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To the Honble Lieut. General Harris

President Govern.r in Council

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Sir,

From Major General Gillespie requesting as an act of justice by the Board a refusal to grant him Copies of the proceedings on which they have founded the Censure lately passed on his Conduct Charges the Board of Officers has partially and improperly amended without the Consent of Colonel Smith and transmitting a Communication of the several enclosing a Narrative of proceedings delivered to him by Lieutenant Col. Wathway Lieut. Lennond and Cockerby and Copy of a Letter addressed to him by Sixteen Officers of the Artillery on which they request General Gillespie of any Error of execution or Conduct and call in question the justice of the Government in the Censure passed on him.

I have my severe censure on my conduct published in General orders on the 17th Ultimo compels me to address you on the subject a censure declaredly founded upon the proceedings and report of the Board of Officers of which Major General Ross was President.

Unacquainted as I am with the facts contained in those proceedings I am utterly at a loss to conjecture in what manner they could have been reported to induce Government to believe that I did not make those exertions which it was my duty to have made for the purpose of enforcing the Authority and executing that Trust which was confided to me as Commanding Officer of St. Thomas's Mount and Commandant of Artillery

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Artillery. It was with a view of devising a knowledge of those facts, and that report, and defending myself against them, that I addressed the Commander in Chief under date the 17th and Government, the 20th Ultimo (1182) and flattered myself with the hope, that the reasonableness of my application would have insured its success but on the 4th Instant I received a letter from the Secretary Webbe informing me, that Government had not deemed a compliance with it to be necessary -

Thus circumstanced, I am deprived of the advantages, generally afforded to those who are accused, and obliged to defend my Character without a knowledge of the particular matters objected to it. I am placed in a severe situation, and I feel all its severity, but the difficulties I have to encounter and the obstacles to be surmounted however formidable in their Combinations

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and painful in their Consideration, Cannot
deter me from the attempt at least to
shew that I have deserved the Stations
I have held in the Army, and been worthy
of the trust reposed in me by Government

I have long been an object of dislike
to a certain discription of Men, and every
method that could be devised, has been
adopted to injure me, and artifice and design
have been blended with the endeavours
that have been exerted to ruin me.
I had experienced the deviation of a Board
of Officers from the purposes, for which it
ostensibly sat - I had known when the
expressed intention has been, an enquiry into
the conduct of certain Lascars, and its real
object to obtain, investigation into my own -
I alluded to an enquiry ordered by Colonel
Now Major General, Braithwaite, to sit at
Marmalong and which I considered as it

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afterwards turned and to be an indirect attack upon myself. I offered the objections stated in paper N.3 and Captain (now Major) Clarke was abruptly dismissed from the Presidents Tent with an official observation of the Presidents (Colonel Dale) "that they were not trying — Colonel Gils" The instant therefore, that I understood the Board, under whose proceedings and report I am now suffering was meant to be assembled, I offered to you Sir, my objections to it, and the reasons upon which those objections were founded. Not is only what I presumed to write to you — I now know, that those who could not impeach my conduct in an Open Court, where I should be present to confront them where declarations required the Solemnity of an Oath, to give them Credit, and where the Judges themselves were sworn to administer Justice without partiality, or prejudice would in another place, where no

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such forms and instructions were observed, give way to the dictates of their interest, and the impulse of their resentments, asperse my reputation, and as far as possible blast every thing dear to me, both as an officer and as a man, and the present occasion has I have some reasons to apprehend served to illustrate the fact I submitted to your my opinion regarding the measures that appeared best calculated to obtain the truth, respecting the Mutiny, and that I could not allow a board of Officers, to deal with my conduct as they might think proper; and your private letter of the 20th January, is not only a pledge to me of your goodness, but that you were mistaken yourself in supposing the enquiry would be confined to the "Origin of "the Mutiny, finding out the authors, and to "know how far steps were taken for quelling "it previous to any return from your house."

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When however the Board met, and when I in consequence of a summons, appeared before it, I offered reasons why the Officers of the Artillery ought to be examined in the presence of each other and every examination taken as publickly as possible. I remarked that I did not desire to be present at any examination myself, yet that when my own narration was to come forward, it was my anxious wish that Colonels Smith, and Saxon and as many other Officers of the Corps, as could conveniently, attend, might hear me deliver it, in order that they might set me right if I should have misconceived, or forgot facts, necessary to be perfectly understood and fully detailed. But my reasons and wishes were rejected, and as it is possible they may not appear in the proceedings, and as the Board of Officers would not receive all that I stated before it, I entreat your attention to the

Accom

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accompanying Narrative (No 5) as taken from the notes, I then made use of, and if on the proceedings of the Board of Offices it should appear that a considerable difference has been made in — speaking of the part the two Battalions took in the Mutiny, and that the second was — persuaded by the first, to resist their duty — and became Mutinous, I humbly trust the paper in reference will demonstrate that such was not the case - If it should be — required, I immagine from the information — I have lately received, I can adduce ample proofs that the Mutiny Originated with the 2d — Battalion, and it is indisputable, that the — Leaders of the Mutinous men were belonging to it - It is far from my disposition to make — those distinctions but I am led to believe others have done so, upon erroneous principles - I consider that I am acting correctly and only —

rendering

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rendering what is due to Justice, when I endeavour
to rectify mistakes.-

Proceeding as I do altogether
uninformed of what may have been alledged
against me on the proceedings of the Board
of Affairs, I trust I shall obtain the indulgence
of Government, if I should not omit particular
points, that may most essentially affect me -

The General order, that arose
out of those Proceedings, is my only guide and
consulting them and holding subsequent occur-
rences in my mind, I must suppose that
previous to my return to the Mount, on the
night in which the much to be lamented
misfortune in question occurred. Colonel
Smith, who commanded during my absence did
all that was incumbent on him to do. What
I did not follow up the measures he had
properly Commenced It becomes me therefore
to state, the measures pursued by Colonel
Smith and I does from information given me by

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by Lieutenant Limmond, an Affair who I believe was not called upon, by the board of Officers, and Lieutenants Hathway, Russell, Cookesley &c.a —

When Colonel Smith visited the Barracks, of the first Battalion, which — appear to have been not untill about 10 o'clock at Night; he asked the People, who formed a Circle round him, what they wanted, and what were the grievances they had to complain of, and was told; that Mr Cookesley had a paper that contained them, the Paper was then delivered to Colonel Smith, and he called for a light to read it, but as some — person exclaimed "No light". he retired to the Guard Room, and returning soon afterwards observed to the Men; that if such were their grievances, they should be redressed in the Morning, and pledged his Honor to the — performance of his promises that our Man

Called

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I called out" and not punished" to which Colonel Smith replyed, not If I can help it but that qualified appeared proving unsatisfactory, Colonel Smith added "I pledge my honor, that none shall be punished nor hurt, in consequence of which the Men retired. - Finding therefore, on entering the Cantonments which to the best of my recollection was about 12 o'Clock that every thing was quiet, although I understood from Colonel Smith and other officers that the Men had yet, seven or eight Guns drawn up, and that they could not be prevailed on, to return them to the lines, I deemed it most advisable to defer going amongst them, and I therefore wrote to you to that effect until Day light, when I might be able to see and know their countenances; as I immagined, that, would be very favourable to the object I had in view, to bring them back to their duty with a just sense of the crime they had

heavy

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been guilty of, in committing so flagrant a
breach of it - However at the entreaty of some
Gentlemen I was afterwards induced to go to the
Barracks, in the front of which I found
them, with Guns drawn up - I addressed them
as particularized in the accompanying Narrative
and as set therein is stated, combatted what they
called their grievances - I did so a second time in
the Morning, and then gave them an hour
to consider of their behavior, with an
assurance, that if they did not return to
their duty in that time I would report them
to the Commander in Chief Before the time
expired, the second Battalion had joined the
first, and then, and not till then, there
was every appearance of decidedly violent
intentions They took possession of the Magazines
detached a party to the top of the Mount
and to the Barracks of the 2d Battalion, drew

Off

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If more Guns, and make every disposition for their defence Captain Malcolm who came to the Cantonments from the Commander in Chief saw a part of their outrages, and suggested to them the Expediency of immediate Coercion - He left me about 8 o'Clock and almost immediately afterwards a White Pendant was hoisted, by the party on the top of the Mount; they at the same time fired three Signal Guns, and applied the Telescope they had with them, alternately Madras and Coondanallee - As things had now assumed a very serious aspect, and to prevent alarming consequences, I immediately proceeded to the Barracks, when the Men surrounded me, and it was with some difficulty that I persuaded them to hear me and not until I told them I would insist on being heard, and that I was come to learn their final resolution, I received

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to my reporting them to Head Quarters —
They then reiterated their grievances and
insisted upon having them redressed; I
made use of such reasoning, with them
as I judged to be best calculated for the —
time and when I found that they were
determined, and conceiving there was not a
Moment to be lost, granted them what they
required (Namely respecting the Bazar, the
Mode of serving their Drams, the Accord —
ance of Pay, and the undrys Jackets; which
Colonel Smith and Saxon, had ordered them
to provide,) on condition that they would
return to their duty and in future behave
themselves as good Soldiers — Having thus
introduced the most material particulars
regarding the Conduct of Colonel Smith
and myself it remains for me, to make
some remarks, on his situation and . In
proceedings, so far as they apply to, or are

Connected

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commited with my own Colonel Smith was
on the Spot when the Mutiny in the 1st
Battalion began, and of the 2d Battalion
actually seen as they are represented, in a
state of Subordination and obedience to their
Officers, and so many of them present the only
share easily it is to be presumed, have
restored discipline back so far from
attempting to do so, it would appear, that
the Moment the people of the first Battalion
made their Complaints to them, their grievances
redress and gave their honor that no man
should be punished therefore when I met
amongst the men, I had to encounter any
thing that was unfavourable to my
wishes and efforts they had been promised
by Colonel Smith a Compliance with all
they had asked in the most unequivocal
and unqualified terms and it is not like

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supposed that they could give up, to any efforts of mine in their Combined state an advantage, that had been added and secured to them, at the very beginning of the Mutiny: an advantage that had embraced every object they had looked to— nor was I enabled to act from circumstances as I did not know any thing of such— conception on the part of Colonel Smith— untill the Mutiny was finally quelled—

Thus then, did the proceedings of Colonel Smith, operate to defeat my— own, and surround me with difficulties which I neither knew nor suspected, and which I found to be of a nature not to be alleviated or surmounted and when at length the 2d Battalion had joined the 1st possibly to the end, if not prevented, that the one might acquire the same benefits that the other had obtained—

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When instead of tranquility and a certain degree of order, every thing was confusion and outrage in both Battalions and when for the purpose of averting the dreadful storm that appeared to be gathering very fast and all those Calamities that might have followed it - Acting According to the best of my Judgement, and to the Narrow line prescribed me, by the concessions and promises just mentioned, I granted the request of the People, and in doing so, I did no more in fact than give my Concurrence to a measure, that had been carried into execution by Colonel Smith - I do not mean to Justify my Conduct, by examination, on the contrary were such the only means of defence left me I should shrink from it with disdain - Yet I hope Sir, that, I may be allowed to draw those conclusions

From

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from the premises - I Colonel Smith -
made every exertion, which it was his duty
to make I cannot have been guilty of a
dereliction of mine! and if Colonel Smiths
Conduct is entitled to applause, mine cannot
deserve Censure - But Sir I hold an honorable
Certificate of my Conduct on the day of the
Mutiny from those who were present, and
had the fullest opportunity of observing it -
It is a full approval of every act of mine -
and is signed by Nineteen Officers - I beg -
permission to enclose it for your information
and humbly trust Sir that you will extend
your Goodness and your Justice towards me
so that I may be able to vendicate myself
in the fullest manner; and conscious as I am
of the rectitude of my actions and the Zeal
I have ever shewn and ever shall possess, for
the good of the Service, and particularly the

Corps.

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Corps, with which I have for a series of years,
had the honor to act, upon trying occasions,
when by determined perseverance and the
noblest order that ever glowed in the breast
of man, they have acquired the brightest
fame and rendered to their Country, services
that never will be forgot. —

Mr. Secretary Webbe, observes, that
the whole subject is referred to the consideration
of the Court of Directors. Unless I may be
permitted to know what has been stated
against me, and to oppose that Statement
by such proofs and fair and liberal Ar-
guments as may be in my power The
Court of Directors will have only one side of
the Question before them; and Sir I have
reason to be convinced that my honorable
Employers would be far from desiring to
Consider a subject evidently injurious to the
Character of a Servant without hearing that

Servant

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Servant in his defence - and I presume Sir, that such an idea must be highly obnoxious to your sentiments -

Suffer me therefore once more to — entreat your indulgence so far, as to grant me a Copy of the Paper alluded to, or at least your permission to peruse them -

With respect to the distribution made of the Artillery by General Order, I shall not further presume to speak, than to Submit to your Superior Judgement, that the welfare of the Army, depends on the Artillery; and the discipline of the Artillery upon their being as much as possible in a collected Body - Such were the Opinions of Lord Cornwallis, and I believe every — Military Man entertains the same -

I am attached to the Corps by the strongest ties, that bind man to man, and feel the disgrace that has fallen on the first Battalion, as published in general orders

with

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with the liveliest sorrow and regret, indeed I know no circumstance that in its occurrence could have impressed me with deeper application. I have been accused of too much lenity — towards the men, however on a retrospective view of my Conduct, I find the accusation unjust — But I freely confess, I have been too lenient, much too lenient to those with whom the accusation originates — Had I exercised my authority with a severe hand than I have done, over those placed in higher situations and been as active, in bringing them forward, for the — investigation of their Conduct, as I have been in my endeavours to prevent harsh measures and the distress to individual feelings, that — must of Consequence have followed - had I caught at error and culpability as they — presented themselves and followed them up by arrests, and Courts Martial, I should not at

this

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this moment, have been under the necessity
of approaching you, on one of the most —
painful incidents of my life — My Honour
has been aspersed by those who largely —
partook of both, and the Proceedings of —
my Court Martial will evince, that the
officer who does not render himself the —
object of fear, with those under his Command
may be liable to all those evil practices,
that wicked men resort to, for the purpose
of promoting the Ruin of others. —

Suffer me once more Sir, to revert
to the subject of separating the Artillery and
in doing so, to say that the first Battalion
is innocent compared with the 2d Battalion
In that Battalion the Mutiny Commenced
and some of the Men of that Battalion, were
the instigators and afterwards the leaders of
it and I repeat that on my honor, I believe
the circumstances may be fully proved. If

these

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These Men, are to suffer by Corps and that
the Artillery must be seperated I humbly —
hunt that Corps will suffer most which is the
most guilty this I can from the fullest —
experience say that the 2d Battalion, as Artillery
Men, is by no means equal to, or so orderly as
the first and that it has been a source
of trouble and vexation to me from the —
Moment it joined me at the Mount. —

Mount
12th March 1798

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

Signd Thomas Gils

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

Sir,

I have this Moment been honored,
with the receipt of a Government Order of
Yesterdays date, Censuring me in the following
terms "That I did not make any of those —

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exertions, which it was my duty to have made for the purpose of enforcing this authority, and of executing that trust which was confided to me, as Commanding Officer of St. Thomas's Mount and Commandant of Artillery:—

It is an easy matter for Government to pass such a Censure—but as I am not Conscious myself of any want of exertion on any part, after my return from the Commander in Chiefs House to the Moment the Mutiny was at an End or of any neglect in the execution of the trust reposed in me, as Commanding Officer of the Mount and Corps of Artillery. I entreat you will have the goodness to enable me to defend my conduct by furnishing me with a Copy of the proceedings of the Board of Officers which I notice you are to have referred to you, or such other Documents as may have induced the Right Honorable the President in Council to

Come

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Come to such a Resolution—

Sir

Thomas Mount

17th February 1798

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

(Signed)

His Excellency Lieut. General Harris

President Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving on the 17th Instant in order of the Right Honorable Lord Hobart in Council dated the preceding day Censuring one in the following terms — That I did not make those Exertions which it was my duty to have made, for the purpose of enforcing that authority and of executing that trust which was confided to me as Commanding Officer of St. Thomas — Mount and Commandant of Artillery —

I am unable how sufficiently to

must —

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must have been to His Lordship, to have
proposed such Censure on an Officer of my
Rank and Character in the Service, but as
I am not conscious myself of any want of
exertion on my part, after my return from
the Commander in Chief's House to the
Moment the Mutiny was at an end, or of
any neglect in the execution of the Trust
confided in me as Commanding Officer of the
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defend my Conduct by furnishing me with
a Copy of the Proceedings of the Board of
Officers, or such other Documents as may have
induced the Right Honorable the President
in Council to come to such a Resolution -

I have the honor to be with

respect

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) G

Mount
20th February 1798

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To Lieutenant Colonel Law
Major Burr & Vigors

Gentlemen

It appears to me by your proceeding that there is an intention to enter into an Investigation of my Conduct, and that under the pretence of enquiring into the irregularities and riotous behaviour of three Private Artillery Lascars, it is meant and intended to criminate me — A proceeding that is illegal and unconstitutional contrary to the Laws of England and to the Customs of the Army. It is pre-judging and pre-determining on the Conduct of an Officer before a Crime has been preferred against him — An Officer who is not before you, it is striking at his Rights and Prevelidges as sanctioned by an Act of the Legislator and eventually —

depriving

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depriving him of that fair and impartial Trial by his Peers which every subject is entitled to, I therefore enter this as a Protest against every part of your proceedings in — which my Conduct may be attempted to be impeached. —

With the utmost reliance on your candour and that you will put an — immediate stop to every unfair and illegal proceeding the moment you discover it. —

I have the honor to Subscribe myself —

Mount
2d July 1794

&c &c &c
(Signed)

My Dear General

I have just seen C. Saxon, who tells me Colonel Smith reported to you, that the 2d Battalion were forced to take part in the late Evenings by the 1st and as I believe the Contrary of this to be the fact

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I will certainly insist on Colonel Smith proving what he has asserted.

The enquiry to me bears a very extraordinary aspect, and I have hitherto of such a thing takes place, but that it is meant or will be turned to some purpose as an apology for Brathwaites Conduct towards me on former occasions. I therefore take this opportunity of acquainting you that I will not have my Conduct submitted to any Committee of enquiry, or even being implicated there. It has already been before that of a Court Martial and I will have no side wind aspersion thrown out upon it. If an Enquiry is at all necessary in the late business, I am the proper Person to Conduct it, and I shall consider it an indelicacy if another is named.

I am Dear General
Your faithfully
[signed]

Mount
19th January 1798

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Narrative of Lieutenant Hathway

Ruspell Limmond & Cookesley - taken by

Major General Gulo 2d March 1798.-

On the evening of Monday the

15th of February the Commander in Chief

gave a Ball at his House, which is about

Six Miles from the Mount, where I and all

the Officers of the Corps of Artillery, excepting

Colonel Smith, Major Mandeville, Captains

Howley, Tanner, Jordan and Darke, Lieutenants

Hathway, Ruspell Charleton. Grant, Fowler

Cookesley, Weldon and Limond were present,

of those Officers Major Mandeville Captain

Jordan, Lieutenants Hathway and Cookesley

were reported sick, Captain Tanner was

Captain of the Day, and Lieutenant Weldon

Officer of the Main Guard, so that Colonel

Smith was senior Officer in the Cantonment,

Captains Tanner, and Darke, Lieutenants

Ruspell Charleton Fowler & Grant all Officers

of

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of the 2d Battalion who were in fact the
only Officers left for duty in the Cantonment
with the exception of Lieutenant Farrington
Weldon of the 1st Battalion who was on Guard
"B" Captain Bowly had dined at Commd.
"with Mr. Webb" I observed him with a great
Coat on, but I did not hear him once open
his lips -

About 9 o Clock there was an
Alarm in the Cantonments, from the beating
of a Drum to Arms, when I heard of the
Non Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battalion,
came to my House to inform Lieutenant
Cooksley who had got out of bed and was
dressing himself as fast as possible, that
the Battalion were under Arms had shaken
off all obedience to them and were in an
Actual State of Mutiny and that they were
ignorant of their intentions, Lieutenant Cooksley
who appeared to have been the first Officer -

at -

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at the Barracks ran immediately to the Parade,
by the time he got there the Men had left
the 1st Battalion Barracks and as it was —
dark the mother knew not could any one —
inform him the route they had taken, till
at last finding a Party of the Mutineers +
principally of Captain Hayes Company were
in posession of the Guard and had drawn —
themselves up in front of it, it was some time
before he could get any answer to his enquiries,
respecting the cause of so extraordinary a Conduct,
and not till after he had assured them, he
meant to take no advantage of the person
who spoke He was then told they had to
Complain of a want of Pay, or Arrears of Pay
which he understood to mean the late arrival
of Pay this Month at the Mount. the —
Jackets and Straw hats ordered by Colonels —
Smith and Saxon, the price of Provisions in

the

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the Bazar, and that the Arrack was not —
served in the Barracks as was the Custom in
other Corps - after expostulating for some time
with those Men, and advising them to go to their
Barracks, and to prwail on the others to do the
same when they could prefer their Complaints
in the morning which seeming to have no
effect she recommended to them to put their
grievances on paper, and she engaged to deliver
them to me on my return to the Cantonments,
They deputed some Men for this purpose, and at
the same time told Lieutenant Cookesley they
would go to the 2d Battalion Barracks, where the
other Men were, and if possible prwail on them
to do as he advised -

At this moment Lieutenants —
Hathway, Rupell, and Simond joined him —
and the Senior Officer Lieutenant Hathway —
ordered Lieutenant Cookesley to Accompany —
him to the 2d Battalion Barracks, which he
did, and they there found a considerable part

of

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of the 1st Battalion drawn up in regularly one
the out side for the Serjeant of the Barrack
Guard had Shut the 2d Battalion Barrack
Gate after tattoo beating. at 8 o Clock Lieutenant
Cookesley could observe however from the —
lights in the Barracks, that all the 2d —
Battalion were up and walking about —
encountered, but he saw no Officer with them,
Lieutenant Bathway on Coming up, asked
repeatedly what men they were, but —
received no answer, he then asked what —
Battalion they belonged to, some one said
the 1st, He then ordered the 1st Battalion to
fall in, and immediately make up their
files — there appeared some inclination at
first to obey, but afterwards they did not,
and he ordered them there respectively to —
Shoulder, many of them Shouldering at
first, Came to an Order again on perceiving
a different disposition —

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Charleton joined at this time, and Lieutenant Bathway and he gave several orders but with little effect, Lieutenant Bathway again ordered the Men to Shoulder and on about twelve Men disobeying etc. stepped up to one of them and gave him the word to Shoulder, which he took no Notice of whom Lieutenant Bathway siezed him by the Collar, calling up a Non Commissioned Officer to march him who replied he had.-

Lieutenant Charleton who had just before Joined as has been stated called out upon this whose is the Man that won't Shoulder upon which there was a general Cry of Knock him down.- Lieutenant Lennond observed that Mr. Charleton received a Blow on the head with the butt of a firelock from a Man in the Rear Rank whereupon Lieutenant Bathway desisted from his intentions of

Swinging

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Singling out a Man and stepped back—
they both however continued with the Guard
and to persuade them to return to their
Barracks, which after some time and frequently
halting they appeared to do of their own
accord reprbraiding the D. for not turning out
and to all that other Lieutenants Charleton or
Hathway offered to say in their way back. The
Men only replied, put him in the Guard-house
your Jaw, you will hurt yourself. About this
time, Lieutenants Hathway Russell and Limond
declare Lieutenant Charleton called out, is there
no non Commissioned Officer will condescend to
speak to me and in the presence of Lieutenant
Hathway who was Senior Officer containly
exceeded his authority as he gave his word of
honor, if they come in day light all their
grievances would be redressed

On returning Lieutenant Limond
left the Party and went towards the the Main
Guard

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Guard, where he found Captain Tanner and Lieutenant Welsh turning it out. Captain Tanner was in the act of calling out turn out Guard, turn out Guard, few running to obey him, he said loud enough to be heard, he could depend on and send for his own Company, he came up and asked Mr. Simond his Name, and if he would step to Colonel Smith to acquaint him I now near ten o'Clock that the men were in a State of Mutiny, Mr Simond replied he was informed Colonel Smith had gone to General Harris's, and Captain Tanner was informed that a Man had been sent on horseback to acquaint General Gils Captain Tanner observed it was very well, left the Guard and was followed by Mr. Simond to the 1st Battalion, who had formed in a Circle round Colonel Smith, which Captain Tanner not observing (Mr Simond supposes) called out hear me Men, one Man replied damn you, will you speak, a non Commissioned

Officer

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Officer informed him at this time of Colonel
Smith being present Mr Limond saw no
more of Captain Farmer, left event himself
into the Circle, where he found Colonel
Smith was with Lieutenant Charleton &
Rupell & Cookesley and seemed in the act
of his first address to the Men for at this
Moment, he was saying what is it you
want Men - what are your grievances - Some
answered Mr. Cookesley had got a paper,
and Mr Cookesley went up upon this to
Colonel Smith, saying he had got a paper
from the ground, and if Colonel Smith wished
he would give it to him, Colonel Smith
requiring the Paper to be shewn him, called
for a light to read it by, the Men immedi-
= ately called out no light - Colonel Smith
replied very well and went to the Guard
Room, that was forty or fifty yards off to
read it, at the Guard light Colonel Smith
returned into the Circle again from the
Guard

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Guard Room and said. If this is what you call your grievance Men I assure you you shall have them redressed tomorrow, and I pledge you my honor you shall have it done, if you will only go to your Barracks One Man called out - and none furnished - Colonel Smith said nor, if I can help it - or words to that effect, the Man called out that wont do - Lieutenant Charleton then whispered to Colonel Smith, when Colonel Smith then said well then, I pledge my honor that none shall be furnished but hunt. (Lieutenant Simons thinks he added) only go to your Barracks - that will do - they did and went to their Barrack, On Lieutenant Cookesley returning to the Main Guard, he observed Colonel Smith for the 1st time then about 10 o Clock with some other Officers, The

Men

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Men formed a Circle round them and called upon Lieutenant Cootesley to pick up a paper that laid on the Ground, which he did, and afterwards gave it to Colonel Smith, who upon perusing it and finding it to be a list of Grievances, gave his word it should be redressed. Colonel Smith then saying take me Prisoner & then, I will be answerable and no one punished for it. Through my means of they go to their Barracks peaceably - but they replied, that wont do, you must give your word of honor that neither you, or any one else shall hurt us. Colonel Smith seemed to hesitate here - and Mr Charleton was observed to touch his Arm, when Colonel Smith said well Men none of you shall be hurt upon this Assurance they broke and went into the Barracks and some of the Officers

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to their Quarters from whence Lieutenant Cookesley wrote me the Note stated in my Narrative to the Board of Officers.

Lieutenant Cookesley had scarcely undressed himself (about half past 10 o'Clock) some of the Sergeants came to inform him that the Men were drawing the Guns from the Park, and called for him: when he went to the Barracks, he found they had drawn up seven or eight Gun in front of them that had nothing to say to him, nor would they listen to any remonstrances of the Officers present, but remained under arms until Lieutenant Cookesley was obliged from Sickness to retire, and in this state they were Reported to me by Colonel Smith, and almost all the Officers who had assembled at my quarters on my Return to the Cantonments from the Commander in Chief's

Narrative given into the

Board

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Board of Officers by Major General Gillespie Dated
January 24th 1798.

No 5 Imagine it to be the intention
of the Board to investigate as far as they may
be able to do so the circumstances that led
to the Mutiny of the Artillery at the Mount,
and if that be the case, the best and certainly
the most correct mode to be adopted on the
occasion would be to call together the Officers of the
Corps who were present on the spot, and hear
the necessary particulars from them, so far as
they are capable of relating them - In a transaction
such as the present, where there were several
Officers Spectators, and engaged in attempting to
bring Men back to a sense of their duty —
which they had departed from: The recollection
of the one if in any instance defective should
have the aid of another, by which means,
all that is sought after will be completely —
obtained Gentlemen ought not therefore to be

examined

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examined Separate and a part from, but
in the presence of each other - I submit there
my Ideas to the Board, from full --
persuation of their propriety and Justness,
and further that all examinations should
be as public as possible. I do not wish to
be present myself during the examination
of any Gentleman, but as all my Communi=
=cations with the Mind more public, I anx=
=ously wish that Colonels Smith, Saxon
and as many other Officers of the Corps as
conveniently can be present, during the
Statement I may have to offer to the
Board, in order that they may set me right,
if in any part of it, I should happen to
have misconceived or forgot facts necessary
to be perfectly understood and fully Narrated.

I am certain you will be of Opinion
with me, that there ought not to be any
point so stated by different Gentlemen

as

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as to bear different Constructions, much less, to
give rise to animosities I feel for the honor of
my Corps, and I confess myself hurt at even
the shadow of indelicacy, the Officers of Artillery
therefore, ought in my humble opinion, to be
always present during the examinations, sitting
by the Board - To exclude them, would as the —
fact appears to my mind, be a kind of —
constructive, or employed doubt of their —
veracity and honor, and that in order to get at
the truth, it was found necessary by the Board
to examine them Separately and a part from
each other - I may be wrong but situated as I am
at the head of a Corps, it is not only acting —
consistently with the dictates of my feelings, but
performing perhaps the most sacred part of my
duty to suggest to you the best mode to
avoid the Semblance of a Slur upon those,
with whom I have the honor to serve -

Having thus promised; —

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Sproceid to my narratiue of the importunate
Count that Engages your attention about
two days Sprevious to the occurrence, an —
anonymous Letter was addressed to Lieutenant
Colonel Saxon, which he handed to me — it
ran thus, Honble Sir, Having had the honor of
being under your Command &c. among this —
Number is / here three Names are stated but
Should request the Boards Opinion in this
instance, whether from my assurance to the
Men, as stated in my letter to the Commander
in Chief. I am at liberty to Name them — If
it happened it is true before the Mutiny, and
the Board will have occasion to Notice hereafter,
that the accusation is attempted to be done
away, in a letter to the Officers Commanding one
of the Companys / the Corps of which has
all the Men Batta in the Company &c. &c.
As I believe every word of this letter to be
true, I recommended to Colonel Saxon on the Instant
to Cancel all such debts, and taking the hint
from the letter in question to direct the —

Officers

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Officers Commanding Compys to issue the Pay themselves to the Men - The same day or at furthest the day following (the 24th Instant) I learnt from Colonel Saxon he had issued the Order, but that he had reason to Believe from another Letter he had received, and which he gave to me, that there was not a word of truth in the anonymous Epistles. It stated as follows.

To
1st Battalion Artillery

Sir,

In consequence of after reading and attentively perusing this letter. I told Colonel Saxon I still believed every Syllable of the Anonymous production, and advised him to make no alteration in the Arrangement he had given out in Regimental Orders. - I think it was while we were reading this letter, and when Colonel Smith was present, a report came, that several of the Europeans were making a Riot in the Bazar: Ordered those Gentlemen to go directly to the Spot and enquire

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enquire into the meaning of it— Pay had been
received the Night before, but was locked up
in a Tumbril, until the Paymasters People
should arrive to distribute it. Here I beg
leave to notice that the deviation from the
System of Paying my Corps in addopting
that of Paying my Company's under the
Countersignature of the Commanding Offic.
has not in my mind been an improvement
on the Bengal Regulations—

I cannot charge my Memory with
the exact Report Colonels Smith and Saxon
made to me on the occasion but it appeared
that the Men being in want of their Pay,
required certain Bazar Articles on Credit,
which Shetlers Shops sometimes get:
however this may have been, I heard not
an iota more on this nor on any other Subject
until an Artillery Man came from South
Cookesley on horseback to meet Colonel

Harris's

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Harris on the 15th at about half past ten
at Night telling me he had come Express
to inform me that the Men of the 1st Battalion
had got under Arms, and had taken possession
of the Main Guard and Guns. I ordered all
my Effects out, that I met with immedi-
-ately and followed myself as soon as I had
communicated the Message brought, and to
General Harris's —

On the Road I met a Note from
Lieutenant Coakley stating that he had
just been called out by a Drum beating to
Arms in the 1st Battalion Barracks and when
he arrived there he found part of the Battalion
under Arms, and that they had marched —
down to the 2d Battalion Barracks, but as
they could not persuade them to join. They
had returned quietly to their Quarters again,
on Colonel Smith's having pledged himself that
the List of Grievances they had given him —
should be redressed — I sent my Aid de Camp —

as

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at this time to General Harris to acquaint him that matters appeared to me in good train for Arrangement.—

I met Lieutenant Fowler on the Road to Kavire, who repeated a message from Colonel Smith, to the best of my recollection, nearly to the effect of what I had learnt from the Artillery man and Lieutenant Cookesley's Note.—

On my arrival in the Cantonment every thing was apparently quiet, but I understood from Colonel Smith and the other Officers, that the Men had left Seringapatam with Guns drawn up, and that they could not be induced to return them to the Lines.—

I had now determined and written General Harris to that Effect that I would not go near them until Morning but on the repeated entreaties of some of the Gentlemen, I went over without a light the Men, I found

to

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to be about to the Number of about Eighty in front of the Barracks with Guns and Arms Stacked.—

I addressed them expressing my Surprize at finding them in such a Situation Several voices were raised at once, enumerating what they termed Grievances respecting the price of Articles in the Bazar, their want of Pay at this late period of the Month (the 1st Payment had I believe been given them on the Morning, and it is a Corps arrangement of mine that at whatever period the Pay arrives, the times of the Gurrah payments are calculated so that it may last until the same day in the next Month, in order that the Men may not be distressed for Money before the next Months Pay arrives) their drums being drawn at the Godown and last a Messpage made for an undress Jacket and Straw hat.—

I told them, the 1st Complaint

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I had reason to think was unfounded and that I would prove it to them beyond a Doubt by their own Boys Caterer, Taylor of Captain Isaacs Comp.y who had given me more insight into the Madras Regulations than I had been Master of before and on which score they considered themselves aggrieved as not being able to get Provisions at so moderate a rate at the Mount.-

This Man called out he had told the General this.- that he had gone to Madras on the Men Complaining that the Expence of their Messing was too high, and that the result was that he had ascertained that every article Mutton and Bread excepted was at the same price or less at the Mount than at Madras, Mutton I think he said was cheaper at the Mount but not so good as at Madras - Bread from the quantity baked at the latter place was not only

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Some times cheaper but state Bread was sold at an undervalue at Madras which could not be the Case at the Mount as no more was baked than was required for the daily Con=
=sumption of the Cantonment. In regard to this pay being issued Sooner or later in the Month would depend Intirely on the time of its being Sent from Madras By Arrange=
=ment of the after distribution but was to assure them a regular Subsistance until the arrival of the Pay of a Subsequent Month.

The serving of the arrack at the Godown was to prevent any abuse and if I was rightly informed such a regulation might be highly agreeable to themselves as it had been reported to me that no less than 15 Coolys had been posted over the Godowns during the preceding Night. And Lastly in regard to their undress Jackets and that however I might approve of the intention It was an arrangement that depended upon Colonels Smiths Saxon

alone

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alone but if they would return to their duty
and draw the Guns to the lines again
I would on a proper representation take the
Subject into consideration during all this time
they were respectful to me and the Officers
with me but as they did not appear
any inclination to return immediately to
their duty I left them and went to my
Quarter.—

Early in the Morning of the 16th
I rode purposely by the Barracks and noticed
to some of the Men who were in front my
Concern in observing they persisted in so
shameful a Conduct For Gods Sake I re-
added draw those Guns to the Park again
I never knew a Six Pounder disgrace an
Artillery Man before Come forward two or three
of you and tell me what you really intend
or wish to do, and do not think I mean to
take the advantage of any one on the
contrary will consider myself obliged to those
who will at this time State their grievances

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to me — On this apearance Several of them came forward and observed they had given a list of their grievances to Colonel Smith — that they requested a free Bazar — that day on the 1st of the Month — that arrack Served in the Barracks and not to be stopped for — mudras Jackets &c. to the 4th proportion I replied that the Bazar was as free as air and if it were not, they had a right to have it so, and that I would make it so immediately — that the time of the Arrival of the Ship would determine the time of Slave — that the mode of serving the arrack I positively refused and as to their mudras when they shewed a disposition to merit it I told them I would take it into Consideration — and now Gentlemen I desired that you have stated your Complaints and you have heard what I have to say I give you until 8 o Clock this Morning to consider of

your

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your behaviour and if by that time you do not return to your duty like good Soldiers I must and will report your Conduct to the Commander in Chief and you and I must stand to the Consequence.-

I went home to Breckfast and when seated at Table with some of the Officers We heard a Noise at the Barracks which was presently understood to be the 2d Battalion who has joined the 1st - I beg to lead the attention of the Board here to one circumstance which I hope they will carry in their recollection that had I acceded to the demands of the People either the Evening before early in the Morning of the 16th the 2d Battalion would have appeared to have had no concern in the Mutiny and but for what one of the Officers told me and their Subsequent Conduct which I am now about to State some Credit might have been given to a malicious whisper in circulation that the 2d Battalion

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of Artillery were as quiet as Lambs in their
Barracks and would have remained so had
they not been forced to a contrary line of
Conduct by the atrocious Conduct of the 8th.
who even threatened them with a Brigade
of Guns - It was next reported, the Men had
taken possession of the Mount the Battery
the Magazine and the 2d Battalion Barracks
- and Witnessed myself from table Hour
drawing off more Guns and ammunition
and to Complete my humiliation they tore
my Flag from the Mast - in this I do not
mean to cast any reflections on the 9th -
Conduct more than the 8th as I consider them
equally culpable but only to assert that
nothing decidedly violent appeared in the
Conduct of the Men before their Junction
and that destitute from every Consideration
of the illiberality of an attempt to excul=
=pate one Corps no matter whether Things
or Companys at the Expence of another

The

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the fact in this case is not to be sustained.
Captain Malcolm had come to me from the
Commander in Chief and was Writing to
Some of those acts He stated to me appre-
=hensions regarding the 12th and 74th and
I gave my Opinion respecting the measures
that should be adopted with the Artillery then
He preferred calling at Mr. Saunders to
Breakfasting at the Mount in Case it became
absolutely necessary to march Troops against
Us and he had hardly gone away when the
Signal Guns were fired from the top of the
Mount and a white Pendant was hoisted,
and the Spying Glass applied alternately to
Madras and Poonamallee Road I deemed this
the Moment for decision and immediately walked
towards the Barracks forbidding any of the
Officers to follow me some of them however
did so after I had joined the Men.-

On my approaching the Barracks
they turned out and formed a Circle and Sword

Voices

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Voice called out no Officer But on my saying
that I would be heard often of them called
out that I wished to Speak to them and
then I pryed into the Circle addressing them
in my usual tone of Voice that I had come
to Know their final resolution before I made
my report to West Quarter - they said they had
given them into Colonel Smith already I told
them that - that Paper was in my possession
but it appeared so frivolous that I desired
to hear from themselves what they had to
complain of - One Man said he and others of
the Company had brought a good Net from
the Northward but were molested standing
under stoppages for more I told them that
was a Regimental and Individual Consider-
ation and could be easily redressed and required
to Know what could possibly have induced
them to adopt such an extraordinary line
of conduct -

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Several of them appeared to be in Liquor
they said they required their Pay on the 1st of
the Month to which I opposed the Arrange=
=ments already offered but observed that if
they were actually in distress for money I would
order the 2d Payment to be made but the
consequence would be that their money
would be out before the next Pay would
be received. They said that I could always
get it for them if I pleased the 1st of the Month
or I might advance it myself I told them I
certainly would have assisted them had they
applied to me but that I could not bring the
Pay from Madras before it was convenient
for Government to issue it to all the Corps of
the Service and they must be sensible that
at Trichinopoly they never got their Pay
before the 10th or 15th of the Month and in the
Field not before a Month or six Weeks after
it was due and that they should consider
even at this time the Pay in their Officers
Hands

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Hands was fifteen days in advance. sent Edmond they would let me understand what they then wanted they said their pay to the 1st of the Month that is you mean I said that I should order you the 1st and 2d Payments to be paid at once. I will order it and now the next they said the Arrack should be drawn and served in the Barracks I told them that was a regulation I had great reluctance at giving into Liest if they would promisert should not be abused I would order it to be served in the Barracks the next thing they brought forward was the undrys Jacket and straw hat dwelling much on the distress of the fourteen Sepoys I think they said they would be reduced to Monthly until they had paid for them. I observed that I would dispense with them furnishing that article. they also wanted the said a free Bazar that there were great impositions in it and although

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although I might not know it myself my Dubash did - I told them I did not believe it but that every article to my knowledge was heretofore regulated at the price current at Madras and should for the future be on the Police Regulations which would be / immediately hung up in the Bazar and — rendered into Malabarr and the German Languages they gave three Cheers upon this which was answered from Captain 's Party on the Mount - I left them upon this and drafted the order which was sent to the Commander in Chief when after soliciting the Release of Lieutenant Crosdell who had been put in Arrest on Complaint of Captain Sumner which I complied with the Men returned quietly to their duty. - with respect to the Bazar the Committee may satisfy themselves if they should have a doubt on the Subject by — calling on the Man Taylor who I have stated gave me information - the Bazars are doubtless

of

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of much consequence in considering the welfare
of the men of a Corps and I have paid every
attention to it in order to render the price of
different articles as low as possible and this—
is all the interference I have with it.) as—
whatever may be the Custom of the Service
either directly or indirectly derived any advan-
-tage from it, nor would I ever allow any—
one under me to do so.—

N.B. Captain Malcolm corrected the parts of
this Narrative, respecting the time he had
mentioned the Comr. in Chiefs apprehension—
regarding the 12th and 74th Regiments to be after
the Mutiny was over— The impression on my—
mind was different however The parts marked
underneath left out as irrelevant in the—
Boards opinion to the Subject—

(A signd) Thos. Guls

To Major General Guls
&c, &c, &c,

Sir,

We the undersigned Officers of the

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The Corps under your Command take the earliest opportunity of expressing to you, our extreme concern at the censure passed upon your Conduct on occasion of the late importunate Mutiny among the Men of this Establishment, and as we were Generally Eye Witnesses thereto and cannot well be mistaken in what passed before us - we humbly presume there may have been a misrepresentation of Facts as there appeared to us no part of your conduct - we humbly apprehend on that occasion that could have merited the slightest Censure -

The Mutiny took place on your absence and we deem it a justice to declare - that he believe and did observe you, to have made use of every exertion which it was your Duty to have made, for the purpose of enforcing authority and executing the trust confided in you, to the utmost of your power and via Masterly and effectual like manner and such as we believe very few and certainly

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no Affair in this Cantonment could have
brought matters under all the circumstances of
the Case to so favorable an issue.—

We have the honor to be
Sir &c.

(Signd) J. Dennistoun Brown
John Sinclair
Thos. Cookesley
J. Campbell
Peter Grant
P. G. Blair
J. Noble
T. Gills
A. Gills
J. Hathway Lieut. 2d Batt.
C. M. Craigie Lieut. F. 2d B. Art.
Richd. Darke Capt. of Art.
M. Kingsley Lieut. F. M.
J. Jordan Capt. 2d Batt. Art.
J. Rupell
Alexr. Limond Adjt. Lieut. F. M.
A Weldon
Robt. Taylor
James Gellie Lieut. F. M.

Lieutenant

St. Thomas's Mount
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Lieutenant General Harris's

Minute in Council 21st March 1798.-

I have much concern in laying before the Board the following letter from Major General Gils, because it shews that he has not been restrained by any respect for the resolutions of Government, or by a sense of the important duties which he has been selected to sustain, from running and forcing upon the attention of his Superiors, a representation entirely subversive of order and discipline.-

In regard to the defence which General Gils has set up, I must observe that, though the proceedings of the Board of Affairs are supported on grounds too solid and respectable to be shaken by the inconsistent declamation of General Gils, yet allowing the facts which he has assumed to operate in its fullest extent, it amounts to no justification whatsoever of his own conduct for notwithstanding he has asserted the 2d Battalion to have-

been

Lieutenant General Harris's Minute communicating on the foregoing letter from Major General Gils and on the honorable dismissment subsequently to the late Mutiny - and - particularly in reviewing and laying before Government the address to him from the Officers of the Artillery Corps proposes that those Gentlemen be separately called upon for an explanation of the circumstances and Motives of conduct which induced them to sign an address so inconsistent with subordi- -nation and a due respect to the Authority of Govern- -ment.-

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been the first moves of the Mutiny, his
representation of that disgraceful proceeding
commences with a mutinous assembly of the 1st
Battalion at the gate of the 2d Battalion who
were then, and had been the whole morning
in their Barracks, and notwithstanding Colonel
Smith should have granted all the concessions
which are imputed to him by General Gils
Yet as he was totally ignorant of them according
to his own Statement / until the mutiny was
over, his conduct could not have been affected
by those concessions, General Gils was not censured
because his exertions were unsuccessful, but
because he made no exertions at all for the
suppression of the mutiny—

On both these grounds General
Gils has not defended his own, but has —
attacked the Conduct of others, in the first —
instance he has advanced an assertion, which
is not supported, even on the facts adduced by
himself in the second he has criminated the
Conduct

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Conduct of Colonel Smith without justifying his own.-

If General Gals, instead of remaining inactive, had joined the 2d Battalion in their Barracks, and had called upon the Non Com=missioned officers and good men of the 1st Battalion to join him/ the former of whom were orderly and ready during the whole transaction/ about sixty or seventy rascals only would by the best information have been left by themselves in a state of a Mutiny.-

But these considerations are now trivial in comparison with those which arise out of the address presented to Major General Gals by a part of the officers of the Corps of Artillery after the deliberate enquiry which had been instituted into the measures taken for the suppression of the Mutiny and after the decided resolutions passed by the Board that General Gals had not made those exertions which it was his duty to

have

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have done, the presumption of the Officer,
in presenting a Counter declaration, contra=
=dicting the resolutions of Government is a=
little removed from that Spirit of insubordi=
=nation, which the principles of the Corps have
too seriously evinced, but the Conduct of
General Gells in receiving such a paper, which
it was his duty to have rejected, and in trans=
=mitting it to the Board as a justification of
himself, requires the most serious animadversion,
The fact, stated in its simplest form, shews
that the relation in which General Gells
stands to the Commander in Chief, and to the
Government, has put no restraint upon his
Conduct but pursued to all its consequences
is subversive of the discipline of the Army
and injurious to all constituted authority=

Under the considerations the=
dent and obvious proceeding for the Board
would be to bring General Gells before a Court
Martial immediately, but such a resolution
would involve the fate of the Officers, who=
have

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I have signed the address to General Gells Thou I have the Satisfaction to observe are with a few exceptions the young and inexperienced part of the Corps, and independent of all considerations for their youth and want of example, I think there is reason to afford them an opportunity of exculpating themselves

This Compels me with pain to inform the Board, that Major General Gells waited upon me for the purpose of dissuading me from the March of the 1st Battalion according to the orders already published, and at the same time presented to me the rough draft of a Petition from the Lyranny Sandals, and Gun Lascars against their removal, a proceeding so unprecedented and unmilitary, I need not acquaint the Board excited my warmest indignation and the manner in which I dismissed the Subject has I imagine prevented the presentment of this Petition Looking however at the questionable Shape in which it has

appeared

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appeared before me, I fear there is too much reason to believe, that the Petition, if it was not fabricated, was at least countenanced by General Gils, and adverting to the facts before the Board that General Gils in the pursuit of his objects is not deterred by ordinary restraints, I cannot but suspect that the address does not contain the free and Genuine Sentiments of the young Men who have signed it.-

Under the double consideration therefore of allowing these Young Gentlemen an opportunity of escaping the Serious effects of their delusion, if it should prove so, and of bringing home to General Gils an offence of so serious a Nature, if he should have betrayed these Officers into such a Commitment of themselves I propose that before any further measures are taken in this affair, a circular letter be sent from the Secretary direct to the Officers in question, calling upon them to

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for an explanation of the circumstances and motives of conduct under which they signed the address.

In laying these papers before the Board, I cannot omit to notice the private letter addressed to me by General Gils; the peremptory and improper manner in which he has ventured to dictate his sentiments in regard to the proceedings of the Board of Officers, ought certainly to have screened from me, that reprehension which it deserved, but making allowances at the time for the feelings of General Gils, under the Circumstances in which he then stood, and unwilling from considerations for his former Services, and the Motives which had led me to recommend him for the Staff, I determined not to add any disrespect towards myself and that of a private nature to the Weightier responsibility which then appeared to press upon him, In bringing forward that letter

General

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General Gils has shewn himself unworthy of the indulgence and it will be a matter for Consideration with him hereafter.

Though insinuations from General Gils, or indeed from any individual, are unworthy of serious attention; Yet I cannot withhold from the Board, that the proceedings of the Court of enquiry to which General Gils has alluded with some earnestness did, I find upon reference to the Adjutant Generals Office, and in a result not a little disreputable to him, not or can I omit to point out that General Gils should have attempted in so unaccountable a manner to give an air of fact to the communication between him and Captain Malcolm during the meeting at the Mount, which he withdrew from his narrative upon explanation before the Board of Officers.-

(Signed) Geo: Harris

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The President also lays before the Board another letter from Major General Giles respecting permission to withdraw the foregoing.

To The Honble Sir. G. Harris
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,—

From Major General Giles requesting permission to withdraw the foregoing letter.—

On a mature Consideration of my Letter of the 13th Instant and its enclosures I am led to conclude that I have acted with ill advised precipitancy in forwarding it to Government I am extremely sorry that I have done so, and request as a favor that I may now be permitted to withdraw it.—

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your faithful and most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Thomas Giles

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25 March 1798

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Minutes on the two foregoing letters from Major General Gils.

Considering the Nature of Major Genl Gils, address, Resolved that it is neither consistent with the dignity of Government nor with the preservation of discipline to permit him to withdraw his letter.

Resolved according to the recommendation of the President to call upon the different officers who appear to have signed the address for an explanation of the circumstances and motives of conduct which induced them to do so.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Honble Lieut. General Harris

Governor in Council V. G., V. C., V. C.

Honble Sir,

From the Military Board apply for a Copy of Lieut. Colonel Reads remarks and the Report of the Committee on works executed in his Barracks under the Superintendance of Captain Byng

1st We have been honored with Government's letter of the 28th Ultimo; and have received letters from the Secretary Webbe under date

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Bong inclosing Comparative Statement of the proposals received for the Gun Carriage &c. Contract report the proposals received for supplying Grain for the different Cavalry Regiments for the present Year and recommend advances to the Contractors Bills for Bremstone and Sulphur recommended for Payment and advances to the Agent of Supplies for Doolies and to Captain Lennon for Work executing at Ryacottah

dated the 25th Ultimo and 1 Enclosure with their respective Enclosures.-

2d. As we are not in possession of the Report of Captain (now Lieutenant Colonel) Read on the proceedings of Committee appointed to inspect the Works executed under the Superintendence of Captain Bong alluded to in the 85th Paragraph in Extract of General letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under date 20th June 1797: and it appearing to be the intention of Government that our Board shall take into consideration the Rules suggested therein relative to the Materials that ought to be used in the construction of every discription of public Works, We beg leave to request that We may accordingly be furnished with a Copy of that Report.-

3d. We have the honor to State to Government that, after an attentive examination of the several Proposals for the Gun Carriage

Contract

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Contract referred to Our consideration under
date the 27th January last, and a comparison
of the different rates contained therein, it
appears to us that those offered by Mr. —
Maitland are the lowest, as shewn by the
contrasted* Statement forwarded herewith, and
may therefore be considered as the most eligible
provided that he shall agree to withdraw
certain stipulations contained in his letter;
and which being foreign to the terms of the
Advertizement should not have been proposed;
But should Mr. Maitland not find it —
expedient to withdraw such stipulations in
such case it is our Opinion, that the proposals
offered by Messrs Goldingham and Lyn
have the next Claim to acceptance. —

4th We beg leave to state also to —
Government that as in Mr. Maitlands' proposals
he

* As this Statement, from its Size cannot be conveniently Copied in the Records, it is lodged in the Office. —

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he omitted to mention the Period for which it was his intention to engage, We thought it necessary to call on him for such information; in consequence of which, it appears by his reply that he is willing to take the Contract for three, four or five Years.

5th Proposals for supplying the quantities of Grain required for the consumption of the European and Native Regiments of Cavalry under this Presidency in the Year 1798 having been advertized for by our Board under date the 23d January, and Contracts for that purpose concluded by Us upon the most eligible terms that could be procured: that for the two former Corps being at 45 Pagd. Pr. Garce; those for the 1st 2d and 4th Regiments at 57 Pagodas per Garce; and that for the 3d Regiment at 50 Pagodas P Garce We in consequence recommend that immediate Advances be authorized on that account to each of the contractors for supplying His Majesty's 19th and 75th

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25th Regiments of Pagodas 2670 " " To the "
Contractor for the 1st 2d and 4th Native Regiments,
of Pagodas 10773 " "; and to the Contractor for
the 3d Regiment of Pagodas 3000 " " "

6th We do ourselves the honor to enclose
a Bill amounting to Pagodas 2983. 19. 56. for
Europe Roll Brimstone, and Manilla Sulphur
purchased, by the Agent of Supply from Messrs.
Colt, Batter, and Day, in consequence of Govern=
=ments Order under date 10th August last; and
recommended that the same be discharged. -

7th We also beg leave to recommend
to Government to authorize an immediate
Advance to the Agent of Supply of one
thousand (1000) Pagodas upon the accompany=
=ing Indent, on account of new Doolies ordered
to be provided by him under date the 24th
January last. -

8th Captain Lennon, Superintending
Engineer of the Works carrying on at Ryacotah
having in conformity to the Regulations applied
to our Board for a second Advance of Pagodas
611. 11. 33. on account of the alterations making
in

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in improvement of the East Face of that Fortress, We accordingly recommended that authority be granted for such Advance being made to that Officer.—

Fort St. George
10th March 1798

We have the honor to be
&c, &c,
(Signd) Patrick Ross
Thomas Giles
Wm. Sydenham
"By Close.

Minutes thereon

Ordered that the Military Board be furnished with Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Reade's report upon the Work executed in the Baramahal.—

Although the proposals of Mr Maitland appears to be the lowest offered for the Gun Carriage &c. Contract, yet as his offer contains Stipulations which cannot be complied with—and in particular as it is not consonant with the advertisement Resolved upon the principle laid down in Consultation 3d November 1795 and —

approved

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approved by the Honorable Court of Directors that
his terms be not accepted -

As there is no objection to the -
next last proposal of Messrs Goldingham and
Sys Resolved that it be accepted, and that
orders be given to the Company's Solicitor
for preparing the Contract -

Ordered that the several Bills
recommended by the Military Board see paper
for payment -

The Commander in Chief laye
before the Board the following address from
certain officers of the Cavalry together with
a Minute upon the Subject of their petition -

To the Honble Lieut. General Geo: Harris
Governor in Council Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Honble Sir,

A Paragraph having been
received from the Honorable Court of Directors
disapproving

From certain Officers
of Cavalry serving
originally from the Baboli
Service requesting that
the period of service
entitling officers to retire
on the pay of their Rank
may

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may be returned from the Date of their Commissions in the Nabob's Service —

disapproving of the Services of the late — Captain Bowles having admitted previous to the Year 1780, the period when the Nabob's Cavalry Officers Suits came on the Company's Pay; We humbly submit to your judgement the hardship which the remaining few of us are liable to suffer should such a decision absolutely take place but as it appears not finally decided on, and left to the Opinion of the Right Honble Marquis Cornwallis, Who does not return to this Country we trust that on a fair investigation of our Claims you will be pleased to grant us such support as you may think they merit and the usual Custom of Armies when whole Corps are admitted entitles their Officers to such Claims By the Copies of the late Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote's orders which we have the honor to transmit you will perceive

that

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That in consequence of the Opinion of a Board
of Officers, assembled for the purpose of settling
the Rank of the Nabobs Cavalry Then —
present we were admitted as youngest of —
the Year in which our Nabob's Commissions
were dated, the Company's Officers having
the same preferred ourselves, which was at
that time granted to His Majesty's over
them consequently as we continued to serve
together until it was thought proper to
take the Cavalry bodily into the Company's
Service we humbly hope for every indulgence
as if we had originally belonged to it which
in reality has in a great Measure been the
Case, our Regiment being commanded by
Company's Officers and constantly serving —
under their Generals in the same field —

Should these Claims not be —
thought sufficient to enable us to the Pension
at the end of twenty five years our Prospects —
will be dreary and Comfortless indeed especially
when

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Whereas we reflect that two Thirds of our Number are either Killed or dead and that we are left to perform the duties of the most active Corps in the Army, for upwards of thirty Years Whilst the Officers of less fatiguing branches of it are permitted to retire at the above period—

The Number of Subscribers will Shew how few there are to solicit the indulgence which we trust, our situation as well as the future good of the Service, will induce the Honorable Court of Directors to extend to us.—

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

Fort St. George
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Signed / Capt. Sheriff for
" J. B. Stevenson on Europe
Date of Original Commission
September 1778—
" Pater - August 1774
" W. Murray - Sept. 1774
" Tho.s Dallas - 5th Nov.r 1776
" Torin - January 1777
" Sheriff - 5th January 1775

Lieut.

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Lieut.t Col.o J.h Murray for

Capt.n Burrows - 1780

D. Stevenson K.t Belevie for

Ja.s Stevenson -

Extract of General Orders issued by the late

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Camp at the Mount 16.th Dec.r 1780

Until the Rank of the Nabobs

officers is settled, the Commander in Chief orders,

that they rank with those of the Company,

in the same manner as the Company's

Officers do with those of the King -

Camp at the Mount 25 December

1780 -

A meeting of the Field Officers

of the Army, is desired tomorrow Morning

at Major General Sir Hector Munro's -

quarters, at Nine o'clock, to take into

consideration, the subject of rank to be

allowed the officers of his Highness the

Nabob, Serving with the Army in the -

ensuing

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ensuing Campaign, as the General Orders of the 16th Instant, were meant only as a temporary expedient, until the Opinion of the Field Officers could be collected Relative thereto - A certain Rank must be given - and allowed to all European Commissioned Officers Serving in the same Army - The Opinion of the Field Officers obtained, the Commander in Chief will decide on the Mode of Settling this Business, in the Manner least exceptionable to the Service in general, conforming, as near as circumstances may with propriety permit, to Military usage in like Cases -

Camp at the Mount 26th Decr. 1780 -

The Committee of Field Officers having assembled pursuant to orders, and having given in their Opinion to the Commander in Chief, Respecting the Rank of Nabobs - Officers now paid by, and acting with them of the Company, the Commander in Chief agreeing with

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with their opinion, deems that the
respective Ranks of Nabobs Officers, Coming
within the above discription be ascertained
and regulated in the Manner following —

1st All officers of the Company holding
Commissions in the Service of the Nabob,
take Rank agreeable to the date of their
Commissions in the Company's Service. —

2d All officers of the Nabob, not
holding Commissions in the Company's
Service to be considered Ensigns, from
the date of their first Commission in
the Nabobs Service, but to rank under
those of the Company's of the same —
Year in which the Nabobs Commissions
bear date —

3d Ordered also, that the officers
of the Nabobs Service, who are now
high on the list of his Army, shall
not, at any future period Should it
be thought expedient to take them into

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into the pay of the Company be admitted to act in any other Rank but that of Youngest Captain.-

4th The Adjutant General is directed to require from the Affairs of the Nabob, now paid by the Company, and acting with their Troops their first Commissions in the Nabobs Service to examine their dates ascertain the Rank they are to hold agreeable to the above, and afterwards deliver the same properly arranged to the Commander in Chief.-

The Paymaster will at the same time furnish the Adjutant General with a List of the Affairs of the Nabob, now paid by the Company.-

A true Extract.

(Signed) BV Close
Adjt of the Army

Lieutenant General Harris's

Minute in Council 25th March 1798

Commander in Chiefs Minute on the foregoing letter.-

The President in laying before the Board

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Board the Memorial from the Officers of Cavalry originally taken from the Nabobs Service into the Company's, see no reason to object to it being forwarded to the Court of Directors with the Boards recommendation of it to their attention.—

The Marquis of Cornwallis not returning to this Country, as expected, leaves these Officers in a state of anxiety they naturally wish to be relieved from; and if their Request is even considered as a matter of Policy, it would seem advisable to grant it; as from the length of Service of these Gentlemen in the Country it must be expected that some among them must be nearly worn out, or that they will soon be past the Possibility of those bodily Exertions so absolutely necessary in conducting Cavalry, during War.—

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Services of these Officers are so well known as to make it unnecessary for the President to enlarge on them here; but, as Commander in Chief, he cannot help pointing out the unpleasant Situation he should shortly be placed in on taking the Field, if these Officers were not allowed their Full length of Service in this Country.—

Without the benefit of the New Regulations being open to them, however worn out and unfit for an active Station they respectively for their former merits in the Service would make it a most disagreeable task for a Commander in Chief to press their retiring from it.—

Signed / Geo: Harris

Minute of the Board on the foregoing Subject

Resolved accordingly that the Case of the foregoing Officers be recommended to the

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the favorable Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors.-

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.-

To The Honorable Lieu.t General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Auditor General — enclosing a Statement of the Monthly expense of the Agency for — purchasing Horses.

I have the honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 13th instant with its enclosures respecting the Stud for the breed of Horses, which your Honorable Board has been pleased to Establish in the Tanjore District under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Evans, and — directing me to issue such Instructions to him as well as to the Superintendent of the Stud on Ceylon as I might judge — necessary for the Accounts and Musters of their respective Establishments, which I shall do without loss of time and Submit

to

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to your Honorable Board such Regulations as may appear to me suited to the occasion — Agreeably to the further Directions contained in the same letter, I have the honor to enclose a Statement shewing the Monthly Expence of the Agency for purchasing Horses.—

I have the honor to be
Vc. a Vc.
Sd/ W. Sydenham
Md Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
Genrals Office
Fort St. George
21th March 1798

A Statement of the Monthly Expence of the Agency for purchasing Horses.—

	Batta	Pay	Salary	Tent Allowance	Total
1 Agent					
Major Thomas Dallas	56 10 40	56 2	45 300	33	445 13 5
1 Agent					
Lieutenant H. C. Montgomery	13 33 40	56 2	45		74 35 5
					Star Pagodas Five hundred and Twenty five Fanams Ten	520 6 10

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Sd/ W. Sydenham
Md Aud. Genl.

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Extract of a letter from Government to the
Military Auditor General dated 17th August 1792

"Captain Thomas Dallas and
"Lieutenant Montgomery having been appoin-
"ted Agents for the purchase of Horses for
"the Native Cavalry the former at
"Hydrabad, and the latter at Arcot - the
"Board have resolved to make the follow-
"ing Allowance in lieu of all perquisite
"and Emolument whatsoever during the
"Continuance of the Agency -

"To Captain Dallas - The Pay
and Batta of a
Captain and Three
hundred (300) Pagt.
P Month -

To Lieutenant Montgomery - The
Pay

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Pay and Batta of a Captain.—

"The Amount of the Agency both as to Purchases and Contingencies, are to be delivered in upon honor, every Month."

A true extract

(Signed) Wm Brunton
Dep.y Ma.G

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Statement above mentioned do lie for further Consideration.—

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops

To the Honorable Lieut. General Harris
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

From the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops enclosing the Statements lately called for by Government.

Honorable Sir,

Agreeably to the orders of Government

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Government conveyed to me in Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 7th Instant, I have herewith the honor of transmitting to your Honorable Board a Statement of the Receipt and Expenditure on account of Subsistence &c. to the New Regiment from the 25th June 1792 to the 24th December following, Shewing the Balance that was in the hands of the Kings Paymaster on that latter day; — and also a General Statement containing Colonel Hart's Receipt and Disbursement for and on account of Subsistence to all the Troops of His Majesty serving under this Presidency — from the 25th December 1792, up to the 24th March 1795 when he ceased to pay the Forces.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) Keith Young
Deputy Paymaster General
of His Majesty's Forces Madras

Kings Pay Office
Madras
the 13th March 1798

Statement

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D 7 Statement of the Receipt and Expen
Majesty's New Regiments and the Detachment of

1792

In the undermentioned Sums Received by Major George Hart from the Honorable Company & the Hands of Benjamin Roebuck Esqr. on account of His Majesty's New Regiments and Royal Artillery from the 25th June to the 7th Decr. 1792

S. Pags. fort Cash

Viz.

July	10th	By Cash Received on Account of	the New Regiments	4500	" "
	"	By Ditto	Ditto Royal Artillery	1400	" "
August	15th	By Ditto	Ditto New Regiments	3,140	" "
	"	By Ditto	Ditto Royal Artillery	1,300	" "
	"	25th By Ditto	Ditto New Regiments	2,465	" "
	"	By Ditto	Ditto Royal Artillery	1,200	" "
September	27th	By Ditto	Ditto New Regiments	2,216	" "
	"	By Ditto	Ditto Royal Artillery	784	" "
October	15th	By Ditto	Ditto New Regiments	2,217	" "
	"	By Ditto	Ditto Royal Artillery	784	" "
November	12th	By Ditto	Ditto New Regiments	3,199	" "
	"	By Ditto	Ditto Royal Artillery	1,261	" "
December	13th	By Ditto	Ditto New Regiments	4,100	" "
	"	By Ditto	Ditto Royal Artillery	1,700	" "
		Total Amount	of Cash Rec'd	29,766	" "

Star Pagodas	29,766	"	"

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Return for and on Account of Subsistence &c.a &c.a to His ... &c.a
Royal Artillery, for the period from the 25th June to the 24th Dec.r 1792

Star Pagodas Fanams Cash.

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By the undermentioned Sums Disbursed by Major General Hart in Subsistence &c.a &c.a to His Majesty's New Regiments and Royal Artillery, from the 25th June to the 24th December 1792; as by the Accounts sent to Council at Madras the 14th October and on the 7th December in the same Year: audited, admitted and passed by the Company's Military Auditor General -

Viz.t

By the Amount of Disbursements from 25th June to 24th August 1792			8514	9 40
By ---- Ditto. . . from 25th August to 24th October.			6345	24 75
By ---- Ditto. . . from 25th October to 24th December.			6968	40 5
Total Amount Disbursed			21,828	32 40
December 24th Balance { Remain in Major Hart's hands; but since paid into the Company's Treasury in consequence of Order from the Court of Directors }			2937	9 40
Star Pagodas	29766	"	"	

E.E.
Kings Pay Office Madras
the 13th March 1798
A true Extract from Colonel Hart's public Books.
Signed / Heath Young
D.P.A.G. Director

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Sir

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Sir

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To Lieutenant Colonel Smith,

Commanding the 2nd Battalion Artillery

Sir,

I have to request you will be pleased to forward the enclosed through the Regular Channel without delay and you will oblige -

Sir,

Mount
13th. March 1798

&c. &c.

(Signd) Richd. Darke
Captain in Artillery

To his Excellency Lieut. General Harris
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

After having served the Honorable Company, now Seventeen Years, I am at last reduced to the painful Necessity of entreating the Extention of your Indulgence towards me so that I may be placed on the Invalid

List

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Sir: my Constitution has suffered severely
from the active Services I have been
engaged in, and whereas the Storms of
Bangalore during the late War Procured
a Wound in my Face by which I have
lost my Right Eye, and my Head has been so
much affected by the Shock, that I cannot
now bear the Sun as before, and am therefore
incapable of doing my duty in the Field —
Permit me then to hope Sir, that as I have
been rendered incapable of further Service in
the Field, owing to the Wounds I have
received in the Zealous Discharge of my
Duty, Then you will be pleased to consider
me as deserving your Protection; and in
consequence favor the application I have now
presumed to make,

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect.
&c. &c. &c.

Mount
12th March 1798

(Signed) Rich.d Darke
Corps Artillery

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Captain Darke admitted on the Invalid Establishment.

Resolved in compliance with the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that Captain Darke be placed upon the invalid establishment.—

To Colonel Barry Close
Adjutant General to the Army

Application of Lieutenant Nuthall for leave to resign the Quarter Master ship to the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry.

Sir,

I have to request you will be kind enough to lay before the Commander in Chief, my wish to be permitted to Resign the Staff of Quarter Master to the 3rd Regiment Cavalry and to be removed to the 2nd in which Corps I have hitherto been; and which for many reasons I would prefer remaining in.—

I have to apologize for not having addressed myself to you on this Subject before, but I have really been so indisposed as to have been incapable of Writing.—

I have the honor to remain
&c &c &c
(Signed) Tho[s] Nuthall
Lieut[t] of Cavalry

Gunnatore
13 March 1798

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Lieutenant Nuthall permitted to assign the Quarter Master Ship of the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry and Cornet Daniel appointed to succeed him.—

The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieutenant Nuthall be permitted to resign the appointment of Quarter Master to the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry, and that Cornet F.A. Daniel be appointed to succeed him—

Agreed to and ordered accordingly.

Colonel Close

Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

Application of Captain S. Leger for leave to proceed to England on Furlough for three Years.—

I have the honor of forwarding a Letter from the Honorable Captain Sentleger with an Enclosure for the Commander in Chief which I beg leave to transmit through you.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Chemundalum
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(Signed) J. Orr Major Comdg
3rd Regt Native Cavalry

Major Orr

Commanding 3d Regiment Cavalry

Sir,

I am to request your forwarding the enclosed

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I enclose application for leave for me, to proceed to Europe for 3 Years through the regular Channel

Cavalry lines near Cuddalore 15th March 1798

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(signed) A. Sentleger
Capt. 3d. Regiment Cavalry

To
Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief

Sir,

I humbly request you will be pleased to make application to Government for three Years leave of absence for me as both my health and private business require my going to Europe for a short space of time

Cavalry lines near Cuddalore 14th March 1798

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(signed) A Sentleger
Capt. 3d. Regiment Cavalry

Leave granted to Capt. St. Leger to proceed to England on Furlough for three Years.

Agreed that Captain Sentleger have leave of absence to Europe for three Years.

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The Commander in Chief recommends

Brevet Captain C.D. Browne to Act as Fort Adjutant at Palamcotah

That Brevet Captain C D. Browne be appointed to act as Fort Adjutant at Palamcotah, and to draw pay and allowances as such until the troops of the Garrison shall be so composed as to include a regimental Staff officer.-

Ensign J.L. Washington appointed a Supernumerary Cornet of Cavalry on Infantry Pay.-

That Ensign J. L. Washington be appointed a Supernumerary cornet but to serve on his infantry pay until a vacancy in the corps of Cavalry may occur.-

Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion of Artillery appointed a Conductor for his good Conduct on the late Mutiny.-

That Sergeant Major Clarke of the 1st Battalion Artillery be appointed a Conductor for his good conduct on the 15th and 16th January last during the Mutiny at the Mount.-

Veerapah Sepoy ordered admitted on the Invalid List and allowed to draw the arrears due to him.-

And that Veerapah, a Sepoy of the 1st Company of Invalids, who leaving has been prevented by Sickness and debility from returning to his duty upon the expiration of his leave on the 30th April last, has been in consequence struck off the Strength of

that

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That company, may be readmitted on the non effective list with permission to draw his arrears.

Agreed to and ordered Accordingly.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

To The Honorable Lieut. General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

Auditors Report on the additional Estimate for the Current Month sent in by the Paymaster Genral.

1st I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of yesterdays date, accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the present Month, and to report, that the Amount does not appear objectionable, and that the Sum of Eleven Thousand and Thirty Nine Pagodas Forty One fanams and Sixty three Cash

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(Pagodas 11039. 41. 63.) may therefore be
issued from the General Treasury -

2 Of the foregoing Sum the 4th
Paymaster at the Presidency requires Pags.
5731. 13. 63. to discharge Bills for work
executed under the Superintendence of the
late Lieutenant Colonel Prescott of the "
Engineers at Masulipatam and for Freight
of Sundry articles laden on the Ship "
Begum Pagodas 2000 on account of the
Garrison Storekeeper and Pagodas 3,308. 28
for advances of Cash directed to be made
to the Grain Agents of the 1st and 4th "
Regiments of Native Cavalry, and to the
Agent for the Supply of Military Stores,
Agreeably to the Instructions contained
in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 28th "
Ultimo -

3 As I am directed in Mr. Secretary
Webbe's letter of the 14th Instant, to authorise
the

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The payment of Pagodas 630 to Captain Blacquiere Gram Agent of His Majesty's 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons, I presume that sum may be added to the Total Amount of the additional Estimate, in order to enable the Military Paymaster General to comply with the Instructions transmitted to him from my Office on the Subject.

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud Genl

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
16th March 1798

Ordered that the Sum of Eleven Thousand Six hundred and Sixty Nine Pags forty One fanams and Sixty three Cash (11669. 41. 63.) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of additional Payments falling due in the present Month.

Cash ordered to be issued from the Treasury on the above Account.

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The Commander in Chief delivers the following Sentence of the Court Martial upon the ring leaders of the Mutiny at the Mount together with Copy of the Order given out by him after the execution of the prisoners.-

Sentence of the Court Martial upon the ring leaders of the Mutiny of the Mount and Orders given out by the Commander in Chief after the execution of the prisoners

Head Quarters. Choultry Plain 12th March 1798

G. O. By the Commander in Chief

At a Genral Court Martial assembled at Fort St. George on Thursday the Eighth of February 1798 at 10 o clock in the Forenoon under authority from Lieutenant Genral Harris, Commander in Chief, of which Major Genral Eccles Nixon is President.-

Crime ..... Matross James Lawrence of the 1st Battalion of Coast Artillery confined by me, for Mutinous conduct and exciting other men of the 2nd Battalion of Artillery to Mutiny at their Quarters on the 1st February 1798

(Signed)

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Madras 7th February 1798 (Signd) Webbe Stone
Lieut. & Qr. Master 2nd Batn of Art.
By Close
Adjutant General of the Army

Sentence.... The Court having duly
conisdered the Evidence that has been
brought in support of the Crime, together
with what the Prisoner has brought in his
defence, is of opinion, that he is Guilty of the
Crime alledged against him which Crime
being in breach of the 3d Article of the 2d Section
of the Rules and Articles of War established
for the Government of the Troops in the Service
of the Honorable Company it does therefore
Sentence him the said Prisoner James
Parkeney to suffer Death by being Shot,
in such manner time and place as the
Commander in Chief shall think proper to
order.

(Signd) E. Nixon Major Genl President
Arth. Gore Judge Advocate
Geo. Harris. Comr in Chief

Confirmed March 12th 1798

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Mount 18th February 1798

Prime ..... James O'Hara, Matross
in Captain Jordan's Company, 2nd Battation of
Artillery confined on the 2nd Instant on Complaint
of Robert Walker Richard Wilkins, James
Burke and John Brady, Matrosses in the
1st Battation -

For coming into the Barracks
or Barrack Yard of the 1st Battation of Artillery,
in a Mutinous and seditious manner, between
Six and Seven o'clock on the Evening of the
1st Instant soon after Evening parade, and
calling out in the presence and hearing of
the above mentioned Men and others of the
Artillery among other mutinous Expressions
"Men take your Arms immediately and come
down to the 2d Battation, who are ready, and
only wait for you to break the way or Words
to that effect -

(Signed) G. Saxon Lieut. Cr. Comdg 1st Batt. Artly
By Close Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Sentence

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Sentence..... The Court having duly weighed the Substance of the Evidence in support of the Prosecution, as well as what has appeared in the defence, cannot find the Prisoner James O' Hara Guilty of the Crime alledged against him, from the insufficiency of, as well as contradictions in certain Evidence, It does therefore — acquit him.

(Signd) E. Nixon. Dy. Gen.l Perform.s
Arth. Gore, Judge Advocate
Geo. Harris. Com.r in Chief

Confirmed
March 12th 1798

Mount 8th February 1798

Crime..... James Norman, Matross in Captain Tainton's Company 2d Battalion of Artillery, confined on Complaint of John Johnston and James Seely Matrosses in the 1st Battalion -

For mutinous behaviour in going to the Barracks of the 1st Battalion soon after Evening

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Evening parade on the 1st Instant, with a piece of Port Fire in his hand, and ordering some of the Men to take the Port Fire to the Sun-Dial and light it, which was to be the signal for the 2d Battalion to join the 1st or Words to that effect.-

(Signed) G. Saxon Lt. Col. Com. 1 Bn Artly
By Close. Adjt Gen. of the Army

Sentence..... The Court having duly considered the Evidence in support of the Charge and what the Prisoner has brought in his Defence is of Opinion that he is not Guilty of the Crime alledged against him, and do therefore acquaint him, the Prisoner James Norman.-

(Signed) E. Nixon - Major General President
Alth. Gore Judge Advocate
Geo. Harris. Comr in Chief

Confirmed March 31st 1798

Crime..... Thomas Powell, Matross in Captain Hayes Company confined by me on the following Charge.-

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For Irregular, Mutinous and unsoldierlike behaviour on the Night of the 1st Instant viz having on the Night of the 1st February forcibly and with Arms, passed the main Guard, though Called out to him several times to stop, being then Captain of the Day and in the execution of my duty - Viz Thomas Towell saying my piece is charged, if you come nearer to me, I will give you the contents of it, an armed party of about fifty Men being at the time Close in his rear

Mount....? 10th February 1798 } (Signed) U Burke. Capt 1st Bn of Artillery and Capt of the Day on the 1st February 1798 }

By Close - Adjt Genl of the Army

Sentence..... The Court having considered what has appeared before them viz in support of the Charge together with what has appeared viz the Defence, are of Opinion that there is not sufficient Evidence to prove, that the

Prisoner

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Prisoner Thomas Towell is Guilty of the Crime he is charged with; do therefore acquit him.

(Signed) E. Nixon. Major Genl. Presidt
Arth. Gore. Judge Advocate.
Geo. Harris. Commr. in Chief

Confirmed
March 17th 1798

Crime..... James Connor, Matross in Captain Howley's Company 1st Battalion of Artillery, confined on Complaint of Sergeant Major William Clarke of the 2nd Battalion.

For mutinous behaviour in taking his Arms going to the Second Battn. Barracks about 9 o'clock on the Evening of the 1st Instant, and assisting in breaking open the Gate, and making use of mutinous expressions in presence of the Men of the 2d. Battalion to induce them to join him.

(Signed) G. Saxon Lt. Col. 1 Bn Artly
BV Close Asst Genl of the Artly

Mount
15th February 1798

Sentence..... The Court having considered the

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Fort St. George 21st March 1798

For Irregular, Mutinous and unsoldierlike behaviour on the Night of the 1st Instant in having on the Night of the 1st February forcibly and with Arms, passed the main Guard, though I called out to him several times to stop, being then Captain of the Day and in the execution of my duty - That Thomas Towell saying my piece is charged, if you come nearer to me, I will give you the contents of it, an armed party of about fifty Men being at the time Close in his rear

Mount.... 10th February 1798 } (Signed) U Burke. Capt.n 1st Bn of Artillery and Capt.n of the Day on the 1st February 1798 }

By Close - Adjt. Gl. of the Army

Sentence..... The Court having considered what has appeared before them in support of the Charge together with what has appeared in the Defence, are of Opinion that there is not sufficient Evidence to prove, that the

Prisoner

1929 Fort St. George 21th March 1798

Prisoner Thomas Towell is Guilty of the Crime he is charged with; do therefore acquit him -

(Signed) E. Nixon. Major Genl. President
Arth. Gore. Judge Advocate -
Geo. Harris. Commr. in Chief

Confirmed
March 17th 1798

Crime..... James Connor, Matross in Captain Howley's Company 1st Battalion of Artillery, confined on Complaint of Serjeant Major William Clarke of the 2nd Battalion. -

For mutinous behaviour in taking his Arms going to the Second Battn. Barracks about 9 o'clock on the Evening of the 1st Instant, and assisting in breaking open the Gate, and making use of mutinous expressions in presence of the Men of the 2d. Battalion to induce them to join him. -

(Signed) G. Saxon Lt. Col. 1st Batt. Artly
By Close Asst. Genl. of the Artly

Mount
15th February 1798

Sentence..... The Court having considered

the

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The Evidence in support of the Charge and the Prisoners Defence are of Opinion that he the Prisoner James Connor is Guilty of the Crime alledged against him, which being a breach of the 3d Article of the 2nd Section of the Articles and Rules for the Government of the Troops in the Service of the Honorable The East India Company and do therefore Sentence him the said Prisoner James Connor, to suffer Death by being shot, in such manner time and place as the Commander in Chief shall think proper to order.-

Signed / E. Nixon. Major Gen.l Commd.
Arth. Gore - Judge Advocate
Geo. Harris. Comm.r in Chief

Confirmed & approved
March 12th 1798.-

Crime..... William Stumbles, Gunner in Captain Hayes's Company 1st Battalion of Artillery Confined by order of Government.-

For having taken an active and leading part in the Mutiny of the Corps of Artillery at the Mount on the 15th and 16th January last.-

Mad.s 21st February 1798

Signed / B.V. Close - Adj.t Gen.l of the Army

Sentence

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Sentence..... The Court having well and deliberately considered the Evidence in support of the Prosecution as well as that the Prisoner William Stumbles has urged in his Defence and the Evidence adduced in support thereof, is of Opinion, that he is guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge, to wit "Having taken an active and leading part in the Mutiny of the Corps "of artillery at the Mount on the 15th and 16th "January last" which being to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline, and a breach of the Rules and articles of War, as established for the better Government of the Honorable Company's Forces, it does therefore adjudge and sentence him the said William Stumbles to suffer Death, by being hanged, and the body to be Suspended in Chains, in the usual manner at such time and place, as the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct, and the

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Same is hereby adjudged and sentenced accordingly

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7th March 1798

(Signed) E Nixon. Major Genl. Presidt
J. Leith. Judge Advocate General
Geo: Harris, Commr in Chief

Confirmed and approved March 17th 1798.

Crime.... James Clarke, Matross in Captain Tamurs Company 2nd Battalion of Artillery confined by order of Government.

For having taken an active and leading part in the Mutiny of the Corps of Artillery at the Mount on the 16th January last.

Madras
26th February 1798

(Signed) BJ Close Adjutant General of the Army

Sentence The Court having well and deliberately considered the Evidence in support of the Prosecution, as well as what the Prisoner James Clarke has urged in his Defence, and the Evidence adduced in support thereof, is of Opinion, that he is Guilty of the Crime laid to his charge, to wit "Having taken an active and leading part in the Mutiny

of

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of the Corps of Artillery at the Mount on
the 16th January last which being to the
prejudice of good order and Military Discipline
and a breach of the Rules and Articles of
War, as established for the better Government
of the Honorable Company's Forces, it does
therefore adjudge and sentence him, the
said James Clarke to suffer Death, by
being hanged, and the body to be suspended
in Chains, in the usual manner, at such
time and place as the Commander in Chief
may be pleased to direct and the Sentence is
hereby adjudged and sentenced accordingly.-

Fort St. George
7th March 1798

Signed E. Nixon. Major Gl Prisoners
I Leith Judge Advocate Gl
George Harris. Comr in Chief

Confirmed & approved
March 12th 1798

Crime ---- John Banks Matross
in Captain Tanners Company 2d Battalion.-

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of Artillery confined by order of Government -

For having taken an active

and leading part in the Mutiny of the

Corps of Artillery at the Mount on the

16th January last. -

Mad.a 26th February
1798

Sentence. ... The Court having well

and deliberately considered the Evidence in

support of the Prosecution as well as what

the Prisoner John Banks has urged in

his Defence, and the Evidence adduced in

Support thereof, is of opinion, that he is

Guilty of the Crime laid to his charge, to

wit "Having taken an active and leading

"part in the Mutiny of the Corps of Artillery

"at the Mount on the 16th January last"

which being to the prejudice of good order

and

Sgnd: By Close Adjt Genl of the Army

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and Military Discipline, and a breach of the Rules and Articles of War as established for the better Government of The Honorable Company's Forces, it does therefore adjudge and sentence him, the said John Banks to suffer Death by being hanged, and the Body to be suspended in Chains, in the usual manner, at such time and place as the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct, and the same is hereby adjudged and Sentenced accordingly.-

Signed, E Nixon - Majr Genl President
J. Leith - Judge Advt Genl
Geo: Harris - Comr in Chief

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Confirmed & approved
March 12th 1798

Crime. . . . Robert Foster, Matross in Captain Isaacke's Company 1st Battalion of Artillery - convicted by order of the Commander in Chief. -

For having taken an active and leading part in the Mutiny of the Corps of Artillery

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Artillery at the Mount on the 16th January 1798

Madras March 6th 1798 / Signd / Bt Close Adjt Genl of the Army

Sentence The Court having well and deliberately considered the Evidence in support of the Prosecution as well as what the Prisoner Robert Foster has urged in his Defence and the Evidence adduced in support thereof is of Opinion that he is Guilty of the Crime laid to his charge to wit "Having taken an active and leading part in the Mutiny of the Corps of Artillery at the Mount on the 6th January 1798 which being to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline and a breach of the Rules and Articles of War as established for the better Government of the Honble Company's Forces, it does therefore adjudge

and

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and sentence him the said Robert Foster to suffer Death by being blown away from a Gun, in the usual manner at such time and place, as the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct, and the same is hereby adjudged and Sentenced — accordingly —

Fort St. George
9th March 1798

[Signed] E. Nixon Major Genl. Presg.
I. Lusk Judge Advocate Genl.
Geo: Harris Commr in Chief

Confirmed & Approved
March 12th 1798

Orders respecting the execution of the foregoing Sentences will be issued hereafter —

Head Quarters - Choultry Plain 14th March 1798

G. O. By Commander in Chief. —

The General Court Martial which assembled at Fort St. George on the 8th February last, of which Major General — Nixon is President is dissolved —

The

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The Sentences of death passed on the several Prisoners by the above General Court Martial to be carried into execution to-morrow morning at the Mount under the Orders of Major General Brathwaite in presence of the two Battalions of Artillery - His Majesty's 73d and 74th Regiments and the 2d Battalion 2d Regiment Major General Brathwaite will be further instructed on the subject from Head Quarters.

Head Quarters Choultry Plain 15th March 1798

G. O. By Commander in Chief -

The Commander in Chief cannot avoid observing on the melancholy examples which have been called for this day in consequence of the late mutinies in the Corps of artillery at the Mount -

Whenever reflect on the Series of important Services which have attended the

exertions

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exertions of the Coast Army, and that on occasions
the most trying and arduous, their merits
were so uniformly conspicuous, that it was
only difficult to distinguish to which part
of the Troops most praise was due, the —
occurrence of a crime so heinous as a —
wanton mutiny in a Corps that has so
often signalized itself, and always partaken
in the general glory and approbation must
be viewed with the deepest regret —

The Commander in Chief in —
addressing himself to an army that has
attained to such high honour from the
forcible effects of order and discipline, need
scarcely dwell upon the destructive —
consequences of an offence, which being the
source of all duty, is necessarily the most
flagitious that can brand the Character
of the Soldier. But although he has to
lament the very serious examples these
Crimes

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Crime has demanded on the present occasion
he must still keep in mind the numerous
Services of the Coast Artillery and the high
reputation by which they were at one
period distinguished; he will therefore
cherish the hope that the ignominious
fate which has pursued the misguided
sufferers will operate to restore in this
Corps their wonted sense of duty, and a
spirit of emulation to recover their former
respectability - For the full production of
such effects however the Commander in
Chief must look to union and exertion
amongst the officers from whom the men
should derive their habits and Charac-

The Commander in Chief
has been induced to remit the Sentences
passed on the Prisoners James Laurence
and James Connor, they are however to

be

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be Struck off the strength of the Corps and to be kept in confinement till an opportunity occurs of sending them off the Coast.—

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to recommend Serjeant Major — Clarke of the 2nd Battalion of artillery to be promoted to the Station of Conductor of Stores in consideration of the propriety of his conduct on the 15th and 16th January last.—

The different detachments of the 1st Battalion of Artillery as detailed in the Instructions delivered to Colonel Smith in a letter to that officer from the Adjutant General dated the 6th Instant, to march from the Mount tomorrow morning for their different places of destination by

the

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The Routes that will be delivered to the several Commanding Officers by Colonel Smith.—

" Geo: Harris

" Con Saunders

" Ellt Fallofield

John Tipping Esq.

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Diary

Sent the following Letter.—

To Captain J. Campbell
of the 1st Battalion Artillery

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that Major General Gells has laid before the Honorable the Governor in Council an address to him from a part of the Officers of Artillery, to which your Signature appears, to have been affixed; and of which I inclose a copy. I am therefore further directed to call upon you for an explanation of the circumstances and motives of conduct, under which you were induced to Sign that paper.—

To certain Officers, sixteen in number of the Artillery Corps calling upon them for an explanation of the circumstances and motives of conduct which induced them to sign their late address to Major General Gells

I am, &c.a —— &c.a

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Secretary to the Government.

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The same to Captains Richard Darke of the 2d B. A.

I. Jordan of the 2d B.A.

Captain-Lieutenant John Sinclair of the 1st B.A.

Lieutenants Peter Grant of the 2d B. A.

" I. Rathway of the 2d B.A.

" James Russell of the 2d B.A.

Lieut. Fireworkers I. D. Brown 1st do.

" " T. G. Blair do.

" " John Noble do.

" " Charles W. Craque of the 2d do.

" " W. Kingsley of the 2d do.

" " A. Wildon 1st do.

" " Robt. Taylor of the 1st do.

" " James Gellie of the 1st do.

Acting Lt. Fireworker Alexr. Lennond of the 2d do.

Received the following Letters --

Josiah Webbe Esqre.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Honble Mr. Elbrodt - soliciting an increase of his present subsistance

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a sealed Letter containing a Petition to the Honorable General Harris President in Council I beg you will deliver it to him, and request

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21st request an official answer. —

I have the honor to be,

&c.a — &c.a

Pulicat
16th March 1798. —

(Signed) Jacob Eilbracht

A true Translation

(Signed) H. Hall

Dutch Translator

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

The undersigned your Petitioner begs to mention that by the Capitulation on the Surrender of Fort Geldria to his Britanick Majesty a Subsistence is granted to all the Servants of the Dutch Company on this Coast; which Mr. Macleod who was sent to take possession of the Place assured your Petitioner in the name of Lord Hobart should not be less than what they received in the Company's Service, desiring that a List of them might be sent, which was forwarded

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thro' Mr. Macleod at the same time with the articles of Capitulation — During the Months of August, September and October 1795 the pay=ments were made by Mr. Macleod by order of Council, according to that List, by which your Petitioner received the Monthly Sum of Pagodas 173. 36. 71 — But this the next Month was reduced to Pagodas 100 per Month, which he has continued to receive since. — The Representations made by your Petitioner to Lord Hobart on the subject of this diminution and the impossibility of being able to subsist on it did not produce any alteration in his favor and your Petitioner by this inadequate Subsistence is now reduced to a most cala=mitous situation and is in danger of being soon in the greatest Poverty, from the un=certainty when a Peace may be concluded, and from the inadequacy of the Sum of 100 Pagodas per Month to your Petitioner whose property is already considerably diminished;

for

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for supposing that a single Person might be able to subsist on that Sum, the Case is very different with your Petitioner who having a large Family for whom he must provide, and being here the Representant of the Dutch Nation is necessarily obliged to be at a greater Expence than any Individual, and however Frugal he may be, is obliged to Keep up the character of his Situation: —

For all these reasons your Petitioner addresses himself to your Excellency requesting an equitable Consideration of his present distressed Situation, and that your Excellency who must well Know how sacred Asserances are in affairs of War will be pleased to order the Payment of the Arrears of the Monthly Sum of Pagodas 73.36.71- from November 1795 to the present time — this diminution having already occasioned a loss to him of above Two thousand Pagodas and even more owing to these Expences ex-

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exceeding his Subsistence, and to which he is no longer able unless he receives the af=sistance which he is entitled to by the Laws of Nations - He therefore prays for the Relief which he has reason to expect from your Excellency's Justice. -

(Signed) Jacob Eilbrackht -

True translation

(Signed) H Hall

Dutch Translator -

Pullicat
16th March 1798. -

To J Webbe Esqre

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you letters from the Honorable the Governor General to his Highness the Nawaub Omdat ul Omrah and Tippoo Sultaun, with Copies in English and Persian for the Information of the Honorable the President in Council. -

From the Persian Translator in Bengal with letters from Sir John Shore to the Nabob and Tippoo notifying his approaching Departure for England. -

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7th March 1798. -

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

(Signed) N.B. Edmonstone
pr Jr

To

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To His Highness the Nabob Omdut ul Omra

Written 7th. March 1798

I have the pleasure to inform your
Highness of my safe arrival at Fort William
from Lucknow on the 2d. Instant. —

Having a considerable time
since, in consequence of the reduced State of
my Health intimated to your Highness my
Intention to return to Europe, I have now
the honor to inform you, that I have received
notice of the nomination of a Nobleman of
distinguished Rank, the Right Honorable
Lord Mornington who from the high Of-
-ficial Situation which he has long held
in Europe is perfectly well versed in the
affairs and Politics of this Country to the
Office of Governor General. —

As the Season for the departure
of the Ships to Europe is nearly closed, it
is my determination to embark without
delay

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delay, and until the arrival of Lord Mor=
=nington in Bengal, which may be daily
expected the affairs of this Government will
be conducted by Sir Alured Clarke Com=
=mander in Chief of the Kings and Com=
=pany's Forces in India, who has been
expressly nominated for that purpose. —

It is a source of great
pleasure to me to reflect, that during my
Residence in India, the Friendship so
long established between your Highness
and the Company has been strengthened
and of no less satisfaction that in my
Successor, you will find the same dis=
=position to cultivate and improve the good
understanding subsisting between you and
the Company and an inviolable adherence
to the Engagements by which your High=
=ness and the Company are connected. —

Notwithstanding my
departure from India, I shall ever feel

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an Interest in your Highness's Prosperity and welfare which Trust will daily encrease.—

To Tippoo Sultaun

Of the same tenor and Date as the foregoing Mutatis Mutandis

A true Copy

(Signed) B. Edmonstone
Pr. Fr.

To J. Webbe Esqre.

Secretary to the Government
at
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor General to transmit to you the accompanying letter from hence to Tippoo Sultaun to be forwarded — Copies in English and Persian accompany for the information of the Honorable the President in Council —

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

Fort William
8th March 1798. —

(Signed) B. Edmonstone
Pr. Fr.

To

From the persian Translator in Bengal with a Letter from Sir John Shore to Tippoo proposing to appoint Commissioners for investigating his claim to the Wynaad District —

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To Tippoo Sultaun

Written 7th. March 1798.

The particulars of the late dis=
=turbances in Cotiote and their termination
by the Submission of the Rajah, will no doubt have been communicated to you: From the friendship which subsists between the two States, I think it proper however to acquaint you, that during the Existence of those disturbances several letters were presented to the Company's Officers who were sent to reduce the Rajah to obedience in your name, and some of them bearing a Seal asserted to be that of your Circar, claim=
=ing the District of Wynaad which adjoins to Cotiote; I am satisfied that if these letters had been written with your sanction, they would have been transmitted to me in the usual manner, and as the dictates

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of Friendship require, altho' I can therefore have little doubt but these letters were fabricated by the Advisers of the Rajah in question in the hope of obtaining his own purposes by exciting a misunderstanding between the two States; It being equally the interest of both States that the Views of such shortsighted persons should be exposed and defeated, and that measures should be adopted to prevent similar practices in future, I have thought it proper to apprize you of the above circumstances, and at the same time to assure you, that in the Event of your having any claims on the district of Wynaad, that I have every disposition to attend to them, and for that purpose if necessary to direct well informed and respectable persons to be deputed from Bombay

to

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to the Spot or any where on the Frontiers of the two States that may be concerted as most convenient, to meet persons on your part to settle the right of the Respective States to that District, or to any Places on the boundary between Malabar and your Territories, the Right to which may be unsettled; I need not add the fullest assurances that this Government will most readily agree to whatever may appear Equitable on Enquiry, and I am satisfied that you will be actuated by the same sentiments of Justice and good faith.—

Considering the above as a proof of my sincere desire to maintain the Friendship which has been so happily established between the two States, I trust you will favour me with frequent accounts of your welfare &c.

A true Copy

(Signed) AB Edmonstone

Pr Fr

Recvd

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Received also the undermen-
=tioned Letters entered on MB Nos 46-47-48
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From Military Paymaster General — From Mr Roebuck - enclosing
his general Cash Estimate for April.—

From the Chief Engineer — From Major General Ross -
enclosing a Letter from Colonel Gent, and of
sundry Bills for works executed under his
Superintendance in Fort St George and Ponda-
=mallee.— From Mr Secretary Richards -

From the Secretary at Bombay — enclosing a Letter for Admiral Rainier.—

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad — From Captain Kirkpatrick - acknow-
=ledging receipt of Mr Webbe's Letters of the 23d
ultimo and 5th Instant.—

From Captain Hodson of Invalids — From Captain Hodson - requesting
permission to proceed to Bengal on leave for eight
Months.—

Sent the following Letters.—

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To Major General Geils

Sir,

To Major General Geils - acquainting him that the Board cannot consent to his withdrawing his Letter of the 13th Instant — In answer to your Letter of the
21st Instant I am directed to acquaint you.

that

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that the Governor in Council cannot consent to you with drawing your address of the 13th Instant but that you will be informed of his resolutions upon it hereafter. —

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I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Government

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 10th Instant with its enclosures. —

We enclose for your information a copy of Lieutenant Colonel Read's report upon the works executed on the Bara Mahal. —

Althó the proposals of Mr. Maitland appear to be the lowest offered for the gun Carriage &c contract, yet as his offer contains Stipulations which cannot be complied with, and in particular as it

To the Military Board — Copy of Colonel Read's report on works in the Baramaul enclosed — Messrs Goldingham and Cox's Proposals for the Gun Carriage &c Contract accepted —

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is not consonant with the advertisement; we have not accepted his terms. —

As there is no objection to the next best proposal of Messrs. Goldingham and Lys we have resolved to accept it, and have ordered a contract to be accordingly executed. —

We have passed for payment the several bills recommended by you. —

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We are, &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo. Harris &c.
Council

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 58 - enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Commandant at Teagar, and requesting that he will send immediate orders to his Amildar for removing the Inconveniences complained of. —

Despatched also the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61 —

To Messrs. Goldingham and Lys -

To Messrs Goldingham and Lys

acquainting them that Government have been pleased to accept their proposals for the Gun &c

Carriage

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Carriage &c. Contract. —

To Mr. Maitland. Mr. Hart and Mr. Brodie — acquainting them that the Board declare accepting their proposals for the Gun Carriage &c. Contract. —

To Mr. Casson — informing him that the Nature of his Claim on the Nabob was stated fully to the Court of Directors under date the 17th October last. —

To Major General Sydenham — authorizing advances to the Contractors for Grain for the year 1798, and to Captain Lennon on account of work carrying on at Ryacottah — a Bill for Brimstone and Sulphur delivered to the Agent for Supplies to be passed for payment —

To Ditto — Ditto — enclosing Statements furnished by Captain Young of Balances in the hands of Lieutenant Colonel Hart on which he is required to furnish certain explanations.

To Captain Lieutenant Pittman — acknowledging receipt of his Letter of the 19th Instant with one enclosed addressed to him

by

To Mr. Maitland
" Mr. Hart
" James Brodie

To the Administrator to the estate of the Revd. Mr. Bambrigge Deceased.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Ditto - Ditto.

To Captain Lieutenant Pittman of the Engineers. —

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by Major General Ross. —

To Mr. Roebuck — enclosing Copy

To the Military Paymaster General

of the Auditor's Report on the additional Es=
=timate which accompanied his Letter of the
13th Instant, and acquainting him that Pagodas
11,669. 41. 63 will be accordingly issued to him
from the General Treasury. —

To Colonel Champagné — desiring

To the Com=
=mandant at Trin=
=comalé

that he will adopt the necessary Measures for
providing godowns or temporary cover for the Stores
provisions &c which will be sent to Trincomalé
by the Honorable Basil Cochrane for the use
of His Majesty's Navy. —

To Messrs Barlow and Ubthoff —

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Hydrabad and Poonah —

and Captain Kirkpatrick — forwarding Mysore
Intelligence. — To Major Doveton — desiring

To the Commandant at Rypcottah.

him to forward to Tippoo the Governor Generals
Letter entered on a former part of the Diary. —

To Major General Sydenham —

To the Military Auditor General

referring the Military Paymaster Generals
Cash Estimate for April. —

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Received and Sent the under-
-mentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos 62-63-
64-65-66.

From the Commandant at Vizagapatam

From Lieutenant Colonel Folliott-
-gham advising of his having received charge
of thirty six Native Prisoners at the requisition
of M. Malcolm - requesting authority for sub-
-sisting them and instructions relative to their
disposal. →

From the officer Commanding 3d Regiment Native Cavalry --

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr -
requesting that pay for the Month of March may
be advanced to the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry
previous to their march for Warriore. →

From Captain Lieutenant T. Wood of the Engineers -

From Captain Lieutenant Wood
-requesting permission to proceed to Trincomale,
by Sea, for the Benefit of his health. →

To Commandant at Ryacottah.

To Major Doveton - enclosing
a Letter from the Governor General to be for-
-warded to Tippoo. →

To Captain Lieutenant Wood of the Engineers -

To Captain Lieutenant Wood -
granting him leave to proceed to Trincomale →
agreeably to his request. →

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Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore. —

Sent a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C.C. No. 59 - informing him that Trumbuck Sumbagee, his acknowledged Vackeel, can alone be exempted from the Juris = =diction of the Courts of Justice. —

Despatched also the undermen= =tioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 67-68. —

To the Resident at Tanjore

To Mr. Torin - enclosing the Letter for the Rajah above mentioned and Copy for his Information. —

To the Military Auditor General -

To the Military Auditor General -

= submitting for Audit Accounts sent in by the Deputy King's Paymaster General - and desiring him to state whether there is any objection to delivering up the Bonds entered into by Lieutenant Colonel Beresford and his Securities. —

Received the following Letters.

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

From Mr. Torin - advising of his arrival at Tanjore and of his having paid his visit to the Rajah - notices the want of a Mahratta Interpreter and his having

Sir,

I request you will inform the = Honorable the Governor in Council of my = arrival

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having employed a confidential Servant Villaydah Pillah on that Capacity.—

arrival at Tanjour yesterday Morning, and that I this day received charge of the public Papers and documents from Mr. Macleod.—

I lost no time in acquainting the Rajah of the Letter I was entrusted with from the Governor, and begged him to appoint an early hour to receive my Visit.— His Excel=lency postponed my reception till to day at noon —I am just returned from the Palace, where I had the Honor to present the Letter, and to hear it read to the Rajah by his Serkeel.— His Excellency defered the consideration of its con=tents to a future opportunity, when he promised to honor me with his sentiments in reply.— The Rajah then presented me with the dress, and Ornaments customary on these Ceremonies —and with many Expressions of Friendship and Esteem, He permitted me to take leave.—

Mr. Macleod did me the honor to accompany me to the Palace upon this occa=sion, and as the recent death of the Reverend Mr. Swartz has left this Residency without a

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Mahratta Interpreter Employed a confidential Servant of my own Vellapah Moodeliar. —

I beg you will acquaint the Honorable the Governor in Council that I mean to devote my immediate attention to all the other Subjects specified in my Instructions, and in particular to the Contents of your Letter of the 14th Instant, which I have this moment received —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Tanjour
19th March 1798. —

(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Resident

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

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a letter from the Honorable the Governor General to his Highness the Nawaub Omdut ul Omrah, acknowledging the receipt of his Highness's late letters, with Copies in English and Persian for the information of the Honorable the President in Council. —

From the persian Translator in Bengal with a Letter of little importance from the Governor General to the Nabob —

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Fort William
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I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) B. Edmonstone
Pr. Ft.

To Omdut ul Omrah

Written 7th. March 1798.

It is a subject of great concern to me, that I am under the necessity of leaving this Country without replying to various letters that I have been honored with by your Highness; upon the subject of your concerns: As the very urgent affairs in which, as your Highness knows, I have been for some months past engaged, have deprived me of the power of considering them with that attention which they require, I am compelled to leave the subjects of them to be decided by my Successor Lord Mornington, of whose nomination I have done myself the honor to inform you in a separate letter.

A true Copy
(Signed) B. Edmonstone
Pr. Ft.

To

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To. Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
at
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bombay - notifying the receipt of overland Intelligence from England to the 10th November - Death of the King of Russia - Copy of the King's Speech of the 2d November enclosed -

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council, to request you will lay before the Government of Fort St. George, the enclosed Copy of a Letter just received from the Resident at Bussora, with a Copy of His Majesty's Speech, under the 2d November, which accompanied it. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. — — — &c.

Bombay Castle
10th March 1798. —

(Signed) R. Richards
Secretary to Government

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqre
President and Governor &c. in Council
at
Bombay

Hon'ble Sir,

In the moment of the intended Departure of the Alert, on her return to the Presidency, Messengers have arrived from Aleppo, and I have now the honor to transmit you by that

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that Vessel, the Lloyd's Evening Post to the 10th of November, a Continuation of the Journal de Franc-fort to the 23d of that Month, a Copy of a Letter to my address from John Spencer Smith Esqre dated the 31st December, and all its enclosures, to which I respectfully beg leave to refer you, for very interesting Political Intelligence. —

I take the liberty to claim your particular attention to the Contents of the 2d Para-graph of the abovementioned letter from John Spencer Smith Esqre, to my address, respecting the probable Receipt by the late French Embas-sador at Constantinople of public French dis-patches from India by this route, Mr. Smiths letters numbered 7 and 8 were dated the 23d of July and 5th August last, and Copies thereof were transmitted to the Presidency on the fol-lowing Month of September per Alert. —

I have the honor to transmit for your Information the following Extract, from a Letter to my Address from Mr. Robert

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Abbott dated Aleppo the 27th ultimo. —

I am with the greatest Respect.

&c &c &c

Busford
the 18th February 1798. —

(Signed) Samuel Manesty

A true Copy
(Signed) Ja: Grant
Sub Secretary

To Samuel Manesty Esqre
Resident at
Busford

Sir,

I had last the pleasure of writing to you on the 12th Instant since when I have favored with your letter of the 9th past: the ac=-companying Despatch for Berne, was forwarded by the earliest means. —

I have little doubt as to the fact mentioned in my despatch N: 7 concerning the enemy's Eastern Correspondence the Additional advices on the same Subject in my subsequent number, I am still inclined to credit, although not able to corroborate in more convincing detail — particularly since changes produced in the — French Mission here by the recent Death of

General

24th General Aubert du Bayet, which necessarily de-
-range my Channels of Information in that
quarter. —

The only novel Intelligence
which have reached me by the last Mails of
any Interest is the decease of His Prussian Ma-
-jesty Frederick William the 2nd succeeded by His
Eldest Son the Crown Prince of the same name.
An Event which most probably will occasion
some remarkable variations in the Political
System of the Court of Berlin and that part of
Europe, but which I have not yet sufficient
Information to calculate. —

I beg leave to return thanks for
the Civility of your last printed communications,
which I cannot better reciprocate in Kind, at
the present moment, than by the enclosed
official Copy of His Majesty's Speech to Par-
-liament, to which I annex a new Navy List,
and two Florentine news papers. —

I have the honor to be, &c &c

Constantinople
the 31st December 1797. —

(Signed) Spencer Smith

A true Copy J. A. Grant
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Subsecretary

His

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24th His Majesty's Most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament on Thursday Novem= =ber 2d 1797 -

My Lords & Gentlemen,

It is matter of great concern to me that the earnest endeavours which I have continued to employ, since I last met you in Parliament, to restore to my Subjects the Blef= =sings of Peace, on secure and honorable Terms, have unhappily been rendered ineffectual. -

The Declaration which I have caused to be published, and the other Papers which I have directed to be laid before you, will, I am confident abundantly prove to you and to the World, that every Step has been taken, on my Part, which could tend to accelerate the conclusion of Peace, and that the long delay and final rupture of the negotiation are solely to be ascribed to the evasive Conduct, the unwarrantable pretensions and the inordinate ambition of those with whom we have to contend, and above all, to their inveterate animosity

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against these Kingdoms. —

I have the fullest reliance, un=
=der the blessing of Providence, on the vigour and
wisdom of your Councils and on the zeal, mag=
=nanimity and courage, of a great and free people,
sensible, that they are contending for their ?
dearest Interests, and determined to shew them=
=selves worthy of the Blessings which they are
struggling to preserve. —

Compelled as we are by the ?
most evident necessity, to persevere in the ?
defence of all that is dear to us, till a more just
and pacifick spirit shall prevail on the part of
the Enemy, We have the satisfaction of knowing
that we possess means and resources proportioned
to the objects which are at stake. —

During the period of Hostilities,
and under the unavoidable pressure of accumulated
Burthens, our Revenue has continued highly
productive, our National industry has been
extended, and our Commerce has surpassed its

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former limits. —

The public Spirit of my People has been eminently displayed; My Troops of every description have acquired fresh Claims to the Esteem and admiration of their Country; and the repeated successes of my Navy over all our different Enemies have been recently crowned by the signal and decisive Victory with which Providence has rewarded the exertions of my Fleet under the Command of Admiral Lord Duncan. —

No event could be attended with more important and beneficial consequences, or form a more brilliant addition to the numerous and heroic exploits which, in the course of the present war have raised to a Pitch hitherto unequalled the Naval Glory of the Country. —

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I have directed the Estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before you, the

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State of the War, joined to the happy conse-
-quences of our recent success, will, I trust,
admit of some diminution of expence, con-
-sistently with the vigorous Efforts which our
situation indispensably requires. In con-
-sidering what may be the best mode of
defraying the heavy Expence which will still
be unavoidable, you will, I am persuaded,
bear in mind that the present Crisis presents
every motive to animate you to the most ef-
-fectual and spirited exertions; the true value
of any temporary sacrifices, which you may
find necessary for this purpose, can only be
estimated by comparing them with the im-
-portance of supporting effectually our Publick
Credit, and convincing the Enemy that, while
we retain an ardent desire for the conclusion
of Peace on safe and honorable Terms; We
possess the means, as well as the Determina-
-tion, to support with vigour this arduous

contest

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contest, as long as it may be necessary for maintaining the Safety, Honor and independance of these Kingdoms. —

My Lord and Gentlemen,

After the experience I have had of your Loyalty and attachment to me and of your anxious Regard for the Interests of my Subjects, I have only to recommend to you a Perseverance in the same principles and Conduct. — The Events of every day must more and more impress you with a just Sense of the Blessings which we derive from our Civil and Religious Establishments, and which have so long distinguished us among all the Nations of Europe. These Blessings can only be preserved by inculcating and enforcing a due Reverence and obedience to the Laws, by repressing with Promptitude every attempt to disturb our internal Tranquility and by maintaining inviolate that happy constitution

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constitution which we inherit from our Ancestors on which the Security and happiness of every Class of my Subjects essentially depend. —

True Copies

(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

To the Hon'ble Lieutenant General Geo: Harris
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Deputy King's paymaster General - submitting his accounts from the 25th December to 24th February - and requesting that the Bonds entered into by Lieutenant Colonel Boresford and his Securities may be given up. —

Accompanying I do myself the honor of transmitting to your Honorable Board my Accounts as Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's forces serving under this Presidency, from the 25th December 1797 (the time to which Colonel Boresford subsisted the Troops) to the 24th February 1798; — including, according to orders of Government, the Accounts of the King's Paymaster on the Island of Ceylon, for the same period. —

I beg leave to inform your Honorable Board, that I have brought to the Credit of the Company the full Balance of

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Cash that was in my predecessor's hands after he had paid the Troops up to the 24th of last December - Viz.t Star Pagodas 3410. 30. 44.-

and that I have also given Credit in the same Account Current for the Retrenchments that were standing against the Office when he quitted it. — From these circumstances Government will, I trust, be induced to grant permission, that the Securities given by Colonel Beresford may now be withdrawn, as those required from me were immediately lodged on my taking charge of the King's Pay Office.-

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect,
&c &c &c
Keith Young
Deputy Paym.r Gen.l Kings Troops
Madras

King's Pay Office
Madras
the 23d March 1798.- (Signed)

To Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir.

With reference to my Letters under date the 22d and 25th January, regarding a detachment

From Lieutenant Colonel Macleod acknowledging receipt of the Boards order of the 28th ultimo - and advising of the adjustment of the differences subsisting between the Jaghire Zemindar and the Buxter Mondka Tributary.-

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detachment under Lieutenant Thompson ordered from hence on Field Service, in consequence of an application from Mr. Collector Webb, I have now the honor and satisfaction to acquaint you, of the differences between the Sayporer Zemindar, and the Bustar Mahratta Tri= =butary, having been amicably settled, as by the accompanying Copies of a Letter this day received from that Gentleman, and of others from the parties themselves, enclosures N.1, 2, and 3, is particularly detailed. I have the honor also to mention, that in compliance with Mr Webb's further application, on ac= =count of disturbances in the Goomapor arm purgunnah, I have not as yet recalled the detachment from it's present Station at Sitla= =nagrum.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge your Letter under date the 28th ultimo, which reached me on the 9th instant. On its subject, I have since made several

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communications to Major General Bridges,
and shall continue to do so, until the applica=
=tion from Mr. Collector Scott for employment of=
the Troops when assembled, entitles me to cor=
=respond direct with Government, agreeably to
orders. —

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

Geo: Muat Colonel
Commanding

Vizagapatam
District
Head Quarters at
Chicacole 18th March 1798. (Signed)

To Lieutenant Colonel Muat
Commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam
District — Chicacole

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to
transmit for your information Copy and Trans=
=late of a Letter from Ramchundoo the Jay=
=pour Zemindar enclosing one (which also ac=
=companies this address) in Copy, and Trans=
=late, that he has just received from Durrooa
=sing the Zemindar of Bustar discovering any
hostile intentions against the Jaypour Country,
having confirmed the same by the Exchange
of

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of Mahaprasaudum or consecrated Food which is considered by the Hindoos as the most binding of all obligation to act with reciprocal sincerity, and good Faith, and it is with particular satisfaction I have the honor of informing you that I conceive myself warranted in consequence, in announcing there will be no necessity for the Detachment under Lieutenant Thompson entering the Hills to the Westward, the tranquillity of the Country being no longer in danger of interruption from any attempts in the Bustar quarter; Nevertheless as the Eastermost part of the Jaypour Zemindary (Viz.t the Goomsooram Perguunah) has within these few days past sustained a very wanton, and unprovoked attack (as I had lately the honor of communicating to you) from Limmah Cherenah Deo, in consequence of which I have lately been obliged to send, thither as many of the Revenue Corps as could be collected; I shall take the liberty of suggesting

that

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I cannot conclude without expres=sing how much I consider the favorable termina=tion of the Bastar business to have been pro=moted by the prompt measures which you took for the eventual protection of the Jaypour Country, which by the manifest proof it afforded that the Zemindar would be supported by Government operated to check those designs which (in con=sequence of an erroneous opinion, that had pur=posely been suggested by ill disposed persons, to the Contrary) was certainly in agitation to disturb its tranquillity.

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c.

Nath.l Webb

Collector 2d Dn. Vn. Dt.

Sittanagrum

16th. March 1798.

(Signed)

A true Copy

(Signed) Geo: Muat

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Translate of a Letter from Ramchendradoo to the Collector dated the 16th March 1798.

I send you a Letter which I have received from the Bustar Zemindar which you will please to accept for your information, also I understand both by the Bustar Zemindars Letter, and the Message brought by his people that he intends to conduct himself towards me with the same Friendship as formerly, wherefore I shall not now stand in need of the assistance of the / Circar / Troops.

You will please to write me always of your welfare.

(Signed) Ramchendradeo

A true Translate

(Signed) Nath.l Webb Collector

2d Dn 2nd Dr

A true Copy

(Signed) Geo. Muat

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Translate of a Letter from Durrcaja Singh to Ramchendradeo dated 24th February 1798.

After Compliments, Gopeteady came from you, and informed me all the affairs accordingly as you explained to him which I understand, there is no difference between you and me. - Lately every thing was settled between us, and confirmed by the Stree Mahaprasaudum. - The Stree Mahaprasaudum is now witness between us, you must do as you think proper for clearing every thing between us, and consider accordingly, now the Troops of the Mahrattas are near your Country who are my Nabobs but I may be able to satisfy them for our friendship's sake; if Friendship is not entirely renewed between us they are my Nabobs, and I can go, and join them. - Also we have been settled about Soonder Deo's business who is gone to Jaypour it is he who brought the Camp hither, but I did not understand, Sunder Deo is not here.

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All the rest I have explained with Gopeetaddy which you will please to hear from him.

A true Translate

N Webb

Collector 2d Pre Pr. District

A true Copy

(Signed) Geo Muat

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From the Military Auditor General — the paymaster on the Barramahal — repeats his representation of the inadequate establishment of Servants attached to his office — opinion on the subject. —

1 I have the honor to submit to your consideration the inclosed letter from Mr Thomas Scott Jackson Paymaster in the Barramahal, soliciting my recommendation of an increase to his office Establishment, on the grounds of his having been obliged to pay additional Writers himself to enable him to discharge the Duties of his Station with that correctness and precision which has been required of him. —

2 On a reference to my Letters of the 3d and 23d October 1797, your Honble Board

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Board will see the reasons for the opinion which I then gave, that the Establishment allotted to the Paymaster in the Barahmal by the Re=
=gulations of the 19th. July 1797 was sufficient, for
altho' my own convenience as well as consi=
=deration for the public Service naturally dis=
=posed me to promote his having the means
of discharging his duty with effect, I judged
that it would be more creditable as well as
satisfactory, that his claim to additional
assistance should be founded on the actual
experience of its necessity. - Mr. Jackson
having in the inclosed Letter stated, that he
is ready to declare upon Honor that the
Sums charged by him for his Office Esta=
=blishment have been bona fide disbursed for
that express purpose, may appear to render
his application deserving of favorable consi=
=deration, especially as he has been very
attentive in completing and forwarding his
Accounts for Audit in the time prescribed by
the Regulations. - The Office Establishment

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times of trusting so large a sum as Pagodas 6000, is at present only in the receipt of Pagodas 10 per Month — The Head Writer, at Kistnagherry has also a Pay very inadequate to the labor he has to undergo, and the trust confided to him, he superintends the Disbursements of the Office, besides having the fair Copy of the Accounts to write himself, and examine, which as no erasures are allowed, is a work requiring the utmost attention — There are also several books which although not pointed out by the regulations, I have found to be of so much utility in carrying on the business of the Office, that I have paid Writers myself to keep them, — An encrease of pay to a Head Man, at Salem, and two additional Writers at Kistnagherry of 10 Pagodas each, would fully enable me to transact the business with correctness and satisfaction to myself. — I have the honor to be,

Kistnagherry
28th February 1798. —

&c. —— &c.

(Signed) Thos. Scott Jackson
Paymaster

N.B.

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24th N.B. Should it be required, I am ready to declare upon my honor that the Sums charged by me for my Official Establishment Monthly are bona fide, disbursed by me for that especial purpose.—

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Sec.t Mag.

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir,

At the request of Mr. Hawkins Pay-master of Tritchinopoly I have the honor of submitting to the Decision of your Honorable Board, a deduction which I have made of the amount of the allowances drawn by the late Paymaster of Nagore to the period of his delivering over the charge of his Office to Mr. Hawkins, from the Salary of 300 Pagodas per Month drawn by the latter for the same period, conceiving that the Government Order of the 22d July 1797 did not authorize my passing the allowances to both.—

From the Military Auditor General respecting pay claimed by Mr. Thompson to the day upon which Mr. Hawkins made the payments to the Troops at Nagore & other similar Cases noticed.—

The

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2 The Decision of Government on this case, will apply equally to Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Wilson Paymasters of Madura and Vizagapatam, who have drawn their encreased Salaries from the 22d July, while the late Mr. Cooper Paymaster of Ganjam, and Mr. Martin Paymaster of Palamcotah, continued to draw their allowances to the 30th of September 1797, the period of their delivering over charge of their respective offices.

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud.r General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
24th March 1798.

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 69-70.

To the officer Commanding the 3d. Regiment Native Cavalry at Chenumdolum and the officer Commanding at Ongole.

To Lieutenant Colonel Orr and Lieutenant Colonel Vigors - enclosing extracts of a Letter lately received from the Nabob and desiring them to afford such explanations as the Matters of Complaint alleged against them appear to require.

To

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25th

To Captain Hodgson - permitting

To Captain G. Hodgson of Invalids. - him to proceed to Bengal on leave for eight Months.

Received the following Letters. -

27th

Honorable General Harris

&c. &c. &c.

Governor in Council

Sir.

From Lieutenant Evans - urging further Circumstances in support of his Claim to reimbursement of the Expences incurred in setting up the Commanders Quarter at Rajahmundry. -

I presume to call the attention of the Board to a Letter which I had the honor to address to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor in Council dated the 15th of March 1796. of which I now enclose a Copy as I never was honored with an Answer - I am led to suppose Government were unable to come to any determination on the Subject - I even not having the Engineers Report of the Measurement of the Repairs I made which I had requested Colonel Bilcliffe to submit to Government but this report I now find was by mistake sent to Mr. Roebuck who was then Contractor for public Buildings and has been in his profession ever since. I have now the honor of enclosing it and

Humbly

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

(Signed) H. Evans Lieutenant

Fort St. George
26th March 1798.

To the Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

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had resolved to pay for the Repair of the Quarters in this district, and believing that I could repair the Commanding Officers Quarters for less than any other person and probably for the amount of the estimate given in for them three years before. — I commenced upon the Repairs but on opening the Roof and through out the Building I found it in so decayed and Ruinous State that I was under the necessity of going to an expence that far exceeded my expectation.

I have however given the House a thorough Repair and the work executed by me has been examined and measured by Captain Johnston the Senior Officer of Engineers in this District and as I am now given to understand that the other repairs have been paid for. — I have been induced to trouble your Lordship with this address — and have requested Colonel Bidcliffe Commanding Officer of the Division to call upon Captain

Johnston

1993 Fort St. George, March 1798.

27th Johnston for the Report and estimate of this Work done by me - In order that it may be laid before your Lordship with this Letter.

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

Rajahmundry
15th March 1796. —

(Signed) H. Evans
Lieutenant Commanding
Rajahmundry

A true Copy
(Signed) H. Evans

Measurement of Repairs and Work done to the Commanding Officers House at Rajah = = mundry. —

78 Sqrs. New Country Roofing of Palmeira and Bamboos with Teak Uprights Pantyles with Chunam Borders —
at P. Sqr. 10 Pags. - 780. . .

60 Sqrs. two Coat Chunam to Floors and Walls — — — : at Pr Sqr. 3 Ps — 180. -

240 Sqrs. White washing at Pr Sqr. 3 fds. — 17. 6. .

284 Supt. Sf. Teak work in Veneetian Doors and Windows with Bolts Hinges &c
at Pr Supt. Sf. 12.40 - 34.22. -

Star Pags. - 1061.28. .

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N.B. The above work measured by me on being reported by the Commanding officer of Rajahmundry as executed, but no Estimate produced. —

I declare upon Honor that I have neither directly or indirectly derived or will derive any emolument, or advantage from the above repairs. —

Masulipatam (Signed) Geo: Johnston
June 1796. — Captain Engineer

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Mosley — relative to the loss he will be subjected to if obliged to receive his arrears of pay in 8 per Cent Bonds. —

Having had a small arrear of Subsistence due to me, at leaving home for India, in July last, I called on the Auditor of India Accounts at the India house upon that Subject, who acknowledging my claim, further remarks that in addition thereto, as returning to India, I was entitled to draw six

months

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months pay in advance, all which he said he was ready to pay me if I would call on him the next day. But finding that the ships had already been despatched, and only waited a fair wind at St. Helens, I could not venture the delay of a day without risking the loss of my passage which having already paid for, together with all my other expences incurred for the voyage, I was obliged to set off for Portsmouth that evening and therefore as a matter I judged would, equally with Cash from the Company's treasury in England, answer my purpose, I requested a certificate by which I might receive the Cash immediately on my arrival at Madras; The certificate, with my application accordingly for payment, have been produced to you Sir in Council, and I cannot refrain expressing my disappointment at receiving, in lieu of payment, a Bond bearing only 8 per Cent payable at a distant period, which, with its discount &c

is

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is so depreciated in value as to deprive me of nearly one fifth of the small amount of my claim (Pagodas 502/n) which being for bare subsistance only, (and not for long Arrears of extra allowances or pecuniary advantages in the Service) I am induced to hope you will pardon my submitting the matter to your reconsideration, trusting that you will be pleased to recall the above mentioned Bond and deem it just to direct the discharge of its amount by a 12 per Cent Bond, or such other mode as you may judge fit to adopt, as more consistent with the payment of this des = = cription of Arrears due under these peculiar circumstances. —

I have the honor to be, with the utmost respect, &c. &c. &c.

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27th March 1798. —

(Signed) C. Malsey Lieutenant Colonel 1st Reg. Eur. Infantry

At

1997. Fort St. George 27th March 1798.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor - President

Tuesday 27th March — Edward Saunders ---- } Esquires
and
Ernst William Tallofield }

Minutes of last consultation read and approved. —

Read the following letters from Poonah. —

To the Honble Lieutenant General Geo. Harris
Governor of
Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah - Submits on the destination of two of Colonel Tolapa's Battalions lately detached from Scindeas Army - Hostilities against the Nizam and the Kolapore Rajah state rumoured Nagojee Bhonsla on his march from Nagpore towards Chanda - Some skirmishes take place between the Troops of the Peshwa and Scindea and the Rajah of Kolapore - much dissatisfaction and unrest prevail amongst

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to offer you my congratulations on your accession to the Government of Fort St. George. —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 16th Ultimo, with its several enclosures, and

to

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amongst Scindeah's adherents in consequence of his vigorous conduct towards some of his principal Officers and public Servants.

to enclose, for your information, extracts of my two last addresses to the Governor General, and to be, very respectfully.

L.S. L.S.

Poona
9th. March 1798. — (Signed) J. Uhthoff

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 5th. March 1798. —

On the Evening of the 3d. Instant Doulut Row issued orders for two of Colonel J. Close's Battalions, with four Guns, to be ready to march the ensuing Day, when they accordingly proceeded to the Distance of about three Miles from the present Cantonments of Sindeas Army, where more Troops are collecting. This avowed object is the Chastisement of the Raja of Kolapore, who, as already advised, have been of late committing great Depredations in the Quarter of Sargaree, Manticke and Darwaur. There is now a Rumour here, that He has taken Possession of

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of Hoolely about twelve miles from Darwaur, a Place of no Strength, but of very considerable Trade, and consequent Wealth. The Direction in which Sindeo's Troops have moved happens to be equally convenient for proceeding against either Nizam Ally Khan or the Raja of Kolapore, but two or three more marches will clearly evince their real Destination.—

It is confidently mentioned in Sindeo's Camp, that Expeditions are in Agitation against both Nizam Ally Khan and the Raja of Kolapore, and the most prevalent opinion, as far as I can collect it, seems to be, that Dowlut Row himself, taking the Peshwa with him, will proceed against Nizam Ally Khan, with Mr. D'Boigne's Brigade; and that Gopaul Bhow or Narrain Row Bukshy with Mr. Filose's Brigade, will accompany Ennut Row against the Raja of Kolapore. But I am, I must confess, much inclined to think, that

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that no well defined Plan of operations is yet determined on, or, if actually determined on, that it is likely to be obstructed by the Distractions of the Peshwa's and Sindeas Parties, and their Distress for Cash.—

On the 4th Instant the following Intelligence reached me, through the Channel of Sindeo's Camp.— That a Strong Party having been formed in the Bopaul Chiefship, against Murcid Mahommed Khan, the Dewan or principal Manager of the affairs, of Ryet Mahommed Khan, the Chief of Bopaul, Murcid had been induced to call in the Aid of Balla Row, the Brother of Ambajee Ingly, one of the Doulut Row Sindeo's principal Officers, who had in consequence taken Possession of Bopaul, divesting Ryat Mahommed Khan of all Authority in the Chiefship, beyond the mere Name of Chief Murcid Mahommed Khan is said to have taken up his Residence at Ratnat-

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Rahutghur is a Hill Fort in the Boraul Dis-
-trict, and the opposite Party are expected to
join Ragojee Bhonsla.—

I have Intelligence that
Ragojee Bhonsla was on the 20th Ultimo
at Gurjur, about forty miles South of Nang-
-pore, on the Road to Chanda—

There is an Idea here, that
the Military Preparations in this Quarter
may alarm both Nizam Ally Khan, and
the Raja of Kolapore into an Acquiescence
in the views of the Peshwa's and Sindeah &
Parties, without the necessity of the latter
proceeding to the Extremity of actual Hostilities—

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff—

Extract of a Letter from Mr Joshua Uhthoff
to the Governor General, dated Poona 9th March
1798.—

Ragojee Bhonsla was on
the 23d ultimo at Bhypena, about 60 miles
to the Southward of Naugpore, on his way to
Chanda

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Chanda. There is something mysterious, which I cannot just now accurately develope; respecting Eswunt Row Holkar, the Brother of the late & Malhar Row, and Hurryba Holkar, an adherent of that party. The former is said to have taken leave privately of Rajojee Bhonsla, on his commencing his march to Chanda, when Hurryba was delivered up to him, a Rumour was shortly after circulated, that the two Holkars had absconded, and the last account mention, that they had been apprehended, and brought back to Nangpore. —

Some Skirmishes are said to have of late taken place, between the troops of the Rajah of Kolapore, and those of Doondo Punt Gokly, the Peshwa's Officer on the Southern Frontier of the Marratta empire; and also between the former and those of Serjajee Ghauthy, to whom Doulut Row Sindea has entrusted the management of Pursaram Bhaus possessions lately ceded to him. —

Colonel

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Colonel Palmer was on the
26th ultimo about 250 Miles to the N.E.
of Poona. —

On the 6th Instant Narrain
Row Bukshy was put under arrest by
Doulut Row Sindia, and he has been
since sent under a guard to the Fort of
Ahmednaggur. —

It is confidently reported, that
Narrain Row Bukshy, on learning that
he was to be sent to the Fort of Ahmednag-
-gur made an attempt on his Life, the ac-
-complishment of which was prevented by
the timely interposition of those who were
near him. Great intercession has been
made in his favor, particularly by the
females of the Sindean family, to which
it was said that Doulut Row had yielded,
to the extent of issuing Orders for the party
attending Narrain Row to halt, but my
latest intelligence indicates, that not
only Narrain Row Buckshy, but Balloo
Tantea

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Tantea and Doundeban also, who have hitherto been at Jangaum, will now be confined in the fort of Ahmednaggur. —

Several of Doulut Row Sindea's Commanders particularly of the Cavalry evince since Nanaram Rou's Arrest considerable Dissa-
=tisfaction and Distrust. —

That there has been alarm in this Quarter this morning is certain, though to the period of my writing, I have not been able satisfactorily to ascertain the cause thereof. Two Rumours have been in circulation, One, the Arrest of Doulut Row Sindea, and the other, the Arrest of Ennut Row. I have ascertained that the latter is unfounded; and that Doulut Row is gone on a hunting party. —

I learn, through a channel of considerable credibility that Doulut Row Sindea has issued orders for the Arrest

of

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of Cath Sutwa & Dada and Jugga Bapoo two
of his principal officers in the North of India;
and that the chief management of his affairs,
in that quarter is to be vested in Ambajee Ingly.

It must be acknowledged
that Boldness and Decision are conspicuous
in the measures of the Scindean party but I
must confess that I can discern but little,
if any Greatness or Goodness in any of them.

The Distractions of this
Quarter, seem to be at as high a Pitch, at
least, as ever.

True Extract

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

To the Honble Lieutenant General G. Harris
Governor of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
copy of a Bill of exchange drawn yesterday upon
your Government, on account of Bombay
Presidency

From the Assistant Resident at Poona - draws a Bill on this Government for 5000 Rupees - notices some disturbances at Bopaul.

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Presidency. —

I have the honor to enclose extract of my Address of this date to the Governor General, and to be very respectfully

Poona &c. &c.
12th. March 1798. — (Signed) J. Uithoff

P.S. I am just honored with Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 28th. ultimo. —

To the Honble Lieutenant General G. Harris
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

At fifteen days Sight of this my first Bill of Exchange, Second and third of the same Tenor and date not paid, please to pay, or cause to be paid to Gopaul dass Visonchund, or his order, the Sum of five thousand Rupees /5000/ value received from Munor dass Dewarkadass, as per advice from

Poona &c. &c.
11th. March 1798. — (Signed) J. Uithoff

To

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To the Honble Lieutenant General Geo: Harris
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

This is purposely to advise you, that agreeably to the Letter from the Secretary of the Bombay Government dated 9th ultimo, I have this day drawn on you, in favor of Gopaldoss Visonchund, or order, for Five thousand Rupees /5000/ for five thousand One hundred and fifty Rupees /5150/ Received from Munordoss Dewarkadoss, at the Rate of 103 at Bombay for 100 at Madras for the use of the Bombay Government, on account of Agent for Horse Purchases, as per your Letter of Credit of 3d July 1795, on the Bombay Government, in favor of Lieutenant H. C. Montgomery. — I have the Honor to be very respectfully. — &c &c

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

True Copies
(Signed) J. Uhthoff Extract

2008 Fort St. George 27th. March 1798.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 12th. March 1798. —

The alarm in this quarter on the 9th instant, mentioned in my last Address, originated in Doulut Row Sindea's having, on his hunting excursion, proceeded rather nearer to Emaut Rous's Camp than had been expected, which put the Cavalry pickets of the latter to flight. —

I am informed that the Patans of Bopaul having collected a force of about 15,000 Men, under Vizeer Mahomed Khan, had alleged Dalla Row Ingly; without proceeding to the extremity of hostilities, to evacuate Bopaul. Mirzee Mahommed Khan is said to have taken up his residence in Seonje, and not in Rahutghur, as before reported. —

Ragojee Bhonsla was on the 25th. ultimo at Bhaunghur, on his journey to Chanda. —

On the 4th. instant Colonel Palmer was at Chalesgaum, about 180 miles to the N.E. of Poona. —

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Read

2009 Fort St. George 27th March 1798.

Read the following Letter

from Mr. Macleod --

Josias Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I should have before acknowledged the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo on the subject of an accusation preferred against me by the Elder Widow of the late Rajah had I not been much indisposed --

In the Extract of her address transmitted in the above letter She accuses me of having withheld from herself and Sherfojee about 9000 Pagodas of their allow=ances. -- The Truth of her assertion I absolutely deny. -- She has probably been misinformed on the subject or instigated by designing people to prefer the Complaint. --

Your Letter apprizes me of the intention of the Honorable the President in

From Mr Macleod denies the fact imputed to him of having withheld payment of money advanced to him by the Rajah for the subsistance of Serfojee and the Widow requests to be furnished with a copy of the Letter from the late Rajah's Family containing the complaint in question. --

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in Council to make the fullest Inquiry into the Charge. — I shall be ready to meet it and give an Answer to whatever the Bhye shall may bring forward in its support. —

The Extract sent me being without Date I request that I may be favored with the Date - and also an authenticated Transcript of the original Marattas, as well as the English Translation. —

Exclusive of which if there be no impropriety in the application I should be much gratified by having a Complete Copy of her Letter as far as it may relate to the Subject of her Concerns with the Circar, or the Residency of Tanjore. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. ..... &c.

(Signed) Alex. Macleod

Tanjore
11th. March 1798. —

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the table.—

Read the following letter from the Military Board.—

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir

We have the honor to acknow=
1st ledge the receipt of Government's Letter of the 7th
Instant, and have also received Mr Secretary
Webbe's Letter of the 9th with their respective En=
=closures.—

The Commandant of Artillery
2nd having delivered at Our Board a Minute res=
=pecting the Repairs carrying on to the Black
Town Wall, with a request that the circumstance
may be brought to the notice of Government, We
accordingly do ourselves the honor to forward
copy of the Minute herewith, together with those
of the Military Auditor General, and Chief
Engineer, on the same subject.— Having

The foregoing Letter ordered to lie on the Table.—

From the Military Board - respecting the mode of conducting the repairs &c. of the Black Town Wall - opinion on the Accounts &c. of the different Regiments of Native Cavalry - desires to be informed whether the publick Buildings at Arnee are to be carried on to the extent of the original Plan - advances recommended on account of work carrying on at Ryacotah, on account of the alteration ordered on the Roof &c. of the Arnee Granary; and on account of Straw provided for the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry, and extra charges of Carriage &c. occasioned by the Movements of the Cavalry Corps - recommend that Walls Racks for Arms &c. be put up in the European Barracks at Arnee - plan and Estimate therefor to be

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3d. Having given particular attention to the different Subjects contained in Extract of a Report of Inspection by Major General Floyd in the Months of August and September 1797 which was referred with Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 30th November last to our examination and Report, together with a Letter under date the 22d of the same Month from Major General Floyd to Our Board relative to Articles of Cavalry Equipment, Extract whereof is enclosed, We have the honor of submitting our observations thereon, as follows——

1st. That it appears to us that the Patterns of Accoutrements for Man and Horse forwarded by Major General Floyd are composed of good Materials, well made, and calculated in all respects to answer the several purposes intended, with the exception of the Hole in the hinder part of the Seat of the Saddle for a third Strap to the Necessary Bag, which We conceive not only tends to weaken the Seat of the

Saddle

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Saddle, but may prove inconvenient to the Dragoon.

2nd. That although it may be desirable, as recommended by Major General Floyd to have 1000 Sets of Saddles sent from England to be lodged in the Arsenal for Emergencies; yet as Keeping this Article in Store for any length of time so as to preserve it from decay, has been hitherto found impracticable in this Country; and, as under the present System of the Service, Saddles for any emergency that can arise may be readily provided; We do not therefore consider it necessary that the above suggestion should be adopted.

3d We recommend that Major General Floyd be requested to take the trouble of having a Saddle and Bridle complete, according to the approved Pattern, made for the Native Cavalry Regiments; and that when finished they be sent to the Military Board Office to be sealed, and forwarded to each Corps, as the pattern to be invariably observed when new Saddles and Bridles are required to be made

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4th As Major General Floyd has stated the Turbans now worn by the several Regiments to be all good, and that they sit firm, We are inclined to think that the same may be continued, especially as any alteration would subject the Men to some expence. —

5th We are of opinion that the method of suspending the Sword by a Shoulder Belt, and of wearing the Cartridge Box on the Belly as proposed by Major General Floyd should by all means be adopted. But as it appears to Our Board that connecting the Straps of the Belly Box with the Sword Belt, as shewn by a pattern prepared at our request by Major Dallas, may be considered as an improvement, the same is submitted to the consideration of Government. —

6th As the Sword at present in use with the Native Cavalry is stated by Major General Floyd to be of a good pattern, in which light it appears to us; and as the

Company

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Company have a great number of the same
Kind in Store, We do not think it necessary to
recommend any alteration in this Article. —

7th We agree in the suggestion of
Major General Floyd that certain Articles of Equip-
-ment for the Native Cavalry, which have been
hitherto found by the Commandants of Regiments,
subjecting the Men to a stoppage for payment of the
same, should be in future provided at the publick
Expence. Viz.t

		Fan.s
Spurs, per Pair	Estimated at	12 each —
Sabre Pouch	do.	12 — do. —
Brass Star for	Do. do.	6 — do. —
Ditto	do. for Cartridge Box	6 — do. —

The same is therefore recom-
-mended to Government, and that, with their ap-
-probation, the above Articles when wanted, may
be supplied from the Arsenal. —

8th We are of opinion that the neces-
-sary Bags and Straps should be considered as
part of the Horse Accoutrements, and be accordingly
provided by the Commandants of Regiments:

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but that the Boots should be furnished by the Mar as heretofore. —

9th. With respect to the Sword Scab= =bards, it seems to Our Board that the plan recom= =mended by Major General Floyd is well cal= =culated for the public Service — Vizt. "that the "different Regiments shall be supplied Quarterly "from the Stores with Sheathing Boards cut of "proper lengths and breadths, and issued in the "rough, to be afterwards finished by the Corps" — That the Brass Chapes and Lockets, according to the pattern furnished by Major General Floyd, — shall be made up in the Arsenal, and supplied upon Indent when required to replace others worn out, or damaged. But that, some addi= =tional assistance to the present Establishment of Artificers appears to be necessary for making the Scabbards with the Materials furnished from the Stores, We submit to Government the expe= =diency of allowing a Moochie to each Regiment of Cavalry for that purpose. —

10th. We further recommend that the Native Cavalry be allowed to keep their

Cavalries

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Carabines and Slings for the reasons given by Major General Floyd in his Report. —

4th We have the honor to state to Government that, as the whole of the Buildings which the late Contractors were authorized to execute at Arnee, Viz.t —

A Granary for 500 Garce —
A Barrack for 1000 Europeans —
Two Field Officers Quarters —
Sixteen Setts of Captain's Quarters —
Store Rooms, and a Gun Shed —

are reported nearly completed, and that as it has been represented to our Board by the Engineer of the Station confirmed by the opinion of the Chief Engineer, that should it be the intention of Government to complete the Buildings to the extent of the original Plan, or in any part thereof of which

One Field Officer's Quarter
Sixteen Setts of Captain's Quarters
A Barrack for two Companies of Artillery
A Barrack and for a Battalion of
Native Infantry —

remain

remain to be executed, it becomes expedient that a Resolution should be passed to that effect: as well, in order to the necessary measures being adopted for the execution thereof, which the Board recommend may be done by Contract, as, on account of the present being the favorable season for providing Materials; and because, the Artificers who have hitherto been employed under the late Contractors will, on the completion of the Buildings now in hand, dis=perse if not engaged for further Work.

5th. A Bill, amounting to Pagodas 1918.14. – for Work executed under the Superintendence of Captain Lennon at Ryacotah having been transmitted to us, accompanied by the necessary Certificate on the occasion. We accordingly forward the Bill enclosed; and recommend that it may be passed for payment.

6th. It having been reported to Our Board that Arm Racks are wanting to complete the European Barrack at Arnee, directions were in consequence given to the Engineer of the Station

to

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to lay before us an Estimate of the number re=
=quired for that purpose, which together with the
the Plan of a Rack, We submit to Government,
and recommend that the provision of the same
may be authorized. —

7th The Agent for Cavalry Supplies
to the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry having reported
the completion of the delivery of Sixteen (15) Garce
of Grain lately ordered to be provided for that
Regiments consumption till the 1st of April next,
We recommend that payment to Captain Leonard
of the remaining four hundred and eighty (480)
Pagodas due on that account be authorized; And,
in consequence of the movements ordered of the
Cavalry Corps, We suggest the necessity of an
advance being made to the Agents for Cavalry
Supplies, respectively, of four hundred (400)
Pagodas on account of their Establishments, and
Current Expences. —

8th Application having been made
to us by Captain Lieutenant Wood of Engineers for
the Sum of three hundred and ninety eight (398)
Pagodas

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Pagodas, being one third of the Estimate for the alteration and repair ordered to be made to the roof of the Granary at Arnee, We beg leave to recommend that an advance to that amount be accordingly made to that Officer. —

We have the Honor to be,

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19th. March 1798. — (Signed) &c. &c. &c.

Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
By Close

Minute of the Commandant of Artillery
8th. March 1798.

Major General Geils begs leave to submit, as Government seem to have sanctioned a Particular Committee, consisting of the Chief Engineer, the Military Auditor General, and the Town Major, for the time being, of Fort St. George &c. &c. to the superintendency of the Repairs of the Black Town Wall — and as the defence of Fort St. George must in a great measure depend on that of the Black Town, in whatever manner Government, or Custom, may have sanctioned the Superintendence

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of its works, yet as this seems a deviation from the general usage of the Service in the execution of publick Works, Major General Geils is of opinion, the Circumstance should be brought to the notice of Government, in order, if they think proper, that the Military Board may be furnished with Plans, and Estimates, of all repairs, or alterations, made on the Walls, or Works, of the Black Town, in the same manner as is the case with other Fortifications; and no alterations, or repairs, made in time to come, without their knowledge and concurrence, unless specifically ordered by Government themselves. —

Major General Geils is aware, the Funds for this purpose may not be very ample, and may have arisen as it is said, from Individual, and voluntary, Subscription, or contribution, yet it does not appear, to his mind, materially to differ on this account, in the use to which it is applied, from other publick Revenues, and if his memory does not deceive him, it was intended, as may be seen by the records of Government at the time, when the present

Black

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Black Town Wall was first projected, that the Inhabitants should contribute to the building and support of it, and that they actually offered no objections, until the Wall was compleated, when it was discovered they had neither the inclination, nor Government the authority to compel, or levy such a Tax upon them. Under all these Circumstances, Major General Geils is of opinion, that the Military Board should be informed of the nature, extent, and security, of the present Funds, for keeping the Black Town Wall in repair: and as he before observed, the Safety of Madras may eventually depend upon the Security of the Black Town, that the Chief Engineer be called upon for a plan and present State of its works, and a Survey and report be afterwards made to Government, by a Committee of the whole Board, of the repairs and alterations necessary, to put it in a proper, and immediate State of defence.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secretary My Board

Minute

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Minute of the Military Auditor General,

In Meeting 17th. March 1798.

In consequence of a notification from the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, the late Governor, stating the alarming condition of the Black Town Wall, and proposing a Subscription among the most respectable and wealthy Inhabitants of the Settlement for raising a Sum of Money towards putting it in complete repair, a Meeting of the Inhabitants was accordingly invited, who having voluntarily subscribed a considerable Sum for that purpose, proceeded to elect a Committee for superintending, and conducting the repairs; when the Measures should be sanctioned by Government. The Subscribers at the same time requested Major Generals Ross and Sydenham, and Major Allan, the late Town Major, to become Members of the Committee; and these previous Steps having been taken, the Committee addressed a Letter to Government reporting what had been done, and

requesting

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requesting their orders. — In answer to which the Committee received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe under date the 13th September 1797 expressive of the entire approbation of the Right Honorable the President in Council to their superintending a Work which would tend so materially to the personal comfort, and to the security of the property of the Inhabitants of the Black Town, adding that being fully persuaded of the general benefits that will result therefrom, Government had resolved to make a donation on the part of the Company of 3500 Pagodas, which Sum was directed to be paid to the Committee from the General Treasury. —

Such being the Origin and appointment of the Committee, Major General Sydenham does not conceive it to be necessary for the Board to bring the subject to the notice of Government, who have already decided on the mode in which the Black Town Wall is to be repaired from the Fund subscribed for that purpose. —

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily And. Genl.

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secy on Board

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Minute of the Chief Engineer
In Meeting of the 17th. March 1798.

In respect to the propriety of the measures taken for the repair of the Black Town Wall, the Governor in Council who has approved them, is, I conceive, the best Judge of their merits - and they are in my mind perfectly unexceptionable. -

Had General Geils brought forward his objections to them, some Months ago, when the measure became of public notoriety, by an Advertisement for the performance of the work being published in all the news Papers - The Superior Board would no doubt have given them all the consideration they deserved - But I cannot see to, what good purpose they now tend, the Contract being made, and the Work in considerable forwardness. -

Plans, Sections, and Elevations, for the Simple repair of a Work that has stood in public view near thirty years; cannot,

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I should apprehend, be again wanted. —

I must however congratulate the Settlement at large, on the prospect there is of seeing that essential Work preserved from ruin, and again put in a State of thorough repair; & without the expence being materially felt by any Description of people. — And if this can be done by allowing the Inhabitants to direct the applic=ation of their own Money, for this purpose, in my judgement a very and essential public benefit will be attained. —

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M. G. —

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secretary Military Board —

Extract of a Letter from Major General Floyd to the Military Board dated 22d. November 1797. —

"On the 19th. Instant two Lascars "were despatched with Articles of Cavalry Equip=ment as by the inclosed List, in which the actual "Cost of the different parts appears". —

They

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"They are intended to be laid
"before the Military Board for their observation, as
"patterns proposed by me to be hence forward adopted
"for the use of the Native Cavalry: —
"A hole may be observed thro' the
"centle of the Saddle, for the purpose of passing a
"middle Baggage strap should the load be heavier
"than Common, as is the case in Europe: —
"It is to be observed that the Buff
"Belts with the Sword and Pouch are of very in=
="different quality, and the pattern only is recom=
="mended": — "Notwithstanding it is satis=
="factory to know that Saddlery pretty well executed
"may be procured in India, yet it must be
"observed that the process is slow, and I recom=
="mend to the notice of the Board, the expe=
="diency of having at all times at least one
"thousand Setts of Horse Accoutrements, made
"in England, ready in the Arsenal of Fort=
"St. George. Should this be adopted, I beg leave

to

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"to mention Gibson and Prat in London, as
"excellent Saddlers, whose work I have observed
"for more than thirty years". —

A true Extract
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secy M. Board)

Estimate of the Expence of 250 Wall Racks,
or Frames, for small Arms, each for 4 Fire-
-locks, to be made of ~~Teak Wood~~ with strong
well wrought Iron Hooks for suspending
the Arms, a row of Pins in the upper Bar for
Accoutrements &c. The Frames to be fixed
to the Walls with strong Iron Cramps at 1
Pagodas 1. 14 - each is — Pag. 333. 14. —

March 3d 1798. — (Signed) T. Wood
Captain Lieut. of Engineers)

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secretary Mil.y Board —

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Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Military Board.

As it was impossible that so great a work as the repair of the Black town wall could have been undertaken without the knowledge of Government the Commandant of Artillery might have supposed, and had the positive means of information by enquiry, that the plan upon which the repair has been executed was approved and sanctioned by the Board. — Having considered the observations of Major General Floyd together with the foregoing report upon the Accoutrements of the Native Cavalry the Board approve the suggestions of the Military Board in regard to Saddles; and it is agreed that the Major General be desired to furnish them with a Saddle and bridle complete, which is to be sealed by them and forwarded to each of the regiments as the established pattern. —

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The Board entirely concur with the Military Board that it is unnecessary to Keep in Store so large a proportion of European Saddles as is recommended by General Floyd for emergencies. —

As the turbans now used by the several regements are reported to be good, the Board concur with the Military Board that it is inexpedient to put the Men to an extraordinary expence, in order to obtain exact conformety. But if any opportunity of gaining this advantage should occur; Resolved to desire that according to the recommendation of General Floyd the turban now worn by the 4th. Regiment may be made the pattern of the whole. —

The Board concur with the Military Board that the method of suspending the Sword by a Shoulder Belt will be

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improved by connecting it with the belt of the belly box according to the pattern prepared by Major Dallas; and it is agreed to direct that each of the regements may accordingly be furnished with a pattern under the seal of the Military Board.—

Resolved that the recommendation of the Military Board in regard to the Swords and carabines now in use may be adopted.— For particular reasons the Board think it inexpedient at present to make any alteration in the manner of supplying certain articles of equipment now provided by the men; but will not fail to attend to the suggestions of General Floyd, and the recommendation of the Military Board whenever a fit opportunity may occur.—

The Board have no objection to the necessary bags being considered a part

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of the horse Accoutrements to be provided by the Commandants of regiments without additional expence to the Company. —

The Board approve the sug= =gestions of the Military Board for the future supply of sword Scabbards; and it is agreed that a Moochy be allowed to each regiment for the purpose of completing them. —

Ordered that the foregoing resolutions be communicated to Major General Floyd and published in general Orders. —

Resolved that under present Circumstances it is not expedient to complete the buildings at Arnee to the extent of the original plan; nor do the Board think the Arm racks necessary for the few Europeans stationed in that garrison. —

Resolved that the several advances recommended by the Military Board

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Board be authorized except to Captain Wood
for reasons already assigned. —

Read the following letter
from the Adjutant General of the Army. —

J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From the Adjutant General requesting the decision of Government on points of reference from the Affrichoning Committee relative to the claims of Colonels Clarke, Oldham, Bonnevaux and Wynch and Major General Bridges. —

Sir,

By desire of the Commander in Chief, I have the Honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Committee in Affrichonings for the year 1796 on the Subject of the Shares of this allowance which fall to Colonels George Clarke and John Oldham as having stood appointed to the Command of Regiments from the introduction of the New Arrangements till they retired from the Establishment. — Also respecting the Share which falls to Major General Bridges as Colonel of a Regiment from the date of the New Arrangements till he returned to India with his Rank

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Rank on the Estab.lishment in September 1796.

As the Commissions of Colonels Bonneraux and Wynch in that Rank bear date from the time that Clarke and Oldham retired from the Establishment although their Promotion was not published till many months after the Committee have likewise adverted to the Shares of Affreehonings which occur for two Colonels, during the interval, from the date of Rank of Bonneraux and Wynch, to the publication of their promotion, from which latter period only their pay as Colonels com=menced agreeably to the standing Regulations of the Service. =

Copy of the Notis Bene alluded to by the Committee goes enclosed together with an extract of the General Orders published = regarding the claims of Officers to the emolu=ments of their Rank and Station who were in Europe at the introduction of the New

Arrangements

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Arrangements and did not at that period return to India. — In order that the Committee may be enabled to adjust the distribution of Off=reckonings for 1796, the Commander in Chief is desirous that Government should pass a decision on the points adverted to in the enclosed Letter, determining whether the several Colonels therein mentioned are to receive Off-reckonings for the periods respectively alluded to, and if all, or any of them, are not, how the Shares which respectively fall to them, under the circumstances above detailed, are to be disposed of. —

I have the Honor to be,

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March 23d. 1798. —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) By. Close
Adjutant Genl. of the Army

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Close

Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Committee on Off-reckonings have attentively considered and have adopted the suggestions contained in a Note Sene subjoined to the list from your Office of the Colonels of Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry, who have claims to Off-reckonings for 1796. —

Colonels George Clarke and John. Oldham having been in England when the new arrangements took place, and having never returned to India to take charge of their Regiments, but retired from the service on the pay of Lieutenant Colonel, appear to the Committee to have no Just Claim to Off-reckonings, these constituting an allowance of a rank in which they have never served and of which they have never been permitted or held entitled

to

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to draw the pay. —

For the reasons also sug=
=gested in the Nº3. The Committee are of
opinion that Colonels Bonneaux and Wynch
cannot be considered as having a title to
share in the Off reckonings fund for any period
beyond the date of the order that published
their promotion to the rank of Colonel. —

The Committee also agree with
the Nº3. in thinking that Colonel Thomas
Bridges having returned to his rank in India
and to the Command of his Regiment in
September 1796, ought to be considered as
having been on furlough till that period, and
consequently entitled to Off reckonings the
same as if he had been present on the Coast,
from the day on which the new Arrange=
=ments took place. I have the honor to be

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12th March 1798. —

(Signed) E. Collins Pres.t

A true Copy
(Signed) By Close A.G.

Extract

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(Extract)

Fort St. George
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G. O. By Government.—

"But in order to guard against
"a misconstruction of our intentions, it is to be
="understood, that all officers who left India in
"any former Season, can only be allowed while
"in Europe the pay of the Rank they held at
"the time they were permitted to come home
"on Furlough, and this rule is to extend to
"Officers, who may be eligible by Seniority to
"the Command of Regiments, or of Corps,
"under the new Arrangement, until those
"return to such Commands, the emoluments
"annexed thereto, but not the advanced pay
"are to be received by the Officers next in suc=
="cession, who are present, and doing duty
"with the Corps. —

N.B.

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N.B. Affixed to the List of Colonels, who have claims to Offreckonings for the year 1796, &c transmitted to the Offreckoning Committee, from the Adjutant Generals Office. —

Colonels George Clarke and John Oldham having been in England when the new Arrangements took place on the Coast, never returned to India to take charge of their Regiments, but retired from the Service on the 26th. July 1796; and as they did not return to India, they were obliged to retire on the Pay of the Rank, which they held when they quitted India. — namely that of Lieutenant Colonel. — It appears to be for Consideration therefore & whether they have a full claim to any & Offreckonings — These constituting an allowance of a Rank in which they have never served, and of which they have & never been permitted, or held entitled to

draw

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draw the Pay. —

And as Colonels Bonneaux and Wynch were not appointed Colonels 'til the 21st February 1797, nor to the Com=mand of Regiments until the 28th February 1797, although their date of Commission in the above Rank is 27th July 1796, it appears to be further for consideration whether these Officers are entitled to draw arrears of Offre=-chonings from the latter date especially as in cases of promotion, Subsistance and Batta are paid only from the date of the order that publishes the promotion, and not from the date of the Commission. —

Colonel Thomas Bridges was also in Europe when the new Arrangements took place on the Coast, but returned to India and to the Command of his Regi=ment in September 1796. — He will pro=-bably be considered therefore as having

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been on furlough till that period, and consequently be held entitled to Off-reckonings the same as if he had been present on the Coast, from the day on which the new arrangements took effect. —

A true Copy

(Signed) B. Close
A. G.)

Minutes thereon.

Resolved that as Lieutenant Colonels Clarke and Oldham never did attain the rank of Colonels nor consequently the Command of regiments upon the esta-blishment, they are not entitled to Off-re-chonings according to the new regulations.—)

That Colonels Wynch and Bonnevaux are not entitled to share in the Off-reckoning Fund from the date of their rank, but from the publication of their promotion in order only according to the invariable

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invariable usage of the Service on this Coast. ~

That the two Shares which by the foregoing resolutions are not payable to any person be deposited in the Company's treasury till the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known. ~

That Major General Bridges having returned with his rank to the Service is entitled to his full Share of Off-reckonings as Colonel of a regiment from the establishment of the new regulations. ~

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General. ~

To The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General - sees no objection to delivering up the Bonds entered into by Lieutenant Colonel Beresford and his Securities. ~

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 24th Instant with its enclosures, and

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in consequence to report that there does not ap=
=pear to be any objection to delivering up the
Bonds entered into by Lieutenant Colonel Be=
Beresford, and his Securities for the faith=
=ful execution of the Duties of his Office, of
Captain Young his Successor having brought
to the Credit of the Honorable Company the
Balance of Cash, as well as the Amount of
Retrenchments standing against him. —

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
&c. —— &c.
W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
27th March 1798. — (Signed)

Minute thereon.

Ordered accordingly that
the Bonds of Lieutenant Colonel Beresford and
his Securities be delivered up. —

Read the following letter
from Major General Floyd. —

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The Honorable the President in Council

Sir,

From Major General Floyd reporting on the accommodations for the Troops at Trichinopoly, Wariore and Puttoor.

In consequence of a communication from Head Quarters, on the Subject of stationing the Troops at Tritchinopoly, I propose placing the Artillery in the Pagoda at Wariore — The second Battalion 3d. Regiment Native Infantry under Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, in the European Barracks in the Fort. — There being no Barracks whatever at Puttoor, as my Representations have repeatedly stated - and the 3d. Regiment Native Cavalry must remain under Tents until your further Commands are received. — As it may be your intention to build a Barrack for the 3d. Native Cavalry. — I beg leave to recommend a situation on the same side the Puttoor Nullah with the Barracks of his Majesty's 19th. Dragoons, because any place at Puttoor is too remote

from

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From exercising Ground, and I request your Commands, regarding Barracks to be built for the Native Cavalry accordingly.—

It is hardly necessary to represent again that there are no Officers Quarters at Pulloor, except one, allotted to Colonel Gowdie, the rest having been long ago condemned —

There are none also at Warriore, except the Commanding Officers Quarter — the rest having been condemned — And in the Fort of Trichinopoly, there are very few officers Quarters, indeed — most of them being entirely in ruins, and condemned. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c^a &c^a

Cotah Pilly
9 miles West of
Dindigul
March 23d. 1798. —

(Signed) J. Floyd
Major General

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The Commander in Chief delivers in the following recommendation: —

Memorandum delivered in, the Commander in Chief — in Council 27th March 1798.

Commander in Chief's recommendation respecting the mode of quartering the Troops at Trichinopoly and Warriore. —

In consequence of Major General Floyd's Representation of the 23d instant, respecting the situation of Quarters at and near Trichinopoly, Lieutenant General Harris suggests to the Board as the most convenient mode of arranging the Troops to be cantoned for that Garrison. —

That the Artillery be stationed at Warriore. — The 3d Native Cavalry at Puttoor and the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry in the European Barracks in the Fort. —

Under this Arrangement General Harris proposes that temporary Barracks for the Sepoys of a Native Regiment of Cavalry shall be built near Puttoor by the Barracks

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Barrack Master under the immediate direction of Major General Floyd, and that until it shall be erected a proportion of Private Tents be allowed to the 3d Cavalry to cover the Sepoys. —

Such Officers who are without Quarters to be allowed lodging Money. —

Lieutenant Colonel Orr to occupy the Commanding Officer's Quarter at Puttoor now allotted to Colonel Gowdie. —

Minute of the Board thereon. — Ordered that the recommendations of the Commander in Chief be adopted. —

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

Resolutions of Government in Council 27th March 1798.

Medical Board 26th March 1798

From the Medical Board — recommend that Sub Assistant Francis Xavier be placed on the pension List — that Mr. Brissett be appointed to the charge of the French Prisoners, vice Corbett and to superintend the Presidency —

The Board do not think that Sub Assistant Surgeon

Mr. John Briggs Head Surgeon on the Island of Ceylon, has transmitted to us a petition

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Presidency General Hospital during the Indisposition of Mr Ogilvy.—

Surgeon Xavier is intitled from his length of Service to any pension whatever—but in consi=deration of his infirmity as represented by the Medical Board and their recommendation they consent to grant him an allowance of two pagodas per month.—

petition from Francis Xavier, Sub Assistant Surgeon, praying to be placed on the pension List, being incapable, from a severe and in=curable desease, of any longer performing his duty. Mr Briggs in support of his request observes, his sufferings at particular times during the last two years have been very acute, and that of a most faithfull, honest, and deligent discharge of his duties, in Field and Garrison, may be pleaded in his favor, he is an object deserving the attention of Govern=ment.— Upon these grounds

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grounds we recom-
-mend that he be
pensioned on the pay
of a Sick Assistant Sur-
-geon. —

We have the
honor to lay before
Government Copy of
a Letter addressed to
us by Mr Alexander
Boiswell, Surgeon,
requesting to be appointed
to the Charge of the
French Prisoners of
War. —

In offering
our opinion to Govern-
-ment on this occasion
we beg leave to observe,
that, altho' upon Mr.
Corbet's application for
six Months leave of
absence

Mr. Boiswell is appointed to take charge of the French prisoners vice Corbet. —

absence for the express
purpose of proceeding to
Sea, for the recovery of his
Health, we were induced
to recommend that another
Gentleman should be
allowed to act for him,
yet, as he has not availed
himself of the indulgence,
but still remains in the
neighbourhood of Madras,
and as there is little pro-
-bability of his being again
capable, for a very con-
-siderable time, of per-
-forming any duty; we
think it advisable that
the Station should be
filled by an active and
effective Surgeon: in
which point of view we
could not have chosen a

person

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person better qualified
than Mr Boiswell. —
Mr Ogilvy, Acting
Head Surgeon at the Pre-
-sidency being sick, we
have directed Mr Boiswell
to perform his duty at the
General Hospital for the
present. —

Approved.

(Signed) Ja. Anderson
Physician General
W Raine. —
Chief Surgeon —

To Dr. James Anderson.
Physician General and President of the
Medical Board.

Sir, My situation as Surgeon to
the 1st Battalion of Artillery being now ren-
-dered by the distribution of that Corps con-
-siderably inferior to any Surgeon and many
Assistants

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Assistants of this Establishment — I beg leave at such a time to present myself to your notice, for any other that may conceive more adequate to my standing in the Service — I shall only take the liberty to suggest one mode by which with your approbation I might probably be put in immediate and more ample employ=ment; — Mr Surgeon Corbet who has been in charge of the French Prisoners has I understand obtained six Months leave of absence for the recovery of his Health, my being appointed to this important charge during his absence would therefore entirely answer my views — — Any other Medical Gentleman holding a separate and permanent appointment having been already nominated to act for Mr. Corbet cannot I humbly conceive be any obstacle to this application, as such a nomi=nation might have probably only been made from motives of expedience and convenience to the Service at a time when other Medical

assistance

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assistance about the Presidency could not be spared -

I have the honor to be with

respect and esteem. — &c. ——— &c.

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26th March 1798. —

(Signed) Alexr. Boiswell
1st Battalion Artillery

A true Copy
(Signed) V. Conolly
Secretary M. Board

Read the following petition from

Chinniah Moodaly — 7

To the Honorable Major General Harris
President in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I had the honor of addressing your Honorable Board on the 2d. ultimo, requesting permission to go to the Southward a Copy of which I now take the liberty to inclose for the perusal of your Honors, and as I have not yet been honored with your Commands I therefore humbly take the liberty to inform your Honorable Board that independant of the numerous situation of my affairs, the Period for performing the Ceremonies is now approaching

and

From Chinniah Moodaly - representing the Injury he has suffered by the false accusations preferred against him by the Nabob and requesting that Government will rescind the restriction against his proceeding to the Southward. —

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and humbly beg that your Honor will take my distressed Case into your Consideration and grant my Prayer for which Act of Justice and humanity I shall never cease in praying for your Prosperity. —

I have the honor to be.
with great respect.
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Chinnaih

Madras
26th. March 1798. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

I had the honor to receive a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe dated 13th September last and could not answer it sooner owing to my melancholy situation on ac= =count of the Death of my Wife and Brother and now I beg leave to return my most grateful thanks for your Lordships trouble in investigating the false charge preferr'd against

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against me by His Highness the Nabob, and
I also return thanks to Heaven that your Lord-
-ship in Council have been perfectly convinced
and satisfied of my Innocence, and that the
Charges which were laid against me have at
last proved groundless and malicious — But
my Lord, your Lordship must be perfectly
sensible and therefore it would be needless for
me to enumerate the great Injuries which my
Property, Credit and Character have unjustly
and without any Cause whatever suffered by
that unfortunate affair and notwithstanding
all those misfortunes and in addition to
them. I am exceedingly sorry to find by the
Secretary's Letter, that it is the pleasure of your
Lordship to enforce the Order of Government
against my crossing the River Coleroon without
the permission of Government. — My
Lord, I most humbly take the liberty to
represent to your Lordship that I am quite
unacquainted with any Charge which
might

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might have been preferred against me, or with any resolution of Government which had passed thereon, and had I had the least intimation of it, I would not have suffered my character to be thus long injured on the face of your Records, but would have submitted myself to a fair trial - all that I know of any restraint upon me is this, being called down to the Presidency to give Evidence before the Committee of Enquiry into the Conduct of Messrs Hollonds I did so and having performed this Duty I applied for permission to return to the Care of my affairs but was informed that the Government would not then grant me permission, no Cause however was stated, and no restraint was then put upon my Crossing the Coloroon. - My Lord, I most submissively beg to inform your Lordship in Council that my affairs are at present in a very ruinous situation and besides I am under a vow to

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go to several Holy places to the Southward to perform certain Funeral Ceremonies in commemoration of my Deceased Wife and Brother agreeable to our Religion — My Lord, the unhappy and distressed situation in which I am reduced at present will I hope be a sufficient apology for making this humble request that your Lordship in Council will have Compassion on me and grant me leave to go to the Southward and being so fully convenced of your Lordships humanity towards the distressed that I have not the least doubt of your Lordship's granting my Prayer, for which Act of Charity I shall never cease in praying to Heaven for the Welfare and Prosperity of your Lordship and will always make it a Duty to conduct myself entirely to your Lordship's pleasure and satisfaction — I have the honor to be with the most Profound Respect &c &c

(Signed) Cheminiah

Resolved

Madras
2d. February 1798.

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Board have no objection to Chinniah Moodaly's proceeding to Cuddalore but no farther South.—

" Geo: Harris

" Edn Saunders

" E. H. Fullofield

John Turing
Esq