may be considered, as entitled to retire from the Service, on making application for such permission within the prescribed time, after his arrival in Europe.—& he will then have served the Company twenty five Years.—

Three

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three and twenty of which have been passed in active Services in India. —

The Point in question is, whether, under the Regulation which States, "that every Officer, after twenty "five years Service in India, (three "years for one Furlough being included) "shall be allowed to retire with the pay "of the Rank to which he may have "attained." — it is necessary, that the Officer demanding to retire, shall have completed the period of twenty five years Service before he leaves India; or, if the time which intervenes between the period of his quitting India, and making the application to retire in England, will be considered as a part of the "three years of Furlough" allowed to each Officer by the Regulations above quoted.

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quoted.— If this is admitted, as it appears reasonable, that it should be, Lieut. Colonel Okes is clearly entitled to return from the Service, should such be his wish after his arrival in Europe.— The Board's decision on this Point is very desireable.—

Ordered, that the Head Hircarah be transferred to the Resident on his present pay.—

6. A Letter from Major Innes, late Commandant of Tanjore, covering a Petition from the Head Hircarah, formerly attached to that Garrison, for some Provision, in consequence of his long services, and his loss of employment, by the Removal of the Garrison.—

And it appears from the Proceedings of the Committee, that the Sufferers are not attached to the Company's Service, but are Subjects of the late Tippoo Sultaun, the Board are of opinion, that the expence of their subsistence should be charged to the Revenues of Tippoo;— Resolved, however that Colonel Wellesley be authorized to provide for their subsistence

7. Proceedings of a Committee appointed by the Honble Colonel Wellesley, to examine the wounded Persons of the Army of the late Tippoo Sultaun, and Inhabitants of

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subsistence of the objects of public charity, until an arrangement can be made with the Dewan of Mysore for that purpose. — In reference to the dispatches of this Government to the Honble Court of Directors in the Military Department, dated 27th March 1799. a similar claim preferred by Colonel Pater, was referred to the consideration of the Honble Court, but as no decision has been passed by the Court, the same reasons, which induced the Board to reject the claims of Colonel Pater, render it impracticable to comply with that of Colonel Stevenson. —

Ordered accordingly.

of Seringapatam, regarding whose the Board will be pleased to signify their Orders of Government. —

The Commander in Chief informs the Board, that Colonel Stevenson, the Senior Officer of the Cavalry Corps now in India, has addressed him, requesting that he may, during the absence of Major General D. Campbell, be appointed to act as Commandant of Cavalry; and to receive the allowances attached to that situation. —

In consequence of the request of Major Gibbings to be permitted to proceed to Europe, the Commander in Chief recommends the following removals and appointments to take place, on the General Staff under this Presidency. —

Major

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Major R. Turing Deputy Adjutant
General, to be Deputy Dr. Master
General, vice Gibbings permitted
to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

Captain Fred.k Pierce, to
be Deputy Adjutant General,
with Rank of Major as annexed
to that Station, vice Turing
removed.

Lieut.t Jn.o Macleane
to be Secretary, and Accountant
to the Military Board vice Pierce
promoted. Lieut.t Sal. Grant to be
Deputy Secr.y to the Military
Board, vice Macleane promoted.

Lieut.t W. Shaw, to be Assistant
in the Department of the
Adjutant General.

These Appointments
to take place from the 1st. of
January 1800. - Lieut Captain
Pierce will continue to act with
the

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The Military Board. till the Books and Accounts of that Office are brought up for the Quarter ending on the 31st of October 1799.—

In preparatory to the final Arrangement of the Army consequent to the Introduction of the System of Rise by Regimental Succession.

The Commander in Chief requests the consideration and decision of Government, on the expediency of posting Lieut.s Colonels of Corps to Regiments by Seniority, or of continuing to post Officers of that Rank, to whom the Principle of Regimental succession is not permitted to extend, as has hitherto been practised.— Various applications from Lieut.s Colonels of Corps received since the publication of the former arrangement have induced the Commander

The rise by Regimental Rank, established for Lieut.s Colonels, the Governor in Council is of opinion, and it is accordingly ordered, that they be posted to Corps as Circumstances, and the pleasure of the Commander in Chief may render expedient.—

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Commander in Chief, to agitate this
Question, and as the Rule of
Succession by Seniority cannot at
all times be rigidly adhered to
without considerable inconvenience,
and a contrary System has been
adopted at the other Presidencies,
it may be advisable to conform to
the same Rule, in the arrangements
for the Army under this Government.
should such be the determination
of the Board, the Stations of
Officers Subordinate to Lieut.
Colonels only, should be specified
in Lists by Government, the
Lieut. Colonels remaining at
as heretofore, to be posted to
Corps, by the Commander in
Chief, as circumstances may
render it expedient to so
place them. —

Lieut.

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Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir

Finding my Constitution much impaired by my late severe Indisposition, and being by the Faculty advised to make trial of change of Climate without loss of time; I have to request you will do me the Favor to obtain the permission of Government for my proceeding to Europe on one of the Ships of the present Season for the re-establishment of my Health.—

I have the Honor to inclose a Sick Certificate, and feel much Gratified at being enabled to add, that during upwards of Twenty two years, a very considerable proportion of which Period, I have been employed on active Service in the Field, my Name has never till the present Instance appeared either in the Sick, or absent List.—

I have the honor to remain,
&c. &c.

Madras
13th December 1799.

Signed Arthur Gibbings
Majr. & Dpy. Dpt. Mr. Genl. of the army

Major

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Madras November 25th. 1799.

Major Arthur Gibbings Deputy Quarter Master General on the Coast Establishment, having for a series of Months past, labourd under repeated severe attacks of the Hepatites, brought on principally, by his fatigues, during the late Service in the Mysore Country, and being consequently reduced to a State of debility, that may eventually endanger his life, were he to remain in India for another Hot Season, We, the undersigned are of Opinion, that it is absolutely necessary he should without loss of time, proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health. —

(Signed) Alexr. Boiswell
Surgeon.
" M. Fitzgerald
Surgeon.

To Lieutenant Colonel Agnew.
Adjutant General to the Army.

Sir.

Being desirous to exchange from the Infantry

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Infantry to the Cavalry Establishment. I have to request you will do me the honor to lay this Letter before the Commander in Chief, in Order to solicit his approbation to the measure.

I have the honor to be,

Dec.r 24th 99.

Hon.ble Sir

Your most

Obed.t Hum.ble Servt

E. Lyne

Lieut.t 12th European Regiment.

To Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

Adjutant General of the

Army.

Sir.

I do myself this honor to inform you, that I am very desirous of being in the Cavalry, and shall esteem myself much obliged if you will please to express to the Commander in Chief the wish I have to be transferred to that Corps; I am sensible of the immediate disadvantage with which the exchange must be attended in respect to Rank, but shall hope that I may not be subject to the additional one of supercession by the Cadets who may be appointed

to

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to the Cavalry, and on their passage from Europe. If however that cannot be avoided, I will rather submit to it, than remain in the Infantry.—

I have the honor to be,

Wm. Wm.

Signed J. Read

Lieut.t 9th. Batt.n 4th. Reg.t N.I.—

Vellore

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To Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief Wm. Wm.

Sir,

I have the honor to request, you will do me the favor, to make the necessary application to the Government, for obtaining me permission to proceed on Furlough to Europe, for three years, on one of the Ships of the present Season.—

I have the honor to be,

Wm. Wm.

Signed George Roberts

Colonel 11th. Regiment—

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To Lieutenant General Harris.

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir.

It being my wish to proceed to Europe on furlough by the Ships now expected from Bengal; I am to request you will be pleased to obtain the permission of Government that I may proceed by the first favorable opportunity:- I have further to solicit being informed, how far I may be considered competent to retire from the Service upon the full pay of my rank, having been on Actual Service in this Country, nearly twenty three years. -

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Coke

Lieut. Col. Com. 2d Batt. 3 Regt. N.I.

To Lieutenant Colonel Agnew.

Adjutant General of the Army

Sir.

I feel it my duty to transmit to you the inclosed

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inclosed Letter and Petition from Venkatachellum Brammy, late Head Vacarrah of Tanjore; - that it may, if meeting your approbation, be laid before the Commander in Chief, for his interposition, in behalf of a person, who has long and faithfully served the Honorable Company; - There were four Vacarrahs allowed for the Garrison of Tanjore. Venkatachellum was the Head, and bears the best Character; - His pay was something more than four Pagodas p. Month, but this ceased, on the Fort's being evacuated; - He is truly an object of consideration, being advanced in years, infirm, and left without provision for himself and family; - The other three Vacarrahs have no particular Claims on the Service; -

I have the honor to be,

Hon. Sir

Your most obed. Hble Servt.

(Signed) James Innes

Major Servt. -

Trichinopoly

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Honoured Sir

I most Submissively beg leave to -

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address your honor these few lines, according to your honor's order. I went to Lieut.t Fraser, and requested him for my former service, and he desired me that he had no business to give me.

During these 40 years I served humbly and faithfully in the Honorable Company's Service, as a Vicarrah for 22 years, and for 18 years Head Vicarrah under the Commanding Officers of Tanjore. therefore I beg your honor will be so good as to appoint me as a Invalid, or a Pensioner at Chingalpett. or Tanjore, and I humbly beg your honor to accept this inclosed Application.

Tanjore
the 9th December 1799.

Sam Wm Flu

Signed Vencatachellum
Browney. Head Vicarrah Tanjore

P.S. I Enclosed a Application for Boards, and dont write the Head for it.

Written by Vencatachellum Browney. Head Vicarrah. I was established as a Vicarrah in the Honble Company's Service, in the Month of March 1760

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1760.— and Served Faithfully and diligently, during these 40 years, both in the Field and Garrisons. I was in the Siege of Pondicherry under Colonel Sir Eyre Coote, and in the Siege of Madeira, under Colonel Monson, and again I went to Hyderabad with the General Smith, and we accompanied Nizam, and went to war with Hyder Ally, and likewise I was in the Siege of Ramnad and Tanjore, when Lord Pigot Throned late Tulaja Maharajah, then Colonel Nabber Commanded Tanjore Garrison, from that time I am Stationed at Tanjore, and I Served 22 Years Common Hircarrah, and 18 Years as Head Hircarrah, and Served under every Commanding Officer as follows.—

1st. Colonel Nabber.
2. Major Brown.
3. General Horne.
4. Colonel Peshall.
5. Colonel Maclean.
6. Major Halcock.
7. Colonel Braithwaite.
8. Captain Knox.

9th. Mr. Campbell

* Harper.

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No. 9. Dr. Campbell

10. Dr. Bruce

11. Dr. Clarke.

12. Colonel Stewart.

13. Captain Glendining.

14. Dr. Wallace.

15. Colonel Maxwell.

16. Dr. Cuppage.

17. Dr. Cunningham.

18. Dr. Baird.

19. Colonel Campbell.

20. Honble Major Monson.

21. Dr. Dr. Degree.

22. Colonel Ashton.

23. Major Innes.

Therefore I most humbly beg your Honor. to appoint me as a Invalid, or a Pensioner, and to Establish me at Chingalpatt, or at Tanjore. I am a poor Family Man, and likewise have Certificate which was given by the Commanding Officers of Tanjore. —

I Re

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The Adjutant General

Sir

Having received the orders of Government to assemble an Invaliding Committee to consider the Cases of Inhabitants of Seringapatam, and Sepoys of the late Tippoo Sultaun, whose wounds and sufferings render them objects of public Charity, and to transmit its proceedings to the Commander in Chief, I now inclose them.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Seringapatam
24th December 1799.—

Signed Arthur Wellesley

Proceedings

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Proceedings of a Garison Committee for Invaliding certain Wounded Inhabitants and Seapoys late in the Service of Tippoo Sultaun held by order of the Honble Colonel Wellesley Commanding Seringapatam the 17th December 1799.

Present.

Major La F. Mandeville
Lieut. Ford — Members — Lieut. Bent.
Surgeon.
Charles Flemming Esqr.

No.	Names	Rank	Country	Cast	Colour	Age Years	Why Recommended. —
1.	Ahmed Khan	Naique	Dekly	Pattan	Bamboo	40	Lost his left Leg.
2.	Mahmed Hussain	Seapoy	Nagurr	Mussulman	Dark.	26	Severely Wounded in the Knee
3.	Mahmed Sekra	Do	Erotter	Do	Bamboo	30	Do Do in the Head and Knee.
4.	Pea Mahomed	Do	Arcott	Do	Dark.	25	Shot through the Body, lost the use of one Arm.
5.	Pierce	Lascar	Deodigulle	Pariah	Do	30	Shot through the Arm and lost four Fingers.
6.	Sheik Cunnah	Seapoy	Chinnapatam	Mussulman	Bamboo	50	Wounded in both Feet.
7.	Mahmed Brahim	Do	Sundidroog	Do	Do	18	Lost the use of his left Arm.
8.	Noor Hamed	Inhabitant	Dorwar	Do	Do	12	Lost his right Arm and his Father killed in the Storm.
9.	Ramanbaun	Seapoy	Conjeveram	Mussulman	Black	25	Wounded in the Arm.
10.	Fakeer Meer	Do	Cuddapah	Do	Do	20	Shot through the Breast and one Arm broke.
11.	Sheik Hamed	Trooper	Do	Do	Bamboo	40	Lost the use of his right Arm.
12.	Sheik Hussein	Seapoy	Tanjore	Do	Black	25	Lost his right Hand and the left disabled.
13.	Salam Mahomed	Hircarah	Seringapatam	Do	Bamboo	60	Wounded in the right Foot — to be discharged.

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14. Shaik Small	Inhabitant	Do	Do	Black	12	Shot through the left knee.	
15 Abdul Hussein	Lascar	Arcot	Do	Bamboo	35	Shot through the left Legg, lost the use of it.	
16 Abdul Kabber	Seapoy	Mussulman	Do	Do	28	Shot through the left arm, lost the use of it.	
17. Shaik Small	Subadar	Arcot	Do	Do	40	Lost his left arm.	
18. Salabut Cawn	Lascar	Lucknow	Do	Do	40	Badly Wounded in the right foot.	
19. Shukaram	Seapoy	Seringapatam	Hindoo	Black	30	Badly Wounded in the Head.	
20 Shaik Dowd	Lascar	Do	Mussulman	Do	30	Shot through the Body.	
21. Shaik Bram	Seapoy	Durwar	Do	Do	40	The right Legg broke.	
22. Omer Cawn	Do	Do	Do	Do	40	Lost his left Arm.	
23. Bahadar Cawn	Padree	Chindaghurry	Do	Bamboo	30	Wounded in the right Leg Slightly - to be discharged.	
24. Subah	Lascar	Trichinopoly	Gentoo	Dark	40	Dangerously Wounded in the Head.	
25 Shaik Burrow	Seapoy	Cuddapah	Mussulman	Bamboo	51.	Shot through the right Legg. lost the use of it.	
26. Rahwa Sing	Do	Bangalore	Rajaspoot	Do	45	Do Do Do Do Do	
27. Shaik Hussein	Do	Durwar	Mussulman	Black	40	Wounded in the Head arms and Legs.	
28 Do Do	Seapoy	Masulapatam	Do	Do	25	Wounded in Various parts.	
29. Mahmed Ismaun	Do	Seringapatam	Do	Do	47.	Slightly Wounded - to be discharged.	
30. Shaik Meera	Do	Hyderabad	Do	Bamboo	40	Severely Wounded.	
31. Pier Mahomed	Do	Coher	Do	Do	40	Wounded in the right foot. lost the use of it.	
32. Midar Cawn	Do	Durwar	Do	Black	30	Lost the use of his right Legg by Wounds.	
33. Mahomed Cassim	Do	Nagur	Do	Bamboo	26	Wounded in both arms badly.	
34. Soliman Cawn	Sirdar	Chittledroog	Do	Do	45	Severely Wounded in the Head. lost his left Eye.	
35. Shaik Hussein	Seapoy	Bengal	Do	Do	40	Lost the use of his left Legg by Wounds.	
36. Shaik Alley	Do	Tripatore	Do	Black	25	Badly Wounded in the right foot and Legg.	
37. Seid Alley	Do	Cuddapah	Do	Bamboo	30	Disabled in the right Arm.	
38. Heery Sing	Sirdar	Behares	Rajahput	Dark	38	His Left Arm broke, and disabled.	
39. Shaik Meem	Hd Bar	Bangalore	Mussulman	Do	25	Lost his right Arm.	

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No.	Names	Rank	Age	Where born	Whether Married or Single	Time of Service in India	Time of Service in Europe	Time of Service in New South Wales	Time of Service in Van Diemens Land	Time of Service in Norfolk Island	Time of Service in Port Dalrymple	Time of Service in Total	Remarks
40.	Patrick Hogan	Private	30	Ireland	Married	1	7	3				11	
41.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
42.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
43.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
44.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
45.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
46.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
47.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
48.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
49.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
50.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
51.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
52.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
53.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
54.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
55.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
56.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
57.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
58.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
59.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
60.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	
61.	Thomas Hughes	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	1	7	3				11	

62	Shaik Hussein ..	Do.	Seringapatam	Do.	Black	20	Badly Wounded in the left Leg. lost the use of it.				
63	Assa	Woman	Arcot	Gentoo	Do.	20	Do.	Do.	in the right Leg	Do.	Do.
64	Genah Saal	Female Child	Seringapatam	Mussulwoman	Bamboo	4	An Orphan severely Wounded in the Back.				
65	Shaik Baboo ...	Seapoy	Do.	Do.	Black	30	Wounded Slightly. to be discharged.				
66	Ismail Cawn ...	Do.	Carnatic	Do.	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
67	Shaik Cauly ..	Inhabitant	Hyderabad	Do.	Do.	25	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
68	Shaik Mahomed ..	Seapoy	Seringapatam	Do.	Do.	50	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
69	Ismail Cawn ...	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	25	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
70	Shaik Dowd ...	Do.	Nagur	Do.	Do.	22	Severely Wounded in the Loins.				
71	Serra	Havildar	Colar	Gentoo	Do.	30	Wounded in the left Leg. to be Discharged.				
72	Shaik Natton ...	Do.	Trichinopoly	Mussulman	Do.	30	Do.	Slightly	....	Do.	Do.
73	Noor Cawn	Seapoy	Arcot	Do.	Do.	30	Lost the use of his right hand.				
74	Lingoyee	Do.	Do.	Gentoo	Do.	40	Slightly Wounded. to be Discharged.				
75	Bremahjee	Subidar	Tanjore	Mahratta	Do.	38	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
76	Cawder Cawn ...	Seapoy	Arcot	Mussulman	Do.	30	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
77	John Mahomed ...	Jemidar	Guntoor	Do.	Do.	45	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
78	Ram Sing ...	Seapoy	Adonee	Hindoo	Do.	40	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
79	Saib Booding ...	Do.	Seringapatam	Mussulman	Do.	50	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
80	Hamed Cawn	Jemidar	Do.	Do.	Do.	22	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
81	Shaik Meer ...	Nagur	Sekree	Do.	Bamboo	50	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
82	Shaik Jemaul .	Subidar	Arcot	Do.	Do.	37	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	
83	Shaik Buree ..	Seapoy	Sekree	Do.	Do.	36	Lost his left Foot.				
84	Solamun Sing ..	Jemidar	Kistnaghery	Do.	Do.	42	Wounded in the left Shoulder. lost the use of it.				
85	Belly Hamed ...	Do.	Seringapatam	Do.	Black	50	His right Thigh broke. lost the use of his Legg.				
86	Parupatty ...	Woman	Coolah	Mahratta	Do.	40	Wounded in the Head. to be Discharged.				

Return of Sick & Wounded Sepoys &c. belonging to the Detachment under the Command of Lieut. Colonel Wood, Dated Camp before Palacatcherry 4th December 1769.

Continued

No.	Name	Rank	Country	Cast	Colour	Age Years	Why Recommended.
87.	Chinnee	Woman	Dewar	Woodjer	Do.	30	Wounded in the right Leg. Lost the use of it.
88	Norreattee	Do.	Seringapatam	Mussulwoman	Do.	18	Do. Do. Do. Thigh.
89.	Hussumbee	Do.	Arcot	Do.	Do.	13	Do. Do. " Do.
90	Fattima	Do.	Seringapatam	Do.	Do.	10	Do. Do. Left Do.
91.	Letchee	Do.	Coorta	Gentoo	Do.	22	Do. Do. Do. arm. to be dischanged.
92.	Hussainama	Do.	Carnatic	Mussulwoman	Do.	50	Do. in the right Knee. disabled.

Signed C. S. Mandeville

Major Artillery. and President.

Head

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Read the following letter from Lieut.t
General Stuart.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor &a. &a. &a. in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

From Lieut.t General Stuart. States that in consequence of the requisition from this Government, orders had been given for the March of H.M. 77th Regiment and a Battalion of Native Infantry into the Territories of the Government of Bombay were not however prepared for this demand. He has directed the Commanding Officers in Malabar and Canara, to forward Copies of the instructions they received from him, to Lieut.t General Harris.

1. I have received a few days since, a letter from the Secretary to your Government, ordering me to detache one of His Majesty's Regiments complete, with all practicable expedition, for the purpose of Garrisoning the Fort of Chittledroog, and also directing, that a Battalion of Bombay Sepoys, in addition to that stationed in the Province of Soondah, should March to protect the district of Badnore.

2. Your Lordship will be sensible, that in my present situation, it is not in my power to Comply with orders from your Government, or to detache any part of the Forces serving under this Presidency, without the express authority and instruction of the Government of

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To Bombay.—

It became however my duty to submit immediately to this Government your present demand for Troops, and as this was urged on the plea of absolute necessity, I advised that, whatever inconvenience or hazard might attend the measure, it would be most prudent, considering the absolute manner in which the requisition was made, to comply with it. The Board have in consequence been pleased to direct His Majesty's 77th Regiment, the most complete European Corps in either of the Provinces, and the 1st. Battalion of the 5th. Native Regiment, to March, in the terms of your Secretary's Letter, and to put themselves under the orders of the Officer Commanding in Mysore.—

The former of these Corps, my Lord, will proceed from the Station of Cannanore, and the latter from the Northern parts of Kanara. They have been ordered to pursue the most direct route, leading to their respective places of their destination, above the Ghauts, and that their progress to the Eastward might not be impeded

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impeded. They are directed to March without Guns.—

3. It is necessary that I should most respectfully acquaint your Lordship, that the Government of Bombay was by no means prepared for a demand to the present extent of Military assistance; nor would it be proper for me to conceal my Sentiments, that the removal of so large a force into the interior of the Peninsula, will weaken to a dangerous degree the defence of the Coasts of Kanara and Malabar.—

4. I have the honor to inform your Lordship, that I instructed, while at Mangalore, the Commanding Officers in Malabar and Kanara, to regulate their Conduct on the principle of Co-operation on all occasions, with the Commanding Officer in Mysore; and directed them to extend their assistance on his Requisition, whenever the public Service required it.—

A Copy of these Instructions I have desired the Officers in question to transmit to Lieut. General Harris.—

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

Head Quarters
Bombay
7th December 1799.

Resolved

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Letters dispatched to Bengal and to Bombay in consequence of the foregoing letter.

Resolved in consequence of the foregoing letter that the following letters be dispatched to Bengal and to Bombay.

To the Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K.P.

Governor General in Council at

Fort William.

My Lord.

To Bengal stating the order given by this Government for a part of the force on the Malabar Coast to move into the Mysore Country and enclosing Copy of the order to the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara with Copy of a letter from the Commander in Chief at Bombay and Copy of a letter wrote in consequence to the Bombay Government for a more specific definition of the authority of this Government over the Military forces stationed on the Malabar Coast appears necessary.

Having found it necessary that a part of the forces serving in Canara should March into Mysore. We issued orders for that purpose to the Officer Commanding the Troops on the Coasts of Canara and Malabar, founded on the Authority vested in this Government by your Lordships in Council and communicated to the Governor in Council at Bombay in a letter from the Governor General in Council at this Presidency dated 4th September last.

In reply to those orders directed to the Officer

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Officer Commanding the Forces in Canara and Malabar,

We have received a letter from the Commander in Chief at Bombay, stating the impossibility of his complying with our instructions without the Sanction of the Governor in Council at Bombay, but informing us at the same time, that under the apparent exigency of the Service, he had ordered the movement of the troops according to the intention of our Orders. —

From the doubt expressed by Lieut.t General Stuart we are apprehensive that the intentions of the Governor General in Council as expressed in his Lordship's letter to the Governor in Council at Bombay of the 4th September may require a further explanation, and as the mode established by his Lordship in Council for the Administration of affairs in the Territories subjected to the Company and to the Rajah of Mysore by the late Partition Treaty, requires that the powers of this Presidency to employ the forces in Canara and Malabar should be free from ambiguity

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ambiguity. We request that such further instructions as the Governor General in Council may now judge expedient may be transmitted to the Governor in Council at Bombay.

We inclose for the information of your Lordships in Council, a Copy of our orders to the Officer Commanding the forces in Canara and Malabar, of Lieutenant General Stewart's reply to those orders, and of a letter which we have in consequence addressed to the Governor in Council at Bombay.

As it will be material to the employment of our own forces, particularly in relieving the Bengal Troops now serving on the Coast, that we should possess correct information respecting the forces serving in Canara and Malabar, we request that the instructions of your Lordships in Council to the Governor in Council of Bombay may contain an order for our being furnished with regular monthly returns and distribution of the Troops serving in those Provinces, with Copies of all orders respecting those Troops, which may be occasionally issued.

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Sent by the Governor in Council at Bombay:-

We have the honor to be,

Hon. Sir &c.

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Sigd Clive
&c. Council.

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

Hon. Sir.

To Bombay. Explaining the grounds on which this Government acted in ordering a part of the force on the Malabar Coast to March into the Mysoor Country. and Stating that application has been made to the Governor General in Council for more specific instructions on this Subject:-

In consequence of the Authority vested in this Government by the Right Hon. the Governor Genral in Council, which was communicated to you in a letter from his Lordship in Council, dated 4th. September last, we issued orders to the Offic. Commanding the forces on the Coast of Canara and Malabar, directing him to detach two Corps into Mysoor.-

In reply to this order, we have received a letter from the Commander in Chief at Bombay, stating the impossibility of his complying with the

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with the orders of this Government. or of detaching any part of the forces under his Command without the express authority of the Government of Bombay, but that under the apparent exigency of the Service, he had complied with the spirit of our instructions, by ordering the two Corps into Bednore and Soondas.—

We request you to inform Lieutenant General Stuart that our orders were not directed to the Commander in Chief of the forces under the Presidency of Bombay, but to the Officer Commanding the troops on the Coasts of Canara and Malabar, under a conviction that directions for a compliance with such orders would have been issued by your Honor in Council, in compliance with the instructions of the Governor General in Council of the 4th. September. Under the circumstances of doubt however, which the Commander in Chief at Bombay feels with respect to the authority delegated to this Government by the Governor General in Council, we beg leave to express our sense of Lieutenant General Stuarts acquiescence in our wishes, for the benefit of

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the public Service. —

The whole System for the administration of affairs, and for the application of the Military force in Canara and Malabar being intimately connected with the administration of affairs in Mysoor. We have deemed it our duty to apply to the Governor General in Council, for a more explicit definition of his Lordship's orders of the 4th September. In the mean time, We are confident from the disposition shewn by Lieut.t General Stuart, to co-operate with us, in the furtherance of the public Service, that no material inconvenience will arise from any ambiguity in expressing the intention of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council in his Lordship's letter of the 4th September. —

We have the honor to be,

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Hon.ble & Hon.ble
Signed Clive
Hon.ble Council.

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The Board proceed to read and pass their resolutions on the following proceedings of the Medical Board.—

Resolutions of Government in Council 24th. December 1799.

From the Medical Board recommending that Messrs. Folgambe, Loftie and Jones be admitted as Assistant Surgeons on the Establishment. Recommending that Mr. Little be appointed to the 1st. Battn. 1st. Regiment. Vice Adamson. Recommending appointments of Messrs. Folgambe, Loftie and Jones. Recommending an increase to the Establishment of the Head Surgeon in Mysoor, the Surgeon at Vellore has requested permission to proceed to the Presidency.—

✓ ✓ ✓ Ordered.

Medical Board.

23d. December 1799.—

Messrs. James Folgambe, Billington Loftie, and John Jones having arrived with the Indentures from the Honble the Court of Directors, We recommend that they be accordingly admitted as Assistant Surgeons on this Establishment.—

We are sorry to report the Death of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Adamson doing duty with the 1st. Battalion 1st. Native Regiment on the 1st. instant at Hulleall in the Sounda Country, and recommend that Mr. Assistant Archibald Little may

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Approved,

may be ordered from San Kerdroog,
where there is another Assistant
to join the 1st. Battalion 8th. Native
Regiment. vice Adamson Deceased.

We recommend that Mr.
Assistant Sulyambe. be appointed
to do duty under the Garrison
Surgeon of Fort St. George. vice
Holloway, ordered to Ceylon. Mr.
Assistant Loftie to the 2nd. Battalion
of Artillery at the Mount. and
Mr. Jones to the Presidency
General Hospital.

Approved and Ordered.

Ordered that the Medical Board
state their Opinion of the
additional Assistance required
by the Head Surgeon at Seringa-
patam, in consequence of this
additional Charge.

We have the honor to
enclose Extract of a Letter from
the Head Surgeon in Mysore
stating the additional trouble
and responsibility which
has been necessarily attached
by his having received charge
of

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Of the Medical Stores from the
Store Keeper whose appointment
is abolished. - and requesting that
some suitable consideration may
be granted on that account which
we hope will meet with the fav-
ourable reception of Government -

Mr Watson Head Surgeon
at Vellore having applied for Ten
days Leave of absence to the Presidency
on very urgent private Business.
and having pointed out a mode
by which the duty can be
performed during his absence.
We recommend the same
may be granted: -

Ordered that Leave be
granted to Mr Watson
to visit the Presidency -

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

Extract.

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Alexander Anderson Head Surgeon at Seringapatam Dated 16th. Decr. 1799 –

"As the charge of the Medical Stores must attach considerable responsibility, and as the Staff of this Garrison is very numerous, the care of whom by the Rules of the Service, devolves on the Head Surgeon, I have full confidence, that your Board will recommend to Government the necessity of granting a sufficient establishment for these Services, and an allowance in some degree adequate to the trouble which such duties must necessarily demand." –

A true Extract

Signed Alexr. Boiswell

Secy. Medical Board. –

Read the following Letters from the Adjutant General. –

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir.

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request that you will recommend to Government the following Promotions, in consequence of the G. O. of the 17th. Instant.-

From the Adjutant General of the army, transmits a list of promotions affecting Captain Turing, Captn. Lieut. Leigh, Captain Lieut. Hewett, Lieut. Phillipson, and Lieut. Stewart.-

Captain Robert Turing to be Major, vice Clerk Struck off.

Captain Lieut. Richard Leigh, to be Captain of a Company vice Turing promoted.-

Captain Lieut. W. H. Hewitt to be Captain of a Company vice Cunningham Struck off.-

Lieut. G. B. Phillipson to be Captain Lieut. vice Leigh promoted.-

Lieut. Matt. Stewart to be Captain Lieut. vice Hewitt promoted.-

Date of Commission 17th. December 1799.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed P. A. Agnew
Adjt. Genl. of the Army.

Adjt. Genls. Office
Fort St. George
18th. December 1799.

Ordered

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To be published

Ordered that the above promotions be published.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir.

From the Adjutant General. Requests that an Order may be given for the Cloathing for the Troops at Columbo being Shipped on one of the Indiamen about to be sent to that place.—

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request that you will obtain the permission of Government and issue the necessary orders to the — Commander of one of the H. C. Ships for his receiving on Board some — Cloathing for the Troops now in Garrison at Columbo — which the Contractor has now ready to Embark.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c &c

Signed P. A. Agnew

Adjt. Genl. on Ceylon.—

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Order thereon.

Ordered that the Cloathing be shipped on one of the Indiamen expected from Calcutta.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

From the Adjutant General. Encloses a list of Cadets who — have

Sir,

I am directed by the Commander in

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Sir

I have Arrived at this Presidency, with the explanations regarding their date of Rank &c. The Commander in Chief recommends, that Capt. Lieut. Forbes be directed to resume his situation of Deputy Commissary of Stores at Vellore.

in Chief, to transmit to you the accompanying Certificates of Cadets arrived from Bengal, with a list of those Gentlemen agreeably to the date of their Certificates.

The Commander in Chief requests you will submit to Government his recommendation, that Messrs. Miller and Agnew, whose date of Rank has been already published, be appointed in consequence Lieutenants, with date of Rank as settled in the G. O. of the 11th. Instant. That Messrs. Bonomi, Palin, Saunders and West be appointed Cornets of Cavalry, and the other Gentlemen, Lieutenants of Infantry, date of Rank, to be settled hereafter.

Captain Lieutenant Forbes of Artillery, Deputy Commissary of Stores at Vellore, having returned to that Garrison from Field Service, the Commander in Chief recommends his being directed to resume the duties of his Station there.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

List

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List of Cadets arrived at Fort St. George.

Names	Corps	Ship arrived on	Date of Certificate &c.
James Isaac Miller	Infantry	Charlton	Season 1797.
Patrick Vans Agnew	Do.	Do.	Lieut. date of Rank Retitle Do.
John James Joseph Stephens Bonomi	Cavalry	Do.	8th March 1799. to be Cornet.
Francis Welsh Wilson	Infantry	Do.	19th Do. Do. to be Lieut. of Infy.
Thomas Thompson Stevenson	Do.	Asia	20th Do. Do. Do.
Wm. Mc Donald Robertson	Do.	Charlton	21st Do. Do. Do.
William Woodhouse	Do.	Do.	27th Do. Do. Do.
William Charles Oliver	Do.	Asia	27th Do. Do. Do.
Robert Palin	Cavalry	Charlton	3rd April Do. to be Cornet.
Thomas Douglas	Infantry	Asia	8th Do. Do. to be Lieut. of Infy.
John George Billingshaw	Do.	Charlton	10th Do. Do. Do.
Robert Outlaw	Do.	Do.	11th Do. Do. Do.
Charles Fenner	Do.	Do.	13th Do. Do. Do.
John Moultrie	Do.	Do.	16th Do. Do. Do.
Erasmus Saunders	Cavalry	Asia	17th Do. Do. to be Cornet
Sam. Dickanson Crompton	Infantry	Charlton	22nd Do. Do. to be Lieut. of Infy.
Sam. Courtail Hurdis	Do.	Asia	23rd Do. Do. Do.
Richard Hasfelt Gates	Do.	Charlton	24th Do. Do. Do.
John King	Do.	Do.	25th Do. Do. Do.
Samuel Cleaveland	Do.	Do.	25th Do. Do. Do.
Mark West	Cavalry	Asia	10th June Do. to be Cornet

Ordered

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Order thereon

Ordered, that the above list be published in General Orders, as recommended by the Commander in Chief.

Letter from the President to the Nabob.

The President laid before the Board the following draft of a letter to His Highness the Nabob, which entered in C. C. No. 83.

To His Highness the Nabob

Omdut Ul Omrah &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness.

In my letters to your Highness of the 3d. May, 4th. October, 19th. December 1797. and 23d. May 1798. I had the honor of stating the situation of Sir Paul Jodrell, as it was affected by the circumstances of that Gentleman's engagement in the Service of your late respected father, and by the entire failure of your Highness in the arrangement which you had made, for the liquidation of the heavy Arrears due to Sir Paul.

To the Nabob, urging him again on the subject of the claims of Sir Paul Jodrell, and of Major General Symes, known to His Highness, and communicating to him the sentiments expressed by the Honble Court of Directors in their last dispatches regarding the conduct of His Highness.

Two years have now elapsed since your Highness

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Highness's bond to discharge these arrears by instalments with the Company's Rists, was formally deposited in the publick Treasury, but as the pledge of your own word, and the feelings of justice and humanity, have failed to produce the smallest attention to that engage-ment, I should have refrained from receiving a subject, which from the circumstances I have stated, is at least as painfull to myself, as to your Highness. - It was impossible however, that so flagrant a disregard of justice and humanity, of the repeated intercession of this Government, and of the Court of Directors, and of the respect due to his Majesty, should not have been represented in the manner it merited, to the Company, and to the Kings Ministers. I am in consequence, authorized to make another remonstrance to your Highness on this Subject in the strongest terms; and am desired by the Court of Directors, to inform your Highness that they are not regardless of the great disrespect, which has been shewn to his Majesty.

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the unmerited sufferings of Sir Paul Jodrell, the cruel injustice under which he labours, or the peculiar situation in which he is placed. —

The Honble the Court of Directors, with the concurrence of His Majesty's Ministers, further think it necessary, that I should in their name, "declare to "your Highness, in the most explicit manner, that, if "your Highness, shall continue to manifest so little "sense of the value of the Company's connexion, as to "persist in shewing a total disregard to your most "solemn engagements, they will be under the necessity "of proceeding to the adoption of such measures, however "reluctantly, for enforcing the performance thereof, as "the nature of the case may require." —

In a letter from the Right Honble Lord Hobart to your Highness, dated 10th January 1797. the circumstances relative to a debt due to Major General Systenham, were fully stated to your Highness; and your Highness in your answer, dated 11th October 1797.

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1797. communicated the arrangement you had made,
for the liquidation of that debt, by monthly instalments;
this arrangement your Highness was pleased to ob-
serve, had been made, "not only from your own
"knowledge of the justice of this debt and of the
"particular claim, which it has to attention, from the
"circumstances under which it was contracted; but
"because your friends had requested your father, and
"yourself, to discharge it." —

Your Highness is aware, that no-
twithstanding these urgent motives, stated by
yourself, — no part whatever of this debt has been
discharged; your Highness will not therefore be
surprized at the concern expressed by the Honble
Court of Directors in their observations on this transaction,
"at this further instance afforded, by your Highness of
"your actions being at variance with your most solemn
"engagements. — It is to be wished, say the Honble Court,
"for the sake of your own honor, and character, that your
Highness

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"Highness could be induced, by any further representation
"in their Name, to pay more regard to your services and
"voluntary assurances, in the discharge of their, and
"your other pecuniary engagements." —

Having thus communicated to your Highness, the sentiments, and resolutions of the Honble Court of Directors, communicated to me, in their last dispatches, I feel it my indispensable duty, to repeat the exhortations, which have already been made, to your Highness, on the injustice and hardship, which these individuals suffer, from this disregard of your engagements, on the indelible Stigma which these failings cannot but stamp on your Character, and on the serious consequences, which must follow a perseverance, on the part of your Highness, in neglecting the claims of justice and humanity, your own honor, and your connexion with the Company. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Sigd Clive

Approved

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Approved, and Ordered to be dispatched.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord.

From the Military Board - State the recommendation of Colonel Wellesley that the Officer Commanding in Soondah may be permitted to construct Barracks at Hullihall - authority has been given to construct a temporary Hospital at Bimpee -

1st. The Honble Colonel Wellesley having communicated to us, that he has been directed by Government, to state to our Board, his Sentiments respecting the repairs or Buildings, which may be necessary for the immediate accomodation of the Troops in Cantonment, and having at the same time, expressed his opinion, that, on account of the extreme severity of the Malabar Monsoon, it will be absolutely necessary, to construct Barracks at Hullihall for the Officers, and Men of the Native Battalion stationed in the Soondah Country, together with a proposal, of ordering the Officer Commanding

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in that Country, to make upon hire such temporary Buildings as he may think will cover and protect them during the Monsoon; which appearing to us, under the emergency of the case, to be the most eligible mode of accomplishing that object. We recommend that the adoption of Colonel Wellesley's suggestion may be immediately authorized. —

2nd. Colonel Wellesley having also reported that, in consequence of the Sick belonging to the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment having suffered extremely for want of Cover at Bidenore, he had authorized Captain Macfarlane to construct a temporary Building for an Hospital, We consider it our duty to communicate the circumstance for your Lordship's information. —

We have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Your
(Signed) John Braithwaite
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham
" Jn.o Richardson

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord.

From the Military Board. Enclose a bill for patent horse artillery harness.

1st. We have the honor to report our having carried into effect your Lordship's direction's communicated in Letters from Government, dated the 12th. and from Mr. Secretary Webbe, of the 17th. Instant.

2nd. We enclose, and recommend for payment, a Bill amounting to £18. 18. - for a Set of Patent Horse Artillery Harness, which was sent to India for trial, by the Patentee, and taken under the exigency of the Service for the equipment of the Horse artillery attached to one of the Regiments of Cavalry previous to the late Campaign.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
20th. December 1799.

&c. &c.
(Signed) John Brathwaite
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jno. Richardson
P. A. Agnew
Resolved

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to give the necessary orders for constructing Barracks at Vellore.

The Board approve the orders given by the Military Board for erecting an Hospital at Bidenore.

Ordered that payment of the bill for Patent Harness be authorized.

Read the following letter from His Highness the Nabob, also entered in C.C. No. 1 Pl.

Translation of a Letter from His Highness &c
the Nabob &c &c &c &c &c
To the Right Honorable Lord Clive &c &c &c

Dated 14th. December 1799.

Received.

From the Nabob. He has paid his Kist for December.

By the blessing of God, I have paid to the Company the Sum of One Lac Star Pagodas in full of the Kist of December 1799. and Mr. Secretary Webb has given me the receipts for the same. I have written

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written this for my Friend's Information.—

What need I write more;—

Above Translate

(Signed) A. Falconar

Dy. Transl. to Government.

The President is requested to acknowledge

The President requested to acknowledge the above letter.—

the receipt of His Highness's Letter.—

Read the following letter from

Lieut. Colonel Bowser.—

To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir.

Some time ago. I enclosed a Letter for you.

From Lieut. Colonel Bowser—makes application for boat hire which he states to have expended on the Island of Ceylon, and in which he has not been yet reimbursed.—

under Cover to a friend. which he has since acquainted

me has duly delivered. my address to you, was on the

subject of my Claims on the Honble Company for

Boat hire &c. &c. when on the Island of Ceylon, hitherto

unadjusted.—

As the Sums of Money which were

expended

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expended by me on the above Accounts, are by far too Con=
siderable for me to lose, may I take the liberty earnestly to
request, that you will have the Goodness to bring them to
the notice of Government for decision, and if it is deemed
necessary for me to furnish any further documents in
support of them, or to make fresh declarations, as shall
prove satisfactory to Government. I shall come forward
with readiness in either Case. - for I have been paying
12 p. Cent interest to my Agents for a considerable time
past for Money borrowed of them, the greatest part of
which I suspended for the public Service, and which
I am yet to receive from Government. -

I am well assured, that the pressure
of public business, which falls inviriably to you to
attend to, often proves a bar to your answering letters
similar to mine, and I trust upon considering my
hardships, that you will afford me that support in
which shall appear to you to be proper. I ask no more.

I am &c. &c.

Camp near
the Kistnah
24th. November 1799. -

Signed Thos. Bonser
Lieut. Colonel.

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Order thereon.

As it appears on reference to the Records, that no final decision has been yet passed on the subject of the above application. ordered that a Copy of Colonel Bowser's letter, with all the original papers relating to his claim, be transmitted to the Military Auditor General, and that he be directed to report how far the claim appears to deserve consideration.—

Read the following letter from the Paymaster of Stipends at Vellore.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government.

Sir.

From the Paymaster of the Stipends states that the Collector in the Barramahal is unable to supply the sums required by him for the payment of the Pensions. Enclosing a Statement of the amount required.—

Having made an application to Captain Graham for a supply of Cash equal to the disbursements, which I have still to make in this Month, and to the disbursements which will fall to be made in January, he informs me, in answer, that, from circumstances which he enumerates, it will not be in his power to comply

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comply with my application.—

I have the honour to send herewith for your information a probable Estimate of the Cash which will be required; this Estimate includes the Pensions due to Meer Kummer Ud deen Khan &c. and to the Extra Pensioners, and I request that you will be pleased to acquaint me from whence the Cash is to be furnished.—

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant.

Signed G. Doveton

Lt. Colo.

Paymr. of the Pensions.—

Vellore

19th. December 1799.—

Probable

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Probable Estimate of Cash required for the Disbursements of Lieut.t Colonel Doveton. Paymaster of the Stipends &c.a for the Months of December 1799. and January 1800

December 1799.

To Amount of the Princes &c.a		2,000 " "	
To Ditto ... of the Buildings		1,000 " "	
To Ditto ... Paymasters Department		600 " "	3,600 " "

January 1800.

To Amount of the Princes &c.a		9,000 " "	
To Ditto ... of the Buildings		2,000 " "	
To Ditto ... of the Extra Pensions		2,000 " "	
To Ditto ... Paymasters Department		600 " "	13,600 " "
Pagodas			17,200 " "

Vellore
19th December 1799.

E. E.
(Signd) J. Doveton Lt Col.
Paymaster &c.a

Order thereon

Ordered, that the Sum of Pagodas 17,200.
be dispatched from the Treasury to Lieutenant Colonel
Doveton. —

Read the following letter from the
Town Major. —

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Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor &c. &c. in Council.

My Lord.

From the Tower
Major Endorses a
List of Cadets for the
Presidency of Bengal
who have arrived here
on the Britannia
and requests that
an allowance may
be granted them to
enable them to
defray their expences.

I have the honor to enclose the Names
of eleven Gentlemen Cadets, for the Bengal Establishment
arrived at this Presidency on the extra Ship Britannia,
who have requested, that I would state their distressed
situation to your Lordships:- They embarked with the
full confidence of proceeding direct to Bengal, and
therefore took no steps to procure Letters of Credit,
or introduction to any person at this place; and as
it seems uncertain, how long the Britannia may be
detained here, or whether she will ultimately proceed
to Bengal, and as there is no immediate prospect
of their obtaining a passage by any other Conveyance,
they solicit that an advance of Cash may be made to
them, and to be charged to their account, after their
arrival in Bengal.-

As a case in point, it may be proper to

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to mention to your Lordship, that I understand from the Cadets of this Establishment, lately arrived from Bengal, on the Ships William Pitt, and Preston, that the Supreme Government, ordered an advance of two hundred Rupees each, to such of them as applied for relief, during their stay in Calcutta.—

Should your Lordship resolve to extend the same indulgence to these Gentlemen, I request, to be honored, with your Lordship's Commands upon the subject.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Grant

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Town Major.—

List of Bengal Cadets arrived on the Britannia.—

Mr. Henry Oakes.

Mr. John Oakes

Mr. Turton.

Mr.

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Mr Stracham
Mr Owen.
Mr Ashhurst
Mr Hales.
Mr Phillips.
Mr Fitcher.
Mr Murray
Mr Hodgson

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Signed A. Grant
Town Major.

Order thereon

Ordered that the sum of two hundred Rupees be paid to each of the Cadets to defray their expences at this Presidency.—

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General.—

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

My Lord.

1st. I have the honor to refer for your Lordships consideration the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Stonel

From the Military Auditor General laid before the Board. Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Stonel Richardson in explanation of a Retrenchment against him, on which he requests the decision of the Board. States that the Deputy Quarter Master and Deputy Assistant Gen.ls have drawn the batta of their respective Establishments in addition to their consolidated Staff allowances

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allowances which he thinks it his duty to require them to refund.

Colonel Richardson, in consequence of a Retrenchment of the Full Batta drawn by him, as Quarter Master General to the Army, for the Months of November and December 1798.

2. As the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors, under date 23d May, expressly confined the Adjutant and Quarter Master General, and their Deputies, to their former Staff allowances, of which Full Batta formed a part, I could not consider the Quarter Master General, as entitled to draw the latter allowance separately, on any grounds whatever, after the 4th November 1798, the date when the above Regulation, was ordered to take effect, notwithstanding, that he claims a distinction to be made in his favor, from the Orders of this Government, which in consideration of the additional trouble, and expence of travelling, imposed on the Quarter Master General, by the Regulations newly adopted, for the Department of Camp Equipage, permitted him to draw Tent allowance and the difference between Half and Full Batta, from the 1st January 1798. - I therefore request your Lordships Decision on this subject, and to be informed, whether

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The Tent allowance granted by the above order is to be
confined to the Quarter Master General, on account of
his having to visit periodically, or as often as he may
be required by the Military Board, the different Stations
on the Coast for the purpose of inspecting the state of the
Barracks and Camp Equipage conformably to the Regu-
lations of the 6th June 1797.- It may be proper to add,
that since the establishment of the present Salary
of the Adjutant and Quarter Master General, no other
allowance has been drawn by either, except their
Regimental pay.-

3. As the Deputy Adjutant and Quarter
Master General, have however drawn the Batta of
their Regimental Rank, exclusive of their consolidated
Staff allowance; under the expectation I understand
that the Honble Court of Directors may be induced
on a reference, to restore it to them, I presume that
it is my duty to insist on a refund of what
they may have received on that account, and under

Your

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Your Lordship's orders to prohibit as I have hitherto done any such allowance from being drawn without express authority from Government for that purpose.

I have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir
Your Hon'ble
Signed W. Sydenham
Mil'y Aud'r Gen'l

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
23d December 1799.

The Hon'ble Basil Cochrane
Military Paymaster.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo with the Extracts of the Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General of Batta drawn by me for the months of November and December 1798. and requesting me to order it to be repaid or state such further authority as I may have in support of the Charge.

Having received no official intimation that any change had taken place in my allowances

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I. of course continued to draw what had been established by Government.— In further support of the charge, I have to state to you, that, by the Government order's of the 23rd. August 1796. the allowance's of the General Staff, were consolidated, in order that they might be enabled to enjoy the half Batta, that had been diffused by the new arrangements, as a general benefit throughout the Army.—

That the new Military Regulations having not only, made it a part of my Duty to visit periodically the several Garrisons and Cantonments, to inspect the Military Buildings, and Camp Equipage, but placed me at the immediate call of the Military Board, to proceed to the most distant Station's whenever it might be considered necessary.—

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in consideration of this Duty, being added to my Department, and to discharge the travelling, and other expences, I might be liable to, by my periodical

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periodical visits to the out Stations, and the distant Journeys I might be called upon to perform, at the shortest notice, thought it proper to grant me additional half Batta, to commence from the 1st January 1798.

Under a review of these circumstances, it must evidently appear, that it was the intention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that I should, as it is customary, throughout this Service, in similar situations, be constantly on full batta, and as the Honble the Court of Directors, could not have been acquainted with the latter arrangement, or the motives which induced Government to increase my allowances, I humbly conceive, their Orders for confining the General Staff, to the very small consolidated allowances they then received might have been considered, as not applying to the Quarter Master General of the Army, who must necessarily have incurred considerable expences, in the execution of the new duties, that had been allotted him. I am therefore

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indeed to hope, that on a proper representation of these circumstances, the refund of the two months Batta, would be dispensed with, or an adequate compensation granted. —

Under your desire to state, what further authority I may have in support of the charge, I consider myself at liberty to reply to your letter, and shall esteem it a favor, if you will state these Circumstances to the Military Auditor General, and request of him, should he not feel himself competent to decide favorably on the subject, to submit it to the consideration of Government, with such observations as he may Judge proper. —

Fort St. George
5th July 1799. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c.
(Signed) Jno. Richardson
D. A. G. of the Army. —

A true Copy
(Signed) S. Brunton
Dep. Mil. Aud. Genl.

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

From the Military Auditor General. forwards an Application from his first Assistant. for a Continuation of the difference between half and full batta. granted to him in December 98. recommends Lieut. Sheridan's application respecting the period of his furlough to favorable consideration. - requests to be informed whether the allowance of Officers returning from furlough who may be obliged by accidents to proceed to Bengal, are to commence their on arrival at that Presidency. Encloses Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster General, respecting balances appearing against different individuals in the books of his Office, arising from loss in the exchange, which he requests may be written off. -

1. I have the honor to inclose a letter addressed to your Lordship in Council by Captain Bruce first Assistant in my Office, and as the circumstances therein set forth, are perfectly true, and it must be obvious, that the active and punctual performance of his Mustering Duties, necessarily involve a considerable degree of trouble, and responsibility and some additional expence, I beg leave to recommend his application to your Lordship's attention. -

2. Having considered the case of Lieutenant Sheridan, referred to me, in Mr. Secretary Webb's letter of the 19th Instant, it appears, that he was permitted in the Month of February 1796. to go to Europe, on a Sick Certificate, but that the Ship on which he embarked, having been forced to put back to Bombay, where she arrived the 3d of June following, he was unavoidably detained in India

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India, until the Month of August 1797. as is shewn by the enclosed Certificate of the Secretary to that Government. The Honble Court of Directors, with a view to prevent the Officers remaining in Europe, beyond the period of Furlough established by their Orders of the 8th January 1796. have resolved, that no Officer whose Furlough may be extended beyond 3 years shall be allowed Pay for more than 2 years and a half, unless on returning to his Duty, when another half years Pay may be advanced:- and as his invalidness Lieut. Sheridan's Furlough may be calculated from the period of his leaving Madras, yet as he was allowed to draw his Pay while at Bombay,- as he left that place, as soon as it was in his power,- remained in England only about 16 Months,- and has received Pay at the East India House, to the 6th June last, a period of more than 3 years from the commencement of his original Furlough in February 1796. I am of opinion, that the limitation of the Honble Court of Directors, as well as the reason upon which it was founded, does not apply to the case

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case of this Officer, and that under the circumstances before stated, he is entitled to favorable consideration. —

3. As instances have lately occurred, and may again occur, of Officers belonging to this Presidency returning from Furlough, being, on account of the lateness of the Season, carried to Bengal, altho' the Ships on which they embarked were originally destined to touch first at Madras, I request to be honored with your Lordship's Instructions, whether their fixed Pay and allowances are to commence from their arrival at Madras, or at this Presidency. —

4. I have the honor to enclose a copy of a Letter addressed to me by the Military Paymaster General, on the subject of the Exchanges at which he was obliged to take up the Drafts of Lieut.t G. Forbes, and Major Dallas, Agents for purchasing Horses, on grounds similar to the reference decided upon by your Lordship respecting a Balance standing against Lieutenant Nuthall, in the Books of the Pay Department, and

I conceive

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I conceive that for the same reasons these differences may be also written off in the Military Book's to the Credit of those Officers respectively; - It appears also that some advances of Cash were made to Mr E. M. White late Paymaster at Bryole and Lieut. Goldsworthy formerly Paymaster to the Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam at a different Exchange from that which by the Regulations of the Service guided the Audit's made on the Disbursements of those Officers which necessarily leaves a nominal Balance against them but which I cannot authorize to be written off to their Credit without your Lordship's permission, altho I do not see any objection to it's being done, as the sums in question arose out of the difference between the fixed Exchange and that at which the Bills or Troops were paid at the time. - In future however conformably to the Directions signified in Mr Secretary Webb's Letter of the 21st Ultimo, an immediate report will be

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be made by the Military Paymaster General to Govern-
ment in all cases wherein a similar deviation from
the established Exchange may be necessary.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily. Auditor Genl.—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
24th December 1799.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor of

Fort St. George &c. &c.

My Lord.

I have the honor to state to your
Lordship that upon the 22nd of December last you were
pleased to authorize my drawing the difference between
the half and full Batta of my Rank, from the 26th
of September 1798. the day on which the whole duty
of the Mustering Department at the Presidency
and its Environs devolved on me, in consideration
of the extraordinary trouble, and expence incurred
on

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on that account. At the terms however, in which this allowance has been granted, may be interpreted to restrict it to a limited period, I therefore respectfully beg leave to observe, that I am not at present employed in Mustering Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the use of the Army, yet I am liable whenever Emergencies may require to be called upon to perform that Duty in addition to the periodical Musters of the Troops, together with the different Establishments in all the Military Departments at the Presidency, the Mount, and Coromandel composing a greater number of Troops, and people of various descriptions, than are stationed in most of the other Divisions of the Army, as will appear from the accompanying General Abstract, made out from the Rolls of the last Musters taken, which consequently involves a considerable degree of trouble and expence, and for which I receive no other allowance, than the difference between half and full Batta.

Under these circumstances, I am hopeful your Lordship will favorably consider the Case, and that you will be pleased to sanction the continuation of that allowance.

I have the honor to be
Your Lordships
Most obedient humble Servant
Signed P. Bruce
Master Attendant Fort St. George

Fort St. George
24 December 1799.

General

General Abstract of the Number of Troops, Lascars and Artificers in the Different Divisions of the Army according to the latest Musters of November last, taken at the different Stations by the respective Muster Masters. —

	Troops	Lascars	Artificers	Totals.
Fort Saint George &c. &c.	6488	2036	363	9887.
Southern Division	5066	1226	160	6432.
Masulipatam &c. &c.	3679	482	271	4432.
Ganjam and Vizagapatam	3738	203	89	4030
Baramahall &c.	2062	460	70	2592
The Muster of the Troops in the Centre Division for the Month of November last has not yet been forwarded but the Muster taken in August is as follows	3296	455	44	3795.

Taken from the Muster Rolls.

Signed J. Braunton
Dep.t Pmt.r Aud.r Gen.l

Fort St. George 1st. Decemb.r 1789.

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This is to Certify, that Lieutenant Sheridan of the Madras Establishment arrived here the 3rd of June 1796. on board the Princess Royal, which Vessel put back here, on her Voyage to Europe, since he has not had it in his power to depart from hence until the present period of the sailing of that Ship. —

Bombay
August 1799.

Signed John. Morris
Secy.

Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

Fort St. George —

Government having granted permission for the sums for the difference of Exchange between the nominal Exchange of 350 A. Rs. ₹ 100 Pagodas and the Bazar Exchange at which the Rupees were issued at Madras agreeably to the tenor of the Bills on me, to be wrote off, and as it is necessary to do the same with Lieut. Col. Forbes Accounts for 1794/5. and 1795/6. amounting to Pagodas 9.928. 21. 72. and

Major

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Major Dallas for 1793/4. and 1794/5. accounting to
Pagodas 6,324. 7. 11. as also Pagodas 2089. 40. 28. standing
to the debit of Mr. E. M. White late Paymaster at Ingole
in 1793/4. and 1794/5. which arose as follows - The agents
for the Purchasing of Horses at Hydrabad, were authorized to pay the party of Cavalry with them, and to
draw on the Military Paymaster General for their
Monthly allowance, and their Abstracts were forwarded
to the Ingole Paymaster for insertion in his accounts,
and in consequence of the abstracts, (made up in
Pagodas,) being reduced into Rupees to pay the party
at Hydrabad, and the Exchange at which those Bills
(drawn in Rupees) were discharged in Pagodas,
being the Bazar Exchange of the Day. -

I request you will be pleased to
take such steps as you Judge necessary, to have
these Sums adjusted, which appear as Balances,
without in reality being any. -

I have further to state, that -

Pagodas.

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Pagodas 1.234.29.64. stands against Lieut.t Goldsworthy late Paymaster to the Nizam's Detachment which arises in consequence of Rt. 1.00.829. Sts having been advanced him by Mr. Strangham Collector at Masulipatam, in which Coin he passed his Receipt, and the Accountant General having carried this Sum to the debit of my Department at 350 A. Rs p%. Pagodas. and the Paymaster having Credited the Amount at 365. at which Exchange the Detachment was paid as well as the Troops in the Northern Circars, this Sum should be passed to the debit of General Books. and Lieut.t Goldsworthy should have Credit.

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24th December 1799.

Jann Haw Hew

Signed B. Roebuck
M.P.G.

A true Copy
Signed I. Brunton
Depy Mily Audr Genl

Resolutions on the foregoing letter.

Full Batta having been drawn by the Quarter Master General to the Army for the months of November and December 1798. in direct contradiction to

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To the Resolutions of the Honble Court of Directors of the 23d May 1798, communicated to the Military Auditor General on the 4th November. Resolved, that the amount must be refunded, and that the Auditor General be informed that His Lordship in Council considers the Salary at present granted to the Quarter Master General, and Adjutant General of the Army, to be in lieu of all extra allowances whatever, their Regimental pay excepted.—

Under the circumstances stated, with respect to the full Batta drawn by the Deputy Adjutant General, and Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, in addition to their consolidated allowance, Resolved not to insist on an immediate refund of their arrears, but to leave their claim to the further determination of the Honble Court of Directors.—

Referring to the circumstances, under which the Assistant in the Military Auditor General's Office was permitted to draw the difference between full

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and half Batta for Mustering the Troops and Cattle in the Vicinity of the Presidency. Resolved that this allowance be discontinued from the 1st of January next. If Captain Bruce shall require additional assistance, the Board expect that the Auditor Generals Second Assistant will be employed on this duty. —

The Board concur in the Military Auditor Generals interpretation of the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors respecting furlough, as applies to the case of Lieut. Sheridan. Resolved therefore that he be permitted to draw his Subsistence without restriction. —

Resolved that Officers returning from England to their duty in India shall be permitted to draw their pay and allowances from the period of their arrival at any of the Presidencies. —

Resolved that the Several Sums standing to the debit of Majr Dallas, Lieut. Forbes, Mr White, and Lieut. Goldsworthy on account of Liffrence

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differences of exchange in the accounts of their respective employ, be written off to "Profit and Loss." But the Board think it extraordinary, that those sums should have remained so long unadjusted in the Books of the Paymaster General.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding Northern Division.

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the Honor of forwarding to you Copy of a Correspondence with the Collectors of Rajahmundry, and Mugulatore. In consequence of the requisitions made by those Gentlemen, a Detachment of two hundred Men of the Bengal Marine Battalion Marched from Rajahmundry to Anantapilly, and two Companies of the 2nd Battalion of the 10th Regiment N.I. have been ordered

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division. Forwards copies of correspondence from Lt. C. to C. regarding disturbances in the Mugulatore district, and the measures taken to check them. Reports the death of Lieut. Lawrence.

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ordered by me to proceed with the expedition from Masulipatam to Doberchetah. I have directed the Officers Commanding these two Detachments to co-operate with each other, and to regulate their operations in the manner best calculated to accomplish the purposes for which their services have been required. I hope that these movements, and instructions, together with the Contents of my Letter /No. 6./ to Mr. Collector Sr Skinner, will be approved of by Government. From Mr. Skinner's Letters to me, and from the request contained in his Letter to Mr. Bramfill /No. 2./ that a Company of Bengal Regular Troops should remain at a Village under the Orders of a Tuncdar, it appears that he considers the operations and disposition of the Troops employed in his Division, as more subject to his Requisition, and Controul, than the Government Orders of the 10th of December 1799 make them. I therefore thought it necessary to inform Mr. Skinner, that after the nature and extent of the

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the Service to be performed, and all the intelligence respecting it, were detailed by the Collector, the operations and movements, for the execution of that Service rested with the Commanding Officer.—

It is with concern I have to report the death of Lieutenant Launaoy of the 2nd Battalion 8th Regiment. He was taken ill at Kimedy, and proceeded to Bimlipatam, where he died on the 15th Instant.—

I have the honor to remain

Masulipatam
20th December 1799.—

Sir

Your Most
Obt. Servt.
Signed W. Vigors

To Colonel Vigors

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Masulipatam

Sir

Having received information, that two hundred Peons collected by Cuddenden Tummeranze

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or in his name, in the Neighbourhood of Reddy Shemah and that they had proceeded to Doobercherlah, in the Goondoogole Purgunnah, in the 2nd Division, with the intention of committing depredations in the Division under my charge, and that their object was first, to plunder some Villages in the Covoor Purgunnah. I deemed it requisite, to apply to the Collector at Rajahmundry, as per enclosed Copy of my Letter to Mr Brownfill, as there was no other force near at hand, and Request, should that Gentleman be able to spare part of the Detachment with him for a short time, that you will allow of its remaining in this Division, as long as its services may be required.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) Sam: Skinner
Collector 2nd Division

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm: Digby

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Pennegondah
15th December 1799.

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To Benjamin Bramfill Esqr

Collector 3rd Division

Masulipatam District

Sir

Having received information, that a party consisting of two hundred Peons collected either by Culdindee Tummeranze, or in his name, are in the Neighbourhood of Doobercherlah, with an intention of committing depredations in the Division under my charge, and having cause to suspect, that their object is to plunder some Villages in the Cavoor Purgunnah, I request you will be so good as inform me, if you can spare any part of the Detachment now with you, — and in the event of your not having immediate occasion for it, I will thank you to send a Company to the Cavoor, to remain for the present, under the orders of the Tahsildar of that place, and to act in concert with Captain Bowness, should occasion require it, as that Gentleman is about to proceed to Attilee, for the —

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protection of the Country, and has not more than
Sixty or Seventy Men with him, and there is not
any force in the Neighbourhood. —

A Copy of this letter I have dispatched
to Colonel Vigors in order that he may be acquainted
with my having made the Requisition. —

I have the honor to be
Sir Your
Signed Sam.l Skinner
Collector 2nd Division

Pennegondah
16th December 1799.

A true Copy
Signed Sam.l Skinner
Collector

A true Copy
Signed Wm. Vigors

To Colonel Vigors
Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Masulipatam

Sir.

Having this moment received undoubted
information

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information that Cuddindee Tummiraunje, with the assistance of Damerah Asheworow, the Sageerdar of Pullawumtah, is collecting a large force on the borders of the Company's Territory, / supposed to consist of a thousand Men, / with an intention to commit depredations in this Division. Request you will be so good upon receipt of this, as to order two Companies, if they can be spared, to proceed to Doobercherlah, a Village in the Goomdoogole Purgunnah, / in the 3rd. Division / situated about nine Cos to the Northward of Ellore, and four Cos from Anantapillee, to the latter place I have requested Capt. Browne to proceed, and take charge of the Detachment from the Bengal Marine Battalion, which the Collector at Rajahmundry informs me were to leave that place for Anantapillee this Morning. He having received intelligence of Tummiraunje's intentions, and Communicated the same to me. - Request also, that the Officer in Command of the Detachment you may send, may be directed to act in concert with Captain Browne, and to Join him, if requisite. - as after detaching — Parties

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parties to different places for the protection of the Country.
the force with him will be considerably weakened — or
Anantapelle I deem the most eligible situation for
a force to be stationed at. as it is in a large tract of
Jungle lying in the neighbourhood of that place. —
and which extends to Doobercherlah. that Peons
collected with an intention to commit depredations
in this part of the Country usually assembled. —

I have the honor to be

Your Hon.

Signed Saml. Skinner

Collector 2nd Division

Pennegondah

18th December 1799.

A true Copy

Signed Wr. Digors

To Captain. Andrew. Mc Cally

Commanding a Detachment Bajahmundry

Sir.

Having Received undoubted information from the Collector of the 2nd Division, as well

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as from other quarters, that a considerable Body of Peons are collecting on the Frontiers of the Company's Territories, for the purpose of committing depredations thereon, said to be headed by Cuddendee Summeraupe, the perpetrator of the Murder in the Hondy Purgunnah last year. —

I have to Request you will be pleased to order the whole of the Detachment under your Command, to proceed with as little delay as possible to Amandapilly a Village halfway between Ellore and this place, and the most eligible situation in the District for Stationing Troops to Repel these Marauders. —

I am Dear Sir

Rajahmundry Signed Benj: Bransfill
27th December 1799. — Collector 3rd Division

A true Copy
Signed Wm. Vigors

To Colonel Vigors

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Sir.

In consequence of the enclosed Letter.

and

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and the immediate necessity of Complying with the
request. I have taken upon myself to order the Bengal
Detachment to Join Captain Bowness, and hope
it may meet with your Approbation, I will be glad
to know if I am to Join them, or if not, whether I am
to return my Camp Equipage into the Store of
Masulipatam.

Rajahmundry
17th. December 1799.

I am &c.
(Signed) A. McCally
Capt. Commanding.

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Vigors

Samuel Skinner Esqr.
Collector of the 2nd Division of the
Masulipatam District

Sir.

I am directed by Colonel Vigors to
acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 15th and
18th Instant. In consequence of the requisitions
and

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and information contained in them, Colonel Vigors has ordered two Companies of the 2nd. Battalion 19th. Regiment Native Infantry to proceed with expedition to the Village of Doberchurlah. This Detachment is Commanded by Lieut. Taylor. He has been instructed to co-operate with Captain Bowness, and to form if necessary, a Junction with that Officer. He has also been directed to apply the Services of his party, to such Objects as the Collectors may point out.

As the Operations of the Detachments employed upon this duty must be regulated by the Officers Commanding them, in conformity to the intelligence which they receive from the Collectors in whose Divisions they act. Colonel Vigors therefore requests that you would acquaint them with the nature and extent of the Service to be performed, and communicate to them, all the information that you can obtain, respecting

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the numbers, haunts, and designs of the Poligars.—
leaving it to these Officers to adopt such measures, and
make such movements in consequence, as they may
conceive best adapted to accomplish the purposes of
their expedition.—

Captain Bownes has been desired
by Colonel Vigors to assume command of the
Detachment of Bengal Troops, ordered from Rajahmundry
to Annantapilly.— The Colonel has also transmitted
to Captain Bownes instructions for the management
of the Service in which he is engaged, similar to
those which have been communicated to Lieutenant
Taylor.—

Colonel Vigors observes with some
surprize that in your Letter to Mr. Bramfill.—
you requested that a Company of Bengal Regular
Troops, should remain at the Village of Cavoor, under
the orders of a Tanedar.—

The Colonel desires me to assure
you, that he will use every exertion, of which the
means

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means in his power will admit, to assist you in maintaining the tranquility, and securing the Collections of your District. —

I have the honor to remain
Sir &c
(Signed) John. Munro
Major Brigade

Masulipatam
December 19th 1799.

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Vigors

Secretary thereon

Resolved to inform Colonel Vigors, that the Board entirely approve the arrangements he has made, for deposing the Bandittie assembling on the Western frontier, as well as his communication to the Collector at Mangalore, on the employment of Military force. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General. —

Ans

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The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Military Auditor Generals Reports on the Paymr Generals Estimate of the 21st Instant and Authorize the Issue of Pagodas 10553..22..51 to be issued on account of Establishment.—

I have examined the additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month, which accompanied Mr Secretary Webbs 2d Letter of the 22nd Instant, and have the honor to report, that the Amount thereof Viz.t Eleven thousand five hundred and fifty three Pagodas, twenty two fanams, and fifty one Cash / Pagodas 11553.. 22.. 51 / is unobjectionable and issuable as follows.—

	P.	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	10553	22	51
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General ..	1000	—	—
Total ...	11553	22	51

The former Sum is required to discharge a Bill of the Gun Carriage Contractors, and to make advances to the Agent of Supply for Military Stores

and

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and to the Issue Agents of the 25th Regiment Dragoons and 6th Regiment Native Cavalry all which have been authorized by Government.—

The sum payable by Bills on the Military Paymaster General is required by the Paymaster at Vizagapatam to complete his payments to the 2nd Battalion 10th Regiment Native Infantry on account of extra Expences incurred by the removal of that Corps from the Vizagapatam to the Ganjam District.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
Signed/ W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor Genl's Office
Fort St. George 23d December 1799.

ordering the sum of Pags. 10:53.22.51 to be issued from the treasury on account of the Paymr Genls Estimate of the 21st Instant.—

In consequence of the foregoing Report ordered that the Sum of Ten thousand five hundred and fifty three Pagodas Twenty two fanams and fifty one Cash be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his additional Estimate of the 21st Instant.—

ordering the additional pension granted to Tremul Row to be paid at the Residency from the 1st of May last.—

Ordered that the amount of the Pension granted to Tremul Row according to the Resolution of the Governor General recorded on the 4th September be paid at the Presidency from the 1st May last and debited in the Books of the Treasury to the Resident in Mysoor.—

N. B. The amount of the pension is three thousand five hundred Pagodas /3.500./ per annum.—

the death of Lieut. C. G. A Launaye reported by the Secretary.—

The Secretary reports the death of Lieut. C. G. A. Launaye of the 2nd Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry at Nimlipatam on the 15th Instant.—

Resolved

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The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor &c Council

Fort St. George

My Lords.

From the Military Auditor Generals Reports on the Paymr Generals Estimate of the 21st Instant and Authorizes the Issue of Pagodas 10553..22..51 to be issued on account of it.—

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Sir &c &c
Signed/ W. Sydenham
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Resolved

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The Widow of the late Daniel Butterworth Conductor of Stores admitted on Lord Clive's Bounty Fund.

Resolved that the Widow of the late Daniel Butterworth Conductor of Stores be permitted to draw the proportion of her late Husbands pay prescribed by the Regulations for "Lord Clive's Bounty Fund."

" Clive

" Geo: Harris

" Wm Petrie

" E H Fallofield

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24th Sent a letter to Mr. Darell entered in

To the Secretary at Bengal. M. B. N. 80. requesting that the statue of Marquis Cornwallis may be embarked on one of the Indiamen destined for this Presidency.—

25th Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 81-82.

From the Paymaster at Vizagapatam. From Mr. Murray applis for permission to entertain an extra Conicopoly for the Detachment at Rimedy.—

To the Military Paymaster General. To Mr. Roebuck informing him that Pagodas 10,553-22.51 will be issued from the Treasury on account of his estimate of the 21st Instant.—

27th Sent the following letter.

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

To the Military Auditor General enclosing all the papers connected with Colonel Bowsers claim for boat hire while on the Island of Ceylon, and directing him to report how far his claim is deserving of consideration. The Paymaster at Vizagapatam to be permitted to

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having received a representation from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser, of which I enclose a copy, respecting advances stated to have been made by him for boat hire while on the Island of Ceylon, and as it appears on reference to the papers connected with his

claim

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to entertain an extra Conicopoly a Certificate granted to the Widow of the late Daniel Butterworth — enclosed, and she is to be permitted to draw the proportion of her late husbands pay prescribed by the regulations for "Lord Clives Bounty fund;"—

claim that no final decision has been yet passed upon it. I am directed by his Lordship in Council to enclose the whole of the original documents, and to desire that you will report your opinion how far the claim appears deserving of Consideration —

I am directed to desire that the Paymaster at Vizagapatam may be permitted to entertain an extra — Conicopoly, to attend the detachment employed in the Kimedy Zemindary.—

I have the honor to enclose a Certificate granted to the widow of Daniel Butterworth late Conductor of Stores and his Lordship in Council desires that she may be permitted to draw the proportion of her late husbands pay prescribed by the Regulations of "Lord Clives bounty fund"—

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

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 83-84-85.—

From the Attorney to Mr George Wynch.—

From Mr. J. Daly — enclosing a letter from the Paymaster General stating that no farther demands appears against the late Mr. John Wynch, and requesting that the

security

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27th Security Bond signed by Mr George Wynch may be given up.

To the Accountant General.

To Mr Woolf desiring him to explain the cause of the delay in the adjustment of the Advances made to Captain Crawford of H. M. 33rd Regiment at Fort William.—

To the Commandant at Cuddalore.

To Captain Grant the application forwarded by him from Madam Reynaud cannot be complied with.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Friday 27th December 1799

Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.—

Read the following letter from Major Thomas Hart to the Secretary.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From Major Hart Forwards papers in defence of his conduct while in the appointment of Commissary of Grain to the Army.—

I lament much that unforeseen and unexpected circumstances have occasioned a delay on my part unavoidable

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unavoidable in replying to your Letter of the 4th. September, written by order of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, to whom I have addressed the accompanying Reply, and in so doing, I hope I am correct.—

As the subject matter on which both your letter, and my reply treats, is of the utmost importance to me, it became a duty to myself to apply for such documents as I trust will set my conduct in a satisfactory point of view before the Right Honorable the Governor General, and the time it required to procure the papers in question, has been the principal cause of the delay in forwarding my Reply.—

I request you will do me the honor to lay the whole before the Right Honorable the President in Council and beg leave to express my hope, that the transmission of the papers to Bengal will not be long delayed.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Thomas Hart
Major & late Commissary of Grain to the Army

Madras
20th. November 1799

Major Harts papers to be forwarded to Bengal

The President proposes that Major Harts papers in defence of his conduct be immediately forwarded to the Governor

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Governor General in Council with the following letter.—

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

Governor General in Council at

Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal — re Forwarding Major Harts papers in defence of his conduct while on the situation of Commissary of Grain to the Army, with the Comments of the Board upon his defence—

In conformity to the directions of the Governor General given during his Lordship's residence at this Presidency we have the honor of submitting to the — consideration of your Lordship in Council the papers, which we have received from Major Thomas Hart, late Commissary of grain to the Army in the field in the defence of his — conduct in that Situation.—

We think it necessary for your Lordship's farther information that these papers should be accompanied by the proceedings of a Committee appointed by the — Commander in Chief in Camp, with extract of a letter from Lieutenant General Harris on the Subject of the Grain found at Seringapatam in the posession of Major Hart.—

Although this subject is familiar to the Governor General and reserved for his Lordship's ultimate — determination, We think it our duty not to withhold the

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Sentiments to which the consideration of Major Hart's defence has given rise :-

That part of the defence, which is intended to establish the deficiency of the Grain from the wastage and loss, We should have omitted to notice because, although the amount is considerable, the proceedings of the different committees assembled during the progress of the Army on a sufficient criterion of the attention paid by Major Hart to the preservation of the grain from accident and the enemy. But the whole course of the reasoning adopted by Major Hart to invalidate the evidence of native witnesses, adverse to his cause, is equally applicable to those native witnesses who have at a subsequent period deposed in favor of the defence, and of the arguments urged on this point prove any thing, they prove that the affidavits of Major Harts native servants are not to be trusted :-

The principal cause of objection however to the conduct of Major Hart is still unremoved. We mean the quantity of grain said to be his private property, and offered by him for sale to the Company at Seringapatam.

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Being a public Officer paid liberally for the custody of the publick grain Major Hart does not deny that he became at the same time the possessor of private property of the same discription. a confession which involves a violation of the existing Regulations of the Departments of Custody, the very principle of which is to prevent the Collision of public and private interests.—

About the time when this grain is stated to have been purchased for Major Hart, issues of Grain were made from the public Stores at the Presidency for the demand of the public markets and at the time when the exertions of the principal Agent for Cattle with the Command of the public resources in money and influence were insufficient to procure the number of bullocks required for the exigencies of the Service Major Hart supposes himself in the course of a short period and with limited resources to have procured not only the grain but the bullocks to convey it. But the best commentary on this part of the defence will be found in the evidence of the Officer and Troops appointed to the duty of the grain Department, who

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were uninformed of any distinction between Major Harts public and private grain; as well as in the evidence of the Silence observed by Major Hart to the Commander in Chief relative to this private Store during the whole of equipment and march of the Army. It is remarkable that at the period when Major Harts Department moved from the Presidency he was supplied from the public Stores with twenty garce of Rice for immediate distribution to his followers, being nearly the same quantity which was afterwards tendered for Sale.—

Major Hart has urged that this private grain was distinguished from the public grain by the gunnies, in which it was conveyed the former being contained in gunnies fabricated on the Coast, the latter in Gunnies of Bengal. The only deficiency of any importance in the equipment of the Army was in the quality of the Gunny bags; and the texture of those supplied for the conveyance of the public grain was the subject of repeated complaint from Major Hart to the Military Board: the fullest latitude was in consequence granted to that Board for

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for the provision of the best procurable gunnies. If Major Hart possesed private means of procuring so large a quantity of good gunnies, the responsibility imposed on himself by an important public charge and a liberal salary for the execution of its duties required that those means should have been devoted to the public Service; because the conveyance of the publick Grain was the primary duty of Major Hart, to which the advantages, he states himself to have expected from his private stock ought to have been secondary. But of the fact should be allowed, as it is stated by Major Hart himself, coupled with the acknowledged difficulty of procuring gunnies, it will prove that Major Hart has sacrificed the interests of his public duties to the advantage of his private arrangements; and this position will solve itself into the incompetency already stated of an Officer of public trust and custody becoming a possessor of private property of the description as that of the public.—

It is impossible not to observe the silence preserved by Major Hart, in his communications to Head Quarters, respecting the existence of his grain in Camp. —

Although

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Although the reasons assigned by Major Hart for possessing himself of this grain should be acknowledged, there could have been no good cause for witholding them from the Commander in Chief; and considering the arduous interprize entrusted to Lieutenant General Harris no excuse can be offered for witholding from his knowledge any of his means of supply.—

This silence was profoundly observed not only during the march of the Army to Seringapatam, but during that interesting enquiry into the actual state of the provisions after its arrival before that Capital. after the Official reports on the actual state of provisions as that critical period had produced their effects, after the arrangements had inconsequence been made by the Commander in Chief, and after Major Hart had not applied this grain to the purposes for which he professes to have conveyed it. He made a discovery of its existence in Camp not with any open avowal of the causes which had procured this supply, but in the offer of private sale in high terms to the private Secretary of the Commander

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in Chief.—

We have thought it necessary to connect our observations on Major Harts defence with this recapitulation of the facts relative to the principal transaction, and we beg leave to submit the whole to the determination of your Lordship in Council, leaving to your exclusive — judgement to appreciate the comparative degree of — consideration which may be due to the defence of Major Hart.—

We have the honor to be
& &
Fort St. George
27th December 1799
(Signed) Clive & Council

Approved and ordered to be despatched.—

Read the following letter from the — Military Auditor General.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General— states that a balance of Pagodas 21792 . 39 . 33 . is due to the owners of the Bullocks — engaged by Major Bannerman, who has requested Major Macaulay to settle the accounts, in his absence The — bullock owners have

1 Having, in conformity with the principle laid down in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 5th Instant Audited the accounts of Major Bannerman for Bullocks supplied under his superintendance for the use of the — Bombay

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have achnowledged their agreement to pay Major Bannerman's principal Servant the usual custom. He is preparing an account of the expence of the bullocks hired for the Bombay Army.

Bombay Army in the months of January and February last. I have the honor to report a Balance due to the owners of Twenty one Thousand seven hundred and ninety two Pag.odas, Thirty nine fanams and sixty three Cash (Pag.s 21.792..39.63) for which Major Bannerman is desirous of obtaining an order on the Paymaster at Pallamcottah to be discharged as soon as posible, having requested his Successor in the Command of that Station (Major Macaulay) to superintend the payments to the owners, and to transmit to me acquittance Registers to shew that they have been settled with in full of all demands

2 In consequence of the Sanction given by your Lordship in Council to the receipt of the usual Custom by the principal Servant of Major Bannerman, provided that the owners acknowledge the Demand, and are willing to admit it in the final adjustment of their accounts, I thought it necessary to call the agents of the Owners, now at Madras, before me, for the purpose of ascertaining this point, and have to report that they had previously signed a declaration before witnesses, which they Confirmed in my presence stating that they were perfectly ready

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ready and willing to pay the usual custom to the principal Servant of Major Bannerman, agreeably to their original agreement at the time the bullocks were provided. I shall do myself the honor of laying before your Lordship in Council in the course of a few days, Copies of the accounts passed in this Office of the hire and total Expence of the Bullocks provided for the use of the Bombay Army, for the purpose of being transmitted to that Presidency, which will of course be debited with the Amount.—

I have the honor to Remain
&c &c.
(Signed) W Sydenham
Mily and General

Military Auditor General
Office. Fort S.t George
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Resolution on the foregoing letter.—

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to authorize the Paymaster at Palamcottah to advance the Sum of Pagodas 21,792.39.63. for the final liquidation of the accounts of the Bullock owners, under the Superintendance of Major Macaulay.—

Under the explanation of the engagement entered into with Major Bannermans principal Servant by the bullock owners, Resolved to authorize the payment of the usual custom according to the orders communicated to the Military Auditor General on the 5.th Instant.—

Resolved

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Arnachellum Maistry Carpenter Pensioned on two Pagodas per Months.

Resolved that Arnachellum Maistry Carpenter who lost his leg at the Siege of Seringapatam be pensioned on two Pagodas per Month for life, and that Orders be given to the Military Auditor General for the payment of his pension at the Presidency.

" Clive

" Geo: Harris

" Wm Petrie

" E. H. Baldfield

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28th Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 86-87-88.-

From the Resident at Hydrabad — From Captain Kirkpatrick acknowledges the receipt of the instructions to him regarding the payment of the pensions to the Sirdars and requests to be instructed regarding the mode in which funds for this purpose shall be procured.—

From the Military Paymaster General — From Mr. Roebuck - encloses a general estimate for the ensuing month.—

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division — To Colonel Vigors - His Arrangements for protecting the District of Mugdatore approved.—

29th Sent the following Letters.—

To Lieutenant General Harris
President &c. Members of the
Military Board

To the Military Board. directing that orders may be given for constructing barracks at Hallial, and their orders for erecting a temporary Hospital at Bednor approved - payment of the bill for patent harness has been authorized.—

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 17th and 20th Instant.—

We authorize you to adopt the suggestion of the Officer Commanding in Mysoor for the construction of barracks at Hullial, and desire that the orders necessary for that

29th that purpose may be issued.—

We entirely approve the orders issued by the Honorable Colonel Wellesley for erecting a temporary hospital at Bednoor.—

We have ordered the bill recommended by you for the patent Artillery harness to be discharged

We are
&c.
(Signed) Clive
& Council

Fort S.t George
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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 23. 24. & 27th Instant with their enclosures.—

The full batta having been drawn by the Quarter Master General of the Army for the months of November and December 1798 in direct contradiction to the Resolution of the Honorable Court of Directors of the 23 May communicated to you on the 4th November, must be refunded.—

The Governor in Council considers the Salary at present granted to the Quarter Master General and Adjutant General

To the Military Auditor General—the retrenchment against Lieutenant Colonel Richardson confirmed—The Salary at present granted to the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General is in lieu of all extra allowances excepting their regimental pay—The full batta drawn by the deputy Quarter Master General and the Deputy Adjutant General need not be refunded at present—The application of the Military Auditor General's first assistant for the difference between half and full batta refused—Lieutenant Sheridans application respecting the period of his furlough complied with—Officers returning from

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from furlough permitted to draw pay from their arrival at any of the Presidencies - The balances appearing in the books of the Paymaster General to be written off payment of the sum of Pags. (21,792.39-63) required for the adjustment of Major Bannerman's bullock accounts to be authorized - and the usual custom may be paid to his principal Servant. The usual passage money from the Cape to be paid to Major Bailie - Lieutenant Charles Paisley's fixed allowances to be drawn at the Presidency by his Attorney's - Arnachellum a Maistry Carpenter pensioned on two Pagodas for life - directed to authorize payment of a bill for charges amounting to £ 13-18-

General of the Army to be in lieu of all extra allowances whatever, their Regimental pay excepted.—

Under the circumstances stated with respect to the full batta drawn by the Deputy Adjutant General and Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army in addition to their consolidated allowance, the Governor in Council will not insist on an immediate refund of their arrears; but will leave their claim to the farther determination of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Refering to the circumstances, under which the asistant in your Office was permitted to draw the difference between full and half batta for mustering the Troops and Cattle in the vicinity of the Presidency, the Governor in Council directs that it shall be discontinued from the first of January next.— If Captain Bruce shall require additional asistance the Governor in Council expects that your Second asistant will be employed on this duty.—

The Governor in Council conc[illegible]s in your interpretation of the orders of the Court of Directors respecting furlough, as applied to the case of Lieutenant Sheridan,

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and therefore directs that he may be permitted to draw his subsistence without restriction during the period of his absence.—

The Governor in Council considers it to be just, and accordingly directs, that Officers returning from England to their duty in India shall be permitted to draw their fixed pay and allowance from the day of their arrival at either of the Presidencies.—

The Governor in Council authorizes the several Sums standing to the debit of Major Dallas, Lieutenant Forbes, Mr White, and Lieutenant Goldsworthy on account of difference of exchange in the accounts of their respective employs may be written off to Profit and Loss; but his Lordship thinks it extraordinary, that these Sums should have remained so long unadjusted in the books of the Paymaster General.—

The Governor in Council directs that the Paymaster at Palamcotah may be authorized to advance the Sum of Pagodas (21792.39.63) for the final liquidation of the account of the Bullock owners under the Superintendance of Major Macaulay.—

Under

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Under the explanation of the engagement entered into with Major Bannerman's principal Servant by those Bullock Owners the Governor in Council authorizes the payment of the usual custom according to his Lordship's orders communicated to you on the 5th Instant.—

I enclose Copy of a letter from the Company's Agent at the Cape of Good Hope; and am directed to desire that payment of the usual passage money may be authorized to Major Baillie.—

I am directed to desire that the attorneys of Lieutenant Charles Paisley, employed on the Embassy to Persia, may be permitted to draw his fixed pay and Regimental allowance at the Presidency until further orders.—

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs that Arnachellum Maistry Carpenter who last his leg at the Seige of Seringapatam may be pensioned on two Pagodas per month for life at the Presidency.—

His Lordship in Council desires that you will authorize payment of the enclosed bill for a sett of Patent Horse Artillery Harness amounting to £ 18.18.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

Fort St George
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Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M B. Nos 89-90.-

From the Resident at Tanjore.- From Mr. Torin - encloses the origenal Vouchers of his accounts for September.-

To the Military Auditor General To Major General Sydenham - referring for examination the General estimate for January 1800.-

30 Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 91-92.-

From the Chief Secretary to the Government at Bengal.- From Mr. Barlow - encloses copy and extract of letters from the acting Superintendant of Prince of Wales Island conveying different heads of intelligence from that quarter.-

To the Military Auditor General To Major General Sydenham - ordering the payment of 200 Rupees to each of the Bengal Cadets who arrived on the Britannia to be debited to "Bengal Presidency".-

Substance of a letter to the Nabob Sent a letter to the Nabob entered in CC. No 85. expressing Satisfaction at the punctual payment of his Kist.-

31st Received the following Letter

Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tanjore - states that the Rajah had fixed Sir I have the honor to inform you for the satisfaction

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fixed on the 30th. of December to receive the ratified treaty and for the transfer for the Tanjour Country — makes a favorable report of the progress of his Asistant Mr. Irwin in the Malabar Language —

Satisfaction of Government, that His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour has appointed the 30th. of this month to receive the Ratified Treaty and to deliver over the management of his Country to the Honorable Company's Administration, and that I have summoned Messrs Grant and Harris to receive charge of their respective Devisions on that Day —

Before my Asistant left Tanjour I requested the Revd. Mr. Janike and Mr. Kohlhoff to report his further Progress in the Malabar Language. They are of opinion Mr. Irwin must have exerted himself considerably since his Examination in July last. Mr. Janike informs me, He first desired him to write a few lines in Malabar which he did with much accurate Orthography — He then directed him to read the Play or Cadjan and to translate it into English which was done to his Satisfaction Mr. Irwin was then desired to translate a Passage of the English Language into Malabars. this he also performed — Mr. Janike and Mr. Kohlhoff afterwards engaged him in a long conversation in which Mr. Irwin was able to speak fluently — and with just Pronunciation —

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

Sent

Tanjour
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Sent the following Letter

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir.

To the Military Auditor General directing him to prepare a Statement of the provisions remaining in Store in Camp before Seringapatam on the 4th of May 1799 with a calculation of the period to which those provisions would have been sufficient for the Troops.—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that you will prepare with all practicable expedition from the accounts of the late Commissaries of Grain and Provisions in Camp an abstract shewing the actual quantity of provisions and of provision stores in their Custody before Seringapatam on the 4th. May 1799 with a Calculation of the period for which that quantity was sufficient to serve the Troops then employed in the Seige of Seringapatam.—

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

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 93-94-95-96.—

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Rocbuck - encloses an Additional estimate for Pagodas 3,000.—

To the Resident at Tanjore

To Mr. Torin - the Company's Head Peishcar at Tanjour to be employed under him on his late pay.—

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To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck - the accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Read when adjusted by the Military Auditor General are to be delivered to his Office in order that they may appear in the books of the Military Department - The sum of Pagodas 69,981.15.17. received by Colonel Read from the Revenues in the Baramahal has been credited to the Board of Revenue and debited to the Military Paymaster General in the Books of the Treasury.-

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham - referring for examination on an estimate for Pagodas 3,000. transmitted in the Paymaster Generals Letter of this date.-

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor and President

Tuesday 31st December 1799 Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief

William Petrie . . . .
and
Ernst Wm. Falloficld } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.-

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Memorandums.-

31st December 1799

Commander in Chiefs Memorandum states

The Commander in Chief informs the Board that

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states that he has received reports that H. M. 74th Regt with a Battalion of N. I. have been ordered to March from the Malabar Coast into Mysoor, and submits Copies of General Stuarts Instructions to the Commanding Officer on the Malabar Coast— Recommends that the Bombay Troops in Mysoor may be paid by the Paymaster of the Madras Establishment— Recommends that the 74th Regiment may be ordered to Seringapatam— Lays before the Board, Proceedings of the Medical Board— It appears to him that Government cannot decide on the subject of Mr Nicolls application— an application from Captain Norris of the Engineers for permission to proceed to Europe— he cannot recommend its being complied with— Recommends that an order may be published establishing the Regimental Rise from the 1st of January 1800—

that he has received Reports from the Officers Commanding in Malabar and Canara that His Majestys 77th. Regiment and a Battalion of Native Infantry in addition to that now serving in Bednore have been ordered to put themselves under the orders of Colonel Wellesley— Copies of the Communications from these Officers are laid before the Board, containing N.o 1. Copies of Instructions from Lieutenant General Stuart for their guidance.—

Lieutenant General Stuart has requested that measures may be adopted for the Payment of the Bombay Troops serving in Mysore, by the Paymasters of the Madras Establishment;— an arrangement which the Commander in Chief recommends to the immediate attention of Government.—

His Majestys 77th. Regiment being destined for Chittledroog it appears unnecessary to detain His Majestys 74th. Regiment— longer at Bangalore.—

The Commander in Chief therefore recommends that he be authorized to direct its march to the Southern Division of the Carnatic where it will be stationed at Seringapatam

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№2 Proceedings of the Medical Board.—

The Subject of Mr. Nicolls representation, —
depending on the fixed Laws for the division of Naval Prize
the Commander in Chief conceives does not admit of discussion
by this Government.—

№3 Application from Captain Norris, through
Major General Ross for leave to proceed on Furlough to Europe.—

The Commander in Chief thinks it necessary to
observe that Major Tripaud, Captain Lennon and Lieutenant Wood
of Engineers are absent on Furlough, and Captain Bong under
suspension, which with Captain Forrest and Captain Lieutenant
Farquhar on foreign Service leaves the Coast very ill provided
with Officers of this Corps.—

As the Resolution of Government on the
4th Instant fixed the 1st January 1800 for the commencement of
the operation of the Promotion of Officers to the Rank of Major
in Regimental Succession, the Commander in Chief recommends
that an order be passed this day fixing the appointment of
Officers to Corps as they may stand on a List to be furnished

tomorrow

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tomorrow by the Adjutant General to the Secretary to Government.
All vacancies which may not be officially notified this day
to be filled by the Regimental Succession.—

Officers to be posted on the principal detailed
in the G.O. of the 5th November last. Lieutenant Colonels excepted,
to whom the Regimental promotion does not extend.—
Officers of that Rank will therefore be posted to Battalions
as circumstances may render necessary.—

To His Excellency Lieutent General Harris
Commander in Chief &c. &c. Madras

Sir

As directed in the last paragraph of the
enclosed orders which arrived here the 13th Instant. I have the
honor of sending the accompanying instructions received by me
on the 12th and 13th Ultimo.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Geo V. Hart
(Copy Signed) Thos Marriott
Mely Secy Comr in Chief

Mungalore
15th December 1799

To Colonel Hart of His Majesty's 75th Regiment or Officer
Commanding the Troops in the Province of Kanara

Sir.

The following instructions are drawn up
for your guidance in the Command of the Troops stationed in

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in the Province of Kanara to which you stand professionally appointed and you will be pleased to observe them in all practicable cases.—

2.d The first and most important object is a permanent disposition of the Forces—This comprises two principal considerations, the external defence of the Country. The only foreign danger to which I at present apprehend these posesions are exposed arises from the French, and that is now I am inclined to think much diminished. In order however to defeat the Schemes of this Ambitious Enemy, in case they should succeed by any accident in reaching India with a body of Forces, it becomes necessary that we should keep as large a number of Troops as possible collected at one Station and the rest distributed in such a manner that they may be easily drawn together if occasion should require it.—

3.d The objects to be attended to in preserving the internal peace of the Country are the prevention of Robbery, or any kind of Violence by ill disposed persons and the due maintenance of the Company's Government either

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in the exercise of Judicial authority or the Collection of the Revenue.— The internal and external Interests of the Country are so closely connected that they depend on each other. Every interior disposition should have in view a ready Junction with the main Body of the Forces on the Sea Coast and a prompt formation of all the Troops is the principle that must regulate the Plan for their general Distribution.—

4 Besides these circumstances of immediate & common Interest there are others of great importance and inseperably connected— The nature of our alliance with the Rajah of Mysore has inseperably united his interests with those of the Honorable Company. It becomes therefore the special Duty of our Troops to defend and maintain in tranquility the Countries ceded to that Rajah— For the support of this object and whenever the Commanding Officer in Mysore may require the assistance of the forces & belonging to the Establishment of Bombay, the Officers in Command of them will act in the most effectual & manner to repress disorder and adopt the same measures

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5th. I have thought it necessary to explain the above circumstances in this general manner that you may the better understand the objects that are to be attained by the large body of Forces stationed in these

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parts and the conduct that you must pursue in the event of any of the cases just enumerated occurring. The Orders which have been published will inform you of the disposition which I have made of the Troops in the two Provinces and which from the present state of affairs I am disposed to think best calculated to answer the important views of Government as before generally noticed.—

I shall now proceed to mention more particularly different points which I must recommend to your careful attention.—

6 It may appear superfluous to intimate to an Officer of your experience the absolute necessity of preserving a just degree of harmony between the Civil and Military Powers— but the attention of the latter must be invariably and particularly directed to assist the former, whether such assistance be required by the Collector to enable him to Collect the public Revenue or by the Magistrate either in maintaining the tranquility of the Country or in enforcing the mandates of Justice.—

I have also to recommend the greatest

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attention to prevent disturbance and to observe for that purpose the most conciliating conduct towards the natives of all Ranks, their Persons, Property and Religion are to be protected by every means in your power.—

The discipline and regulation of the Troops demand unremitting care and Watchfulness – To improve their discipline and preserve good order among them will no doubt occupy a principal part of your attention, and as materially conducive to these ends, I recommend at least one annual review and that they should be besides inspected personally by you as frequently as circumstances may permit – The greatest care must be taken not to disperse or scatter the Troops in small besides and if possible never to send native Detachments without an European Offiur – In general when detachments are required they should be respectable, but they should only be made when the presence of Troops is absolutely necessary.—

8 Although by this arrangement three distinct Commands are established on the Western Coast of the Peninsula it will be nevertheless requisite as I have already generally informed you, that all the English Forces acting in this direction

direction shall be regulated by a common principle and connected by a line of Action that may be applied for the general safety; In order to preserve this connection and to maintain this general safety, it is necessary that the Command in each division should only be so far independent as relates to interior provision; But when in the case of invasion or any imperious necessity that may call the Troops into the Field The Senior Officer must assume the Command and direction of all the Forces.—

When no extraordinary circumstances however interfere the Command in either province is to be exercised seperately and all Reports or other Duties carried on through the Officers therein respectively Commanding — This observation is applicable to Goa and Mysore as whenever a combined exertion is necessary the Command of these Forces must devolve on the Senior I cannot too strongly recommend on all occasions a mutual and hearty cooperation between the officers Commanding in Malabar, Kanara and Goa and trust that neither ill timed Jealousy nor fastidious scruples will be allowed to operate to the prejudice of the Service

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The same liberal conduct which is the true test of a good Officer will I am persuaded produce an earnest desire to lend every assistance that may be required by Colonel Wellesley and I am confident that this Gentleman will on his part be equally disposed to afford Military Aid whenever the Circumstances of the Provinces below the Ghauts may render that measure necessary - You will therefore on every case of danger or on any extraordinary circumstance occurring make an immediate communication to the British Authority in Mysore, and either requiest or extend as the case may require such help as may be necessary or practicable - By this means and by mutual support and Zealous exertions the public peace of these provinces may be long preserved and the Country rendered a profitable appendage of the Company's Dominions - The great importance of concord among the principal Officers to the propriety of these posesions induces me not only to impress it strongly to your observance but to assure you that any deviation from this line of conduct will not fail to attract the most severe censure from the highest Authority in India -

That

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9th That the Military in the two Provinces may be placed under the same orders and Regulations I deem it necessary to enforce and extend the standing Orders in Malabar to Kanara — Copies of these documents as well as any other that may have been sent from whatever competent authority since our late acquisition will be furnished to the Officer — Commanding the Troops in the latter province on the — application to that effect from the Officer Commanding in the former. —

10th I have further to enjoin you to Report all extraordinary occurrences to the Commander in Chief at Madras for the information of that Government, and besides the regular Reports to the Commander in Chief or the Officer who may be in Command of the Forces for the time being of the Bombay Army you will be pleased to omit no — opportunity of keeping this latter Government duly devised of all passing Circumstances. —

11th I herewith enclose an authority to assemble General Courts Martial in the Province of Kanara which will serve for your successor in Command provided he is not

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under the rank of a Field Officer, But this Warrant does not empower you to cause any sentence to be put in execution when it amounts to Death or the dismission of Officers from the Service when the proceedings and Sentences of such trials, or in intricate cases where you may deem a reference necessary are to be transmitted by the earliest convenient opportunity for my approbation and determination.

I have the honor &c

(Signed) I Stuart

Head Quarters
Mungalore
12th. November 1799

Copy (Signed) Tho's Marriott
Mily Secy Comr in Chief

To Colonel Hart, or Officer Commanding the Troops in Kanara

Sir

In addition to the instructions of yesterday's date I have to add the following Clauses.-

2 While there exists no Civil Authority in Kanara it will be necessary that criminal offenders should come under the cognizance of Military Law. This subject is now under The Right Honorable the Governor General's consideration and his determination may be soon expected. In the mean time I have appointed a Provost Martial to Superintend the Jail and such matters as are connected with Criminal affairs.

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Several of the Inhabitants are now I understand in confinement on Capital Charges and you will be pleased to direct such Prisoners as have committed Capital crimes to be judged by General Courts Martial composed of Native Officers. All sentences however that amount to Death are to be referred for my confirmation and not to be carried into execution without my approbation. In case of condemnation you will confine the criminals in a secure situation until my sentiments are received, but this temporary mode of administering Justice and the appointment of Provost Martial will of course cease whenever a permanent system is established.—

3 The Policy of the late Government prohibited any of its subjects carrying Arms, the Troops of the Circar excepted, and you will be careful to enforce strictly this Regulation.—

4th Although in the Details that have been published in orders the Number of Detachments and outposts are mentioned, you are not from this circumstance to consider that these are thereby unalterably fixed — some of the Detachments are on a temporary account and whenever the

the cause ceases that required them they must of course be recalled - The Number and the situation of the small outposts must in many cases vary according to the local circumstances of the Country and you will in such instances alter them accordingly —

5th On the event of the Envoy at Goa making a requisition for another Battalion for the security of that profession, you will comply therewith, ordering the 1st Battalion of the 4th Regiment to march thither; but in case that Battalion should be retained at Bednore you will then direct the 2. Battalion 4th Regiment or the Corps nearest to the Portuguese Frontier to proceed on this Service, still however keeping a Garrison in Seedasheger which must be furnished from a different Battalion —

6th I have connexed herewith a Copy of the Cypher N° 11 which is that in which all secret correspondence is transacted in India - you will consider this as a confidential communication and be careful that the Key is not by any accident made public - You will either deliver it over to your Successor in Command as circumstances may require or

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transmit it on your leaving or being removed from Kanara
to the Malabar Commissioners.—

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Mungalore
13.th December 1799

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) I Stuart
Copy (Signed) Tho.s Marriott
Mily Secy

To Colonel Hart
Commanding the Troops in Kanara

Sir.

In consequence of a Requisition from the Government of Fort S.t George - you will be pleased to order the 1.st Battalion of the 5.th Native Regiment in addition to the Battalion of Bombay Troops now above the Ghauts, to march with all practicable expedition by the nearest Route to the District of Bidnore and instruct the Commanding Officer of the Corps to put himself under the Orders of the Officer Commanding in Mysore.—

I have also directed the Commanding Officer in Malabar to detach His Majesty's 77.th Regiment for the purpose of Garrisoning the Fortress of Chittledroog.—

In carrying the former part of this order into execution you will use every despatch in your power, apprising Colonel Wellesley of the measure and of the

Route

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Route the Corps may be appointed to pursue.—

You will also inform Colonel Wellesley that as it may be difficult or impracticable for the Bombay Paymasters, to provide pay for the Troops detached to so great a distance in such case it will be necessary that funds should be furnished by the Madras Government to the Commanding Officers of the respective Corps—whatever arrangement you may enter into on this head, it will be necessary to communicate it to the Paymaster and the Officer in Command of the Battalion.—

You will be pleased to make an immediate Report of the present Order to Lieutenant General Harris and likewise transmit to him a Copy of the Instructions you received from me at Mungalore if you have not already made this communication.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Head Quarters
Bombay
6th December 1799

(Signed) J Stuart
(Copy Signed) G V. Stuart
(Copy Signed) Thos Marriott Actg Secy Comdr in Chief

To Lieutenant General George Harris
Commander in Chief &c Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that by orders from

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from Lieutenant General Stuart His Majesty's 77th Regiment are under Orders to march with all practicable expedition and by the shortest Route to Chittledroog.—

The Regiment moves from Cannanore on the 26th. Instant by the Route of Periapatam and it has been stated to me by the Commander in Chief" that as it may be difficult or impracticable for the Bombay Paymasters to provide pay for Troops at so great a distance it will become necessary that funds should be furnished by the Madras Government for this purpose."—

I have the honor at the desire of Lieutenant General Stuart to enclose a Copy of his Instructions for my guidance in the Command of Malabar and to be.—

Head Quarters
Cannanore
18th December 1799

&c &c.
(Signed) I Sartorious Coll Comm.g
Copy (Signed) Thos Marriott
Mej Surg Comdr in Chief

To Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief &c &c.

Sir.

I have the honor to lay before you Captain Norris's application for leave to go to Europe on Furlough.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c.
(Signed) Patrick Ross Chief Engineer Mg Fo

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To Major General Ross

Chief Engineer

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have now the honor to request the favor of your making application for my going to Europe on leave. I trust you will not consider this irregular and will be so kind to apply for me through the proper Channel or oblige me if the Channel and mode of application.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

[Signed] J. Norris

Capt.n Engineer

Seringapatam

December 10th. 1799.

Orders and Resolutions thereon

Ordered that Copies of Lieutenant General Stuarts instructions to the Officers Commanding in Canara and in Malabar be transmitted to the Resident and to the Commanding Officer in Mysoor.—

Ordered that the Paymaster at Seringapatam be directed to provide for the payment of the Troops of the Bombay Establishment serving in Mysoor.—

Ordered that His Majesty's 74th Regiment be directed to proceed to Trichinopoly and to form a part of that Garrison.—

Resolved that Captain Norris of the Corps of Engineers

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Engineers be permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough.—

Resolved that the Regimental Rank be established from the 1st of January 1800, and that Officers be posted to Corps agreeably to the List to be furnished by the Adjutant General to the Army.—

Memorandum of the Commander in Chief recommends the appointment of Lieutenant J. Marshall to be deputy Judge Advocate South of the Coleroon, and Lieutenant Chas. Rand to be deputy to the Commandant of the Corps of Guides.

The Promotion of Captain Limerick to the Rank of Major, vacating his Situation as Deputy Judge Advocate South of the Coleroon the Commander in Chief recommends the appointment of Lieutenant Jos Marshall, as an Officer well qualified to perform the duties of that Station.—

Similar considerations induce Lieutenant General Harris to recommend the appointment of Lieutenant Chas. Rand to be Deputy to the Commandant of the Corps of Guides.—

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Joseph Marshall be agreeably to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief appointed Deputy Judge Advocate, south of the Coleroon.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Charles Rand be appointed Deputy to the Corps of Guides.—

The Board proceed to read and pass their

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Resolutions on the following proceedings of the Medical Board :—

Resolutions of Government in Council 31st December 1799

Medical Board 30th December 1799

From the Medical Board - Recommend that Mr Gahagan's appointment from the Court of Directors may be ordered to take place - & Recommend that Mr Surgeon Ord may be permitted to Visit the Presidency - Enclose a letter from Mr Nicoll in regarding his share of the Prize Money of the La Forte.—

We have the honor to acquaint Government that we have received a Letter from Mr Head - Surgeon Gahagan reporting his arrival at this Presidency from Europe.—

In compliance with the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors transmitted to us by Government under date 21st Ultimo, we recommend that Mr Gahagan be appointed Head Surgeon of the Presidency General Hospital and to a Seat at the Medical Board.—

Approved and Ordered

The Head Surgeon in Mysore

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Approved

Mysore having with the approbation of the Commanding Officer of the Troops in that Division forwarded an application from Mr. Ord Surgeon to the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry for leave to Visit the Presidency on particular business, for one month, we recommend that the same may be granted.

We have the honor to forward a Letter addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council by Mr. Surgeon Nicoll with an enclosure from the Prize Agent to the Navy.—

As the subject of these letters involves a question on which

The subject of Mr. Nicoll's representation depending on the fixed laws for the division of Naval Prize does not admit of discussion by the Governor in Council; but the Board think it a justice to Mr. Nicoll that his claim should be stated by them to His Excellency Vice Admiral Rainier

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which we judge ourselves incompetent to give a Satisfactory opinion, we trust that Government will accordingly excuse us therefrom, and shall only remark that whatever may be his Lordship's decision on Mr. Nicoll's Claim in the present instance, we think it would be advisable when Surgeons are required from our Service to act on Board the Fleet some Stipulation should be entered into whereby they may be held in more liberal consideration.

/Signed/ Ja.s Anderson
Physician General

W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive &c.

Governor in Council Madras

My Lord,

I am induced to make a reference to your Lordship from having received the accompanying letter from Mr. Sewell prize Agent for his Majesty's Ship La Forte.-

However much I may suffer from the decision of Admiral Rainier, the polite attention I received while doing duty on board the Sybelle, would more than probable have prevented my troubling your Lordship on the present occasion; the injustice however which the Medical Line would suffer from this precedent obliges me to call your Lordship's attention to the Subject. nor need I use a more forcible argument than by informing you, that the first Member of your Medical Board (was he not Physician General) when doing duty with Troops on board His Majesty's Fleet, would only share Prize money with the Carpenters and Gunners, and your Assistant Surgeons with the Sergeants of Marines.-

From a number of concurring circumstances it must be at all times disagreeable for Army Surgeons to do duty

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duty on board Ships of War. but when accompanied with a degradation of Rank it must be truely humiliating.—

To your Lordship's justice I therefore refer my claim. and although in the present instance from the greatest part of the Prize money having been already divided, it is more than probable the Admiral may decline altering his decision, yet I trust, that it will not be admitted as a Precedent, but, that in future when Surgeons are doing duty with Troops on board Ships of War, they may be admitted to their Prize money, as Captains in the Army, which has in the present case been deviated from, as Captain Campbell of the Scotch Brigade shared with the Lieutenants of the Ship, and I with the warrant Officers.—

It is necessary to inform your Lordship, that I never received any Pay or allowances as Surgeon of the Ship, nor was I ever mustered as such, but with the Detachment of the Scotch Brigade, a Certificate to this effect I received from Captain Hardyman the day I left the Ship, which I delivered to the Military Paymaster with my Pay Chitts.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / P Wecoll Surgeon

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/ Signed / P. Nicoll Surgeon

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2d. We beg leave to state also, that should it be deemed expedient to make up any number of Gun carriages for Ceylon, it will be necessary that the particular discription of Carriages should be specified, together with the demensions of the Guns for which they are required.—

3d We recommend that Payment be ordered of the enclosed Bill, amounting to Pagodas 3,225.17.- for Articles delivered by the Gun Carriage &c. Contractors, which have been approved upon Survey by a Committee of our Board.

We have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
24th December 1799

(Signed) John Brathwaite
Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board. Reporting on the letter from Bombay referred to them on the 27th Ultimo respecting the provisions shipped on the Fleets and Loyalist transports and suggesting what appears to them the best mode of adjustment.

1st We have the honor to report our having carried into effect your Lordship's Commands signified in a letter from Government dated the 18th. Instant.—

2nd In consequence of the latter Paragraph of Government's

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Government's Letter of the 27th. Ultimo, enquiry has been made in regard to the mode of adjusting the account for the unexpended part of the Provisions put on board the Loyalist, and Thetis, Transports, by the Garrison Storekeeper at Fort St. George for the use of His Majesty's 84th. Regiment, which, by mistake, were taken possession of by Mr. Kemp, (Agent to the Honorable Basil Cochrane) and afterwards issued to the King's Ships at Bombay, instead of being delivered to the Garrison Storekeeper at that place, from which it appears that, as arrack is a Contract Article, the 365 Gallons supplied to His Majesty's Ship La Virginie at Bombay of the abovementioned quantity should be returned by Mr. Cochranes Agent to the Garrison Storekeeper there: That as Wine is a Contingent Article a Bill for the quantity Viz.t 929 Gallons, supplied to His Majesty's Ship Victorious at Sea, and to the Kings Ships at Bombay, as also, for four Boxes of Candles delivered to His Majesty's Ship Arrogant should be made out, at the market price of those Articles when they were supplied, by the Garrison Storekeeper at Bombay, and be discharged by

Mr.

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Mr. Kemp, That the account for arrack, Wine, and Candles, being thus adjusted, and it further appearing from the circumstance of the Loyalist, and Thetis, Transports, having been supplied at Sea with Provisions from His Majesty's Ship Sceptre upon receipts granted by the Masters of those Ships to the Purser of the Sceptre, that the surplus Provisions which remained on board the Transports have been delivered to the Garrison Storekeeper at Bombay, there remains only to be settled between the Honorable East India Company, and Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy in London, the account of provisions, and Stores, delivered by the King's Agent to the Garrison Storekeeper at Fort St. George as per receipts dated 15th January 1799, and for provisions supplied from His Majesty's Ship Sceptre to the Loyalist, and Thetis, Transports: In consequence however, of the Articles delivered to the Garrison Storekeeper, as well as those supplied from the Sceptre, having been Shipped on board the Transports by His Majesty's Naval Agent at the Cape of Good Hope, and that no Invoice of the Cost thereof has been transmitted, Mr. Cochrane is unable

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unable to fix any value upon them.— We therefore —
recommend that the requisite communication be made
to the Government of Bombay with respect to the mode
of adjusting the account for arrack, Wine, and Candles; and
that a Certificate according to usual form be granted by
your Lordship in Council to M.r Cochrane for the Articles
to be settled for between the Company and His Majesty's
Commissioners, in London.—

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John Brathwaite
Patrick Ross
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Jn Richardson
P. A. Agnew

Fort S.t George
27.th Decmber 1799

Resolutions on the foregoing Letters

The Board concur in the opinion of the —
Military Board of the inexpediency of sending any part of
the small supply of Salt provisions in Store to Ceylon.—
Resolved accordingly that the necessary communication
be made to M.r North.—

Resolved that his Excellency be informed
that there are no Gun Carriages in Store surplus to the
number of Guns allotted to the defence of the several forts

under

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under this Presidency, but that if His Excellency should be desirous of having carriages constructed at this Presidency the Board will have great pleasure in ordering the provision of them.—

Ordered that a copy of the letter from the Military Board of the 27th Instant be transmitted to the Government of Bombay with the Recommendation of the Board that means may be taken for Adjusting the account of the Arrack, Wine, and Candles embarked at this place for the use of his Majestys 84th Regiment according to the Suggestion of the Military Board.—

Resolved to grant a Certificate to the Agent for Victualling His Majesty's Navy at this Presidency for the Provisions supplied by him and by His Majesty's Ship Sceptre.—

To the Military Board directed to state their opinion regarding the defence of the North Roads—

As the Ships delivering and receiving cargoes according to the Regulations recently established for the Custom House in the Black Town are in a great measure removed from the protection of the guns of the fort, the Board think it expedient that measures should be

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be taken for a proportion of heavy Guns being placed in such a position as will protect the Shipping in the North roads from Insult or Injury; Resolved therefore that the Military Board be directed to state their opinion on this point, and that they be in the mean time desired to give orders for a heavy gun to be sent complete from the Arsenal to the neighbourhood of the Custom House for the purpose of ascertaining the range.—

Resolved to authorize payment of the bill recommended by the Military Board.—

Read the following letter with the Report of the Committee appointed for a farther investigation into the conduct of Captain Bong.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c

Fort St. George

From the Committee of Captain Bong— Forward their Proceedings with a Summary of their opinion of the case.

My Lord,

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship our Proceedings as a Committee instituted to review the Proceedings of the former Committees, on the Subject of Works erected and repaired under the orders of Captain Bong of Engineers, agreeably to the instructions

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we received from Mr. Secretary Webbe; our best abilities have been exerted to fulfil the orders of Government, and to render our report perspicuous. The materials with which we were furnished to repel the charges against Captain Bong. have been generally obscure and irrelevant; no new facts have been produced; no important evidence substantiated, and although our deligence has been unwearied; our exertion Judgement has had little room for exercise or effect.—

In order to render the whole more intelligible we have arranged under three separate heads, the remarks of the Primary Committee, and opinions of the Chief Engineer, Captain Bong's Justification as extracted from his Memorial to the Court of Directors; and the Remarks of the Committee of revisal; which by contrasting the whole, presents a distinct view of the Subject.—

We feel it incumbent upon us to obviate an observation that will naturally occur to your Lordship, respecting the length of time employed on this duty, by stating that the application from Captain Bong. for various Plans and Estimates, occasioned a delay of

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of upwards of one month, and that the necessity of
Copying the Multifarious papers unavoidably prolonged
our adjournments till this day.—

It does not fall to our province to
animadvert on the vindication offered by Captain Bong,
nor to pass any opinion on the utility of those Documents
he has so anxiously desired; but we cannot refrain from
observing, that the use he has made of them does not
accord with the degree of importance attached to their
production, in his correspondence with Government, and
his Memorial to the Court of Directors.—

We think it our duty however to remark
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the buildings erected under the Superintendence of Captain Bong is necessary to the final consideration of his conduct as a public Officer and of the defence which he has offered in its justification; Resolved therefore that two Members of the Committee, Lieutenant Colonel Dyce and Lieutenant Castle be directed to proceed with all convenient expedition to examine and Report on the state of the buildings.—

The Board think it inexpedient to dissolve the Committee until the report of Lieutenant Colonel Dyce and Lieutenant Castle shall have been received.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Minute

Minute of the Commander in Chief Records his opinion of the proceedings of the Committee appointed to investigate the conduct of Captain Bong— In consideration of Captain Bong's pecuniary distress suggests his being recommended to the Court of Directors for a small pension

The Commander in Chief's Opinion

December 22. 1799

The Proceedings of the Committee appointed to receive Captain Bong's defence against the Charges on which he was suspended, do not appear to me to authorise any alteration in the determination made by Government heretofore on his conduct, as he does not appear to have been able to justify it by any Evidence.—

Captain Bong lays much stress on the Position

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Position that an Error in Judgment, is not to be imputed to the Person so erring, as a Crime.—

In my opinion an habitual Deficiency of Judgment in an Engineer, if not criminal, is at least a circumstance which totally disqualifies him for the exercise of his profession.—

It is much to be lamented that the Admission of Persons, as Officers in the Corps of Engineers, without sufficient attention to their professing that general ground work of Science so essential to the Duties of that Branch of Military Service, has rendered it but too often necessary for them, when in the regular Progress of Seniority they have attained Rank and length of Service, to plead that Rank and "Error in Judgment" in support of their Claim to indulgence for professional failures.—

The whole course of the Proceedings, shews that Captain Borg is unfit for the situation he has held and still more so for that superior Rank in which, were he restored to the Service, he must now be placed.—

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I am therefore of opinion that the Board will find it ultimately necessary to recommend his removal from the Service—I say "ultimately" as probably The Right Honorable the President in Council, will think it necessary that an Inspection of the Works, as mentioned by the Committee, should take place before a final decision.—

As from Captain Bongs affidavit it appears that he is in a state of pecuniary Distress and no proof is addduced to shew that his Errors arose from any corrupt motive, by which he might turn his public neglect to his private advantage and in consideration of his length of Service and decayed constitution I propose, in the event of his losing the Service, that it be recommended to the Honorable Court of Directors to allow him a small pension for the subsistence of himself and family and that they may be furnished with a Passage to Europe.—

/ Signed / Geo Harris

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The Secretary of Government

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I have the honor to enclose a Copy of the orders which I have given for the discharge of the Public departments of the Army, and of the Bullocks which have remained in the Service.

Since the 31st of May when the large Bullock establishment was discharged, the Bullock Maistries and owners have received only one Pagoda per month for each Bullock in the Service. The reason of this is, as I am informed, that the Head Maistries and owners represented to the Commander in Chief through Lieutenant Colonel Dallas, that they were obliged to go to the Carnatick to settle their accounts, that the persons left in this Country in charge of the Bullocks were only their Servants, and they therefore requested that they might receive only one Pagoda for each Bullock, and that a settlement for the remainder of the hire might be made with them hereafter. The &c.

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Commander

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Commander in Chief gave orders accordingly, and matters have so continued since his departure :—

Some of the Bullocks in the employment of the Army at present were hired originally by Lieutenant Colonel Dallas, and of these there are regular Registers and accounts, but their Maistries and owners are generally in the Carnatick. others came from the Southern Countries and the Barahmahal, and of these no registers or accounts have been received from the persons who hired them :—

For these reasons, and because I am not apprized of the Principle upon which Government have determined finally to arrange all the Bullock Accounts, I have thought it best, to do no more at present than get rid of the expence by discharging the bullocks from the Service, and to delay to make any arrangement for the settlement of the accounts until I can receive the orders of Government :—

That which appears to me to be the best method of setling the accounts is to order the Principal owners and maistries, (whose bullocks were hired by Lieutenant Colonel Dallas,

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Dallas, or of which there are regular registers and accounts from the day on which they entered the service, to meet the Principal Agent at any place in this Country on a particular day, after which no claims on account of Bullock hire ought to be received. Imention in this Country, because it will be inconvenient to allow the Principal Agent to go so far as Cangeveram, from the Honorable Company's Draft Cattle.—

If the Gentlemen to the Southward, or in the Baramahal cannot transmit the requisite registers and accounts to enable the Principal Agent to settle for the Bullocks which they hired and sent to the Army, it will perhaps be deemed proper to order the Principal Agent to give these Gentlemen an account of all Sums which have been paid on account of the Bullocks hired by them, since they arrived at the Army; and to order them to settle the accounts with the Bullock owners and Maistries.—

Immediately after the Capture of Seringapatam when the Army begun to move, its means

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of carriage were so scanty, that it was impossible to allot it off exclusively to each particular Department. Afterwards when supplies of Bullocks arrived from the Baramahal, and the Southern Countries, as they brought no registers or accounts, it was equally impossible for the principal Agent to make over to the Subordinate Agents in each Department the Bullocks for its Carriage with all their registers and Accounts settled up to the day on which they were made over, according to the Regulations of Government.

Accordingly since the 31st of May the Subordinate Agents have had nothing to do with the payment or Management of the Bullocks employed in the Carriage of the Departments of which they had charge. Every thing has been paid and settled by the Principal Agent, and for this reason it is, that I propose that he should meet the masters and owners and come to a final settlement with those whose papers will allow of it.—

The Bullocks still remaining in the

Service

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Service will be discharged and settles for upon the same principle when the Corps go into Cantonments and Garrisons.—

After the 31st. of December there will remain still in Office the Principal Agent for Draft and Carriage Cattle, who is in charge of that fine Establishment of Draft Cattle belonging to the Honorable Company; and the Deputy Agent for the Carriage of Camp equipage in charge of the Honorable Company's Elephants and Camels. I have lately ordered the Principal Agent to complete the kafilas of Draft Bullocks. by Drafts from the Carriage Bullocks and Calves many of both of which are fit for it and when he will have done so. I will have the honor of laying before Government a state of the whole establishment.—

I recommend that the Camels may be disposed of; they are not fit for publick Carriage as they require much care, and are not hardy 140 out of 301 of them have died since they have been in the posession of the Honorable Company.—

The Deputy Adjutant and Deputy

Quarter

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Quarter Master General, and my Aid du Camp. are still in Office, and I shall be glad to receive the Orders of Government respecting them.—

I shall order the Dooly's which still remain here, to be employed in removing the sick and wounded, from Chittledroog Sera and Seringapatam to their Corps on both Coasts and then to be discharged.—

I have allowed Mr. Gordon the establishment stated in the order, as Mr. Cochrane's people have not yet arrived, to supply the Europeans with Arrack.—

I have ordered Mr. Grant into Soonda, to take charge of the T. of the 3d. as the Corps is very unhealthy and the Surgeon Adamson is dead.—

As the Troops still receive Field allowances I have not authorized the Barrack Master to deliver Barrack Articles, excepting to the Troops in Seringapatam such as are stated in the enclosed paper, the issue of which was authorized by the Commander in Chief.— I inclose a letter which I have received from Captain Grant upon the subject, and take the liberty of

recommending

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recommending that he may be allowed to charge the Expences of the Lamps which he has provided for Seringapatam, and that he may be ordered to provide the same for the other Garrisons which it is intended to occupy. of which I have given him a list.—

I am infinitely obliged to the Right Honble the Governor in Council for the allowance which he has been pleased to grant me, as stated in your letter of the 5th Instant.—

Seringaptam
December 15th 1799

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

Seringapatam 14th December 1799

Orders By the Honorable Colonel Wellesley

The Office of Paymaster of the Army and his establishment are discontinued from the 31st instant.— That of Commissary of Grain and Provisions to the Army, and the establishments attached are likewise discontinued from the same day. That of Commissary of Stores is likewise discontinued from the same day.—

Major Conner will deliver over to Mr Gordon

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or the Commissary of Stores at Seringapatam such Articles of public property in his charge as by the Regulations of Government come under their care. As some of the Troops are gone to the Carnatic, and with them Provision Store and grain, and other property belonging to the Honorable Company, Major Corner will deliver over to the Garrison Storekeeper or Commissary of Stores who may be nearest to the situation in which the Troops who have been thus detached are Stationed. the Articles of Store which are usually under the charge of those Officers respectively.—

After the 31st December Mr. Gordon will take charge of the Victualling Department and will pay the dry batta to the Troops. He will keep one Conductor at Chittledroog, one at Sera, one at Bangalore, and one at Seringapatam at five Pagodas per month each, in order to take charge of the Stores of the Provision & Department at those places.—

Mr. Gordon will likewise entertain the number of Shepherds allowed by the Regulations to take charge of the number of sheep which major Corner will

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will give over to him.—

Captain Colebrooke will proceed with the guides to the Carnatic, and Report himself to Head Quarters, from which he will receive orders in future.—

All the hired bullocks excepting those which are detailed hereafter, are to be discharged from the Service.—They are to be paid for as usual up to the 31st instant in order to enable the Masitoes to take them to the places at which they were hired.—

Bullocks still remaining in the Service.—

With	Lieutenant Colonel Close	18
"	Lieutenant Davis—Pioneers	5
"	H. M. 74th Regiment	181
"	3 Bengal Volunteers	82
"	Captain Walker	7
"	Recovered Europeans, to the Carnatic	5
"	12th Regiment of Foot	24
"	Scotch Brigade	126
"	1st Regiment Native Cavalry	43

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With 2 Regiment Native Cavalry 90

" 4th Regiment Native Cavalry 93

" 1 Battalion 1st Regiment N. I. 42

" 1. Battalion 8th Regiment . . . 117

" 2 Battalion 9th Regiment . . . 95

" 2 Battalion 12th Regiment . . . 124

" Artillery with 2 Battalion 9th Regiment and 2 Battn 12th Regt is } 2

" 1 Battalion 2 Regiment . . . 93

" 19th Light Dragoons . . . 43

" 1 Battalion 6th Regiment . . . 119

" Doctor Grant . . . 4

The Commanding Officers of the Corps abovementioned will send the usual Certificates to the Principal Agent, on the 1st of January, who will either send them money or bills for the amount of the Pay due for the bullocks, when any of those corps arrive in quarters or Garrison they will report to the principal Agent for bullocks Captain Mackay, who will send directions for the discharge of the bullocks

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bullocks in the employment of each Corps.—

In future when bullocks are wanted —
Commanding Officers or others are to indent for them
upon Mr. Gordon.—

Mr. Conductor Morris is to do duty in
the Garrison of Negapatam in lieu of Mr. Conductor Ellis
who is to do duty in Chittledroog. according to former orders
from the Commander in Chief.—

Mr. John Grant Asistant Surgeon, to —
proceed to join the 1.st Battalion 8.th Regiment immediately
and to do duty with it till further orders, and Mr.
Asistant Surgeon Fallofield to continue with the 1.st
Regiment of Native Cavalry till relieved.—

Captain Blair of the Engineer Corps —
having finished the Service on which he was employed
in the Soondah Province, his Establishment is to be —
discontinued from the 31.st Instant, excepting eight Lascars of
the Engineer Establishment, for carrying an Office table and
a plan box — which are to continue till he reaches Madras.—

(Signed) R Barclay
DJ Adj.t Gen.l in Mysore

To

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To the Honorable Colonel Wellesley
Commanding in
Mysore

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Government to Major Macaulay Barrack Master of Mysore, and to inform you that immediate preparations were in consequence made to provide Cotts for three Regiments of Europeans. in which, I am happy to add considerable progress has been made.—

The orders of the Commander in Chief of 12th May having directed "that such Barrack Articles "should be issued as under present Circumstances you "should judge necessary for the comfort of the Troops in "Garrison"— Only such Articles as you have ordered have been issued; and those to the Troops in the Garrison of Seringapatam alone— may I request you will have the goodness to inform me if the full complement of Barrack Articles according to the existing Regulations are in future to be issued to the Troops in Seringapatam and the other Fortresses in the Mysore Country, and with the

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the names of the several Stations in the Mysore Country where Troops who are to be supplied with Barrack Articles are, to be, that I may provide Servants, and take the other necessary measures for supplying them with the several Articles that will be required.—

Permit me also to request that you will obtain permission from Government for me to charge for the street Lamps I have provided; it cannot be necessary for me to inform you of the difficulty there was in lighting up the Gateways, Guards &c. &c. previous to these Lamps being procured or of the necessity there could have been to Indent for them in Madras if the Prize Agents had not fallen in with a number of them in one of the Rooms of Tippoos Palace— as they were immediately put up to public Sale there was not time to apply for — permission to purchase them on the public Account— I therefore purchased them myself— and have put them up at the several places where they were most wanted— there are eighty of them, and the expence of each — including Lamp Irons and tins for the Oil will be

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two and a half Pagodas. this is Iconceive considerably less than they could be furnished for from Madras - and I doubt not on your Representing the Circumstances that I shall be authorized to charge for them in the Barrack Accounts.—

Seringapatam
15th December 1799

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Allan Grant
Actg Barrack Master

To Major Colin Macaulay
Barrack Master

Sir.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council being about to publish orders for the distribution 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 &c therefore directs, that no time may be lost in providing Cotts and the other barrack Articles for the use of the Troops, according to the existing regulations.—

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

Fort St George
29th October 1799

I am &c &c
(Signed) J Webbe Sect to Govt
a true Copy (Signed) Allan Grant actg Barrack Master
Dst

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List of Barrack Articles issued to the Troops at Seringapatam by order of the Honorable Colonel Wellesley.—

Oil. for Arms, Barracks, Garrison Gates, Guards, Street &c.

according to the existing Regulations.—

Sweepers, Tollies, Lamp Lighters, Broom bundles, Baskets } To the Troops and for the Garrison, according to the existing Regulations.—

(Signed) Allan Grant
Actg Barrack master

Order and Resolutions on the above Letter

Ordered that an extract of Colonel Wellesley's letter regarding the settlement of the hire of the bullocks employed and recently discharged under his orders, be transmitted to the Military Board.—

Resolved to inform Colonel Wellesley that the Governor in Council will be happy to avail himself of his sentiments and information relative to the future mode of conducting the Establishment of public bullocks in Mysoor; and that the Military Board be in the mean time desired to be prepared to suggest such an arrangement for that Establishment as they may judge most consistent with its efficiency and with public economy.—

Resolved

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Resolved to postpone any orders respecting the disposal of the Company's Camels.—

The Board conclude that notwithstanding the distribution of the Corps in Mysoor into Garrison the extent of Colonel Wellesley's Command will render it necessary for him to retain a portion, or the whole, of his present Staff. Resolved therefore that Colonel Wellesley be authorized to retain such part of it as he shall judge requisite.—

Resolved that Captain Grant be authorized to charge the expence of the lamps provided by him at Seringapatam and that he be permitted to provide lamps for the other garrisons under Colonel Wellesley's Orders.—

Colonel Wellesley to give his opinion regarding the publick quarters in Mysoor.—

Resolved to inform Colonel Wellesley that it is the intention of the Board to order the whole of the Troops now in Mysoor into permanent Cantonment and that they are desirous of availing themselves of his opinion of the means of accommodating them with quarters in the several forts which they are destined to.

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to occupy.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General— Submits to the division of Government a Retrenchment against Mr. Cherry on account of Artificers— States a claim preferred by Major Blaquiere for Majors allowances from the 1st of February 1798, and the peculiarly hard situation in which Major Pattisson of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons is consequently placed— It does not appear to him that there are any public grounds for a remission of the retrenchment against the Widow of the late Doctor Anderson— submits a Statement of Retrenchments against Mr. H. Taylor— Intends to prepare a Statement of all the Retrenchments outstanding against Paymasters.—

I have the honor to refer for your Lordship's decision, a Retrenchment from the Disbursements of Mr. Cherry late Paymaster to the Nizam's Detachment, of the Pay and Batta of Artificers included in the Abstract of Lieutenant Beauman Commissary of Stores to that Detachment, in the months of October and November 1798— This Retrenchment was made in consequence of a similar charge having been admitted to Major Howly, who, previous to the appointment of Lieutenant Beauman, Superintended the Ordnance Department with the Detachment, and very properly considered it his Duty to hire the Established number of Artificers on its marching from Innacondah towards Hydrabad, a measure which became the more necessary on account of the repairs

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which it was found expedient to make to the Guns. Carriages and Tumbrils on the Hoard - On the other hand Lieutenant Beauman in his letter of which a Copy is enclosed, states, that being Ordered to take charge of 4 Six Pounders with Ammunition Tumbrils and a considerable quantity of Stores which were sent from Masulipatam for the use of the Detachment, (as appears to have been the case by the Return forwarded to me,) he should have thought himself highly Culpable had he neglected to hire the requisite number of Artificers for his Department, or trusted to the chance of finding them with the Detachment, and that being unacquainted with any Arrangement which Major Howly had previously made for the same object, he had indented for them on the Paymaster under the Authority of Major General Bridges, declaring upon his honor that the Artificers charged for were actually taken by him to Hydrabad, and that they were paid the allowances drawn for in the Abstracts for the months before stated. - These Circumstances may probably appear

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to your Lordship to entitle him to favorable consideration, altho I have not deemed myself warranted in admitting his additional charge without the Sanction of Government.—

2 I beg leave also to solicit your Lordship's Instructions on the following case.—

3 Captain Thomas Patterson of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons was promoted by the General Orders of the Commander in Chief in India under date the 22 March 1798 to the rank of Major by purchase in His Majesty's 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons vice Child, until his Majesty's pleasure should be known, date of Rank 1st February 1798.— In consequence of which, he drew the allowances annexed to that Rank until the 31st August 1799.— An order was published under the same authority dated the 9th September last, containing the promotion, by His Majesty, of Captain Blaquiere of the 25th Dragoons to be Major in that Corps vice Child, thereby annulling the appointment of Captain Patterson.— Major Blaquiere has accordingly claimed difference of Pay and all other allowances between his former rank

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and that to which he has been promoted from the date of his Commission (1st February 1798) to the period the same allowances had been drawn by Captain Patterson — and As this the latter purchased the Majority and has executed all the Duties of his advanced rank with the Regiment during the late Service in Mysore. I cannot but consider the promotion made by His Majesty as giving the only claim to the allowances of that rank, by which promotion, the appointment of Captain Patterson by the Commander in Chief in India was rendered null and void — As the case however is altogether new, your Lordship's decision will be necessary before Captain Patterson can be required to refund the allowances which he was previously paid for the same period. —

4 In the abstract presented for payment by Major Balquiere he has drawn horse Allowance in his advanced rank, which I shall of course reject under the authority of your Lordship in Council, on a similar case, by which the Officers of His Majesty's Regiments of Cavalry when promoted, are only permitted to draw

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Horse allowance in their advanced rank, from the date of the publication of their promotion in India.—

5 In answer to that part of Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 28th. Ultimo enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Widow of the late Doctor Oneil and desiring me to Report whether there are any grounds for a remission of the Retrenchment against the Estate of her late Husband, I have the honor to state, that the Sum Retrenched, with the exception of 10. Pagodas which has been since admitted on Re Audit and 1.39 an overcharge, is the difference drawn by the late Mr. Oneil between the Pay and Allowances of an Assistant Surgeon and full Surgeon while in charge of the Sick of His Majesty's 52d Regiment in the absence of the Regimental Surgeon, and as Government in consequence of a reference on this and a similar case, decided; "that Assistant "Surgeons (in the Company's Service) who may occasionally "be appointed to do duty with His Majesty's Regiments "shall be permitted to draw only the pay and "allowances of their rank in the Company's, with the

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"established Medical allowance for the Corps with which
"they may happen to do duty". I regret that there are no
public grounds upon which the Retrenchment can be
removed.—

6 At the desire of Mr. Harry Taylor formerly
Paymaster and Acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions
at Ellore, I have the honor to refer to your Lordship in
Council, the enclosed Statements of Retrenchments confirmed
on Re Audit from his Disbursements in both Capacities
from the month of May 1792 to January 1795 inclusive.
The delay in his requiring this reference appears to have
been occasioned by the difficulty he has experienced in
obtaining Vouchers for the several sums standing to his
Debit, and the backwardness of Individuals in transmitting
their replies to the Retrenchments.— It has been my
constant object since my appointment to the Office of
Audit, to have the arrears of several Paymasters
finally adjusted, at the same time that the Current
business has been regularly carried on to the latest
period, and tho' much has been already done towards

effecting

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effecting that object, it will yet be some time before it is entirely accomplished, but I shall prepare before the end of the present Official year in order to submit to your Lordship in Council, a Statement of the outstanding balances against the several Paymasters &c on account of Retrenchments to the 30th April 1799, in Order that the parties may be requested immediately to adjust them, or to refer to Government the charges which have not been admitted on the Re Audit of their accounts to that period.—

I have the honor to be
& &c.
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office Fort St. George
17th December 1799

Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

Having received a Letter from Mr. Gordon Paymaster at Masulipatam, under date the 11th Instant, covering your replies on reaudit on certain Sums disbursed by me for an Establishment of Artificers, which marched from hence with the Guns and Stores under my

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my charge to the Nizam's Detachment.—

The Artificers alluded to, were as I have observed in my former reply indented for on Mr. Gordon, agreeable to the Established Rules of the Service; and the Indent Countersigned by Major General Bridges; it bears date the 15th of October 1798; three days after which period I commenced my march from Masulipatam, and from which period the above Artificers received Pay.—

Being appointed by Government — Commissary of Stores to the Detachment Serving with his Highness the Nizam, and proceeding with a Certain portion of Stores ordered on that Service, I presume it was not far exceeding the limits of my duty, carrying up with me the proportion of Followers necessary for the — Department, particularly when it is understood, that I was about to leave the Company's Territory — and from the constant Rumour of War it might be supposed that the Detachment would be Actively employed soon after my Arrival.—

That the Company might be put to no unnecessary

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unnecessary expence, the Artificers indented for, were (as Mr. Gordon well knows) engaged, but received no pay long before the Stores moved, on a promise of Service, and I appeal to you Sir, if it would not (when about to take charge of so considerable a Quantity of Stores) have been reprehensible in me to have moved on the uncertain prospect of complicating the Servants for my Department in the Nizam's Country, or at Hydrabad, where, I beg leave to remark they will not entertain in the Company's Service to move beyond the Walls of the City.—

You appear to have grounded your objections to my charge on the principle of some disbursements under the like head made by Major Howley at Hydrabad, but it may naturally be concluded that I could not be acquainted with the steps Major Howley had taken until after my arrival there, and I must repeat, that I should have considered it a neglect of Duty marching from Masulipatam without the requisite number of Artificers for the Department to which I was newly Nominated.—

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As this charge remains retrenched, and it being Conformably to the Regulations of Government of the 18th of July 1797, I beg leave to avail myself of your Offer of laying the matter with my answers thereon before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and I do now declare upon my honor, that the Artificers charged forwere carried with me to Hydrabad, and that they were paid the allowances as drawn for in my Abstract to Mr. Cherry for the months of October and November 1798.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) M. Beauman
Commissy of Stores

Masulipatam
18th November 1799

I do declare that Lieutenant M Beauman Commissary of Stores applied to me to engage Artificers to Carry with him to Hydrabad long before the Stores for the Nizam's Detachment quitted Masulipatam and in consequence of his application, they were warned to be in readiness when wanted.—

(Signed) Wm Gordon
Paymr.

A true Copy (Signed) P Bruce
Capt. Mily Aud Genl

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To Harry Taylor Esqr.

Late Paymaster &c &c.

Sir.

The Paymaster here having furnished me with Retrenchments from my allowances when stationed at Ellore in the year 1792 and 3. I have the pleasure to transmit you Extracts from General Orders which I hope will tend to support at least some part these charges.—

The time that has elapsed and the difficulty of referring to General and perhaps Garrison Orders that might authorise the charges in question as well as the many charges that have since then taken place in our line; makes it rather a hard task for me to account for them at this period but a few General Remarks may perhaps throw some light on the business— Ellore I find is not mentioned in the Regulations where Allowances are specified to Garrisons, and therefore I suppose only comes under the last Paragraph of the accompanying Order— but when it is considered that it was then the Head Quarters of the Northern Division of the Army, and as you must recollect a much more extensive

Garrison

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Garrison than many others where 15 Pagodas is allowed. my inducement for drawing 15 Pagodas also, may be readily accounted for.—

With respect to the Servants allowance you will remember that two Companies of the 2d Regiment were quartered in Ellore when I was assistant Surgeon to that Garrison, and as the Purveying System was in force for part of the time which I attended them and which precluded me from any recompence for this additional duty, five Pagodas Extra was considered in proportion to the number of Men. Surgeons of the European Corps being then allowed 15 Pagodas per Mensem for Servants.—

This Statement appearing to you correct. I trust you will forward to the Auditor General which perhaps may induce him to relieve me from the whole Refund.—

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November 6th 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) Alexander Boiswell
Surgeon.

(a true Copy) Signed) H. Taylor late Paymr.
(a true Copy) Signed) P. Bruce Act. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Major General Sydenham

Auditor General

Sir.

I had a letter under date 10th April last from Mr. Gordon Paymaster at Masulipatam with the following Extract.—

"Extract of remarks from the Disbursements "of Mr. H. Taylor, Paymaster in the Circars from January "to April 1793 as follows:—

2nd Battalion of European Infantry

Staff.

"In the abstract of Pay to the 3. and 4th Battalion "Companies of the 2d Battalion European Infantry Captain "Geo.e Lee Commanding draws an allowance for a Serjeant "Major, a Quarter Master Serjeant, and a Drill Serjeant."—

In February	Pagodas	12
" March	Ditto	12
" April	Ditto	12
	Pagodas	36

The allowance for the above having been drawn at the head Quarters of the Corps when they were doing duty the Charges are, is inadmissible —

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A true Copy Signed H. Taylor
Late Paymr.

A true Copy (Signed) J. S. Smith
Agt. M. P. M. Ginevel

A true Copy (Signed) Wm. Gordon
Paymaster

On the above Subject I wrote to you Sir without delay on the back of your Audit Retrenchment through Mr. Gordon desiring him to forward it to you with all possible dispatch - But having had no intimation of a Reaudit as expected, it appears thereby probable that you did not see what I had written to you on that Subject - In that event I have taken the liberty as above, to furnish you with Copy of your own Extract - and shall now again write you my Sentiments of the Retrenchment - in nearly the same words as I then wrote on the back of the Audit - as follows -

Sir,

To the foregoing stated inadmissible Charge - I hereby declare myself to you in no way Responsible for the Charges therein stated - as above to the amount of thirty six Pagodas. -

The 3 and 4th Battalion Companies of the

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2nd Battalion European Infantry were detached from the head Quarters of their Corps then at Ellore under the Command of Captain Geo Waight, with Orders to proceed to Guntoor — there to put himself and Detachment under the Command and Orders of Major Wynch — on the Detachments arrival at Guntoor, Major Wynch who Commanded, not only appointed the non Commissioned Staff to the two Companies, as above states in admissible — but also appointed a quarter Master and line Adjutant to that Detachment — In that state as appointed by Major Wynch the Detachment of the two Companies Remained till after the Lapse of 14 or 15 months — when Captain Waight was removed to the 4th Battalion European Infantry — then the Command of the 3d and 4th Companies so appointed as above, with non Commissioned Staff devolved on me — got from the time took charge of them, until my arrival at head quarters of the Corps. I continued to be immediately under Command and Subordinate to one Superior Officer or another —

Hence with Submission Ileave it to the Auditor General and Justice of Government to decide —

Whether

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Whether as a Military Subordinate Officer, on receiving charge of the two Companies with Staff, as they then stood appointed - and in face of my immediate Commanding Officer, / and probable Concurrence of the Colonel of the Corps / by whose Authority the Staff appointments were made - I leave it for them to decide whether I would have been justified, had I refused my Signature in contra to martial Obedience to the Pay Bills of those non Commissioned Staff appointed by Major Wynch - that Refusal would in effect be no other, than removing the Staff to their former Rank - and directly cancelling and Revocking Major Wynch's Orders in doing which I would have subjected myself to a Charge of insubordination to Military discipline of disrespect to Major Wynch, and of disobedience of his Orders - and these Charges could apply by his Successors in Command who continued the same Staff, alluded to that were appointed by him - besides I would have been subject to reprehension on my arrival at head Quarters of the Corps - especially had fault been found with oeconomy and discipline of the

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the two Companies to maintain which, it may be supposed the new Commissioned Staff had been appointed" - thus far by way of explanation and Argument -

Hence Sir if my Pay is ultimately to be retrenched after a lapse of six years for an irregular measure of Major Wynch's, it must follow with as much justice that my Pay is equally liable to be Retrenched for every six years past ad-infinitum - for whatever my Superior Officer may chuse to order to be charged and Received from Government above the Stipulated Regulations - In the mean while, I have full confidence in the justice and equity of my appealants -

I have the honor to be
&c &c.
/Signed/ G. Ure
Lieut. Colt.
/a true Copy/Signed/ P. Bruce
Hd Qrs. A.G.

16th September 1799

To Harry Taylor Esqr.
late Paymaster at Ellore

Sir.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant accompanying an extract of the Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor

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Auditor General from your Disbursements in my abstract—
such a length of time has elaped since my drawing the
Sum in question from you, and having no memorandums
of the circumstances which led to the Disbursements of Cash
made by me while on Command, I must as minutely
detail the whole to you as my memory at this long
period will admit of Some time in the month of
September 1793 I was directed by Colonel Fraser (I think at
the request of the Chief and Council of Masulipatam) to
proceed to Settinagrum on the north Banks of the
Codavery about 16 or 18 Miles above Rajamundry to Seize
the Person of one Narroo a Refractory Poligar at the Head
of a large Body of Peons my Instructions were to march
with all expedition and as Secret as posible at the
same time to Correspond with Lieutenant Evans then
Commanding at Rajamundry and to use every means
in my power to obtain information of the Situation
Strength &c of Narroo and his party which Correspondence
and information could not be carried on and gained
without a considerable expence, and I trust it will be

allowed

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allowed my charge on that head has been as
moderate as possible, and within the bounds of what
I paid out of my own Pocket. From the information
I had Received from Lieutenant Evans and thro the
Channel of Havearras I found it adviseable to march
my Detachment secretly by night / striking out of the
main Road / a cross the Country to the South banks of
the River opposite to the Village of Settinagrum, and as
the River was then full, I requested of Lieutenant Evans
to send me Boats from Rajamundry, up the South side
of the River for the purpose of Crossing my Detachment
over to Settinagrum. This was a laborious work for the
Boat Men, but thro their labour and the exertion of
Lieutenant Evans I had the whole of the Boats ready
for me to cross on my arrival, and with a promise
of a reward / which I paid the Boatmen out of my own
Pocket / they instantly agreed to Ferry my Detachment
a Cross; and so secretly was it effected that we got
within five hundred yards of Narsoo and his party
before they knew of our having Crossed the River. my
Detachment

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Detachment being very small and not knowing the number of Peons which Narsoo might on an emergency collect to effect his escape I deemed it prudent to carry him by water to Rajamundry and so soon as I had secured him (which did not take up more than an hour) I returned with him and embarked on the Boats for Rajamundry, where we arrived in the course of the Night. The great labour and exertion of the Boatmen on this occasion induced me to Reward them beyond what is generally looked for by them for their labour, and which will account for my charge on that head being heavy— During my stay at Rajamundry which I think was above a month, I was obliged to maintain the Prisoner Narsoo out of my own Pocket and when I was directed to send him under a Guard to Masulipatam he was ill with a fever and unable to march, consequently I was under the necessity of hiring a Dooly and Bearers to carry him, and as I was instructed to send him by the way of Ellore (on account of his having many friends on the other Road) the expence

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of the Bearers was consequently much greater - Thus Sir, I have to the best of my memory Detailed every — particular Respecting the charges I made for Disbursements while on that Service, and I hope and trust what I have here said which I pledge my word to be fact, will satisfy the Military Auditor General for the justness of my charges - The Bill not being countersigned by — Colonel Fraser the Commanding Officer of the Division is a Circumstance I cannot myself account for, it certainly must have been sent to him among my other abstracts for the month, for his signature, but in the hurry of business (I suppose) he forgot to sign it with the others. His being Dead puts it out of my power to make further enquiry into the cause of the mistake - and it also further unfortunately happens, that the Persons who — authorized his sending out the Detachment are also — Dead —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Ald Taylor
Major 2 Bn 7 Regt

Wallajahbad
15th February 1798

(A true Copy (Signed) P. Bruce
Lt Aid. to A.G.
Madras

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Resolutions on the above letter.—

Under the circumstances relative to the disbursements made by the late Paymaster to the Nizam's Detachment, of the Pay and batta of Artificers, Resolved that the retrenchment against him on this Account be remitted.—

Resolved that the peculiar circumstances of Major Pattersons case be stated to the Honorable Court of Directors and that until their decision shall be received Major Patterson shall not be required to refund the advanced pay and allowances drawn by him as Major of His Majesty's 25th Dragoons.—

The Board approve the rejection of Major Blaquieres claim to horse allowance in his advanced rank for any period previous to the publication of his promotion.—

Although the grounds of the Retrenchment against the estate of the late Mr. Oniel are irresistible, yet having reason to believe that to enforce the retrenchment would be attended with very serious inconvenience to his Widow and family the Board

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are induced from motives of humanity to remit the amount. Resolved therefore that the Military Auditor General be directed to make the necessary communication to Mr. Oriel, and that the Retrenchment be written off to "Military Charges."—

Ordered that the decision of the Board on the doubtful charges in the Accounts of Mr. Harry Taylor be transmitted to the Auditor General.—

Read the following letters from Malacca and from Penang.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From the Commandant at Malacca states that Mr. Thiersens a Member of the College of Justice at Malacca has embarked on the Gloucester for the purpose to answer charges which he states to have transmitted against Mr. Thiersens by a former opportunity — Some Native and European Troops have been embarked on the Gloucester for whose passage no allowance has been yet paid to the Commander.—

Sir.

Francis Thiersens Esqr. late President of the College of Justice at this place now proceeds on the Ship Gloucester to Fort St. George to answer to the Charges I have forwarded to Government against him Contained in my Letter of the 21st Instant to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council — Mr. Thiersens has agreed to pay for his passage and that of his family on board the Gloucester — I have engaged a Passage on board of the Gloucester

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Gloucester for Thirteen Europeans and fifteen Natives -
/Sepoys and Lascars/ who are going to the Coast, some
for the change of climate, others Deserters from Major
Durand's Detachment when at Penang - One months -
Provisions and Liquor is put on board for the Troops -
Captain Smith Commander of the Gloucester declines
making a demand for the Passage of these People but
wishes to leave it to the Generosity of the Madras -
Government, and I beg leave to recommend to -
Government to make him an Allowance suitable and
adequate to the great inconveniences and trouble he
will be put by the number of Convalescents on board
his Ship. -

It is not certain that the Gloucester
goes direct from Penang to Madras - I have therefore
desired Captain Smith in the event of his going to
Bengal from Penang to put the Troops on Board of
the Eliza Captain Parrimore which Vessel sails from
hence with the Gloucester, and goes direct to Madras
indeed the Troops would have been embarked at once

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on board the Eliza but she is full of Plants from Amboyna to be delivered at Penang, so that she has not room for the Men between decks.—

Captain Smith has also been so good as to promise in the event of his not going to Madras to procure a passage for Mr. Thierens and his family, and I have wrote to Mr. Caunter Superintendant at Penang to interest himself in geting Mr. Thierens on to Madras.— Captain Smith or the Commander of the Vessel on which Mr. Thierens proceeds to the Coast will report his arrival to you, and I hope you will give the necessary directions for him and his family being permitted to come on shore for they must be much crowded and uncomfortable on board.—

I have the honor to be
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(Signed) Kld Taylor
Lieut Colt. Comg

Malacca
27th November 1799

I Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government at Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor of transmitting you herewith,

From the acting Superintendant of Prince of Wales Island Encloses copy of a letter from the Commandant at

Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Colonel Taylor

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at Malacca — regarding Mr. Thierens, who he states has embarked on the Ganjava for Madras. Mentions also that two Cadets have embarked for this Presidency, for whose passage he has promised the Sum of 75. Dollars each.—

Taylor Commanding at Malacca — and to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that in consequence of the distination of the Ship Gloucester having been altered since her arrival here, Mr. Thierens, the Gentleman mentioned therein, with his family will proceed to Madras from hence at his own expence, on the Ship Ganjava, the Commander of which is directed to a wait the Orders of Government on his arrival there, relative to the further disposal of them.—

On the same Ship have embarked also two Cadets destined for your Presidency who were landed from the outward bound China Fleet which arrived here under Convoy of his Majesty's Ship Madras the 19th October and departed again the 8th November — For the passage of those Gentlemen, (who I understand were to have been allowed by the Company £ 30 each for their passage from China to the Presidency they were appointed to) I have agreed on the part of Government to allow Captain Barber for each, seventy five Dollars to be paid him on his arrival at Fort St. George.—

Fort Cornwallis
11th December 1799

I have the honor to be
(Signed) &c
Geo Caunter
Acting Superintendt

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To George Caunter

Superintendant Prince of Wales's Island

Sir.

Francis Thierens Esqr. late President of the College of Justice at this place is now proceeding on board the Ship Gloucester by my orders to Fort St. George to answer to Charges I have deemed it expedient to forward to that Government against him.- In the event of the Ship Gloucester not going direct to Madras from Penang, I have to request your services in procuring a Passage for Mr. Thierens and his family at his own expence on one of the first Ships going to the Coast.-

I have the honor to be

Malacca 27th November 1799

&c &c

/Signed/ A. W. Taylor Lieut Col Com'g

Order and Resolutions on the above Letters

Ordered that Mr. Thierens and his family be landed to answer to the charges of Lieutenant Colonel Taylor as soon as they shall be received.-

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to make such an arrangement as he shall judge liberal and Reasonable with the Commander of the Ship Gloucester, and of the Eliza, for the

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the Passage of the Detachment embarked by Lieutenant Colonel Taylor for the Presidency.—

Resolved to authorize payment of the — passage of the two Gentlemen Cadets who have arrived on the Ganjava, at the rate of seventy five Dollars each.—

Read the following letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

Government were pleased on the 30th August 1796 to order an Advance of Pagodas 500 to Major Mandevelle and to Lieutenants Barclay and Mandevelle the sum of Pagodas 150 each in consequence of their having represented the loss sustained in not being able to remove their Baggage from the Earl Wycombe, and as these Sums stand to their debit individually on the Books of my Department I called upon them for repayment Copies of Major Mandevelle and Lieutenant Mandevelle's reply on the Subject, I herewith enclose and request to be favored with his

From the Military Paymaster General - Requests the instructions of Government regarding advances made to Major Mandevelle and to Lieutenants Barclay and Mandevelle in august 1796 on account of the loss of Baggage - which advances still stand to their debit.—

Lordship's

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Lordship's Commands.—

Fort S.t George
28th December 1799

I am
&c &c
(Signed) B.r Roebuck
M.P.G

To B Roebuck Esq.r
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

On my arrival here I was favored with your letter of the 21st Ultimo on the subject of Star Pagodas 500. received by me in August 1796. by Order of Government, and take leave to observe — That Government was pleased to Order. that Sum for me and 150 Pagodas to each Officer with me in Consideration of the extraordinary Circumstance that occasioned the loss of our Baggage on Board the Earl Wycombe Indiaman. The actual Loss I sustained is upwards of 1,000 Pagodas and I make no doubt but what on a correct Representation of my Loss They would be pleased to Order me a further Remuneration.—

At any rate my present pecuniary situation does not enable me to Command such a Sum having nothing but my pay and allowances to

Subsist

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Subsist on - my prize money I am concerned to say was not near sufficient to pay my Debts - and I am fully persuaded that Government do not wish to Distress an Old Officer grown Grey in their Service for the sake of so small a Sum and under Circumstances so very Singular.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) C.F. Mandeville
Majr. 1 Bn. 1st Nj

Seringapatam
the 17.th December 1799.

a true Copy (Signed) A Brooke
Lt. & A.D.C.

B.r Roebuck Esq.r

Fort S.t George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of 24.th Instant, and beg leave to inform you, that the Sum, which I had received from your Office, in August 1796. amounting to 150 Pagodas. was as I had been informed in Consequence of a Representation, which two other Officers, besides myself, had made to General Alured Clarke (who was then Commander in Chief on the Coast) of the losses we had sustained on Board one of the Honorable Company's Ships (as we were Ordered to proceed to Trincomalee) and by whose

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kind intercession / each of us had received, a Certain Sum, that Government were pleased to grant us.—

Trichinopoly
November 28th. 1799

I am
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/ Signed / Chas. Mandeville
Lieut.

Resolution thereon

Resolved to relinquish to Major Mandeville, Lieutenants Barclay and Mandeville the Sums of money advanced to them respectively on account of the loss of baggage; and that the Paymaster General be directed to write off the amount to "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements" in the Books of his Department.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Brigadier General De Meuron.—

Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief &&&
Fort St. George

From General De Meuron to the Commander in Chief. Forwards an application to the Board for an advance of £ 3000 on account of the cloathing of the Swiss Regiment De Meuron.—

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you enclosed a letter to Government which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable The President in Council, and I take the liberty to request that you will have the goodness to favour me with your

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your Countenance and support to obtain the object of my request.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/ Signed / P. F. De Meuron
Col Comt H. M. Swiss Regt. & B. Gl.

Annee
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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
President in Council &c &c
Fort St. George

My Lord

I take the liberty to state for the information of your Lordship, that His Majesty's Swiss Regiment De Meuron has now been upwards of four years in the British Service, during which time I have furnished for all the expences of Clothing and Equiping the Corps; and, that I have paid all the arrears due to the Officers of the Regiment up to the 24th of December 1798 with a view to assist them as they had no Correspondents in England, supposing that there would have been no delay in England in getting payment from the Government.— But the last accounts which I have from my Brother inform me, that no part of the Offreckonings nor the arrears due to the

Officers

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Officers have been paid, and that they will not be paid until accounts which are called for shall have been transmitted from the Regiment.—

These Circumstances put me to a great difficulty as I am much distressed for money to clear off the engagements I am under, and they oblige me to request the Assistance of your Lordship in Council on the present occasion and to beg that Government may be pleased to advance me the Sum of three Thousand Pounds Sterling, in addition to the Balance which there will be against the Regiment after the Heaudit of its accounts with the Military Paymaster General, which Sum I shall be very happy to repay to Government at their option either in England or in India so soon as the difficulties above States are removed.—

I hope that your Lordship in Council will have the goodness to indulge my Request in consideration of the difficulties I am under for though it appears by the Capitulation of the Regiment that the Offreckonings

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&c
(Signed) P. F. De Meuron
Col. Com. H.M. Swiss Regt. &c &c

Annee

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To lie on the Table

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Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor &c &c in Council

From the Town Major. Makes application for an increase of the allowances of the Fort Adjutant.—

My Lord,

The allowances drawn by the Fort Adjutant of Fort S. George are so inadequate to the expences to which he is unavoidably exposed, and to the responsibility attached to his situation, that I hope it will not be considered as unconnected with my duty to bring the Subject before your Lordship in Council.—

I am induced to do so from a consideration of the great inconveniency, and some times detriment to the public Service, attending the Constant fluctuation in

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in this Office, there having been no less than six different Fort Adjutants of this Garrison within the last five years.-

And because it is, in respect to allowances, greatly inferior to the Fort Adjutants at the Subordinate Garrisons- as will appear from the following Statements.-

Fort Adjutants of Vellore, Punamalee,

Masulipatam &c receive.-

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Writers	10
Candles	2
Horse allowance	6
	42

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Writers	5
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your Lordship will judge it expedient that this Office should be placed on such a footing as will render it an object to be desired by an Officer of some standing and experience, rather than one that he no sooner obtains than he wishes to relinquish, to prevent his being involved in debt and embarrasment.—

And as my situation enables me more particularly to know the expences to which the Fort Adjutant is necessarily exposed, and the duties he has to perform. I take the liberty to state that a Salary of one hundred Pagodas per month, exclusive of his Regimental Pay, is to the best of my judgement the least sum, which at this extravagant Station, will enable him to keep free from debt; and to support the appearance and Character which ought to attach to the Situation; or indeed which can induce a good and respectable Officer to remain in it.—

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) A Grant
Town Major

Resolved

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Fort Adjutant be permitted to draw eighty Pagodas per month, exclusive of his Regimental allowances, in lieu of the several Sums he now draws as Fort Adjutant.—

Read the following letter from the — Collector at Kistnaghirry.—

To Josiah Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government

From the Collector at Kistnaghirry- states that the Chargul Polligar has effected his escape- The two Runganoor peons detained by Rummer ud Deen have been released.-

Sir.

I am concerned to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Chargul Polligar effected his escape from the Hill fort of Kistnagerry, on the night of the 17th. Instant. The necessary measures have been taken to apprehend him, and it will afford me much pleasure to be able to state that they have proved — successful; his crimes are of a deep dye, and I earnestly hope that the period of Atonement, to the injured — Laws of Society, is not far distant.—

By a letter received from Meer Cummer u din Cawn, I find that he has released the two — Poonganoor

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Poonganoor Peons. whose enlargement I requested in my letter to him of the 16th Ultimo.—

Hosoor
22d December 1799

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Geo. Graham Colo

Minute thereon

The Commander in Chief is requested to give orders for bringing to Trial and punishment the guard entrusted with the Custody of the Polygar of Chargul.—

Read the following letter from the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.—

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

My Lord,

From Bengal Expressing satisfaction at the successful result of the expedition against the Southern Polygars and bestowing the highest praise on the conduct of Major Bannerman and of the Collector—Request that the regulations proposed for the Southern Countries may be in the first instance submitted to the Governor General in Council.—

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 9th Ultimo communicating to us the intelligence of the rapid and complete success which has attended the operations of the Detachment Commanded by Major Bannerman in the reduction of the Polygars Countries to a state of complete Subjection to the Authority of the Company under the orders issued to that Officer by the Right Honorable

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Honorable the Governor General in Council at Fort St. George.—

2 We feel the greatest satisfaction in congratulating your Lordship in Council on an event which is so intimately connected with the establishment of Civil Order, and good Government, throughout the British Territories under your immediate authority.—

3 The Energy, ability, and Integrity manifested by Major Bannerman, in the execution of the important Commission entrusted to him reflect the highest honor on that Officer, and we request that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to signify in general Orders, our Cordial concurrence in the Sentiments which you have publicly expressed, respecting the Conduct of Major Bannerman, and also the high sense which we entertain of the Service which he has rendered to the Company on this occasion.—

4 We have great satisfaction also in noticing the good Conduct of the Collector, in the Zealous assistance which he afforded to Major Bannerman, in the prosecution of his measures.—

We

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5 We entirely approve of the provision which you have made for the temporary management of the Polygar Countries.—

6 Your Lordship in Council has also our full sanction for the adoption of all the necessary measures for the immediate introduction of a regular System of Government, throughout the Polygar Countries, on the basis of your instructions to the Board of Revenue.—

7 The Settlement of the Polygar Countries being materially connected with the introduction of the System of internal Government established in Bengal, throughout the British Possessions under your Presidency, (on which subject we shall very shortly furnish you with our instructions,) We request that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to transmit to us, Copies of the Regulations which you may ultimately propose to adopt for the permanent Administration of the Government of the Polygar Countries, before they are carried into effect.—

We have the honor to be
& &
(Signed) Mornington
Alured Clarke
P. Speke
Wm Cowper

Fort William
the 17th December 1799

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved to inform the Governor General in Council that the Board will not fail to comply with his Lordship's directions for the transmission of the Regulations which may ultimately be deemed necessary for the permanent Administration of the Government of the Polygar Countries. But as those Regulations must be necessarily adopted to the General System of internal Government about to be introduced throughout the British possessions under this Presidency, the Board are restrained from any final Arrangement with regard to the former, until they shall have been favoured with his Lordship's instructions and Orders on the latter, Subject.—

The President lays before the Board the following draft of a General Order founded on the above letter from the Governor General in Council.—

Fort St. George 1st. January 1800

G. O. By Government

General Order Publishing the approbation of the Governor General in Council of Major Bannerman's conduct during the late expedition against the Southern Polygars.

In the general Order of the 5th November last the Right Honorable the Governor in Council had the satisfaction of expressing his Lordship's warmest approbation of the conduct of Major Bannerman during his Command of the field Detachment lately employed in the province of Tinnivelly.— The

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The grounds of that approbation having been communicated to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council His Lordship is of opinion that "the energy, ability and Integrity, "Manifested by Major Bannerman in the execution of the "important Commission entrusted to him, reflect the highest "honor on that Officer".—

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has further directed the Governor in Council to "Signify in General "Orders his Lordship's Cordial concurrence in the Sentiments, "which have been already publicly expressed, respecting the "conduct of Major Bannerman and also the high sense, "which the Governor General entertains of the Service, which "that Officer has rendered to the Company on this occasion".—

By Order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

(Signed) J. Webbe Sec.y to Government

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" Clive

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" Wm Petrie

" M Fallofield

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