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Diary

Received the following Letter

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To Mr George Buchan Sub Secretary

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having been pleased to abolish the office of Civil Paymaster General, has ordered the payment of Sundry charges hitherto paid in that office to be transferred to the departments to which they appear to be more properly attached, and I am directed to furnish you with a Statement of the charges, which it will in consequence be necessary to draw from the general treasury, in the same bill with the allowances of the Sub Secretary to Government, in the Military Department.

From the Public Department — Enclosing a Statement of charges to be drawn for in the Military Department in consequence of the abolition of the Office of Civil Paymaster General —

The Governor in Council therefore directs, that these charges may be inserted in your Monthly Indent, which will in future be paid by the Subtreasurer. —

I am
&c &c

Fort St George
1st March 1800

/ Signed / J Webbe
Secy to Govt

Statement

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Statement for the Office of the Military Department —

Sub Secretary in the Military Department

Nineapah late Office Dubash for Month 25 "

Latchmanah late Peon ——— 2 " "

Venkataramen Ditto ——— 2 " " 29 " "

A true Copy
Signed Robt Alexander
Sub Sec.y

Sent the following letter.

To the Right Honorable

The Earl of Mornington K. B.

Governor General in Council at Fort William

My Lord

We have the honor to inform your Lordship in Council that in conformity to the instructions contained in the last paragraph of your Lordship's Letter dated 4th Ultimo We directed Major Macaulay to furnish us with a statement of the circumstances relative to the terms on which Major Hart offered to dispose of certain grain said to be private property for the use of the Army before Seringapatam. —

To Bengal. Communicating the suspension of Major Hart from the service of the Company. —

As this explanation appears more to aggravate than to palliate the conduct of Major Hart.

We

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we have complied with the instructions of your Lordships in Council by suspending that Officer from the service of the Company untill the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known.—

We have the honor to enclose for your Lordships' information, a Copy of the correspondence with major Macaulay, and of the general order which we have published on this occasion.—

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Clive &c Council.

Fort St George
21st March 1800

List of Packet to Bengal.

No			
1	Letter to the Government at Fort William	21st March 1800	
2	Copy of a letter to the late Private Secretary to the Commander in Chief	1st March 1800	
3	Ditto ... Ditto from Do ... Do ... with one enclosure	8 Do Do	
4	Ditto of a G O By Government	20 Do Do	
5	List of Packet		

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(Signed) Geo Buchan
Sub Sec.

Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned

letters entered in M B No 88. 89-90.

From the Officer commanding the Southern Divisions

From Major General Bridges —

Moonian Pillay will be sent immediately to the —

Presidency. —

To the Commander of the Ship Charlton

To Captain Welladvice - Directing

him to furnish three pensioned Officers of His Majesty's

Regiment De Meuron with a passage to England. —

To the Commander of the Ship Asia.

To Captain Wardlow - Directing him

to furnish Lieutenant John Gray of His Majestys 78th

Regiment with a passage to England. —

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Sent the following Letter.

To William Boyd Esqr

acting Secretary to the Government at

Sir, Columbo.

To the Acting Secretary at Columbo - Captain Gibson has been permitted to return to Ceylon. It is requested that he may be reimbursed in the expences of his Journey. —

I have the honor to inform you that Captain

Gibson having furnished the information which rendered his

presence necessary at this Presidency has been permitted

to return to the Island of Ceylon. —

On this occasion I am directed to express

the satisfaction of the Right Honorable the Governor in

Council

23 Council at the conduct of Captain Gibson, who has been —
extremely desirous to afford the enquiry into the detention of the
Ship Susanna Amelia every assistance in his power, and as
Captain Gibson will have unavoidably incurred considerable
expense in his long journey from and to Point de Galle his
Lordship trusts and requests that his Excellency will order an
adequate compensation to be made on account of this Government —

Fort S.t George
22.d March 1800

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

Sent a letter to Major General Sydenham,

To the Military Auditor General

entered in M B. N.o 91 To authorize payment of passage —
money to three pensioned Officers of His Majesty's Regiment
De Meuron. To authorize payment of a bill of Colonel —
Gent for Pagodas 152. 22. 36 with a bill of D.o for pagodas
273. 1. 38. and of a bill of the Tent Contractors for pagodas
1,630. —

24.th

Received the following Letter. —

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division. He has appointed Capt.r

Sir

I have the honor to forward to you Copy
of

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Captain Fletcher to command the Detachment in Kimedy. Encloses copy of an Extract of a letter from him relative to the state of that Zemindarry.—

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of an Extract of a letter received by Colonel Fotheringham from the Officer Commanding the troops in the District of Kimedy.—

I received last Month from General Brathwaite, a particular Order that Captain Molloy — should join his Corps to the Southward. — I directed Captain Fletcher, who is attached to a Regiment in this Division, to relive Captain Molloy in Command of the troops doing — duty in the Kimedy Zemindary. — Captain Fletcher is a — Zealous and enterprizing Officer, and is well acquainted with the nature of the Service in which he may be engaged. — As there are eight Companies allotted to the protection of the Kimedy Zemindary, and Commanded by an active Officer. I am confident that any attempt of Jagganaut Deo, or of his partizans, to interrupt the tranquillity of the Country will be anticipated and baffled. —

Masulipatam
March 19th 1800

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W. Rogers

Extract of a letter from Captain Fletcher Dated Camp at Baugsallah 10th March 1800. to Colonel Fothringham. —

Subidar Gungeram Commanding the party

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party of the Revenue Corps at Wanarasee. writes me that Jugganaut Deo is at present at a place called Amaraneum, and has written to Palcondah and to other parts. inviting all persons wishing for service to repair to him and that he has now about a thousand people, Subidar Hemrauze of the 2d. 8th. who was yesterday relieved from his late post at Kemedy, informs me that Jagganaut Deo is now at Guddapore not in our Territory, but on the Borders, that he has formed an intimate Connection with the Guddapore Rajah, by giving in Marriage his two Daughters to two of the Rajah's Sons, I am informed he keeps up an intimate Correspondence with the refractory in the Ganjam District, Viz.t. the Goomsur — Zemaindar and the Sanna Paidsaw. I do not therefore think it improbable that he may be able to attach sufficient — support to himself to give us a good deal of more trouble in these parts. — Duggy Tauze certainly feels very sore at the exclusion of Guzzyapetty from the Country and whether it will be his Game to suppress the first Commotions or to favour them, remains yet to be Discovered. I am convinced the whole Country is obsequent of his Nod, and that he may

Captivate

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the 24th

Captivate Jaggernaut Dee. should he make his appearance —
again, tho' perhaps he cannot bring his mind to the performance
of such a service. —

A true Extract

/ Signed / G. Fothringham
Colonel Commanding.

/ A true Copy /

the 25th

/ Signed / W.m Nigors

Received the undermentioned Letters entered on
MB N.o 92. 93. —

From the Persian Translator to the Government at Bengal

From M.r Edmonstone acknowledges the
receipt of different Letters. —

From the President at Tanjore. —

From M.r Torin. Encloses the original
vouchers of his accounts for the months of January and February. —

At a Consultation.
Present.
The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor and President
William Petrie and
Ernst William Tallofield } Esq.rs

Tuesday
the 25 March 1800.

Minutes of last Consultation read and
approved. —

Read the following Letter from the Officer
Commanding the Northern Division. —

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir

It is with regret that I have to report to you

From the Officer commanding the Northern Division. reports a further outrage of Captain Johnston of the Engineers against the Commercial Resident at Masulipatam. He has placed Captain Johnston under Military restraint.

an act of outrage committed by Captain Johnston of Engineers.—

The Government order of the 6th Instant respecting that Officer arrived yesterday evening; and I. this morning. intimated to him that he was enlarged from his arrest.— Captain Malcolm of the Bengal establishment, has just waited on me with a request from the Commercial Resident Mr. Corbett that I would furnish him with a guard for the Security of his person.— on enquiry of Captain Malcolm the reason of a guard being — required for this purpose. he informed me that Captain — Johnston came in this day to Mr. Corbett's house. Struck — Mr. Corbett more than once with a horse whip, while the latter was in the execution of his duty assorting cloths. and drew his Sword.— Mr. Corbett has as yet made no public — complaint; but I have thought it an indispensable duty in consequence of what Captain Malcolm, who was present at Mr. Corbett's house during this transaction, has — communicated to me. to order Captain Johnston under a

close

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close arrest, and under Military Restraint, as, after he has — Violated his word of honor pledged in his apology to Mr. Corbett there can be no reliance placed in his conduct. —

Since writing the above I have received a letter from Mr. Corbett, of which the accompanying paper is a Copy. —

Masulipatam
March 16th 1800

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Mr. Vigors

To Colonel Urban Vigors
Commanding the Northern Division
of the Army.

Sir,

I am much concerned to inform you that Captain Johnston of the Engineers came into my house, about half an hour since, while I was sitting in the back Veranda with Captain Malcolm, when on my rising — from my chair, he seized me saying he was come to chastise me, and uttered some abusive expressions, on my calling for a peon, I found I had not one in the house, and the guard on the Cash Chest was at the Office, so that, I had not any assistance at hand, nor weapon of any kind to defend — myself, indeed it may be fortunate I had not, as Captain

Johnston

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Johnston soon drew his side Arms, and pursuing me to my writing room, declared he would plunge it in the Heart of any one who attempted to seize him.—

Captain Malcolm of the Bengal troops being present during the whole, I called on him for protection and requested he would notice what had passed, and wait on you and inform you of it, which he did on Captain Johnston's having quitted the house.— as the evidence he will give, will no doubt make it appear my life, even in my own house is in danger, while Captain Johnston is at liberty. I must therefore request you will immediately take measures for the protection of my person, that I may with safety go on with my public duty, now of the greatest moment.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Vin.t Corbett.

Masulipatam
The 16th March 1800

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W.m Vigors

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government &c &c.

Sir,

From &c — &c.
Transmits charges against Captain Johnston of the Engineers.—

With reference to my Letter of Yesterday respecting the conduct of Captain Johnston, I now have the Honor

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Honor of forwarding to you a Crime which I have found myself obliged to exhibit against that Officer. — I also forward a Copy of Mr. Corbett's Letter, and Copy of a written declaration made by Captain Malcolm.

Masulipatam
March 17th 1800

I have the honor to remain
&c &c
(Signed) W. Vigors

Crime

Captain George Johnston of Engineers

ordered under close arrest by me for conduct unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, in entering the House of Mr. Corbett Commercial Resident striking, and otherwise Malbreating that Gentleman, notwithstanding that he the said Captain Johnston had pledged his word of honour in a written Apology to Mr. Corbett to be guarded in his conduct both public and private towards him. —

Masulipatam
March 16th 1800

(Signed) W. Vigors

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Commanding the Northern Division
of the Army

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Captain Malcolm of the Bengal troops being present during the whole I called on him for protection and requested he would notice what had passed and wait upon you and inform you of it. which he did, on Captain Johnston's having quitted the house. as the evidence he will give. will no doubt make it appear my Life. even in my own house is in Danger. while Captain Johnston is at liberty - I must therefore request you will immediately take measures for the protection of my Person. That I may with safety go on which my

Public

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Public duty now of the greatest moment.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) N. Corbett
C R

Masulipatam
the 16th March 1800

(A true Copy)

(Signed) W. Nigors

I was sitting in Mr. Corbett's Veranda this morning, when Captain Johnston came in with a smile upon his countenance, and addressing himself to Mr. Corbett, who was sitting by me, said I have found you at last you scoundrel / or you rascal / and made a stroke at him with a switch whip. Mr. Corbett warded of the stroke and Captain Johnston repeated the attempt to strike, and touched Mr. Corbett on the side, but did not hit him where he appeared to have intended. I then got between them, and tried to argue with Captain Johnston, during which time Mr. Corbett went into his writing room, and called out for his Peons none of whom were present, upon Mr. Corbett calling out for his Peons, Captain Johnston drew his Sword, and brandished it about, declaring that if any man attempted to lay hold of him he would run

him

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him through the body he then made use of some very ——
opprobrious language to Mr. Corbett, walked down stairs,
mounted his horse and rode away. There were five or six black
writers present at this affair, several of whom understand ——
English, and who heard and witnessed all that happened. —

A true Copy of a declaration made in my
presence. —

Masulipatam
March 17th 1800

/Signed/ Mr. Vigors

The following letter is dispatched to
Major General Brathwaite. —

To Major General Brathwaite

Sir

It having appeared since the date of my
letter to you of the 7th Ultimo that an assurance had been —
made by Lieutenant General Harris to Brigadier General
De Meuron, that pay and allowances should be granted to
the pensioned officers of the Regiment De Meuron untill
their embarkation for Europe, I am directed to acquaint
you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council
has reconsidered his orders on the application of those —

To Major General Brathwaite — The pensioned officers of His Majesty's Regiment De Meuron to draw their full allowances during their residence in India a passage to England has been ordered for them on the Chaltow — Orders given for trial of Captain Johnston of the Engineers on account of his conduct to the Commercial Resident at Masulipatam —

officers

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officers and that his Lordship has authorized the payment of their pay and allowances during their residence in India.—

2 It will be necessary however that the pensioned officers should embark on the ships now about to be dispatched to England, and the Governor in Council has accordingly ordered a passage for them on the Charlton.—

3 I have the honor to enclose the Copy of a letter from Colonel Vigors relative to the outrage committed by Captain Johnston on the Commercial Resident at Masulipatam.—

4 This violation of the Civil authority; of all the relations of social order, and of his own plighted honor, compels the Governor in Council to bring Captain Johnston to a trial before a Military tribunal; and I am directed to desire that you will issue such orders as you may judge necessary for this purpose with all convenient expedition.—

5 I have the honor to enclose the—

charges

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charges. on which it is the wish of the Governor in Council that Captain Johnston should be brought to tnal but his Lordship has no objection to your revision of them. if they can be made more conformable to military etiquette or to the usage of Court Martial.—

Fort S.t George
25.th March 1800

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ I Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

Charges

Captain George Johnston of the Corps of Engineers ordered in arrest by Colonel Urban Vigors.—

First.— For an unofficerlike and disrespectfull —— violation of the Civil authority vested by the Right Honble the Governor in Council in the Commercial Resident at —— Masulipatam by using grofs and scandalous expressions of menace and threat, Deterring that officer from the execution of his public duty. and thereby tending to subvert —— subordination, discipline and the constituted authorities of Government.—

Secondly. For behaving in a scandalous infamous manner, such as is unbecoming the character of an officer

and

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and a Gentleman, in entering the house of the Commercial Resident at Masulipatam, Mr Vincentio Corbett, on the 16th March 1800, and in striking and otherwise maltreating that Gentleman notwithstanding he the said Captain Johnston in a written apology addressed by him to Mr Corbett the Commercial Resident, dated 23d of February 1800, had acknowledged his violent conduct, (stated in the first charge) to have been unprovoked, and had pledged his honor for the future to be more guarded in his conduct, public and private, towards him the said Commercial Resident.—

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25th March 1800

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

Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Sir.

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division. Orders have been issued for assembling the Marine Battalion. States some doubts relative to the march of Bengal Volunteers to Bengal.—

I have the honor of reporting to you that I have received a letter from the Adjutant General, communicating directions that the Bengal Marine Battalion should without delay be relieved, and dispatched by Land, to the Presidency.— I have accordingly directed two Companies

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Companies of the Division of the 1.st Battalion of the 15.th Regiment at Masulipatam to relieve Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton. I have ordered the details of the marine Corps at Jaggernaickporam, Coringa, Ingeram, and Maddapollam to be relieved from Samulcottah; and I have detained for the present the 2 Companies of the 2.d Battalion 10.th Regiment under Captain English, in order that they may replace the Detachments of the Marine Battalion, serving in Mr. Bransfills and in Mr. Stunner's Divisions. The Marine Battalion will assemble at Bezoara; and I hope all its Detachments will be collected there before the end of this Month. The 1.st Battalion of the 15.th Regiment, employed in relieving the parties of that Corps, is now entirely dispersed over this District.

The Detachment of Bengal Volunteers arrived at this place on the 9.th Instant. From the Nature of the instructions transmitted to me by the Adjutant General, I am left in some degree of doubt and embarrassment concerning the propriety of employing, or detaining the Volunteer Corps in this Division. In a letter of the 3.d Instant

I am

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I am informed by the Adjutant General, that they are to encamp at Masulipatam, and to be placed under my orders; and I am authorised to detain them and even to employ them, should I deem such a measure indispensably necessary. — In a letter of the 6.th Instant from the same Officer I am directed to relieve the Marine Battalion immediately and am told that General Braithwaite trusts the presence of the Volunteer Battalions will enable me to arrange that relief without difficulty, at the same time I am enjoined, in availing myself of their services, to keep in view the desire which has been expressed by the Right Honorable the Governor General, that these Corps should if possible be enabled to reach the end of their march to Bengal, before the commencement of the ensuing periodical rains, or previous to the begening of the Month of June - and therefore only to employ them as far as may be absolutely necessary for conducting the public service. — But the presence of the Volunteer Battalions cannot facilitate the relief of the Marine Battalion, nor can they be employed in this Division if it is entended that they

should

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should reach the end of their march in the beginning of June; for if permitted to proceed immediately, and to pursue their route without interruption they can scarcely arrive in Bengal before that Month.— I have received information from Mr. Branfill that the Spirit of disobedience and contumacy displayed by the Zemindar of Polaveram, requires Coercion, and that should the Zemindar persevere in his opposition to the Company's authority it was the intention of — Government to employ the Volunteer Corps in bringing him to a proper sense of his duty and allegiance.— Mr. Branfill further informed me that he would make a final proposition to the Zemindar whose answer would ascertain the measures necessary to be adopted respecting him.— Should Mr. Branfill make an application to me for troops to act against Mungapetty Doo, I shall order the Bengal Detachment on that Service, as there are no other troops in this District whom I could employ on it.— In the mean time until I can hear from Mr. Branfill, or receive orders from Government, I shall direct the Volunteer Corps to proceed to Ellore, on

their

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their Route towards Rajahmundry, and eventually towards Bengal.—

I transmit to you, Copy of a Letter, received on the 10.th Instant. by the Brigade Major of this Detachment from the Adjutant General of the —— Bengal Army, and communicated to me by Lieutenant Colonel Gardiner—

Masulipatam
March 2.d 1800

I have the honor to remain
&.a &.a
/Signed/ W.m Vigors.

To Captain P. Grant
Major of Brigade to the
Bengal Detachment.

Sir.

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has ordered the recall of the three Battalions of Bengal Volunteers from the duties of the Coast. His Excellency instructs me in consequence to desire that the Senior Officer with these Battalions will give the necessary orders for properly conducting the Corps and for their accommodation on their return.—

As it cannot be ascertained who will be

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be the Eldest Officer present, at the period the Volunteers shall move from Madras. you will communicate to him these His Excellency's Commands for his guidance, and in order that intimation of the same may be given to the several Officers in charge of Battalions.—

Fort William
Adjt. Generals Office
13th February 1800

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J Darley
adjut.t Gen.l

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W.m Vigors

Ordered that the following letters be dispatched to Bengal and to Colonel Vigors.—

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

My Lord,

In our letter of the 6th Ultimo. we had the honor of communicating to your Lordship the orders which we had issued for regulating the march of the Bengal Volunteers towards their destination.—

To Bengal. explaining the cause which renders the detention of the Bengal Volunteers in the Northern Circars at present indispensable.—

We have however since found it —
impracticable to relieve the Marine Battalion, without
detaining

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detaining the Volunteers for a longer period than may be consistent with their arrival in Bengal by the beginning of June; and, as the causes, which have produced this embarrassment, are correctly stated by the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Northern Circar, we beg leave to enclose a copy of his letter for your Lordships information.

Continuing to attach the greatest degree of importance to the march of the Marine Battalion for the relief of the Native Troops who have been so long on service on the Eastern Islands, we have ordered Colonel Vigors to hasten its march by every practicable means; and feeling that considerations of great political consequence to the affairs of this Presidency require the presence of a respectable force at the Establishment of the new constitution of an internal Government, we have deemed it our duty to authorize the employment of the Bengal Volunteers according to the Exigency of the service.

We beg leave to assure your Lordship that under this necessity we shall be constantly mindfull of your orders for the expeditious arrival of those troops

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in Bengal and that we shall authorize the progress of their march at the earliest period, consistent with the accomplishment of the important objects, for which we have detained them.—

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25th March 1800

We have the honor to be
Sirs &c &c
/Signed/ Clive &c Council.

To Colonel Urban Vigors
Commanding the Northern Division at
Masulipatam.

Sir

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division. The Marine Battalion to march immediately to the Presidency: The Bengal Volunteers to be detained in the Circars until farther Orders.

I have had the honor of receiving, and of communicating to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council your letter of the 12th Instant.—

It is indispensably necessary that the Bengal Marine Battalion should be relieved with all practicable expedition, in order that it may be embarked for the purpose of relieving the Native troops who have been so long on service in the Eastern Islands: the Governor in Council therefore directs that their march to the Presidency may be hastened by every possible means.—

The embarrasments which you have stated, satisfy His Lordship in Council that it will be

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be impracticable to dispense with the services of the —
Detachment of Bengal Volunteers at so early a period,
as to admit of their reaching their destination in the
beginning of June, and, as the present demand for
troops in the Western Circars is of the most important
nature, the Governor in Council authorizes and directs
you to employ those Corps according to the exigency of
the Service, untill his Lordship shall have furnished you with
his farther orders for the march of the Detachment.—

In the mean while it will be —
advisable that the Corps should be kept as much collected
as circumstances will permit; and the Governor in Council
relies on your attention to their convenience, and
accomodation during their employment in the northern
Circars.—

Fort St George
25 March 1800.

I am
&c &c
/ Signed / I Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

Read the following Letter from the
Military Board.—

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council
My Lord &c &c &c

1st We have the honor to report that the necessary directions have been given for carrying into effect the orders contained in letter from Mr Secretary Webbe under date the 14th Instant.—

From the Military Board. Enclose an application from the Resident in Mysore for markets and recruitments on account of the Government of Mysore. Enclose a List of Returns required from Ceylon. Recommend advances to the Superintending Engineer of Pags 106.7.15 and of Pagodas 1342.5.5 Enclose a Statement of provision Stores shipped on the prize.

2d We enclose Copy of a letter from the Resident in Mysore, transmitted to us by the Honorable Colonel Wellesley, and request that we may receive your Lordship's instructions in regard to the requisition therein contained, not deeming ourselves competent to direct the issue of the Arms without the sanction of your Lordship in Council.—

3rd We also enclose List of Returns required from the Island of Ceylon, and beg leave to recommend that application may be made to His Excellency the Governor to direct their early transmission to this Presidency.—

4th We recommend that the necessary directions may be given for the following advances being

made

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made to the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency Viz.t —

The Sum of Pagodas 100. 17. 75 on account of Repairs to be executed under his Superintendence at the Powder Mills. and the Sum of Pagodas 1342: 5: 5: being one third of the estimated Cost of the several buildings and repairs directed by your Lordship in Council to be undertaken for the accommodation of the Native Troops at the Presidency. —

5th

We have the honor to enclose a Statement of Provisions and Water for 30 days shipped on board the Prize for the use of the Body Guard of the Right Honorable the Governor General during the Voyage to Bengal. —

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We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Patrick Ross
" W Sydenham.
" Jn.o Richardson.
" B. A. Agnew.

Copy

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Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Close Resident in Mysore. To the Honble Colonel Wellesley dated Mysore 8th March 1800.—

Sir

The Dewaun of Mysore being at —— present engaged in equipping the Infantry in the pay of his Excellency the Rajah of Mysore, has begged of me to request that you will let him have one thousand Stand of good English arms from the Stores at Seringapatam, and as —— these Infantry being regularly paid, promise to be a very usefull Corps. I have anxiously to add my wish that this application from the Dewaun may be complied with— It is very desirable that the Arms should be all English, and that a thousand setts of Country Accoutrements —— should if possible be delivered along with them.— The charge for these Articles when ascertained will be —— defrayed by the Government of Mysore.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ B.T. Close
Resident in Mysore

A true Copy

/Signed/ John Macleane
Sec.y M.t Board

Resolved

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Resolved that the Military Board

Resolution and orders thereon.—

be directed to supply from the Stores the muskets and accoutrements required for the Government of Mysoor if the state of the Stores admit of it, and to prepare an account of the Value of them in order that the necessary adjustment may be made.—

Ordered that the necessary application be made for the Returns required from the Island of Ceylon; and that the Return of provision Stores shipped on the Preze be transmitted to Bengal.—

Ordered that the several payments recommended by the Military Board be authorized.—

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

To the Right Honorable

Edward Lord Clive

Governor in Council at Fort St. George.

From Bengal. His Majesty's 77 Regement to be transferred to the Establishment of this Presidency.—

My Lord

1. We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 30th Ultimo. informing us that the exigencies of the Service having rendered it necessary to move a part of

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of the Troops serving in Canara into the Mysoor Territories, you had stationed His Majestys 77th Regiment at Chittledrog.—

2. We approve of the disposition of the Troops thus made by you, and as there is no immediate prospect of His Majestys 77th Regiment being sent back to the Presidency of Bombay, we authorize you to retain and to consider that Regiment as a part of the Establishment of Troops belonging to your Presidency.—

3. We have informed the Government of Bombay and His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India, that the 77th Regiment is to be considered in future as belonging to your Establishment, and to be returned accordingly.—

We have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Mornington
Alured Clarke
P Speke
Wm. Cooper

Fort William
the 4th March 1800

Ordered that His Majestys 77th

Order thereon Regiment be transferred accordingly to the Establishment

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of this Presidency.—

The President lays before the Board, the following letter from the Resident in Mysoor.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive &c &c &c.

From the Resident in Mysoor—Communicates his sentiments relative to the claim preferred by Mudgherry to the province of Chittledroog—

My Lord

I have been honored with the dispatch from the Secretary of Government dated 11th Instant, conveying to me copy of the reply which your Lordship directed to be written to Mr Spencer, relative to the pretensions of Mudgherry Naigue, and an intimation of your Lordships desire to have a communication of my sentiments on that Subject.

Upon enquiry into the history of the former Pollegars of Chittledroog and the circumstances under which the late Hyder Ally Chan atchieved the conquest of that Province, the Narrative delivered in by Mudgherry Naig, appears in great part to be founded.

An Alliance seems to have subsisted from an early period between the Rajahs of Mysore, and the Pollegar Family of Chittledroog and accordingly in most of the Enterprizes by which Hyder ally Chan extended the Dominion of Mysore, the Pollegar of Chittledroog is found to have either assisted him in person, or furnished him with a Body of Troops—but at a subsequent time when the Peshwah Madow Row

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professed upon Hyder's ally and threatened to subvert his Government, the Polligar of Chittledroog seems to have been placed in circumstances which made it difficult for him to preserve his independence. —

On the noted occasion when Madow Row defeated Hyder ally at Annawutty the Polligar was present with the latter — but on a later occasion when Madow Row crossing the Toombuddra made himself master of Serra, and penetrated to the center of Mysore, the Polligar joined his Forces with a considerable Corps of Horse and Peons, and particularly distinguished himself at the Assault of Nidgegal, a Hill Fort near Bangalore which he carried after the Marattas had been repeatedly repulsed — By this invasion Hyder Ally's power had been nearly extinguished, and as the Polligar had taken an active part against him, at a juncture when he had most occasion for his aid, he seems from that moment to have resolved on deposing him and adding Chittledroog to the number of his Conquests. — Accordingly no sooner had he accommodated with the Marattas, and recovered from the severe efforts of the war than he commenced an attack upon the Polligar and laying siege to Chittledroog, at length carried the Place by Assault, making the Polligar and all his Family Prisoners. — This atchievement seems to have taken place about the year 1778 — The Polligar and his Progeny having been imprisoned died in confinement — but Mudgherry Naigue deriving his descent from a lateral Branch of the House reconciled himself to Hyders Government, and entertaining with him as an Officer of Peons on about 100 Rupees Per Month, continued to serve as such, till some time after Tippoo Sultaens accession, when he deserted, as he relates himself to the Rajah of Travancore —

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As the facts stated in your Lordships reply to Mr Thynne are too well known, and the reasonings deduced from them are too conclusive to allow of their being weakened, or illustrated by any reference to the history of the Polligars Family, or the causes which led to his fall, I have adverted to the foregoing transactions, only in the idea that it might be satisfactory to your Lordship to be made acquainted with that part of his political conduct, which accelerated the extinction of his authority.

The Ryots of Chittledroog being of the Bedur Cast, are accustomed to Arms, and marked by an obstinate spirit of independency, and although the Province is quiet at present, it cannot be doubted, that should Mudgherry Naigue, find an occasion to shew himself amongst them, he would not only have the means of assembling them around him, but by intriguing with the Poligars of Harponelly be enabled to raise such a Force on the Frontier as would occasion extreme embarrassment to the Government of Mysore.

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

[Signed] BJ Close
Resident in Mysore.

Mysore
21st March 1800

Ordered that copies of the letters and papers relative to the pretensions of Mudgherry Naigue be transmitted to the Governor General in Council.

Read.

Copies of the above papers transmitted to Bengal.

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Read the following Letter from the

Officer Commanding in Mysoor.—

Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Sir

From the Officer Commanding in Mysore. Reports the particulars of a riot at Seringapatam and the measures he had adopted to quell it.—

It is necessary that I should inform you that I have been obliged to employ the Troops to quell a disturbance occasioned by the Pariah people. chiefly the lower orders of Gentlemens Servants. and the Soldiers Cookboys. there had been at Seringapatam as well as in other parts of Mysore a difference between two Casts. which here as well as elsewhere they settled to their own satisfaction; but it appears that the lower orders have an Interest in the disputes of the higher Casts. and during this settlement they manifested their discontent by repeated Riots. and some of the Heads were confined. on the 17.th in the Morning the day after the settlement of the dispute abovementioned was concluded. Mobs of Cookboys went about the streets of the Fort and Pettah before day, threatening the Inhabitants if they opened their Shops, or sold any thing. till their Head men were

released

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released. they then went to the different fords stopped the people bringing provision and supplies to the Market. detained and plundered them.— the Shops were shut and no efforts of the police officers could disperse the mob—

Under these circumstances I thought it proper to order out small parties of Cavalry and Native Infantry from the Camp. and a small party of European Infantry from the Garrison against the Canjat mob which was assembled under the Cunjah Hill— immediately above the Fort the Officer Commanding the party of Cavalry was within a hundred yards of them for above an hour before the Infantry came up. and sent them repeated messages to desire they would disperse. they remained and suffered the Infantry to approach them within half musquet shot. and still notwithstanding they were ordered to disperse by the Officers Commanding the two parties of Infantry they remained till they received their fire. Four of them including the two Head Men who had been sent out were killed, and two wounded. and this Mob as well as the others dispersed

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dispersed immediately.—

I can attribute the folly of their —
obstinacy, and their absurdity in supposing that I should
sit quiet, and allow the lowest orders of the people to starve
the Troops, having a Camp on one side of them, and a large
Garrison on the other, to nothing excepting to the experience
they have had of success from too much indulgence on former
similar occasions in the Carnatick; but in this Country where the
Honorable Company's authority is but newly established,
I could not suffer it for a moment to be troubled upon by
the lowest order of the people in the service of their —
Officers and Troops.—

I have the pleasure to inform you
that since the Infantry fired, every thing has been perfectly
quiet, the rioters have returned to their peaceable occupations,
and I do not imagine that they will again disturb the
peace of Seringapatam.—

Four persons caught in the fact of
forcing the Bazar people to shut their shops, and evidently
connected with the other rioters were tried by a General

Court

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Court Martial and sentenced to be hanged. But as I convinced the example which had been made to be fully sufficient, and as every thing had remained quiet from the time the troops Fired, I did not think it necessary to carry the sentence into execution. —

Seringapatam
March 20th 1800

Minute thereon. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Arthur Wellesley

The Board entirely approve the measures adopted by Colonel Wellesley for quelling the riot at Seringapatam. —

Read the following Letters from the Officer Commanding in Tinnevelly. —

Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council copies of Lieutenant Johnson's Letter of the 28th Ultimo to Brigade Major Knowles, and of my Letter of this date to Mr. Collector Hurdis. —

From the Officer commanding in Tinnevelly. Reports the seizure of the proscribed Robber Poojanny Naig —

The fortunate event of the seizure of

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the publick Robber Poojanny Naig (the proscribed Son of the Yelamoody Polygar) in search of whom Considerable parties have been employed since October last has been at length accomplished through the activity and indefatigable Zeal of a very valuable Native Officer Subidar Sheick Mian of the 1st Battalion 3 Regiment, whom I beg leave to recommend to the favorable notice of his Lordship in Council.—

The savage incursions of Poojanny Naig and his Banditti into the Dindigul Village have been fully detailed by Mr. Hurdis to the Board of Revenue. for the present he will be secured in Irons at Shevalapatore - such further steps as may appear necessary to be taken respecting this Culprits trial and punishment will depend upon the opinion and suggestions of Mr. Hurdis, and I have to request his Lordships instructions for my guidance in the event of Mr. Hurdis's requiring the execution to take place beyond the limits of the province of Tinnevelly.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) C. Macaulay Major Comms.

Palamcottah
1st March 1800

To

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To Captain Knowles

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have much pleasure in informing you that Shaik Mean has secured the Person of Poojanny Naig his Wife and two Bramins who were with him. I have ordered him to bring Poojanny Naig here as there are more Sepoys to take care of him than at Pollamuddy. I wait for the further orders of Major Macaulay and —

Tumachey Naig Pollam

28th February 1800 one P.M.

am &c &c

/Signed/ I Johnson.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ C Macaulay.

To J B Hurdis Esqr.

Collector of Dindigul

Sir,

I have great satisfaction in acquainting you with the success of one of my advanced parties in — seizing the person of the notorious Depredator Poojanny Naig, this has been effected in a Masterly Manner by Subidar Sheick Mean. I have directed that Poojanny

Naig

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Naig be brought to Shevalapatore and confined there in Irons his wife and two Bramins his servants were taken with him.—

I should be glad to hear from you upon this subject. and it would be desireable that you oblige me by communicating fully the evidence in your possession of Poojanny Naig's guilt, in order that measures may be taken for inflicting an exemplary punishment, which from your letters to Major Bannerman of the 19th and 20th September this person appears fully to deserve.—

It would be further desireable that you mentioned the situation in your opinion but adopted for his execution with a view to its' producing a good effect upon the minds of the surrounding plunderers.—

/Signed/ C. Macaulay
Major Com.d

Palamcottah
7th March 1800.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ C. Macaulay
Major Com.d

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I Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government &c &c &c

Sir

From the Officer commanding in Tinnevelly Encloses Copy of his letter to Mr. Hurdis and Copy of Mr. Hurdis's answer relative to Poonjanny Naig. requests instructions for his trial and execution

I have the honor to transmit you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Copy of Mr. Colletor Hurdis's reply to my letter of the 1st Instant.—

Poojanny Naigues guilt appears so fully established by evidence in the posession of Mr. Hurdis, that I propose holding in readiness a strong party from this Detachment to convoy the Robber to execution on the spot recommended by the Colletor — but before I take any step for this purpose I shall wait the arrival of the instructions of his Lordship in Council upon my address to you of the 1st Instant.—

Camp near Tinnevelly.
8th March 1800.

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) C. Macaulay Major Comdt

Major Colin Macaulay.

Sir &c. &c. &c.

Your favor of the 1st Instant, I have just received and am highly gratified by the Contents.—

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I have to save time taken from my records, the parts relative to the Conduct of Poojanny Naigue which when you have perused I will thank you to return.- They are unexamined but I hope you will not have much trouble in making them out.—

I published a reward of one thousand Rupees for the apprehension of Poojanny Naigue- Myana Surcarhum, and Comedily, The proportion of which should be given to the party who took him.- In such manner as you may deem proper.—

The place of his execution I would wish to be in the Poodoor Vinedum in the Callercy Country, as it was from that District he generally drew his most desperate followers.— His Father the Yellamuddy Polygar pretending to a right of Carvelly over that Vinedum gave him a greater means of recruiting.—

The Man who gave the declarations I now send, are on the Dindigul Pack- I hope and trust the miscreant you have, may get his deserts.- Poodoor is near Yellamudy.—

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Should you direct the execution in the
Collar Trauts It will require a strong party to attend to
prevent confusion or an attempt at rescue, which a small
party might encourage the Colleries to make.—

I will be obliged to you for the names
of the Brahmins taken with him, as I dare say they are
in my black list. I believe his Wife is the Daughter
of Gunlup Naigue.— it will be well to keep her for
the present.—

The Poligar of Veripatchee will now
see one of his principal agents punished properly, but I
fear without any good effect, on his conduct since the
fate of Panjalamcurchy instead of causing his obedience
enabled him to recruit his Bandittie some of Cattabomen
Naigue's people having actually taken service with
Verapatchee.—

Colapotam
3d March 1800.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) T B Hurdis Collector

(A true Copy) Signed C. Macaulay
Sec. Mgrs Cons.

Received

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Minute and Resolution on the above Letters.—

Resolved to express to Major Macaulay the satisfaction which the Board have received from his successful endeavours to apprehend Poojarry Naig.—

It will be of the most useful example and necessary to public justice that this Robber and murderer should be brought to immediate trial and punishment. Resolved therefore to authorize and direct Major Macaulay to institute an enquiry in such manner and in such place as he may deem it expedient; and if the facts of Criminality and depredation stated in the Collectors' Correspondence shall be proven to Major Macaulay's satisfaction on sufficient evidence. Resolved farther to require him to execute the Polygar in the most public and Conspicuous manner.—

Read the following Letter from Captain I.H. Symons.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council of Fort S.t George

&c &c &c

My Lord

From Captain I.H. Symons. states

I beg leave to inform your Lordship that

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states that the Nabob has not transmitted instructions for the Adjustment of the boundary near the Villages of Carvaumpom Anopilly and Mutall.—

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His Highness the Nabob has not sent an order to the — Polygar of Moogral, on the subject of the disputed — boundary near the Bomrauze Villages of Carvaumpom and Anopilly and the Moogral Village of Mutall At the close of the first investigation, His Highness's Commissioner requested to know if he should sign the Report, and I understand he was directed, to comply with all my requisitions. But if I carry into execution your Lordship's Commands, under existing circumstances, it will appear to be the sole act of your Lordship, without the particular acquiescence of his highness, and impress the Polygar with an idea, that whatever opinion His Highness the Nabob may entertain of the justice of the decision, His Highness has thought it prudent, to hold forth this tacit acknowledgement of its propriety, which I presume is contrary to the wishes of your Lordship and therefore, I have thought it proper, to wait until a special order is received by the Polygar.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

| Signed | John Hilley Symons
Captain Commissioner

Bataguntu
Bomrauze Paliam.
March the 17th 1800.

Resolved

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Resolved to inform Captain Symons

Minute thereon that although the Board are desirous of establishing the decision of the boundaries between the Polygar of Moogral and Bomrauze pollam by the mutual authority of the Honorable Company and of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, they do not consider that point to be of sufficient importance to delay the adjustment, in the precarious expectation of obtaining the instructions of His Highness to His Commissioner or to the Polygar of Moogral; and that he is therefore authorized and directed to carry the adjustment into effect by the authority of the Honorable Company according to the instructions contained in the letter to him of the 30th. January last, if His Highness's orders should not have arrived previously to the receipt of these instructions.

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

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Resolutions of Government

in Counsel 25th March 1800.

Medical Board

24th March 1800

From the Medical Board. Enclose an application from Mr William Raine for leave of absence on furlough to Europe. Recommend that Mr Assistant Surgeon Stevenson may have leave to visit the Presidency for three Months.—

Ordered that Mr Raine be permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough, and to retain his seat at the Medical Board until he shall embark.

The Governor in Council will have great pleasure in stating to the Honorable the Court of Directors the services of Mr Raine and in particular his humane attention to his fellow prisoners during their Captivity.—

We have the honor to forward a Letter addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council by the Surgeon Mr William Raine. The length of this Gentlemans services his sufferings and humane attention to his Country-Men while a prisoner of war under Circumstances of a peculiar trying nature will we make no doubt have sufficient weight with His Lordship to make favorable mention of him to the Honble the Court of Directors.

The Head Surgeon at Masulipatam having

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Cdr.

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Leave to be granted

with the previous consent and concurrence of the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division forwarded in application from Mr. Stevenson Assistant Surgeon at Innicondah to visit the Presidency on account of Sickness and to be absent from his Station for three /3/ Months — We recommend that Leave may accordingly be granted. —

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" W. Paine
Chief Surgeon
" T. Grahagan M.D.
and Head Surgeon

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. —

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor and President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

After having served His Majesty and the Honorable United East India Company for upwards of thirty eight Years, without having once during that period visited my Native Country; I beg leave to solicit your Lordship's permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for three Years by the Ship Asia.—

The Hardships I have suffered and the services I had it in my power to render my fellow — Prisoners, during an Imprisonment of three Years and Seven Months at Bangalore are well known both to Government, and my Honorable Masters, and I trust that your Lordship will be pleased to make that kind of Report of me Home that will at least secure to me a favorable reception in Leaden Hall Street.—

At my period of Life, the good opinion of my Superiors, is my chief Consolation, and what it has uniformly been my wish to obtain and to secure

I have further to request that your Lordship

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Lordship will be pleased to permit me to retain my situation at the Medical Board, until the day of my Embarkation, and to draw my Salary accordingly. —

I am &c &c

Myrtle Grove
Near Madras
March 24th 1800.

/ Signed / W. Kaine
Chief Surgeon.

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General. —

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
President and Governor in Council
Fort St George

My Lord,

In compliance with the request of Colonel Stevenson, Communicated through the Paymaster at Seringapatam, I have the honor to enclose an address from that Officer, to your Lordship in Council, on the subject of Retrenchments outstanding against him in the accounts of Mr. George Sullivan Martin, late Paymaster at Palamcottah. —

From the Military Auditor General, states different Retrenchments appearing against Colonel Stevenson and Major Poole with his opinion relative to them

It is proper I should state to your Lordship, that the Retrenchments in question, were referred to Government, on the 9th October 1798 with the exception of the following, to which no reply has been transmitted.

Viz.t

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Viz.t Difference between half & full Batta to Lieutenants Pogson, and Geekie for the Months of July, August, September and October 1792 amounting to Pagodas 131.8.32 and a charge of Pagodas 88.14.24 for repairing Sergeants Quarters &c at Tacknellore, in September 1795. the former Sum was retrenched because Lieutenants Pogson and Geekie were not in a situation to entitle them to Field allowances, and the latter because the authority necessary to sanction the charge had not been forwarded.

It would appear from Colonel Stevenson's Letter, that his not having replied to the latter charge was occasioned by his absence in Europe, and that he is ready to declare upon honor to the money having been actually, and bonâ fide disbursed, but according to the regulations of the Service, no repairs whatever can be undertaken, without the previous authority of Government.

With regard to Colonel Stevenson's request that he may be furnished with authority to call

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on those Officers who have benefited by the charges objected to, and allowed time to recover the amount, previous to the payment thereof; I have to observe, that during the — period before stated, it was the regulation of the service, for Commanding Officers to draw in one abstract, the pay, and allowances of every person belonging to their Corps, and were in consequence held responsible, for all Retrenchments — made from such abstracts, the amount of which — Retrenchments, it was in their power to recover from the parties, in case the Paymasters enforced the payment thereof, within the time prescribed by the regulations, but when — Paymasters allow Retrenchments to remain unliquidated, untile the controul of Commanding Officers, over the Individuals attached to their Corps, has ceased, I presume it is but reasonable that the responsibility of Commanding Officers thus situated, should also cease in regard to such Retrenchments, excepting those, which apply — personally to themselves, or to the public followers with their Corps, exceeding the number allowed by the regulations, but that, for the recovery of all other

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Retrenchments, the Paymaster should be referred to the Individuals, who received the amount, having it in his power by an application, either from himself or through his Attornies, to the Paymaster by whom such Individuals are now paid, to recover the amount which according to the regulations, he ought to have done, when the Retrenchments were communicated to him from this Office, a measure which would have rendered the present reference to Your Lordship in Council entirely unnecessary.—

The inclosed Copy of a letter from Major Poole is a further instance of the inconvenience both public, and private, which has resulted from a former want of attention, to the regulations of the service, respecting the communication of Retrenchment to the parties concerned and the recovery thereof, by the Paymaster from whose Disbursements such Retrenchments may have been made. This inconvenience has been, however, greatly remedied by the Order of Government, on the subject published at my suggestion on the 19th July 1797 holding the Paymasters responsible

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responsible for the communication of Retrenchments within the time specified by the Regulations and depriving the parties of the benefit of an appeal to Government. unless their replies shall be forwarded in the given period. or that satisfactory reasons shall be assigned for the delay.—

On the subject of Major Poole's letter I have to remark that although he did not receive the pay and batta of the Lascars. & Supernumerary to the number allowed by the Regulations. yet as he included them in his abstract. and consequently authorised their being employed I conceive he should be held responsible for the amount.—

3. In regard to the Retrenchment on —— account of an overcharge by Mr. Assistant Surgeon Moore I am of opinion. that the Paymaster should not now be allowed to call on Major Poole to refund the amount. as it appears. that he did not inform him of the —— Retrenchment having been confirmed on reaudit. as directed by the regulations the want of which information deprived that Officer of the means of ——

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obtaining repayment from the party concerned:—

With respect to the Retrenchment on account of Articles purchased for the repair of Tents. I have written to Mr Martin's Attornies to desist from making any demand on Major Poole on that account. the charge in question forming part of a considerable sum which Government directed to be admitted to Mr. Martin's Credit on the asseveration of his honor.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
25 March 1800

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council &c &c &c
Fort St George

My Lord,

I take the liberty of referring the accompanying Papers of Retrenchments to your Lordship's consideration and decision.—

I beg leave to draw your Lordship's attention to the dates of the Retrenchments (1792 and 1793) and to observe that in 1795. I was permitted by

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by Government to proceed to Europe on Furlough: at which time no demand was made on me: and after my return to India in 1798. when Mr. G. S. Martin. Paymaster at Pallamcottah was going to Europe the accompanying papers were first sent to me with some other Retrenchments, and as I could not at that distance of time, recollect circumstances sufficiently to reply to every charge, he undertook to answer some and proposed that I should sign a certificate — declaring upon my honor that I had not directly or — indirectly received any benefit by such charges: which to the best of my memory I did, altho I thought the — Declaration very solemn for the purpose. since that time I heard no further of the accompanying Retrenchments to till lately handed over to me by Mr. Gordon, Paymaster at Seringapatam with orders to pay the amount to his Servant at this place —

After the above general observations I beg leave to draw your Lordship's attention to the — particular charges retrenched. —

The Retrenchments for August. —

September

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September, October and November 1792 are nearly the same for each Month.—

The charge for the Pindal was copied from the general accounts of Lieutenant and Quarter Master Rumley. who I suppoid was correct in the charges of his Department. and as the Money was paid to his — Department, I hope he may be call'd on for the refund. or that I may receive proper authorities from the Auditor General's Office to call on him. if the refund is to be paid by me. —

The charges of batta for Lieutenants Pogson and Rumley. was an Error that I did not advert to in the general accounts of the Regiment. but as those Officers really received the benefit of that charge I hope it would be deemed reasonable that they should be call'd on for the refund. particularly as one of them is now in Europe and as he is receiving pay from the Company the — Retrenchments might be made on him in the usual form. and it would be attended with inconvenience from an Individual to recover the amount. —

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The charge of Tent allowance for

Doctor Inglis was represented to me as customary on account of his supplying his own Tent, not having one in the Stores at Pallamcottah for him - I was prevail'd on to think it was proper and put my signature to the charge; But as Doctor Inglis received the benefit of it, and is still in the Service, I hope it may be deemed reasonable that he is called on for the refund. —

From May 1793 to April 1794.

inclusive, the Retrenchments for each Month are nearly the same, and I beg leave to observe on these Retrenchments as well as those of 1792. That if the Paymaster who is furnished with a Book of instructions and a Servant to assist him, had corrected the Error in the first instance, it would not have been repeated. —

In may 1792, I made a charge of two Pagodas for a Peon, and as the charge was duly paid by the Paymaster, I supposed it to be my right and — continued the charge and having received the benefit

myself

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myself I readily submit to the Justice of the Retrenchment for that and the succeeding Months.—

The Retrenchment for may 1793. and the succeeding Months on account of Peons for Mine Officers. will I hope be made on such Officers as received the benefit or if it is the Orders of Government that I should pay the whole of the refund Contained in the accompanying Papers. I humbly request that I may be furnished with proper authorities to each on those Officers who have benefited by the charges. from the Auditor Generals Office. and allow a time to recover the Money before I pay it to Mr Gordon.—

I beg your Lordships pardon for troubling you on this Subject: but as one of the Papers is called a final Audit. I am informed that the only appeal I have is to your Lordship in Council.—

Chittledroog
January 30th 1800

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / J. Stevenson Col.

/ A true Copy /

/ Signed / J Brunton
Dy Mast Genl Gen.l

Majr

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Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I must begin this letter by apologizing to you for addreſsing you in the first instance being sensible that all communications of this kind ought to reach you thro the channel of the Paymaster from whose Disbursements Retrenchments are made, but the great distance I am at from Captain Dowse and the time that must neceſsarily elapse in writing to, and receiving answers from him will I trust aſsist in pleading my excuse:—

The Attornies of Mr. G. S. Martin late Paymaster at Pallamcottah have called upon me to refund the Sum of Pagodas 112: 29: 39 for certain overcharges alledged to have been made by me when in Command of a Detachment of the late 7th Battalion of Native Infantry at Kytar in the year 1792/3—

When I was first furnished with the Retrenchments in question, I lost no time in fowarding to Mr. Martin such Explanations as were in my power to give and during a lapse of nearly seven Years having

heard

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heard nothing more from him on the subject I naturally — concluded that the reasons which I had assigned for making the charges retrenched on audit had proved satisfactory. my astonishment was therefore considerable on being called upon by his Agents to pay the amount. —

To afford you full information on the subject I do myself the honor to enclose a Copy of the — Retrenchment as received by me from Messrs Rindersley Watts and Co. and have only to urge in defence of the charges that the public followers were furnished, Mustered, and paid by Mr. Martin, and that I derived no advantage in any shape thereby. The allowances drawn by Mr. — Assistant Surgeon Moore were authorized by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell who directed me to countersign his bills. This Gentleman died a considerable time ago, and Mr. Martin never put it in my power during his life time to call upon him for the amount. The charge for the — repair of Tents Mr. Martin received in toto. for his Servants under his own directions executed to the work I only put my name to the Bill because the Tents

this

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thus repaired were occupied by me, but I declare on my honor that the Money never came into my hands neither did I directly nor indirectly profit by this, or any other of the charges which I have been in obedience to the Orders of Government to Paymasters, obliged in the first instance to pay, after a lapse of seven years without having had any notice given me by Mr. Martin after the re audit of his accounts of the Sums outstanding against me previous to his leaving this Country. It may be proper to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council to whom it is my wish these charges may be referred, should you not consider yourself warranted in giving them up on my explanations, that the repair of the Tents was absolutely and indispensably necessary before they could be pitched, which Lieutenant Colonel Bowser well recollects and will support if called upon by the Asseveration of his honor permit me again Sir to request your forgive=ness for the trouble I have put you to, and that

You

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you will believe that.—

Fort St George
the
24th March 1800

Sam
&c &c
(Signed) T. Poole Major.
(A true Copy)
(Signed) I Brunton
Dy. Mr. Gl. and Ir. Genl.

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
President and Governor in Council
Fort St George

My Lord

I

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 20th Instant authorizing the remission of the Retrenchment against Captain Montgomery of the additional allowance of 100 Pagodas pr. Month drawn by him from the period of his appointment as sole Agent for the purchase of Horses on the 1st June 1792 which Retrenchment was founded on the Orders of Government granting that allowance during the time only when he should be employed in visiting the stations to meet his correspondents in lieu of all personal Contingencies whatever over and above his fixed Salary of Pagodas 250 pr. Month but as the considerations which have operated

From the Military auditor General requesting instructions relative to the future payment of the Conditional allowance of 100 Pagodas per month to the Agent for purchasing Horses Requests to know the amount to be allowed to Captain Montgomery for leading the Corps under his charge. Reports on the application from Doctor Roxburgh for certain arrears encloses Copy of a letter from Major Drummond of His Majesty's 84th Brigade claiming a certain number of days batta as being in Command of Sepoys. Would request to be informed what part of the pension of the late Madame Pepin amounting to 25 Pagodas per month shall be continued to her Daughter.—

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operated the removal of that Retrenchment do not appear to apply to his situation after quitting the Coast to proceed to Bengal. I beg leave to solicit your Lordship's Instructions whether the additional allowance above mentioned shall in future be limited to the period when he may be absent from that Presidency, on the special business of his Agency.—

2 The objection to Captain Montgomery's charge for feeding Mules, was, because no authority had been produced, or even referred to, for their being received by him, and because the charge of 8 Pagodas Pr. Month for each Mule appeared to be too high. It was therefore my intention on Re-auditing the accounts in which the charge appeared to restrict the allowance for feeding to 6 Pagodas Pr. Month, which was formerly the price of feeding each Horse of the Cavalry when it was done by Contract, and equal in my opinion to all the expences that could be incurred on account of Animals of the former discription, and as they are still retained as public property, I request

Your

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Majestys Scotch Brigade, having, in a Letter of which the enclosed is a Copy, desired a reference to your Lordship in Council on a Retrenchment of the Batta which he had drawn as Senior Officer of the Troops at the Mount from the 13th to the 28th April 1799. I have to observe, that the grounds of this Retrenchment were, that Major, then Captain Gray, had been appointed to the command of that Cantonment by Government on the 27th February 1799. in which situation he continued till the 1st may following when he was by the same authority, appointed to command at Chundergherry, and as by the Rules of the Service, as well as general practice, no Command held by a special appointment of Government can be done away but by the appointment of another Officer under the same authority, which was not the case in the present instance, Major Drummond having been merely directed in a Garrison Order of the 12th April 1799 to march with a —— Detachment of the Scotch Brigade and 8th Regiment to the Mount and to occupy the Barracks Lately —— belonging to the 2d Battalion Artillery. I could consider

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no other person than Major Gray entitled to the Sum of Batta annexed to the Command of that station, which he drew accordingly, and altho the case is singular I presume that the principle of the Retrenchment will be found perfectly correct under the circumstances which I have before stated. —

5 I have received a Representation that Mrs Pepin the Wife of a French Officer who belonged to General Perrons party at Hydrabad, lately died at Yanam, leaving a Daughter about 10 Years of age — without any Maintenance, in consequence of which it has been earnestly requested by the Person who has charge of the Child, that Your Lordship in Council will be pleased to continue to her the Monthly Pension of 25 Rupees which was granted to the Mother on the — departure of her Husband from Bengal for Europe. I therefore beg your Lordships orders whether any, and what part, of that sum shall be assigned Monthly for the support of the Daughter during the period — for which the payment of the said Pension was —

Limited

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limited by the Supreme Government.

Military Auditor
Genl. Office
Fort St. George 25th March 1800

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W Sydenham
Milv. Aud. Genl.

To Mr. Shardon
Paymaster
Sir Vellore

Conceiving myself entitled to the Batta which I drew as Commanding the Mound from the 13th to the 28th April 1799 having been Senior Officer there although not specially appointed to the Command I beg you will refer the Retrenchment made against me on that account thro the Military Auditor General to the consideration of Government.

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1st March 1800

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) D Drummond
Major Field Brigade

(A true Copy)

(Signed) P. C. Shardon
Paymaster

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

Resolutions endorsed on the above letters

The Board considered the Conduct of

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Captain Montgomery to have been highly meritorious in making such an arrangement with the dealers, as to admit of his conducting at the same time the preparations for the equipment of his Troop in a Service of great importance and his adjustments for the purchase of remount Horses, and therefore thought that Officer fully entitled to the extra allowance conditionally granted to the agent - But as the situation of Captain Montgomery is materially changed by his appointment to command the Body Guard of the Right Honorable the Governor General, specific Orders will be issued on any future application he may make for that extra allowance.

Ordered that the Mules left by Captain Montgomery be disposed of by public auction.

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to make an Adjustment of the expence incurred for the Corps of Cavalry under the Command of Captain Montgomery, and to debit the amount to the Presidency of Bengal, having been

incurred

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incurred on account of the Governor Generals Body Guard

Resolved to recommend to the
Governor General in Council to Order the Rockwaki
Claim to be adjusted in the manner suggested by the
Military Auditor General. —

Resolved to confirm the Retrenchment
of full Batta drawn by Major Drummond during the
period he did not Command at St Thomas's Mount. —

Under the circumstances stated in
regard to the Daughter of the late Madame Pepin
Resolved to permit the continuance of half her Mother
pension, or 12½ Rupees per Month, for her
Maintenance. —

Resolved to remit the Retrenchment
against Colonel Stevenson on account of repairs at
Tackmellore, amounting to Pagodas 88. 14. 24 but
as the Regulations of the Service direct that no repairs
shall be undertaken without the sanction of
Government, Colonel Stevenson is to be required to
declare on honor to the disbursement of the amount and

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the necessity of the work being executed.—

Resolved to relieve Colonel Stevenson of the Retrenchments which do not affect him personally and which he has been precluded from recovering by the delay of the Paymaster in making the requisite communication and the Paymaster will be held responsible for the amount.—

Resolved to confirm the Retrenchment against Major Poole on account of the Pay and Batta of Lascars &c Supernumerary to the Establishment, but that Officer is relieved of the Retrenchment against the Estate of the late Mr. Assistant Surgeon Moore.—

Read the following letter from Major General Ross.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council

My Lord

From the Chief Engineer states that there are certain Retrenchments against him which he considers himself enabled to explain in a satisfactory manner—

Having since my return to India, been informed by my Attornies, that the Retrenchments stated in the enclosed papers and charged against me by Mr. George Hoare former Paymaster to the Army in Mysore,

Commanded

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Commanded by the Marquis Cornwallis. have been refunded by them on my account. and finding that the reasons — assigned for confirming those Retrenchments, was. that the proper authority had not been produced for the allowances objected to by the Military Auditor General. I beg leave to state the following circumstances on the subject for your Lordship's considerations. —

Soon after the seige of Bangalore I was suddenly called upon from the Presidency to join the Army. then in Mysore Country. under the Command of Marquis Cornwallis which I did on three Days Notice; and proceeded with it to Seringapatam: from whence. by a Combination of unfortunate — circumstances that must be within the Knowledge of Government. we were. after a Successful Action. under the necessity of retiring. —

On the falling back of the Army to the Neighbourhood of Bangalore. I was sent to the Presidency. to provide every requisite. in my — Department. for prosecuting the ensuing Campaign with

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with succefs. and returned with it to the Mysore —
Country. in an effective state. Having promised suitable
Encouragement to such people as were neceſsary
to enable me to conduct the Buſineſs to advantage
I. in particular. sent for. and brought to join
me in the Mysore Country. at considerable —
expence to myself. a very distinguished Draughts=
=man from Tranquebar. the Excellency of whose
Execution has since gained so much credit to the
Plans and drawings sent from this Presidency:
Part of whose pay. and his Batta is a principal
Retrenchment against those charged against me;
although much under the real expence he —
occasioned me in the Field. —

In this I met the approbation
of the Commander in Chief. who. no doubt. would have
given

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gwen his sanction to every part of the Expence incurred.
had the necessity for such an authority ever been
suggested either to His Lordship, or to me,
at that time.—

As obtaining the Marquis
Cornwallis's approbation is now out of the Question.
I am happy to be enabled, from the present more
Systemized state of the Service to give your Lordship
the most satisfactory proof of the moderation
of the charges objected to, by the accompanying
comparative statement of them, with those
since regularly established, sanctioned and
drawn by Colonel Kent, during the late
reduction of Seringapatam.—

Understanding that the accounts

of

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of Mr. Hoare have been finally audited and closed;
and that a revision of the charges before stated cannot
take place without your Lordship's Orders I have
to request that your Lordship will be pleased to
direct a reconsideration thereof in consequence of the
explanation which I have given, and which my
Attornies in my absence were unable to supply,
a Deficiency which appears to have been the —
sole cause of the confirmation of the —
Retrenchment. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

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25th March 1800

/ Signed / Patrick Ross

Chief Engineer M. C.

Retrenchments

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Retrenchments made from Mr. Hoar's Account from August 1791 to June 1792.

1791				
August	Lieut. Col. P Ross's charges for the Pay & Batta for Draftsmen for the Month of April, May, June & July 1791 at 4 Pd. pr. Month ...	176	- -	
	The pay of a Draftsman being allowed at 15 Pd. pr. Month the over charge is Retrenched until the authority is produced			
Sept.	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay and Batta to a Draftsman P. 4 M. for 2 Writers pay 36 Pgs. & 14 Pd. pay for a Conicopoly & 3 Hircarrahs in August	94	- -	
	The pay of a Draftsman being allowed at 15 Pd. the authority for making these other charges is required to be transmitted before they can be passed	15	- -	79 - -
October	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay & Batta for a Draftsman for Sept. P. 4 M. one writer 30 one writer 6 one Conicopoly & one Head Hircarrah 5 and 2 Hircarrahs 6.			
	The Pay of a Draftsman allowed	94	- -	
	The authority making these other charges to be transmitted before they can be passed.	15	- -	79 - -
November	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay and Batta for a Draftsman P. 4 M. one writer 30 one writer 6 one Conicopoly & one Head Hircarrah 5 & 2 Hircarrahs 6.	94	- -	
	A Draftsman allowed at	15	- -	
	The other charges are Retrenched untill proper authority for making them is produced			79 - -
Dec.	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay and Batta of a Draftsman P. 4 M. one writer 30 one writer 6. one Conicopoly & one Head & 2 Hircarrahs 12	96	- -	
	A Draftsman admitted at	15	- -	
	And the remaining balance is Retrenched untill the Authority for making these charges is produced			81 - -
1792				
Janry	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay and Batta for a Draftsman P. 4 M. one writer 30 one writer 6 one Conicopoly & one Head & 2 Hircarrahs 12-7	96	7 -	
	A Draftsman being allowed	15	- -	
	And the Remaining balance is Retrenched untill the authority for making this charge is produced			81 7 -
Febry	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay and Batta for a Draftsman P. 4 M. one writer 30 one writer 6 one Conicopoly & one Head & 2 Hircarrahs 12-7	96	7 -	
	A Draftsman allowed at	15	- -	
	And the balance is Retrenched untill the authority under which the pay is made is forwarded			81 7 -
March	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay and Batta for a Draftsman P. 4 M. one Writer 30 one Writer and Conicopoly & 21. 36	115	36 -	
	A Draftsman allowed at	15	- -	
	The difference is Retrenched			100 36 -
April	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay & Batta for a Draftsman P. 4 M. one Writer 30 one writer 6 one Conicopoly & one Head & 2 Hircarrahs 12-7	96	7 -	
	A Draftsman allowed at	15	- -	
	The over charge is Retrenched			81 7 -
May	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws pay and Batta for a Draftsman for April P. 4 M. one writer 30. one writer & Conicopoly & 20	94	- -	
	A Draftsman allowed at	15	- -	
	The Difference is Retrenched			79 - -
June	Lieut. Col. P Ross draws Pay and Batta for a Draftsman for may P. 4 M. one Writer 30 one writer 6 one Conicopoly & one Head Hircarrah 5 & 2 Hircarrahs 5	94	- -	
	A Draftsman allowed at	15	- -	
	and the over charge is Retrenched			79 - -
	Pay't			986 12 -

(Signed) Patrick Ross Chief Engineer &c &c

This

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Explanation

This allowance was drawn by Major Maule and Colonel Gent. I was in England when this Retrenchment was demanded from my attorneys and paid. N°1 is a Comparative Statement. by which it will appear that Colonel Gent in 1799 drew more and has been passed N°2 shews the —— Establishments drawn for both by Major Maule and Colonel Gent. I have therefore to hope that on a recandet these Sums will be admitted. or if a reference to Government be necessary request it may be referd to them for their decession. —

Ditto . . . . . Ditto . . . . . Ditto

Ditto . . . . . Ditto . . . . . Ditto

Ditto . . . . . Ditto . . . . . Ditto

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No 1.

Comparative Statement of the Chief Engineers field Establishment drawn for 1791/2 with that drawn for by Colonel Gent in 1799.

		Draughtsman	Head Writer	D° Assistant	Head Conicopoly	D° Assistant	Total
1791 Sept:	Chief Engineer	44	30	6	4	"	84
1799 March	Colonel Gent	44	36	15	9 28	5 36 32	110 72 32
	Difference	"	6	9	5 28	5 36 32	26 72 32

No 2

Major Maule

1791

February	Additional Pay	81 " "
	Horse allowance	12 " "
	Head Writer	15 " "
	Ditto Assistant	10 " "
	Head Conicopoly	10 " "
	Ditto Assistant	4 " "
	Draftsman	23 " "
	Pagodas 175	" "

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Gent.—

Additional Pay		51—	—
Horse allowance		12	—
Draftman		20—	—
Ditto Batta		24—	44 —
Head Writer		20—	—
Ditto Batta		16—	36
Writer		8—	—
Ditto Batta		7—	15
Head Conicopoly		6—	—
Ditto Batta		3— 28	9.28
2 Asistant Conicopoly		4—	—
Ditto Batta		1.36.32	5.36.32
Pay		173. 22. 32	

Order thereon

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be directed to report on the above Retrenchments against Major General Ross.—

Read the following letter from the Accountant General.

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esq.re

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Accountant General. states some particulars relative to the forms of keeping the Account of Subsidy at Hydrabad. and encloses a Memorandum he requests the Resident may be directed to observe. —

Having received from the Resident at Hydrabad Copies of the various accounts he informs he transmitted to Bengal and which I find on examination are not so clear as could be wished. in not exhibiting at one view the whole accounts of Subsidy and Peishcush. and of payments to the Bengal and Coast Troops. I have drawn out from them an account Current shewing the whole of the Receipts and payments there under their respective heads from the 30th September 1793. to the 28 December 1799 a Copy of which is enclosed and which I beg you will do me the honor to lay before the Right Honorable President in Council, with my request that it may be transmitted to the Resident at Hydrabad for His examination. and with directions to be attentive to the form in which it is drawn out for his future accounts.

It is also very desirable that the Resident should transmit Monthly accounts in the above mentioned form to my

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my office as soon after the expiration of each Month as practicable shewing all the receipts and payments and the balance of Cash at the beginning and end of the Month, to enable me to — insert the same in the Statements transmitted to Europe and Bengal and to furnish the requisite information on the finances of this Government. this appears the more necessary from the Bengal Government having directed the Peishcush for the Northern Circars to be considered a charge on this Government, and to be inserted accordingly in our annual statements to be laid before Parliament. The subsidy from His Highness is also now I believe to be applied exclusively to the Troops of this Presidency —

I could further wish that directions may be given to the Resident to be punctual in forwarding Bills to the Secretary to Government for money advanced to Paymasters, or others, and that authenticated Copies of such Bills to be regularly transmitted to my office in the same manner as observed by Collectors. this made not having been followed occasioned some perplexity in our — Military Paymaster Generals' Office in making up the annual Statements of last year. —

Fort S.t George
Accountant Gen.ls Office
11th March 1800

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) Robert Woolf Act.g Gen.l

The

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Dr The Resident at Hydrabad in Account Current

from the 30th September 1792

1793		To Subsidy from the Nizam		Rs	A P
December	1	For account of an assignment from the Nizam upon the 2 Kist of Peishcush for A.F. 1207 or 1798 being subsidy for July, August, and September 1798			
	9	For Cash being the balance of Ditto received on Account of the 1st Quarterly Instalment of the New Subsidy for 1798	16139. 15. 9.		
	23	For Cash received in full of the 1st Do — Do.	172860 - 3.		
1799 March	29	For Cash received in part of the 1st Quarterly Instalment of the New Subsidy for 1799	415414. 15. 9.	604775 . .	
	30	For a Draft granted by Azim ul Omrah upon Meer Allum being in full of Do: Do.	350000 . .		
			254775 . .	604775 . .	
June	30	For the following Sums received on Account of the 2d Quarterly Instalment of the new Subsidy for 1799. —			
		Azim ul Omrah's Draft upon Rajah Roshum Roy	50000 . .		
		Cash from the Treasury of the Nizam received the 5th August	370000 . .		
		Cash paid by Meer Allum to Captain Malcolm	24275		
		Cash paid by Rajah Roshum Roy to Lieutenant Colonel Bowser commanding a Detachment from the Subsidiary Force at Goote received by him on the 19th October 1799	50000 . .		
		Ditto . . . Do	130000 . .		
		Carried forward...	344275 . .		
				1369637. 15. 9	

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with the Honorable Company } &c.

to the 28th December 1799 ——————————

			Rs.	A	P
1798 Sept.	30th	By Balance due to the Resident at Hydrabad		2.	11.
		By Subsidiary Force serving the Nizam			
Oct.	18th	Cash paid to the Bengal acting Paymr. Mr. Hemmings	60.000	"	"
		Ditto	64.000	"	"
Nov.	19th	Ditto	52000	"	"
Dec.	4th	Ditto	78000	"	"
		Ditto to the Madras Paymaster Mr. Cherry	86000	"	"
	15th	Ditto	39.000	"	"
		Ditto to the Bengal acting Paymaster Mr. Hemmings	15.000	"	"
	20	Ditto to the Madras Paymaster Mr. Cherry			
	23	Ditto dispatched to Colonel Roberts for the use of the Detachment under his Command	3.12.4.14.15.	9	
		Cash paid by Captain Malcolm late Assistant to the Resident for the use of the Subsidiary Force	6.71.372. 14.	3	
		Cash paid to Lieutenant Colonel Bowser for the use of his Detachment from the Subsidiary Force	130.000.	"	"
		Cash paid for Sundry Bills drawn on the Resident by the Commanding Officer of the Subsidiary Force for the use of the Troops under his Command from 23 August to 25th December 1799	71.495. 3. 1		16.29.783. 1. 1
		By Account Current Fort St. George			
		For Cash advanced to the Commanding Officer of the Subsidiary Force for the use of the Troops under his Command by Colonel Wellesley held payable to the order of the Governor in Council of Fort St. George *	100.000	"	"
		* This only being held payable ought not to have been inserted till actually paid and in the mean time should comprise part of the balance of Cash on hand. —			
		Carried forward	17.29.785.	12.	1

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Dr ... The Resident at Hydrabad in Account ...

from the 30th September 1798

	To Subsidy from the Nizam Brought forward ...			Rs 13,63,15	9
	2d Quarterly Instalment of the New Subsidy for 1799 Brought forward		5,55,375		
1799 Septr.	30th For amount of the 2d Kist of Pushcush for 1 F 1208 or 1799 received in part of the 3d Quarterly Instalment of the New subsidy for 1799	60,000	60,375		
	Cash from the Nizams Treasury in full of Ditto ... Ditto ...	2,55,375	6,15,375	26,78,750	15 9
	To Bengal Presidency				
	For amount of Bills drawn on Bengal and Cash and Bills received from the Resident at Poona on account of the 1st Kist of Pushcush for 1 F. 1208 or 1799 from 13th February to 6th May 1799 ...		3,52,553		
	For amount of a Bill drawn by the Resident on Bengal on the 7th December 1798 ...		30,000		
	For D.o ... D.o ... for the 9th Ditto ...		2000		
	For the amount of the Residents Draft on Bengal as follows.—				
	On Benares from 11th September to 24th December 1799 ...		45,755		
	On Calcutta from 14th Dr. to 24th Dr ...	1,53,400	2,98,655		
	Cash being the amount of Bills transmitted by the Resident at Poona received by the Resident at Hydrabad on the 8th September 1799 ...	31,750	1,31,750		
	Informing the Accounts for the above sums the date and the amount of each respective bill should always be inserted as appear in the Residents Accounts.—				
	Carried forward ...			53,72,977	15 9

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to the 28th December 1799 ----------

		R.s A P
Braught forward ----------		1729785 12 1
By Peishcush for the Northern Circars		
For Cash paid to Azimul Omrah as Vr his Receipt dated 29th March 1799 being in full of the 1st Kist of Peishcush for A.F. 1208 or 1799 falling due the 31st March 1799 ----------	350.000 " "	
For the amount paid by the Resident to the Nizam on account of the 2d Kist of Peishcush for A.F. 1208 or 1799. ----------	350.000 " "	700.000 " "
By Bunjarrahs. —		
For Cash advanced in December 1798 and January 1799 to Sundry Bunjarrahs for the supply of Grain for the use of the Hydrabd Detachment to be repaid by the parties hereafter when the Service for which they have been employed shall be over. ----------		91.000 " "
By Premium Account		
Paid half the premium upon a bill of Exchange for Rupees 30.000 transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Bowser at Gooty, which he returned to the Resident, not having occasion for the supply ----------		300 " "
By Charges on Treasury		
Paid for Bags, Shroffage &c as per the Residents Account dated 23d January 1799	190 3 "	
D.o D.o as per D.o dated 28th December 1799	100 " "	290 3 "

The dates when payments are made should be inserted and the sum of 6.71.872 Rupees paid by Capt.n Malcolm the name of the person to whom paid is omitted in the accounts received from the Resident.

Carried forward 2521375. 13 1

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D^r } The Resident at Hydrabad in Account

from the 30th September 1799

Pagoes & P

Brought forward 33,12,997. 15. 9

To Bunjarrahs

1799
September 10th Cash received by Captain Malcolm on
Account of advances made by the Resident
at Hydrabad to Bunjarrahs ..... 91,000 . .

Ditto ... Ditto on account of
advances made by Captain
White ..... 2,240 . .

Ditto .. Ditto being the Balance of
the Sum Captain White received
from the Commanding Officer of
the Subsidiary Force ..... 760 . . 3,000 . . 93,000 . .

Rupees ... 34,06,997. 15. 9

Hydrabad 28th
Errors Excepted

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Current with the Honorable Company } Cr.
to the 28th December 1799 ----------

	Rs.	a	p
Brought forward ----------	25.21375.	15.	1
By Balance in the hands of the Resident (agreeing with His Account current dated 22d December 1799	8.35622.	8	
Rupees ----	3,406,997.	15.	9

December 1799

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter

Order thereon be transmitted to Bengal with a request that such instructions may be issued to the Resident at Hydrabad for the preservation of regularity in the account of Subsidy, as the Governor General in Council may in consequence judge expedient under His Lordships existing orders to Captain Kirkpatrick.—

Read the following Letter from the Barrack Master of the Presidency Division.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Barrack master of the Presidency states his opinion of the best means of accommodating the Medical Storekeeper. States also some particulars relative to a claim to the building at present occupied as a dispensary and encloses an explanatory Memorandum.—

In consequence of the resolution of Government communicated to me By the Sub Secretary in the Military Department that the Barrack Master at the Presidency should suggest the means of accommodating the Medical Storekeeper I joined in communication with that Officer the whole of the accommodation at present in his possession, and have reason to believe that the Bomb proof on the South

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South face allotted to that Department is ill adopted for the preservation of the Stores which are necessarily lodged in it. and that great inconvenience and serious Losses have arisen from the dispersion of these Voluable Stores in different Godowns. —

It is already known to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the building at present allotted to that Department and to the —— Dispensary is claimed as the property of Native —— Marchants who hold posession of a part of the building and previous to suggesting a specific plan for the accommodation of the Medical Storekeeper it appeared proper to ascertain the Grounds of their pretensions to the property and by the sanction and directions of the Right Honorable the Governor I have had repeated Conferences with them on the subject. Their pretensions consist in the —— uninterrupted posession of a part of the building, and the posession of Official Receipts, proving the payment of the Honorable Companys quit Rent for the last 41 Years. — The objections to the claim are the

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the want of title Deeds, and the non payment of rent by the Company. The former are stated to have been lost in the French War, and the latter circumstance is asserted to have arisen from dessentions in the family with regard to the individual intitled to the property which prevented the rent being paid to either of the Claimants.—

It is not for me to offer an opinion how far this case constitutes a legal right. but it will perhaps be considered not less entitled to liberal consideration from the respectful demeanour of the parties in refraining from trying the question in the Municipal Courts.—

I have the honor to enclose a —— Memorandum delivered to me by the parties, and have only in addition to report my opinion that if the building shall be considered the Companys property whether in present right or by Compromise with the claimants, it may be rendered fully equal to the accommodation of the Medical Storekeeper and all his Stores, by breaking down certain party Walls, and by other Modifications of the building which in Doctor Berrys opinion would

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would not incur an expence exceeding one Thousand Pagodas.
This arrangement however would involve the necessity of
removing the Dispensary to some other Building which
I understand would be attended with no professional
inconvenience and it would not be difficult to find
Accommodation equal to that occupied at present by the
Superintendant of the Dispensary. —

Should the decision of Government
relative to the question of property not admit of the present
building being improved on their Account I should have
no alternative to propose, except hiring a house for that
purpose, not knowing of any Suitable Building the
property of the Company that is at present Vacant. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) M. Wilks

Barr.k Mas.r Pres.y Div.n

Memorandum delivered to Captain M. Wilks
Military Secretary to the Right Honorable the
Governor. —

The family of Tomboo Chitty and
Venkatasha

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Vencatasha Chitty joint proprietors of the House in the Fort occupied by Medical Storekeeper have been Ancient Inhabitants of this Town of Madraspatam, and lived with Character and Credit. We had a House in the Fort occupied by the Medical Storekeeper, in which our family had formerly kept piece Goods and other Merchandize for sale, but it happened in the year 1755. that half of it was demolished by order of the late Lord Pigot in his first Government to make an Area opposite to the admiralty House and the other half was occupied by the Company, we were told by their Ancestors, that Government had promised to pay for part of the House demolished, and a Monthly Rent of 60 Pagodas for the other part occupied by the Medical Storekeeper, but which payments were postponed owing to the disputes subsisting between us at that time; The title Deeds were lost in the French War, the only Document we have now in support of their Right in the premise is Bills for forty years paid Rent paid by our family and ourselves annually to the Honorable Company

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Company. which are ready to be produced when required.—

As we understand that the Government is desirous to purchase the Houses of Individuals in the Fort. We beg leave to state that the Ground on which the House stood was purchased for 1,700 Pagodas and the Cost of the Buildings thereon was 7,000 Pagodas both amounting to Pagodas 8,700. adding Pagodas 24.600. being the Rent at the rate of Pagodas 50 pr Month for 41 Years. amounts to Pagodas 33.300. deducting therefrom Pagodas 4,350 for the said demolished part which is left to your consideration whether to be allowed or disallowed— there remains a net sum of Pagodas 28.950. due to us Should you think this to be enormous. We beg leave in that case to propose another statement of charging an Interest at the rate of 9 pr Cent pr Annum for 41 Years being Pagodas 32.103 adding Pagodas 8.700 being the cost of the House and Ground amounting to Pagodas 40.803. deducting therefrom Pagodas 20.401½. from the demolished part which

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is left to your consideration. There remains a nett Sum of Pagodas 20101/2 due to us you will easily perceive a loss to us of Pagodas 8000 and add by these statements besides Compensation for the Demolished part. but from the Arguments made use of by you, We fear that Government may think the above offer is enormous: and in that case we humbly submit to your Consideration some moderate settlement which we presume to trust. both by the ligality of our claim and from the justness of the Government that they shall be entitled to the lowest rate of 8 ℔ Cent Interest ℔ Annum being Pagodas 12.268 adding the Cost of the House now standing Pagodas 6.350. Amounts to Pagodas 18.618. all which Circumstances we humbly submit to your Candid Consideration and wait for Relief.—

/Signed/ Tomboo Chitty

" Venkatasha Chitty

Minute thereon

On consideration of the Circumstances stated in the above letter the Board are disposed to make an arrangement for determining all doubts

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doubts with respect to the building appropriated to the purposes of the dispensary: But considering it impracticable to form an adjustment on an investigation of the doubtful claims and obsolete accounts now produced. Resolved to authorize and direct Captain Wilks to enter into a compromise with the families of Tomboo Chitty and Venkatasha Chitty: for the payment of such an amount as shall be deemed equitable under existing circumstances and calculated to relieve the Company from any farther demand.—

Read the following Letter from

Major Hart.—

Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir

The G.O. of Government under date

From Major Thos. Hart. Requests permission to proceed to Europe.

the 20th Instant having suspended me from the Service of the Honorable Company. I request that I may be permitted to proceed to Europe on the

Ship

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Ship Asia now under dispatch for England.—

Madras

25th March 1800

Sam

&c &c

/ Signed / Thos Hart

Ordered that the Military Board be directed to state whether the departure of Major Hart will materially interfere with the adjustment of the Bullock Accounts in the Department of Grain.—

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob.—

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

Dated 18th Showall 1214 Hegery
or
15th March 1800

Received Do. Do

From the Nabob He has paid his Kist for the Month of March.—

By the blessing of God I have paid to the Company the sum of One Lak and fifty Thousand Star Pagodas in full of the Kist of March

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1800. and Mr Secretary Webbe has given me receipts for the same. I have written this for your Lordship's information.

What should I write more?

A true Translation

(Signed) A Falconar.

Persian Transr. to Govt.

The President requested to reply to the above.

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

Letter dispatched to the Military Board.

Resolved that the following letter be dispatched to the Military Board.

To Major General Brathwaite

President & Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board. Allowances to be given to the Officers in Mysore that they will receive an adequate allowance to enable him to provide their own Quarters. In the mean while orders to be given for the repairs which may be immediately necessary for the accommodation of the Troops.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having resolved in consequence of Your letter dated the 21st February to consider in detail the whole subject of Tent allowance and Quarters for Officers will communicate to you His Lordship's intentions on that subject at an early period; and in the mean time desires that the Officers stationed

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stationed in Mysore may be acquainted by Colonel Wellesley that an adequate allowance will eventually be made, in order to enable them to provide for their own Accommodation. —

It is of importance however that the temporary repairs which you recommend for the present accommodation of the Troops should be undertaken with delay, and His Lordship directs that Colonel Wellesley shall be authorized to cause them to be made under the inspection of such persons as he may select for that purpose at the different stations, transmitting the estimates of expence, and discription of repairs with every attainable degree of accuracy to your Board, with such remarks as may occur to him for your farther information. —

The preparation of these estimates however should not impede such repairs as in Colonel Wellesley's judgement may be indispensably necessary to protect the Troops from the

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the inclemency of the approaching Monsoon.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St George
the 26th March 1800

/Signed/ I Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

Read the following letter from the Collector at Ramnad.—

To I Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Collector at Ramnad. Encloses an account of expences incurred in transporting His Majesty's 19th Regt. to Ceylon.—

Having transmitted to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 19th Regiment, the Account particulars of expences incurred in transporting the Detachment of that Corps from Paumbum to Manar, I have the honor to enclose with His reply, Copy of the Account, and to request instructions in regard to its adjustment.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Tutacoryn
the 15th March 1800

/Signed/ S R Lushington
Collector

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Account Particulars of Charges incurred in transporting the 19th Regiment and its Baggage to Marine —

	Schs.	ft.	C	or	S Pags.	ft.	C
To Freight for 8 Davoypatam Donies laden with 483 Candies at 1/4 P. N. Pagoda pr. Candy is P. N. Pags. 120 3/4 ..... or	277	7	4				
To Do. for 8 Wadaula Donies laden with 394 Candies at Do. pr. Do. is P. N. Pags. 98 1/2 ..... or	226	5	8				
To Do. for 5 Keelakara Do. laden with 288 Candies at Do. pr. Do. is P. N. Pagodas 72 ..... or	165	6	.				
To Do. for 8 Tonetora Do. Laden with 512 Candies at Do. pr. Do. is P. N. Pagodas 128 ..... or	294	4	.				
To Do. for 1 Do. Do. laden with 85 Candies at 3/4 P. N. Pagoda pr. Do. is P. N. Pagodas 63 3/4 ..... or	146	6	4				
To Do. for 7 Pambum Do. laden with 360 Candies at 1/4 P. N. Pagoda is P. N. Pagodas 90 ..... or	207	.	.				
To Do. for 2 Ramaseweram Donies Laden with 102 Candies at Do. pr. Do. is P. N. Pagodas 25 1/2	58	6	8				
To Batta paid for 4 small Boats at 5 1/4 Schuckarums pr. Doney	22	.	.				
To Hire Paid for 4 Coolies for Carrying the Horse Gram from Ramnad							

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Mundy to Pamban @ 2½ S.f. each) 1 . .

To Batta paid to 300 Coolies for carrying the Regimental Baggage for 4 Days

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@ 1 Measure of Rice pr Day is 13. 5 .

To Do Do to 30 Horses for Do Do Do @ 1½ Do } 2. . .

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To Do Do to 1 Cart for Do Do Do for 5 Days } 2. 3

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72 S. 7 f. pr Cullum 111 6 .

To Hire paid for 143 Coolis for carrying Rice to sell to the Regiment

at Ramaseeveram } 10 7 4

Total 1521 8 12 @ 26¾ 568 41 52

Ramnad
17th February 1800

(True Copy) E E (Signed) S R Lushington
Collr.

(Signed) H Graeme
Asst.

Ordered

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The Accountant General to make the necessary adjustment of the Account transmitted by the Collector at Rammad.—

Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter and Account be transmitted to the Accountant General, with orders to make the necessary adjustment.—

Death of Lieutenant John Jas Temple of the Infantry reported.—

The Secretary reports to the Board the death of Lieutenant John James Temple of the Infantry on the 13th Instant.—

" Clive

" W.m Petrie

" Ellis Hatfield

Comm.d Gowan

Attended at the Board Messrs Page, Colvin & Rickards

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March 26th

Diary

Received the following Letter.

To Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to Government

Sir, I have to Acknowledge the Receipt of

From the Collector in Canara Gives an Account of the public property found in Canara and Soondah — Subsequently to the fall of Seringapatam

Your Letter of the 5th Instant, enclosing an Extract of a Letter from the Right Honorable the Governor — General in Council — a Copy of a Letter which had in Consequence been Written to the Officer Commanding in Canara — and Also Copy of a Letter to Major General Hartly —

The only treasure taken in Canara or Soondah, since the Capture of Seringapatam was a Sum of Seaven thousand Rupees found in Dewra Bahadur Ghur, respecting which I have already Addressed the Resident in Mysore — Most of the Aumils and principal Revenue Servants who fled with — Balances of Publick Money, fell into the hands of the Coorugs — of the Belgher Polligar, or of Dhondajer who stripped them of every thing —

Smallet

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Smaller Balances which remained in the hands of the heads of Villages, were seized by the lower Orders of the people, who being in general armed in Canara, rose every where en Crowds, and under the different Leaders plundered in the open Country all publick and a great deal of private property. There still after all remained a Balance of about half a Lac of Pagodas against the Inhabitants which I have since Collected.

Besides the Above the only publick property found in Canara consists in Shipping and the Grain and other Articles of provision laid up in Garrison Stores; all of which I have been directed by the Resident in Mysore to dispose of by Publick Sale.

Bonnewasy in Soondah
13th March 1800

I am &c.
(Signed) Tho. Munro
Col.

Sent the following Letter

To Major Colin Macaulay
Commanding the forces in Tinnevelly

To the Offic. Com. manding at Palamcottah. Approving his Sacrifical Sanctions to appr. hend Pajary &c.

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter

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and directing that he may be brought to trial, and if he shall be found guilty that he be punished Accordingly — M. M. Vanspals has been permitted to return to Tutacorynn

Letters of the 1st and 8th Instant; and am directed to express to you the great Satisfaction, which the Governor in Council has received from your Successful exertions to Apprehend Poojarry Naig.

It will be of the most useful example, and Necessary to public justice that this robber and Murderer should be brought to immediate trial and punishment; the Governor in Council therefore Authorizes and directs you to institute an enquiry in such manner, and in such place, as you may deem it expedient: and if the facts of criminality and depredation stated in the Collectors Correspondence shall be proven to your Satisfaction on Sufficient evidence, the Governor in Council farther requires you to execute the Polygar in the most public and conspicuous Manner.

The Governor in Council has granted M. M. Vanspals permission to return to Tutacorynn: and, if you should be of opinion After Communication with the Collector that their future Residence at that

place

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place is not likely to be inconvenient, His Lordship
authorizes you to grant permission for that purpose
during their good behaviour

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/ Signed / J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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

Gentlemen

I am directed to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter dated 7th Instant with its
enclosures —

To the Military Board
The Recommendations
contained in this
Letter of the 7th —
Instant relative to
the Stud at Guzzerat
appear to The
greatest attention
should be given
to the quality of
horses recommended
for the Stud. Orders
have been given
for securing for
the use of the Stud
the tract of land
recommended by
them —

2 Having every hope that under the
and exertions of Captain Evans the Company's stud
at Ganjam will answer the expectations, which have
been formed from its institution: The Right Honble
the Governor in Council thinks it expedient to afford
it every degree of useful encouragement and support

3 His Lordship accordingly authorizes
the extension of the Stud to five hundred Mares, and
thirty five Stallions, according to the Recommendation
of

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of the superintendant, and His Lordship permits the increase of the Allowance for yearling Colts from four to Six rupees per month, being of opinion that they require at that period of life the most nourishing Sustenance —

4 The Governor in Council Authorizes the Superintendant to entertain the following Additional Monthly establishment,

		Rs
5	Salaistries at	21 each
5	Nallands —	16 — "
3	Cuchlers "	10 — "
1	Writer "	40 "

5 His Lordship also permits Captain Evans to extend the stables of the Stud in the proportion of the increase now allowed of the Mares and Stallions; and directs that he may draw a sufficient Advance of cash, for that purpose without farther reference to his Lordship —

6 On this Occasion the Governor in Council thinks it necessary that caution should be used in

completing

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completing the number of Stallions, lest the desire of doing so with too much expedition, should induce the Superintendant to recommend horses of unsuffic-ient blood or figure. His Lordship prefers a moderate delay as well as expence in the purchase of these Stallions, to the chance of their being in any degree defective.

7 The Governor in Council directs that no horse shall be purchased for a Stallion, unless he shall be an Arabian horse of the best blood; and desires that you will establish such a restrictive regulation for this purpose, as may be sufficient to secure the intention of the Governor in Council.

8 Orders have been issued to the Board of Revenue for securing the tract of Land lying between Nundoorcolah and the River of Ganjam for the use of the Stud.

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

Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106.

From Mr. North — The ships had sailed for England before the letter from this Govern- ment regarding M. Dubuc was received by His Excellency —

From the Governor of Ceylon —

From Messrs. Thiersens and Rudde — state that they have received no allowance since their arrival from Malacca and request that a provision may be made for them.

From Messrs. Thiersens and Rudde —

From Lieutenant Colonel Agnew — Recommends the promotion of Cornet Jones to a Lieutenancy —

From the Adjutant General of the Army —

From Captain Mackenzie. Requests that specific instructions may be given for the payment of his Salary —

From the Superintendant of the Survey in Mysoor —

From Mr. Bilderbeck. Reports his Arrival at the Presidency.

From Mr. Bilderbeck —

From Mr. Roebuck — Encloses the General

From the Military Paymaster General —

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General Estimate for the Month of April

To the Officer Commanding the Moluccas Islands

To Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neil - Commu-
nicating to him the intended relief of the Native troops
at the Moluccas - An Officer will be sent to relieve
himself

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham Ordering
an Advance of 3000 pagodas to the Superintendant
of the Mint at Guzam -

To D.o D.o

To D.o D.o enclosing for examination
the general estimate for the month of April -

To the Military Board -

To the Military Board - Directing
that the Cutlock accounts may be adjusted at the
Presidency if there should be no particular objection -

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham - The re-
Allowance of the Governor's Military Secretary is re-
ferred to be drawn in the general Department -

To the chief Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Barlow - Enclosing copy of a
letter from the Accountant General on the Subject of
the Hydrabad Accounts and requesting that such
orders may be given as may be in consequence deemed
expedient

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To Lieutenant Colonel Close — The expences

the President Mysoor

of the Survey in Mysoor to be provided for by him, as they

are not of a military nature —

Received the following Letter

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To Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to the Government at

Fort St. George

From the Secretary to the Government at Bengal. Enclosing extract of a Letter from the Government of Bombay. relative to the terms on which His Majesty's 84th Regiment were conveyed to that Presidency on the Fleets and Loyalist Transports —

Sir,

1 I am directed by the Right Honorable

the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the

enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Government of

of Bombay dated the 12th of March 1799, with copies

of the Letters referred to, from the Commanding Officer

of His Majesty's 84th Regiment and the Military

Judicial General at that Presidency, and to request

that you will be pleased to lay the same before the

Right Honorable the Governor in Council —

2 The Government of Bombay have

been informed that these papers have been forward-

ed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

at Fort St. George —

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Fort William
the 10th March 1800

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed/ D. Hook
Secy to the Govt
Mily Dept

Extract of a Dis from the Government of Bombay
dated the 12th March 1799

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

Governor General in Council
at Fort St. George

My Lord

1 We have the honor to inform your
Lordship in Council, that having on the 6th Instant
received two Bills from the Agent to the owners of the
Transports Thetis and Loyalist for the freight of His
Majesty's 84th Regement from Madras to this Presi-
dency, Amounting Collectively to the Sum of Rupees
13.269. We were induced from not having before us
any communication of the terms, on which these
transports were engaged, to refer the Application for
the Report of our Military Auditor General; Enclosed
we have Accordingly to submit to your Notice a

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Copy of that Officer's Report on the Subject, on the ground of which we hope to stand Justified in your Lordship's Judgement, for having agreed to discharge the Bills at the rate of 20 Rupees per head for the Non Commissioned Officers and Invalids of that Regiment including Women and Children, since we had no more official information of the mode in which this Regiment was to be transported to this Presidency, having received only their embarkation and disembarkation Returns and Accounts of Provisions and Stores Shipped for their use on the Loyalist and Thetis by His Majesty's Victualling contractor at Madras as forwarded in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 30th January, for which we have called upon the Commanders as required of us, to Account.

2d. With respect to the Officers of that Regiment, we have to request your Lordship's attention to the Accompanying Copy of a Letter in their behalf from their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Murray, dated the 4th Instant. In consequence of whose Representation we have resolved that passage Money

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be allowed to the Officers of the 84th from the Cape of Good Hope to Fort St. George, at the Madras Rates and full Batta and 2 Rupees per diem as their passage Money from Madras to this Presidency — According to the Assurance Stated to have been given by Lieutenant General Harris to Colonel Murray to this effect.

A true Extract

/Signed/ L. Hook
Secy to the Govt
Mily Dept

To The Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqre
President and Governor
in Council

Honorable Sir

1st In reply to your Commands of the 6th Instant to state "what Appears to me justly "due to Captain Christie on the Subject of his Letters to you of the 13th of last, and 5th of the present Month." I beg leave to say that, tho' in my report of the 1st Instant, I necessarily marked the difference between the present charge for Provisioning Troops on board the Belvedere, and those by Captain Christie

2/ on the same score a few Months ago, yet I did not —
mean to object to the Amount, which I certainly cannot
pretend to Question being justly due, because the Captains
of the Indiamen are not bound, in cases of this Nature,
to make any of the Lists of prices or Market Rates here,
the Rule for framing their charges; the reasonableness of
which may therefore depend on various causes unknown
to me — The Remarks that occur in reply to Captain
Christie's Assertion that the rates in his Bill are
considerably below what have been Allowed on former
Occasions, and also to his Allusion to the Princes
Charlotte; have been anticipated in my report of the
17.th Instant on a Bill by Captain Prescott —

2.d Your Secretary's letter of the 6.th Instant,
further directs me to consider and report whether Circum-
stances will not permit of a permanent Regulation
being made, to obviate future causes of controversy in
such instances —

3.d I apprehend that with respect to the
Provisions laid in for the Ships use, and from which
the

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the Detachments of Troops going on board in this Country are generally provided, the Commanders of the Indiamen are not so completely under the orders of Government, as to have strict obedience paid to any Regulation that might be framed on the Subject, unless with their own previous concurrence thereto, otherwise I would be inclined to recommend that the non Commissioned and Private Europeans, whilst on board a Ship, should be Victualled at the rate of Rupees 15 pr. Man Pr Month, allowing at the same rate for their Wives and Children: such Allowance I am fully persuaded from what I know of the Actual charges and prices at this Presidency of Provisions, for these Nine years back, may be considered liberal; it is five Rupees pr. Man more than used to be paid to the Soldier himself when Batta Money was issued in lieu of Provisions.—

4th If this Suggestion is not Approved or cannot be established by your Authority as a General

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27 General Rule, the Subject seems to me of Sufficient impor-
-tance to be referred to the Honorable Court of Directors,
who would probably be able to make some suitable ar-
-rangement with the Commanders of the Ships. It very
seldom can answer to send Provisions on board from the
Company's Stores; with Detachments, when there is no Staff
Attached, unless the Commanders of the Ships were made
responsible, by express Orders from the Court of Directors,
to render Account of Receipt and Issue on disembarka-
-tion of the Men —

5.th Regarding the two Bills by Mr. Adam-
-son, for the freight of the 84.th Regiment, on the Trans-
-ports Loyalist, and Thetis, amounting together to Co.s
Rupees 13,260 — I have received from that Gentleman the
following Extract of a Letter dated the 22.d of January
last, from his Correspondents at Madras Messrs. Tullok
Bradie & Co. together with the Embarkation Return —
mentioned in the last of them — "The Loyalist, and
"Thetis, proceeded from hence to Bombay with Troops,
"and on the departure of the Captains, We understood
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from them we were to settle with this Government for their freight, at 20 Rupees a head, but on reference to the Secretary, we find that Government have Written to the Board of Bombay to pay the freight on the disembarkation of the Troops at that place:—

"We inclose you Official Returns of the Troops embarked on both Ships, but as the Women, Children and Servants, attached to the Corps, are not compre-hended, they are nevertheless understood to be Among the Number for which freight is to be charged."

6th

Mr. Adamson on presenting the Bills, took it for granted that Government here, must have been informed by the Government at Madras, with the terms of the Agreement; but if this has not been the case, I do not see any Objections to pass the Charges on the above quoted paragraphs, from so respectable Authority.—

7th

Upon Receipt of your Commands of the 7th Instant, accompanied with Copy of a Letter to you from Lieutenant Colonel Murray, Commanding

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27 Commanding Officer of the 84th Regiment, I immediately applied to Mr Adamson (who transacts the business of the Transports, Loyalist and Thetis) for information necessary to aid me in my Report; and from what I have learnt from him, in addition to what Colonel Murray himself, has done me the favor to acquaint me with, it is evident that no Arrangement was made either at the Cape, or Madras, with the Captains of these Ships, for the Table of the Officers, who consequently have a just claim for passage Money, at the Madras Rate.—

28th With respect to the passage Money for the Officers from Madras, I am humbly of Opinion that, from the Assurance given to Colonel Murray by General Harris, of full Batta, and two Rupees pr day, being the Amount that would be allowed, on this Arrival here, the same ought to be admitted — the more especially as they were embarked on so very short a Notice, after a few days residence at Madras, where they were all entire Strangers, and consequently subjected in a peculiar degree to imposition, and heavy Expence, in

providing

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providing for their Table.— I submit however the expediency, if this rate of Passage Money is granted in the present instance, that the Orders to the Pay Office Accountant General's Office of Audit may be expressed in terms so as to prevent the Indulgence being hereafter quoted as an Applicable precedent for deviation from the established Rules of this Settlement; because the officers of Regiments who have been for any length of time serving at either of the other Presidencies cannot have the same idea.—

9.th Should the Application in Question be agreed to, and if you have passed Captain Prescott's Bill, adverted to in the 1.st Paragraph of this Report, it will be proper for the Secretary to inform Colonel Murray, that a deduction in the abstract of Rupees 462 is to be made for Seven Officers, on board the Princess Charlotte, from the 8.th to the 20.th inclusive of last Month.— But if you have not already passed Captain Prescott's Bill, he may be referred to the Officers themselves, for so much of it as is on

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27 their Account — and, in that case, Colonel Murray's Abstract will comprehend the full Amount, at the rate of Batta /According to Ranks/ and 2. Rupees each Officer pr. day, whilst on board, including /as usual/ the days of — embarkation, and disembarkation. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
/Signed/ James Kerr
Mily Audr Genl

Bombay
Military Auditor
General's Office
the 9th March 1799

A true Copy
/Signed/ P. Le. Mesurier
Sub Secy to Govt

A true Copy
/Signed/ L. Hook
Secy to the Govt
Mily Dept

Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you, that on the Embarkation of H. M. 84th Regiment at the — Cape of Good Hope, no Allowance whatever was made to the Officers for their Passage, the Expence of which Consequently fell upon them. While at Madras I — made an Application for the usual Allowance, — which our Sudden departure for this Garrison prevented

&c

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ves from Receiving —

Upon our Embarkation at Madras I am

applied again for the Allowance made to Officers for
their passage from one Settlement to another, I was
referred to this Government, and Acquainted by the
Lieutenant General Harris that, on our Arrival we
should be intitled to full batta, and two Rupees per
diem, during the time we were on board —

The Expenses of these Voyages have been
most severe upon the Officers; for which reason I
trust you will have the Goodness to Order the payment
of these Claims —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
/Signed/ J. Murray
Lieut.t Coll.o 74.th Regt.

Colabah
1.st March 1799

True Copy
/Signed/ P. Le. Messurier
Secy to Govt.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ D. Hook
Secy to the Govt.
Mily Dept.

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27th Received a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Agnew entered in M. B. N.o 107 Reports the Arrival of Mr Francis Walker and recommends his Appointment to be a Cornet of Cavalry —

From the adjutant General of the Army —

28th Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. N.o 108. 109

To Mr Wolf — Enclosing receipts from the Rajah of Tanjour to the late Resident, and copies of receipts from Mr Macleod to Amar Singh and — directing him to report the Amount of them in "Star Pagodas"

To the Accountant General —

To the Military Board — Directing them to state whether the departure of Major Hart for Europe will interfere with the Adjustment of the Bullock — accounts in the Grain Department —

To the Military Board —

29th Sent the following Letters

To Captain S. H. Symons

Commissioner for the Adjustment of Boundaries

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 17th Instant I am directed to Acquaint you that

T. Captain S.H. Symons — Directing him to carry into final effect his decision on the — disputed

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disputed boundary by the individual Authority of the Company if the Nabob shall have delayed to transmit the necessary instructions to His Highness's Commissioners

Although the Governor in Council is desirous of establishing the decision of the boundaries between the Polygars of Moogral and Bomraauz pollam by the mutual Authority of the Honorable Company and of His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic, His Lordship does not consider that point to be of sufficient importance to postpone the Adjustment in the precarious expectation of obtaining the instructions of His Highness, to His Commissioners or to the Polygar of Moogral — His Lordship therefore Authorizes and directs you to carry the adjustment into effect by the Authority of the Honorable Company according to the instructions contained in my letter of the 30th January last if His Highness's Orders should not have arrived previously to your receipt of this letter —

I am

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Fo. F.t

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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To Major General Brathwaite

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

To the Military Board — The Muskets &c. required for the use of the Government of Mysoor to be furnished if practicable, and a particular Account to be prepared of the Value of them. Application has been made for the Returns required from Ceylon. The payments recommended have been Authorized. Returns required by the Military Board at Fort William to be furnished.

1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant.

2 "His Lordship in Council desires that the Muskets and Accoutrements required for the use of the Government of Mysoor, may be supplied from the Stores, if the state of the Stores Admit of it, and that you will prepare an Account of the value of them, in Order that the necessary adjustment may be made."

3 Application has been made to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon for the Returns required from that Presidency.

4 The several payments recommended by you have been Authorized.

5 I am directed to enclose copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Fort William, and to desire that the Returns required by the Military Board at

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at that Presidency may be prepared as soon as possible.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obt.
Servt.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

Parat

To the Military Auditor General. The retrenchments against Colonel Stevenson for Works at Tschenalcoor remitted, on his declaration of honor - Colonel Stevenson to be relieved of those retrenchments which do not affect him personally; and the Paymaster to be held responsible for the Amount - a retrenchment against Major Poole on Account of Lascars confirmed; but Major Poole to be relieved of the retrenchment Against the late Mr Assistant Surgeon Moore Copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer enclosed for his report and he is required to

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Instant.

2 His Lordship in Council is pleased to remit the retrenchment Against Colonel Stevenson Amounting to pagodas 88-14-24 on Account of Repairs at Tschenallore; but as the regulations of the Service directs that no repairs shall be undertaken without the Sanction of Government - His Lordship desires that Colonel Stevenson may be required to declare on honor to the disbursement of the Amount, and to the Necessity of the work being executed -

3 The Governor in Council desires that

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Colonel Stevenson may be relieved from those retrench-
ments which do not affect him personally and which
he has been precluded from recovering from the different
individuals, by the delay of the paymaster in making
the necessary communication, and His Lordship
desires that the Paymaster may be held responsible
for the Amount —

4 His Lordship in Council confirms the
retrenchment Against Major Poole on Account of the
pay and batta of Lascars &c. Supernumerary to the
establishment; but relieves that officer of the retrench-
ment against the Estate of Mr. Assistant Surgeon
Moore —

5 I have the honor to enclose for your
report, copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer relative
to certain retrenchments Against him, and am directed
to desire that you will state whether the enclosed
copy of an Application for water Carts for the use
of the European troops at Masulipatam, is Conformable
to the regulations of the Service —

The

report on an Application for the employment of Water carts at Masulipatam A Statement of the expence of a certain proportion of carriage to be attached to the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad enclosed for examination — Lieutenant Bayle to be reimbursed in the expence of Cast horses under his Charge — The pensioned Officers of the Regiment De Meuron to draw their full — allowances — during their residence in India — Extract of a letter to the Military Board relative to the Stud at Gargam enclosed — To — Authorize payment of a bill of — Lieutenant Castle of the Engineers for pago. das 68 — An — Advance of Pago das. 100. 17. 75 for Repairs at the Powder Mills. with an advance of Pago das 1 3 1/2. 5. 5. on Account of Buildings and repairs for the — native troops at the Presidency —

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6 The Governor in Council having resolved to Attach permanently a proportion of carriage to the Subsidiary Force at Hyderabad for the purpose stated in the inclosed copy of a Letter from the Resident, I enclose for your examination a statement of the expence of the establishment prepared by the Paymaster.—

7 I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Lieutenant Boyle, and am directed to desire that Lieutenant Boyle may be reimbursed in the expense of the cast horses under his charge on the Assurance of his honor.—

8 I enclose for your information extract of a letter to Major General Braithwaite; and His Lordship in Council desires that the pensioned Officers of His Majestys Regiment De Meuron may accordingly receive the pay and Allowances of their ranks, during their residence in India.

9 His Lordship in Council having been pleased to authorize an Addition to the Med at

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I enclose
Ganjam, for your information and guidance an extract
of my letter to the Military Board on that Subject —

10 I enclose a bill of Lieutenant Castle of
the Engineers for travelling expences amounting to Sixty
eight Pagodas, of which you will Authorize payment to
his Agents —

11 The Governor in Council desires that you
will Authorize the following Advances to the Super:
intending Engineer ——

12 An Advance of One hundred pagodas
Seventeen fanams Seventy five Cash (100. 17. 75) for —
Repairs at the Powder Mills, and an Advance of —
One Thousand three hundred and forty two pagodas five
fanams five Cash (1342. 5. 5) on Account of Buildings
and repairs ordered for the Accomodation of the native
troops at the Presidency —

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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27th March 1800

Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. No. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118 119. 120. 121

From the Secretary at Bengal —

From Mr. Cranmelin — Enclosed copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Trade, at Fort William — relative to the Stores shipped at Bengal on the Manship for this Presidency —

From the Governor of Ceylon —

From Mr. North Expresses a wish that one of the Ships of the homeward bound fleet may be permitted to touch at Point de Galle for a few hours —

From the Commander of the Asia —

From Captain Wardlaw — States that he cannot accommodate more than twenty Invalids on board his ship —

To the Chief Secretary at Bengal —

To Mr. Barlow — Enclosing copies of the correspondence relative to the pretensions of Madgherry Naigue to the Province of Chettledroog

To the Barrack Master at Fort St. George —

To Captain Wilks Directing him to enter into a compromise with the owners of the building occupied as a dispensary, for the arrears of rent due to them —

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To the Officer Commanding in Mysoor

To Lieutenant Colonel Wellesley - Approving his measures for the suppression of the late riot at Seringapatam

To the Officer commanding the Northern Division

To Colonel Vigors Approving the Appointment of Captain Fletcher to command the detachment in Kimedy

To the Military Paymaster

To Mr Cochrane - Directing him to dispose of seventeen cast horses which will be delivered to him by Lieutenant Boyle.

To the Acting Secretary at Colombo

To Mr Boyd - Enclosing a list of returns which are requested to be sent from Ceylon -

To Lieutenant Thomas Boyle

To Lieutenant Boyle - Directing him to deliver the cast horses under his charge to the Military Paymaster - He will be reimbursed in the expence of feeding the horses -

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham - Explaining the grounds on which the Agent for purchasing horses was by a late order permitted to draw the conditional allowance of 100 pagodas per month - Orders have been given for the disposal of the Mules left -

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left by Captain Montgomery by public Auction — The expence incurred for the corps of cavalry under the command of Captain Montgomery to be debited to Bengal — His interpretation of Mr. Roxburghs demand for certain Allowances Approved — A retrenchment against Major Drummond of the Scotch Brigade for full Batta confirmed — The Daughter of Madame Pepin to have half the Amount of her Mothers pension.

To the Secretary at Bengal —

To Lieutenant Hook — a return of provision stores shipped on the Proze for the Governor Generals Body Guard enclosed —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob

Sent a letter to the Nabob entered in C. C. N. 22 Expressing satisfaction at the payment of His List for the month of March 31st

Received the undermentioned letters entered in R. B. Nos. 122. 123. 124.

From the Adjutant General of the army —

From Lieutenant Colonel Agnew — Enclosing a Cadets Certificate of Mr Peter Anderson and recommends his promotion to be Cornet of Cavalry —

From

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From Captain Boardman commanding a Detachment

From Captain Boardman - states that he experiences considerable difficulty from the want of money for the expences of his detachment.

From the Military Paymaster of Fort St. George —

From Mr Cochrane - Enclosing an Account Sales of Cast horses Amounting to Pagodas 211.1,2 - 1,0

April 1st

Recved and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. No. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.—

From the Paymaster at Ruttnaghurry —

From Mr W. Threll - He has drawen a Sett of Bills on the Treasury in favor of the Military Paymaster General Amounting to Pagodas 262.31.20

From the commercial Resident at Masulipatam

From Mr Corbett - states that a Vessel of suspeccous appearance had been seen in the Roads of Masulepatam.

From the Offcier Commanding the Northern Division.

From Colonel Vigors - Reports that a Privateer Brig had captured two Ships in Masulipatam Roads.

From Captain J H. Symons.

From Captain J. H. Symons - States that the Nabob has not sent orders for the final Adjustment of the disputed boundary.

From the Commandant at Arcot

From Lieutenant Colonel Sentleger — Requests

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Requests permission to visit the Presidency —

From the Assistant Adjutant General

From Lieutenant Shaw — Forwards a Cadets Certificate of Mr W. H. Potter — and recommends his promotion to be Lieutenant of Infantry —

From Major Colin Macaulay —

From Major Macaulay — Returns the cypher No 11 belonging to the late Commander in Chief

To the Military Paymaster

To Mr Cochrane — Directing him to dispose of some Mules which will be delivered to him by the Officer commanding the Governors Body Guard

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham — Authorizing an advance of 1.000 pagodas to Captain Boardman commanding the Detachment on its march to Hydrabad —

To the Officer Commanding the Governors Body Guard

To Major Grant Directing him to Deliver the mules under his charge to the Military Paymaster

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Lieutenant Hook — Requesting that Mr Roxburgh's application for certain arrears may be decided at Fort William —

To the Sub Treasurer

To Mr Jones — the Allowance of the Governors Military Secretary to be drawn in the General Department —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor and President

Tuesday 1st April 1800

William Petrie
and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

Read the following letters from the Military Board:-

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council
Ft. St. Ft. Ft.

My Lord

From the Military Board. Report on the circumstances of the conduct of Mr Athinson late Commissary of Provisions at Columbo. Recommend that an Additional Armours may be Allowed to the two Battalions of Artillery with an addition to the Quarterly allowance for arms &c. Recommend an advance of 800 Pagodas to the Superintendant of the Steel at Ganjam and of Pagodas 16,470 to the Engineer at Seringapatam.

5th We have been honoured by the receipt of Letter from your Lordship in Council under date the 14th Instant, and have given the necessary directions for carrying into effect the orders therein contained.-

2nd In consequence of your Lordship having instructed us to investigate the correspondence which passed between Mr Athinson late commissary of Provisions and the Military Board at Columbo, and in Communication with the Military Auditor General to

State

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State the practice of the service at this Presidency in regard to wastage and to the issues of provisions to the Troops, in order that Government may have the most compleat means of passing a judgement on the conduct of Mr. Atkinson; we have judged it necessary to take a retrospective view of the subject, commencing with the date of his appointment on the Island of Ceylon. from which it Appears that Mr Atkinson succeeded Captain (now Major) Limerick, as Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Trincomalee in December 1795. and executed the duties of that office for that month and January 1796. Having desired the Secretary Auditor General to furnish us with such information as the records of his Office would afford us relating to the subject in question, he has reported to us, that on referring to the Retrenchments made from Mr Atkinson's Journal parcels and General Returns of Grain &c. for those months, it Appears that at Jaffnapatam a charge was made for Victualling 5694 Europeans. from 1st to 31st December

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inclusive. and 636 Sheep issued from his Returns for that purpose - Upon which it was observed on Audit, that as the Deputy Commissary paid cash in lieu of Meat to 736 men, and issued Salt meat to 781 men including followers, The Sheep charged above the complement required for the remaining 4177 men, Viz.t 1637/8 were retrenched at 5 fs. Pagoda amounting to Pagodas 32: 32: 44.—

3rd. And that again in January 1796 a Retrenchment upon the same principle as the foregoing was made amounting to Pagodas 27 30. 32.—

4th. In the correspondence between Mr. Harrison and the Military Board at Columbo relative to victualling the Troops he has Acknowledged the payment of Money in lieu of meat to the Troops on certain days in each Month, while he at the same time made a charge for fresh Provisions for corresponding periods; and urges in defence of his conduct on that occasion, that it was done to cover himself for some losses to which he was occasionally exposed, and that he also considered it to be an emolument

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although not an avowed one, belonging to his Office.—

5th On this Subject we can only state our belief from the information with which we have been furnished by Major General Sydenham, that no Instance has occurred in the Office of Audit of such an emolument either avowed or implied, and it must be evident from the foregoing Retrenchments that when Money has been charged to the public as paid in lieu of Meat, the Issues of the latter have been proportionately reduced, and the commissary held responsible for the amount of that difference.

6th It appears that in January 1796 Mr. Atkinson wrote off in his General Return Various Articles of provisions put on Board the Bombay Store Ship for the Troops embarked at Trincomalee for the Expedition against Columbo; amounting to Pagodas 2533.39.47. among which provisions 49 Casks of Salt Beef were included Valued at 25 Pagodas per Cask, making the aggregate 1225 Pagodas, but the whole charge was we are informed retrenched under the

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the following Remark.

"These charges cannot be admitted until
"it is explained what quantity of these Provisions were
"served daily to the Troops and whether the Officers were
"supplied with them, as well as the non commissioned
"and privates, nor does the commissary specify the number
"of lbs. of Salt Beef which each cask contained."

7.th In the same month (January 1796)
49 Casks of Salt Beef were also stated by Mr. Atkinson
to have bun shipped on Board the Perseverance at
Trincomalee for the use of the Troops embarked for
Columbo; amounting to Pagodas 1225, which we learn
was also retrenched for the reasons above assigned.—

8.th By Mr Atkinson's return for February
1796 at Columbo it appears, that credit was given by
him for the quantity remaining of this Beef deducting
14½ Casks as issues to the Troops on board, but which
has not been admitted to the Commissary's Credit, as
he has not furnished the information required by the
Audit Viz.t an account particular of the daily issues to
the

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the Troops, and because as has been before observed, an Account of the Quantity each cask contained was not particularized.—

9th In following up the Commissary's Returns from February 1796. until September 1797 the period at which they ceased to be received at the Office of Audit, and from the latter month until October 1798. during which time his Returns were transmitted to the Office of the Military Board; We have every reason to suppose that the balance of the beforementioned Salt Provisions deducting for issues was regularly credited leaving by the returns for October 1798 Salt Provisions on hand. Casks 279.—

10th Not being in possession of the Monthly Returns of the commissary. beyond October 1798. we have not the means of ascertaining when the conversion of this Article from Public to Private property took place, or to what extent; It would seem however that such transfer was made after the Department had been placed under the Government of Ceylon. and that it

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was done as appears by Mr. Atkinson's Letter to the Military Board at Columbo, under the impression that as he had been made answerable in the Office of Audit at Madras for the whole amount; he had no mode of securing to himself in the event of the Retrenchment being enforced against him, but by issuing it to the Troops, and charging the price of Fresh Provisions in its stead — He does not however produce any authority for the adoption of this Measure; — and it can scarcely be supposed that the money paid to the Soldiers in lieu of Fresh Meat as stated in the Commissary's Letter of the 7th. October 1799. was made a charge against the public while he at the same time made a charge for the meat to cover himself as he states — against losses. — It would rather appear that the emolu=ment to which he alludes was the difference between the regulated sum paid by him in lieu of Meat, and the Cost of the Meat itself charged to the public, the price of that Article on Ceylon having been Always very high — This point however can only be determined

by

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by a reference to his Accounts at Columbo since the Month of October 1798.

11th In the correspondence between Mr. Atkinson and the Military Board at Columbo he states, "that "the charge of ¼ p.c. cent on his monthly Expences, being "¼ p.c. Cent on the Quantity issued throughout the "year, he trusts will Appear very moderate, and "that to this charge the Military Board at Madras "never made any objection". On this subject it may be proper to observe, that it was formerly the practice, to allow the Commissaries of Grain and Provisions to Charge Wastage not exceeding 5 p.c. Cent p.c. Annum on the Grain under their Charge, but as it was found by experience, that Grain in Store with proper care and attention was not liable to a greater Wastage than ¼ p.c. Cent p.c. Annum, it was ordered by the Regulations of the 19th July 1797 that no charge for wastage exceeding that rate should be admitted; and that altho' the Storekeepers would be exonerated on the Audit of their

their Accounts of Quantities, provided the Wastage did not exceed ½ ℔ Cent, it was not to be understood as a fixed allowance, on the contrary that when the Wastage should be less than ½ ℔ Cent, the company was invariably to have credit for the difference.—

12th As a Comparison of the Wastage formerly charged is the best Criterion to form a judgement on the present question; We have referred to the Books of the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency; and find that in the Returns of Mr. Thomas Cockburn, whilst Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, the Average difference between the quantities charged received and issued by him did not exceed ½ per Cent p.r Annum; and it appears by the Accounts of the Garrison Storekeeper at Fort St. George, that the Wastage charged by him for a period of 26 Months was only 2⅝ per Cent on the whole Quantity issued during that time, We have stated these two Cases in particular, because the Issues were more extensive

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than those at any other station. It further appears that the Wastage charged by Mr James Strange while Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Tanjore in 1788/9 and 1790/1 on Issues, as well as on the rice in Store, was in the proportion of 3¼ per Cent per Annum, which is an Additional instance of what may be done by care and attention on the part of the Officer of the Custody.—

13th In the Returns of Mr Atkinson Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo, from March to September 1797, he has uniformly charged a deficiency of 5 per Cent on the Quantities issued at different periods; but we find, that the difference between this charge and a proportion of the Allowed Wastage of 5 per Cent per Annum has been always retrenched, and he is of course held accountable for the Amount of such difference. The new Regulations of the 19th July 1797 were ordered to take effect on the 1st October following, since which period Mr Atkinson has constantly deducted ¼ per Cent as Wastage

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Wastage on all his Issues; but altho' he has not yet been charged with the difference between that rate — and the proportion of ¼ per Cent which only should have been stated according to the time the Rice had been in Store during the year in which such Issues were made, such difference will nevertheless be carried to his Debit, whenever his Accounts of Quantities shall be audited which was delayed by the insufficiency of the Office Establishment in the Grain Department, an impediment which has now been effectually removed, and we are of opinion that on all occasions of Issues of Grain, from the public Store, Wastage should only be admitted in the proportion of ¼ per Cent per Annum — thus if an Issue of 3 Garce is made on the 31st January $\frac{1}{12}$ of ¼ per Cent should only be allowed as Wastage on that Quantity, and in the same proportion for each Issue in the course of the year, according to the time the Rice was in Store from the 31st December preceding at which period the Account of

Wastage

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Wastage on the former year is closed.

11th Mr. Atkinson's observation that the Wastage upon cargoes received from Bengal is from 2 to 3 per Cent cannot be disputed, as the captain of a Ship delivering Rice at Madras from Bengal for the use of the Company is exonerated, when the deficiency does not exceed 3 per Cent, but this is a distinct question from the Wastage on Issues after the rice has been received into Store, and no difficulty can we presume occur in admitting as far as 3 per Cent between the Invoice and delivery on Cargoes received from Bengal, or to allow should it be thought proper, a similar proportion on Rice transported by Sea from Columbo to Point de Galle

15th The Officer commanding the 2nd Battalion of Artillery having applied to us for an increased Establishment of Artificers and an addition to the Quarterly allowance for repair of Arms, as fixed by the regulations, and it being our opinion that the late augmentation to the Battalions of

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of Artillery renders some increase indispensably necessary;
We beg leave to recommend that an additional Armourer
be Allowed — both in peace and War, and that the
Quarterly allowance in lieu of materials for the repair
of Arms be encreased from four to Six Pagodas per
Quarter; which addition to each Battalion of —
Artillery appears to provide for every contingency that
can occur with respect to the repair of Arms in
both situations, especially as a separate provision
is made for the Companies of that Corps when detached.

16th We also recommend that Authority —
may be given for the following Advances of Cash Viz.t —

To Captain Evans. Superintendent of
the Honorable Company's Stud in the Ganjam
District, the Sum of Pagodas 800 on account of
the Subsistence of a Lot of Mares and Stallions
upon the Road from the Presidency to Chatterpour —

To the Engineer at Seringapatam
the Sum of Pagodas 160. 40. 70, being one
third of the Estimated Cost of repairs to the
Hospital

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Hospital at that Station...

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21st March 1800

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed J. John Braithwaite
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jr. Richardson

1st We have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letters of the 20th and 21st instant.

From the Military Board suggesting an alteration in the mode of Supplying Gram for the Cavalry Regiments with a view to effect a reduction in the enhanced Price of Gram. Enclose a Statement of Military Stores received from and Issued to His Majesty's Regiments. Enclose the Register of Bills of Extraordinaries for the Month of December last. Recommend for payment of a Bill of the Barrack Master in Mysoor Amounting to Pagodas 280.

2nd The terms of Contract which have been offered for supplying the Cavalry Regiments with Gram for the year 1800/1 having been so exorbitant, and so much higher than the retail price of the Bazars in the neighbourhood of the several Cavalry Stations, as to induce a suspicion of the existence of some combination to enhance the price of that Article, We have been led to consider the

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the expediency of submitting to the decision of your Lordship in Council, how far it might be practicable to make an arrangement with his Highness the Nabob for the annual delivery of the quantity of Gram required by Cavalry, at the several Stations in His Highness's Country, at a fair price, on the Receipts of the Agents for Cavalry Supplies at those Stations respectively.— and we beg leave to suggest, that similar arrange- ments for the necessary Supplies at Stations in the Company's Districts, and in those of the Rajah of Mysore should be made upon similar principles, through the Honble Company's Collectors, and the Resident in Mysore; it being our opinion that such arrangement would insure a regular Supply of Gram, and be productive of a considerable saving in the annual Expenditure on Account of that Article—

3rd Although it has only been usual hitherto to lay before Government for transmission to the Court of Directors an Account Particulars of Stores issued in the course of each year to His Majesty's

Regiments

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Regiments serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George;
yet as it occured that the same head should be also
credited with the Amount of Stores received from the
several Regiments for corresponding periods, we
Accordingly directed the preparation of a Statement
of such receipts in the course of the year 1798/9 —
with an Account Current of the receipts and Issues
from and to His Majesty's Regiments during that
year, which we have now the honor to forward to
your Lordship in Council, for transmission to
England by the Ships under dispatch.—

4th We have the honour also to submit
to your Lordship in Council, Regisles of Bills of
Extraordinaries for the Months of December 1799
with our opinion upon the several charges.—

5th We inclose and recommend payment
of a Bill of the Barrack Master in Mysore
Amounting to Pagodas 280 for Barrack Cotts
Supplied by him, and Approved upon Survey by
a Committee of Officers.—

We

1859

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

We have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Fort St. George
25th March 1800

/Signed/ John Brathwaite
" Patrick Bols
" W. Sydenham
" Jno. Richardson
" P. A. Agnew

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

We beg leave to recommend that the

From the Military Board Recommend an advance of 1500 Pagodas to the Agent of Supplies to the 25th Regiment of Dragoons - Enclose a Bill of the Barrack Master in Mysore for Pagodas 280 - with an Account of Repairs executed by Doctor Harris to the Hospital at Malacca - Amounting to Spanish Dollars 487.21.7 -

Sir

necessary Authority be given for an advance of
Pagodas 1500, being paid to Lieutenant Smyth,
Agent for Cavalry Supplies to the 25th Regiment
Light Dragoons, on Account of the current disburse-
ments of his Office -

2nd We inclose and recommend Payment
of a Bill amounting to Pagodas 280 - for Barrack
Cotts supplied by the Barrack Master in Mysore -

3rd We inclose an Account of repairs -
given to the Garrison Hospital of Malacca by -
Doctor

1860

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

Doctor Harris, the Surgeon in charge. Respecting this charge the amount of which is Spanish Dollars 407. 21. 7. we have to state that Although it has not been noticed at an earlier period, in consequence of its having been considered by us that the Applic: cation should have been transmitted direct to the Government, yet as the delay which has taken place appears to bear hard upon Doctor Harris who chearfully expended his own Money in the execution of a Work judged indispensably necessary to the comfort of the Sick at Malacca; and which has been attended with every good consequence it was expected to produce, and as the Bill is supported as well by the Recommendation of the then Commanding Officer, as the assevveration upon honour of Doctor Harris, in regard to the expenditure of the amount charged, we are of opinion that under these circumstances, he has a fair claim to reimbursement.

We

1861

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

We have the honour to be

Fort St. George
20th March 1800

Sir &c.

/Signed/ John Brathwaite
" Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham
" Jr. Richardson
" P. A. Agnew.

Resolutions on the above letters.

The Board being desirous of giving the fullest consideration to the conduct of the late Commissary of provisions at Columbo, Resolved to apply to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon for the papers which appear to be requisite to the formation of a determinate judgement on the case.

The Board concur in the opinion of the Military Board that the late Augmentation of the Corps of Artillery requires a proportionate increase of the establishment of Artificers, and of the Quarterly allowance for the repair of Arms, Resolved therefore to Authorize an additional Armourer both in peace and War, and an increase of the Quarterly allowance

from

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from four to six pagodas for the repair of Arms to each Battalion of Artillery.

The Board are concerned that the mode now in use for supplying the Regiments of Cavalry with Gram by contract should have proved so defective as the Military Board have stated: But they are extremely doubtful whether the mode Suggested for removing the defect will be found practicable.

The System which at present prevails in the Administration of His Highness the Nabobs Government leaves no hope that His Highness's orders for the Supply of Gram would be respected by his Aumildars; If therefore His Highness should be disposed to acquiesce in a proposal of this Nature, the Board would be very reluctant in trusting an object of much importance to the precarious Operations of His Highness's Authority.

With respect to the supply of Gram by the Company's Collectors it would involve duties entirely distinct from those of an Officer of

Revenue

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Revenue; and it is expedient that the Collectors of Revenue should on general principles be restrained from all interferance in the disposal of the produce of the lands, as well as in the internal trade of the Country; the Board therefore consider this made to be utterly incompatible with the present and particularly with the future establishment of the Revenue Department.

If the general Operation of open Competition has failed to produce the general effect of a reduction of price, the Board fear that the failure may be attributed to a Combination which it was the duty of the Gram agents to have resisted; The Board are therefore desirous that the Military Board should consider the expediency of abolishing the System of Contract which is liable to this defect, and of establishing a System for the supply of Gram by Agency, which may secure the Company the supply of that Article at its actual price, allowing the provider a Commission on his purchases.

If

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If this plan should be practicable it will not be necessary that the Agent should be an Officer of the Corps of Cavalry, and his Accounts supported by the Certificate of the Commanding Officers of Stations should be delivered under the attestation of an Oath.—

Ordered that the Register of Extraordinaries for the Month of December last be returned with the decision of the Board annexed, on the Charges.—

As the Board are Satisfied that Mr Harries was Actuated entirely by motives of humane attention in repairing the Hospital at Malacca,— Resolved that He be Reimbursed in the expence of the repairs Amounting to Spanish Dollars 407. 21. 7.—

Resolved that the several payments recommended by the Military Board be Authorized.—

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

Medical

1865

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

Resolutions of Government. Medical Board

in Council 1st April 1800 31st March 1800.

From the Medical Board. Recommend that Mr Thomas Evans who has produced the Indentures of an Assistant Surgeon may be Admitted on the establishment that Mr Terence Gahagan may be appointed to act as Chief Surgeon vice Raine that Mr G Ogilvy be appointed acting Surgeon vice Gahagan and that Mr Assistant Little be ordered to Amboyna. The Sum of Pags das 2286. 16. 2. to be debited to Ceylon on Account of Medicines Granted to that Island, of which a List is enclosed. that the General Hospital Cloathing at Seringapatam be Disposed of. Enclose a Certificate Specifying the Cause of Mr Assistant Mudies Detention at the Isle of France.

Ordered

Mr Thomas Evans having arrived at this Presidency from Europe with Indentures from the Honorable the Court of Directors. We recommend that he be accordingly admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

Government having been pleased to grant Mr Raine permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough. we recommend that Mr Terence Gahagan be Appointed to act as Chief Surgeon and Second Member of the Medical Board during his absence — and that Mr George Ogilvy be appointed an acting

Mr Terence Gahagan having presumed to visit the Durbar of his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic without having obtained the permission of the Right Honorable the Governor for that purpose, in direct disobedience of the proclamation published on the 16th Novr 1799. The Governor in Council is under the Necessity of rejecting the Recommendation of the Medical Board for

1866

Fort St. George 1st April 1866

for the promotion of that Gentleman
And Her Lordship in Council
further requires Mr. Gahagan to embark
for Europe one of the Ships now under
despatch in Conformity to the
Proclamation above mentioned.

Approved and Ordered

Acting Head Surgeon and to
Superintend the General Hospi-
tal at the Presidency vice
Gahagan.

We recommend that Mr.
Assistant Surgeon Archibald
Little be ordered to proceed
by the first Opportunity to
Amboyna and relieve Mr.
Crilly promoted Surgeon to
the 5th Regiment of Native
Cavalry.

We have the honor to
forward copy of a Letter
from the Medical Storekeeper
accompanied with a List
of Medicines comprising
the Ceylon Indent which was
forwarded on the 14th Instant
by Government to this Board
by

As the Season of the year will not admit of the Medicines being sent to Columbo. Order that they be embarked for Trincomalie.

and

1867

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

by the earliest Opportunity. and Amounting to Pagodas —

Ordered that the Accountant General be directed to make the necessary Adjustment in the general — Two Thousand Two hundred and Eighty Six, Sixteen fanams and forty three Cash Pagodas (2286. 16. 43) to be debited to the Government of Ceylon —

The Medical Board is directed to Authorize the Head Surgeon at Seringapatam to dispose of the Hospital Cloathing —

Understanding from the Head Surgeon in Mysore that part of the Hospital Cloathing which was sent from hence by the Medical Storekeeper for the use of the Field Hospital at Seringapatam remains on hand, and that it may be in danger of suffering from keeping, we recommend that he be authorized to dispose of it on the Company's account to the best advantage —

We have the honor to

forward

1868

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

forward a Certificate which came

The Board are Satisfied of under cover to the Physician General

the Necessity which has from the Isle of France stating the

detained Mr. Assistant unhappy situation of Mr. Studie

Studie from his duty on the Assistant Surgeon on this

Coast Establishment and who was

taken Prisoner when a passen-

-ger on board the Ship

Princess Royal.

The Board conceive

it their duty to furnish

Government with this information

in order to shew that Mr. Studie

has been prevented returning to the

Coast by extreme indisposition.

Signed / Jas. Anderson
Physician General.
" W. Raine
Chief Surgeon
" T. Gahagan M.D.
& Head Surgeon

By Order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Signed / T. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

To

1869

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

To James Anderson Esqre M.D.

Physician General &c and Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen

I have to Acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 17th Instant enclosing an Indent for Medicines &c for the Island of Ceylon; and I have the honor of informing you the Quantities that could be spared from the Stores are packed up and ready to be immediately despatched by whatever Sea conveyance offers they correspond with the inclosed List to which I have affixed the Prices and charges, for the information of Government

I have the honor to be

S.a &c.

/Signed/ Andw Berry

Medical Storekeeper

Fort St George
22nd March 1800.

A true Copy

/Signed/ Alexr Baiswell

Secy Medl Board.

List

1870

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

List of European Medecines, Instruments &c. for Dr. J Ewart Physician General Columbo packed up by Order of the Government with the Invoice prices, expences, and usual percentage Charged.

		£	s	d	a.	p	b.
℔ 10	Acid. Vitriol Aromat		1	5	10		
℔ 4	" Nitros		1	9	-		
℔ 10	" Muriat		"	10	.		
℔ 20	Ammon ppt		10	-	"	.	
℔ 50	Argent Vir		11	9	2		
℔ 10	Acet destillat		1	5	.		
℔ 10	Other Vitriol		11	3	4		
℔ 90	Bals Sapon		22	10	.		
℔ 10	" Traumat		3	12	6		
℔ 16	" Copaw		8	10	8		
℔ 10	" Peruvt		6	5	.		
℔ 40	" Anodyn		6	13	4		
℔ 40	Cerus Acetat		5	10	.		
℔ 50	Cort Peruv		20	12	6		
℔ 80	" Jesu		13	6	8		
℔ 60	" Rubr		10	-	"	"	
℔ 1	Cuper Ammon		"	16	.		
℔ 2	Caustic Lunar		10	16	.		
℔ 5	Creta ppt		"	3	9		
℔ 25	Canthanides		26	15	5		
℔ 40	Corrus o		"	13	4		
℔ 200	Crem Tartar		13	6	8.		
℔ 20	Calomel ppt		13	6	8		
℔ 10	Conf Cardiac		6	6	8		
℔ 100	Cort Simaroub		51	13	4		
℔ 40	Consere Rosar		5	3	4		
℔ 60	Empl Adhasiv		3	10	.		
℔ 10	" Common		2	"	.		
℔ 150	" Visicator		88	2	6		
℔ 50	Extr Saturn		4	11	8		
℔ 10	" Cort pursv		19	-	"	.	
℔ 30	" Glychyrrizæ		3	"	.		
	Carried Over	383	8	4			

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		£	s	D	P.	P. C.
	Brought Over	383	8	4		
℔ 16	Ext. Jalappii	46	13	4		
℔ 5	Gum Ammon	1	16	8		
℔ 20	" Guaiac	11	3	4		
℔ 50	Kali ppt	3	15	"		
℔ 50	" Tartarizat	8	15	"		
℔ 20	Mannæ opt	4	11	8		
℔ 20	" 2.	4	1	8		
℔ 5	Merc Corrosiv Subl	2	3	4		
℔ 20	" " Rubr	10	13	4		
℔ 400	Magnes Vitriol	6	13	4		
℔ ½	Ol Anise	1	7	"		
℔ 20	" Olivar	2	6	8		
℔ 20	" Terebinth	1	6	8		
℔ 4	Pulv Cerussæ	"	11	8		
℔ 50	James powder paper	6	5	"		
℔ 40	Rad Jallappii	7	16	8		
℔ 60	" Ipecacuanhæ	75	15	"		
℔ 2	" Contrayer	"	12	6		
℔ 500	Sal Glauber	12	10	"		
℔ 10	" Martis	"	12	6		
℔ 80	Spt Nitri Dulc	20	"	"		
℔ 100	" Vini Rectificat	12	10	"		
℔ 30	" Lavend Comp	7	10	"		
℔ 15	Tart Emetic	5	1	3		
℔ 100	Ung.t Lapid Calam	8	6	8		
℔ 100	" Basil flav	8	6	8		
℔ 10	Cupri Vitriol	"	11	8		
	Instruments					
Cases 3	Trepaning Inst.t	10	8	"		
D.o 1	Colemans Apparatus	3	9	"		
Sets 2	Tooth Inst.t	2	6	2		
Cases 8	Scal pels	9	5	4		
	Carried Over	680	13	5		

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		£	S	D	P	F	C
	Brought Over	680	13	5			
Sets 6	Pocket Insts		5	6.			
No. 6	Straight Bistouries			13	6		
No. 6	Crooked Ds			13	6		
No. 30	Lancets			16	8		
No. 10	Seton Needles		2	15.			
No 400	Phyals Sorts		1	12	6		
20	Pens papers		1	13	6		
# 3	Europe Thread			13	4		
No. 20	Tape pieces		1	..			
No. 50	Skins of Leather		1	5.			
No. 3	Small Brass mortars and Pestle		3	2	6		
No. 3	Ds Marble Ds Ds		5	8.			
Yards 100	Flannel		2	12	9		
# 100	Europe Lint		8	6	8		
No. 10	Bed pans		22	1	8		
No. 8	Pewter Penis Syringes		3	15	4		
No. 8	Ivory Syringes			8.			
No. 3	Dupe Copper Scales and Weights		1	6	8		
No. 16	Glyster Syringes		3	14	6		
No. 20	Pill Boxes papers		6	14	.		
Sets 2	Cupping Insts			6	8		
# 40	Fine Tow		9	18	.		
No. 20	Spare Glyster pipes		1	13	4		
				3	4		
	£	765	5	.			
	Advance @ 10 p.cent	76	10	6			
	£	841	15	6			
	@ 8 Shillings p.r Pagoda — Pags				2104	19	55

Country Articles

		P.	F.	C.			
# 10	Arsen. all	14	16	70			
# 40	Borax	32	32.				
# 50	Myrrh	57	22	40			
# 60	Rad. Rhubarb	32	9.				
	Charges for Chests, Trunks, wax Cloth & Packing &c.				136	35	30
					45	6	38
	Total Pags				2286	16	43

Fort St. George
22nd March 1800

E. E.

/Signed/ Andw Berry
Medical Storekeeper

A true Copy
/Signed/ G. Buchan
Sub Secy

We

1873 Fort St. George 1st April 1800

We the undersigned Physicians and Surgeon having Attentively examined the condition of Mr. Moody, one of the East India Company's Surgeons belonging to Fort St. George and at present residing in the House of Mr. Monneron at Nimmy - do Certify, that, on his Arrival in this Colony, he was reduced to the last degree of marasmus and Weakness - that the Articulations of his Right Shoulder and Arm are in a state of Encylose, which prevents his moving them at all - that he cannot make use of his Hand either to feed himself or to write; that he has besides, on the upper part of the Sternum, an ulcer with a considerable degree of rottenness in the Bone itself, which is already in a state of exfoliation - that there were observed also divers exostoses on several of the Bones - all of which were very painful and some about to suppurate - that he is not able to take any other exercise than merely to move from his Bed to an easy Chair, and that he cannot procure a little rest or broken Slumber without the Assistance

of

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

of very strong dozes of Laudanum — In consequence of which we do declare that Mr. Moody cannot venture to Sea at present although he has expressed to us his earnest desire to return to Madras as soon as his Health will permit. In testimony whereof we have drawn up and signed the present to serve as occasion may require.

At Port North West Isle of France the 26th Frimaire in the 8th Year (December Ns Style)

(Signed) Lapeyre (Signed) Labordet Dr.

Banault Phy

A true Translation

(Signed) G.G. Keble

French Translator

Read the following Letters from Major General Brathwaite.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c.

My Lord

From Major General Brathwaite forwarding applications from two officers to proceed on Sick Certificates to Europe. Encloses a letter from the Commandant at Ryacottah applying,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship letters addressed to your Lordship in Council — Two of them are from Officers Soliciting leave to proceed to

1875

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

applying for a Table allowance. Encloses a letter from the Deputy Quarter Master General & Deputy Adjutant General to the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad relative to a Retrenchment of Regimental Batta Encloses an Application for distribution of the Tutacoryn Prize Money & requests that the Pondicherry Prize Money may be again brought before the notice of the Court of Directors. Reports the measures which he has taken for completing the Hydrabad equipment Suggests the practicability of obtaining recruits in the Nizams Dominions and proposes that Lieutenant Mac Donald shall be employed on that Service.

to Europe on Account of ill health, as these are Accompanied by the proper Certificates, I should have nothing to offer in regard to either of them, but for the particular Situation of Captain Lieutenant Marshall, whose case will be very hard indeed, if the Spirit of the Order of the Honorable Court of Directors, relative to Batta Money, is not considered as including the Captain Lieutenants, although not named, as well as Subaltern Officers holding the Rank of Captain by Brevet; both being equally limited to the pay of Subalterns; I hope it will Appear to your Lordship in Council, that both are equally admissible to an indulgence which appears under such circumstances to be to both equally necessary.

In regard to the Application from the Deputy Adjutant, and Deputy Quarter Master General, attached to the Subsidiary Force, not being informed of what the Honorable the Court of Directors have said upon the Subject of their Allowances, I forward the letter as the Officers who sign it, are both of them

Officers

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Officers of great merit, and their Application comes to me strongly supported by Lieutenant Colonel Dalrym= =ple, who states them, as truly meriting every Advan= =tage that the rule of the service will Admit of being attached to their Situations=

Totally uninformed further than by public report of the Orders that have been sent out relative to the Dutch Captures, I shall not presume to offer any opinion relative to the memorial of Captains Jones, and Whitlie, but I hope your Lordship will excuse me, if upon this Occasion, I take the liberty to call your Lordship's Attention to the Capture of Pondicherry; it is now, near Seven years since that Capital of the French in India, was captured; yet no distri= =bution of the captured property, has yet been ordered, while it Appears, that distributions have been ordered of the property captured in every other place that has been taken from the enemy, in succes= =sion up to a late period; and I request that your Lordship will have the goodness to call this subject

to

1877

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

To the Attention of the Court of Directors. by the Ships now under dispatch.—

In regard to the application of Lieutenant Colonel Mackay. I can only say, that it is supported by precedent, as I have known of many instances of Table allowance having been granted to Officers in Command whose situations were believed to expose them to extraordinary expences.—

Mr. Secretary Webbe, having in a letter of the 6th ultimo communicated to me, your Lordship's desire to have timely notice of the move=ment of the Escort towards the Subsidiary Force, I have the honor to inform your Lordship that Captain Boardman with three Companies of the 1st Battalion of the 9th Native Regiment, which had been Collected from Ambore, and Adjacent Stations, and Two Troops belonging to the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry attached to the Subsidiary Force, but which had but just returned from the Mysore Country, marched from Vellore on the 19th Instant

for

1878

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

for Hyderabad viâ Angole —

And Lieutenant Colonel Smith with four Companies of the 1st Battalion of the 9th — Native Regiment marched from the Presidency; also for Hydrabad, viâ Angole, and Masulipatam, on the 21st Instant both these Officers have orders to correspond with Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple, and to inform him, of their progress, who will of Course communicate with the Resident; and they are both ordered not to enter the territories of the Soubah, until they receive orders from Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple so to do. The Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Smith is to escort the ordnance, Ammunition, and Stores intended for the subsidiary Force which the Commissary of the Arsenal assures me will be ready to be shipped for Masulipatam by the first of the Month, and as Ships, are at this Season constantly to be met with, bound to the Northward, I have no — doubt these Stores will be all landed at —

Masulipatam

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Masulipatam, by the time the Detachment can arrive there, and I shall move at the Military Board, for instructions to be sent to the Garrison Storekeeper, at Masulipatam, to be prepared with carriage for their immediate movement inland, and a conductor or Conductors will be sent with them from hence —

It was my intention formerly that the whole of the 7 Companies of the 1st Battalion of the 9th native Regiment, should have formed the escort to the Stores, but as the only European Officer attached to the Two Troops of Cavalry, was in too ill a State of health to proceed with them, I judged it Necessary to attach these Troops to the three Companies Assembled at Vellore, and to direct their proceeding seperately to Hydrabad, and I was the more inclined to this, as it would probably cause the three Companies to join the Subsidiary Force, sooner than the other four — and it is my intention to form from them two complete Companies to be transferred to the 2nd Battalion of the 9th native Regiment which forms

part

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part of the Subsidiary Force, but which is deficient of two Companies, which were long since detached to the Eastward, and which two Companies I mean now to transfer to the 1.st of the 9.th Regiment; the whole of which will I hope shortly be collected again in the Carnatic, as the measures now taking, and the success which Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple has met with, in recruiting and my having ordered him to detain the draughts which he had been ordered to furnish from the Corps, under his Command, will so effectually complete his numbers, that he will not have occasion long to detain any of the 1.st Battalion of the 9.th native Regiment. and I have much satisfaction in reporting to your Lordship that no time has been lost in the pursuit of measures for putting the Subsidiary Force in a completely efficient state in all respects, and that I have no doubt but that by the month of May it will be completely so.

I had Written to Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple

1881

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

Dalrymple, seeing that our progress in recruiting, in the Carnatic, was not very rapid, to know if we could derive any assistance from the Subahs Country, and he Assures me, that he thinks a number of very good Sepoys, can speedily be raised there, for the Carnatic, and that the Resident, has Satisfied him, that no impediment will be thrown in the way, but that on the contrary Assistance will be given, and he strongly recommends that Lieutenant Mc Donald belonging to one of the Corps in the Carnatic, but as it remaining with the Subsidiary Force, should be employed on the recruiting Service there, for which he is well Qualified, and as I find there is great difficulty in keeping up the Native establishments, from the resources of men we have hitherto been able to Apply, I am strongly inclined to recommend the measure, and that I should be authorized to direct the new Corps forming in the Northern Division to send Native Officers to receive, and conduct, to this

Head

1882

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

Head Quarters such Recruits as Lieutenant Mc Donald may be able to dispply - and I trust that for all the Corps. south of the Kistna, we shall be able to derive resources from the Countries we have lately acquired above the Ghauts.—

Madras
23d. March 1800

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Brathwaite

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord

I have the honor to Enclose a certificate of the State of my health for some time past, by which is shewn the urgent necessity of a change of Climate for the reestablishment thereof under these circumstances I have to intreat the permission of Government for leave to procud to the Cape of Good Hope or eventually to Europe as recommended by the President of the Medical Board.—

Madras
21st March 1800

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) D. Bruce
Captain 1st Bn 4. R. N. I

Palamcottah

1883

Fort St. George 1st April 1800

Palamcottah 13th March 1800

I do hereby certify that Captain C.D. Bruce of the Honorable Company's Service has been for upwards of two years very unwell, which has been lately much aggravated from attacks of the Hill Fever, while on Duty with Major Bannerman's Detachment in the Tinnevelly Country, His present impaird state of health subjecting him to Fevers on the least change of weather, and the Rheumatic pains that distress him induce me to recommend a Voyage to the Cape, or eventually to Europe, as the most likely means to reestablish his health.

/Signed/ John Englis
Surgeon

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

It being the Opinion of every Surgeon with whom I have consulted on the Subject of the Complaint

1882

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/Signed/ Ja.s Anderson
Physician Genl.

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President in Council &c. &c. &c.

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It being the Opinion of every Surgeon with whom I have consulted on the Subject of the Complaint

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Complaint I at present labour under, that a voyage to Europe is Absolutely the only chance I have of a recovery. I submissively beg leave to represent to your Lordship in Council that not being possessed of the means to defray the expence that would unavoidably be incurred in procuring a passage home, I cannot in Consequence avail myself of what is so urgently recommended to me as the only certain remedy for the Disorder with which I am afflicted - and as the existing Regulations of the Service extend the indulgence of Passage money for Sick Officers going to Europe, to the Rank of Captain by Brevet. I with much deference submit to your Lordship in Council's Consideration whether a Similar Indulgence may not be granted to me as a Captain Lieutenant upon producing the Prescribed Certificate from the Medical Board. as I can only in like manner as the Officer holding the Rank of Captain by Brevet draw the Pay of a Subaltern.

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Being thus situated I have presumed to lay my case before your Lordship in Council, fully trusting from your Wonted liberality, that my Application for Passage money will meet with a favorable decision; and in this event I have further to request your permission to proceed to Europe for the Benefit of Health.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Madras
19th March 1800

/Signed/ A Marshall
Capt Lieut Adjt & Qr Mr
7th Regt N. I.

Fort St. George
March 21st 1800

This is to certify that Captain Lieutenant Marshall of this Establishment has since December last suffered from a Paralytic affection of his lower Extremities, contracted while on Duty in the Mysore Country, and that he has been under Medical treatment here since January but that so far from receiving benefit, the Paralysis of the Intestines Bladder, and Extremities is increased, we therefore recommend a Voyage to Europe, for the recovery of his

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his health.—

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician General.

W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

J. Gahagan M.D
& Head Surgeon.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor and President of the Council of
Fort St. George &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial,
of Captains James Jones, and
Thomas Whittle, in their behalf and in behalf of
the Officers and Men employed under them at
the reduction of Tutacoryn.

That whereas the Port of Tuta-
coryn surrendered to the Arms of His Britannic
Majesty, on the Seventh day of September 1795
under a summons in His Majesty's name, and
was Accordingly taken possession of by the Troops
acting under the command of your memorialists—
Your Memorialists founding their expectations

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on Numerous precedents established and followed in similar cases, appleid to the then Governor Fort St. George. The Right Honorable Lord Hobart, praying him to order a distribution of the Money and publeic property taken in the Fort of Tutacoryn and its Dependencies, to be made for the benefit of the Captors.

That at the time of your Memorialists application aforesaid, the fate of all property Captured from the Dutch was under consideration of His Majesty, and that the Right Honorable Lord Hobart declined deciding on the claim of your memorialists till his Majestys pleasure should be known.

That the publeic Money found in Tutacoryn amounting to upwards of Twelve hundred Pagodas was lodged in the Treasury of the collector of Ramnad to be kept for future Decision, and that about one thousand Pagodas being the Amount of Sales authorized by Government of perishable articles is now in the hands of Captain Charles

David

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David Bruce one of the Captors, and from his Residence near the Spot, acting as Prize Agent in behalf of your Memorialists.—

That His Majesty having bun graciously pleased to bestow on the Captors all Dutch property Captured after a certain Period your Memorialists approach your Lordship with the the Humble Confidence that they will be admitted to a participation of the bounty of their gracious Sovereign, in Common with the Troops employed elsewhere in the reduction of Dutch Settlements, on the plea that Tutacoryn Surrendered to His Majestys Arms subsequently to the period fixed by His Majesty's for the regulation of all such claims—

That your Memorialists therefore pray for a distribution of the Sums above mentioned and humbly Submit to your Lordship's consideration this hopes to share in such other public property captured at Tutacoryn, as to your Lordship may seem

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seem proper, convinced that if this claim should appear to your Lordship founded in justice in one instance it will be Admitted in the other, and in neither pass unregarded.—

Columbo
March 1st 1800

/Signed/ James Jones Captain
T. Willie Captain

To the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord,

It appears from public Documents lately transmitted by the Military Auditor General to the Paymaster at this Station, that the Honorable Court of Directors have restricted the Adjutant General, Quarter Master General of the Army, and their Deputies from drawing Batta of any description whatever, exclusive of their Consolidated staff allowances.

From the same Authority it appears also, that a Reference on the Subject has been made to the Honorable Court of Directors; and that

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your Lordship in Council has been pleased to direct the Auditor General not to insist upon an immediate Refund of the Batta drawn by the Deputy adjutant General and Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, until the further determination of the Honorable Court shall be known

This Decision of your Lordship in Council, we were in hopes, would have operated also in favor of us, the Deputy Adjutant General and Deputy Quarter Master General of the Subsidiary Force, but we find, by a Letter from the Auditor General to the Paymaster General, that it is not intended to benefit us in the least, and that we must be Obliged to refund the Batta, which we have hitherto drawn in the field, and which we were taught to Consider as part of our just Allowances.

A reference on this Subject having already been made, wherein we doubt not every powerful and proper argument has been used,

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it would ill become us to enter into any further discussion of the Orders of our Honorable Masters — We cannot however, in justice to ourselves, refrain from representing to your Lordship, that we are serving in the Territories of a foreign Power, with a respectable Division of the Army, in which every Individual, excepting us, draws full Batta; that in this Division we are in reality not Deputies, but the Principal Staff Officers; that as such, we feel the responsibility of our Stations and the unexpected Distinction which has been made; and that we are at this moment serving with two Officers holding Staff Appointments in the Subsidiary Force, whose salaries nearly double our's, and who draw full Batta besides —

We knew not till lately, My Lord, the heavy Retrenchment which was to fall upon us; otherwise we might have guarded against it, by Curtailing our Expences, or by publicly representing our Case — We trust, however from your Lordships known

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known justice that the same indulgence will be granted to us as to the Deputy Adjutant General and Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, and that the Decision of the Honorable Court of Directors, whatever it may be, will be considered as equally Applicable to both.

We remain with the most profound respect

Camp near Hyderabad
4th March 1800

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(Signed) Alex.r Ar.t
Depy Adj.t G.l of the
Subsidiary Force

" Ja.s Read
Depy Q. M. G.l

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Permit me respectfully to lay before your Honorable Board that this Station, being the high Road, to and from the Mysor Country is a situation of much unavoidable expence without any emolument or advantage whatever from my

Command

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Command, but the difference between full and half Batta of my Rank.

I therefore humbly hope your Honorable Board will be pleased to grant me such Table Allowance as may seem Adequate to the Screening me from private loss.

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

Ryacottah
16th March 1800

/Signed/ R. Mackay
Lieut.t Colonel

To the Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive
Governor in Council

From Major General Braithwaite Encloses a letter from the Quarter Master General on the subject of the G.O. of the 26th February last relative to the establishment of said Routes Recommends an increase of the allowance of the Quarter Master General for an Establishment

My Lord, I beg leave to call your Attention to the Subject of a letter addressed to me, by the Quarter Master General, copy of which, I have the honor to enclose Perfectly sensible of the great advantages to be derived from a strict attention, and obedience, to the Order of Government, of the 26th February last: but doubtful whether the Quarter Master General stood prepared with the means, to enable him to do, what is therein required of him, I sent the Order

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Order to him, and directed him to consider it, with attention, and let me hear from him, and this has given rise to the letter of which I now have the honor to inclose a copy — Lieutinant Colonel Richardson enclosed to me, at the same time, a copy of a letter he had long since addressed to Lieutinant General Harris, in which he expressed his strong desire to be able to do that, which he thought, it was his duty to do, in a word, almost verbatim that, which the Order of the 26th February requires at his hands, and he lamented his want of means, &c. and pointed out to the General, the measures, which if taken, would put him as he thought fully in possession of them, and I find the letter in the Generals letter Book entered with this note "to be brought before Council" but the Quarter Master General never heard more of it — I am therefore induced to lay before your Lordship the letter he has sent to me, and to add my full conviction that without the aids, which he

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more requests, or such other as your Lordship may deem adequate to the purpose, he does not posses the means of carrying effectually into execution, the — Order of the 21st of February last — although it — certainly requires no more of him, than what is an essentially necessary, and peculiar part of his duty. The Commander of the Guides, and Engineers, and others, employed as Surveyors, never having been in the practice of making communications to the Quarter Master General, he has in fact never been in possession of any authentic documents from which he could prepare Routes for Officers — Ordered to March — and from hence has arisen, all those inconveniences which the order of the — 21st of February is well calculated to do away, — provided the Quarter Master General, has the means of doing that, which is required of him, and which I think he may do, if your Lordship is pleased to comply with the improvement to his Establishment, which he has suggested, and —

which

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which appears to me reasonable.

I have also the honor to inclose the re-
quest of Captain Marshall to resign on Ac-
=count of the loss of the use of his limbs, his
Staff Appointment of Adjutant and Quarter
Master, to the 7.th Regiment of Native Infantry.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Madras
31.st March 1800

Obedient Servant

(Signed) John Brathwaite

To Major General Brathwaite

Commanding the Army in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Allow me to express to you the plea-
=sure I received in perusing the G. O. of Government
of the 26.th February 1800, as I consider it as the
foundation of a System to be established in the
Department of the Quarter Master General of
the Army, from which I am induced to believe
much good may be expected to the public
Service.—

I hope it will not be considered as

improper

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improper should I here observe, that it would be the cause of much concern to me to have it supposed that I could have remained so long at the head of this Department without feeling its inefficiency with regard to those essential Duties that are connected with the situation in every other Service; and in order to shew you Sir that I have done my endeavour before this late period to have them attached to my Office, I take the liberty of inclosing a Letter to the late Commander in Chief.

The Expences that must have been incurred for want of a regulated System respecting the Marches of Corps and Detachments has often been a subject of discussion, and as Officers have hitherto been left entirely to themselves it has frequently happened that they have, from a want of knowledge of the Country, or other causes, protracted their Marches by tedious and unnecessary delays; and instead of their being obliged in their movements from one Station to another, to regulate and

Complete

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Complete their marches in given number of Days—
according to prescribed Routes, instances may be—
found to shew, that double the time necessary, has
frequently been taken; and Sometimes perhaps for
the sole purpose of entitling the Troops to draw
a greater Quantity of Batta, which in addition
to the wear of Camp Equipage, the expence of its
Carriage, the Batta to Lascars, and Artificers, with
the Pay of Dooly Boys and other public followers
occasions an enormous, and wanton Expence to the
Company— The Checking of which for one Day, in a
large Detachment, would more than defray the
annual Expences of the best regulated System—

It is not strange to you sir, that
from the nature of my Establishment, I could not
posses any Official Documents to enable me to
commence so desirable a Work; nor has the—
Quarter Master General of the Army ever had
any means within his power to collect the infor-
-mation that appears to me indispensibly necessary

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I shall however think it my duty should it be approved to Form Tables and Routes from the works of the late Major Pringles and such other Authorities as can be procured; in the hope, that with such ground Work, and the means that Government may think proper to put into my hands, a System may be soon Established, that will be highly proper, and regular, in a Military point of View, and be productive of great Advantages to the public Service.—

Before I conclude I beg to observe that, under the additional duties thrown into my Department, by the new regulations in 1797 I have found the old Office Allowance of Pagodas 40 per Month, which was Established when Writers could be engaged for half their present Pay, totally inadequate to the performance of the Duties required and notwithstanding every Department at the Presidency has experienced an addition in proportion to the increase of public business, the Quarter Master

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Master General has alone been Allowed to remain on its original Establishment - I have therefore to request Sir. that you will do me the honor of Submitting these Circumstances, with your Senti= =ments on the Subject, to Government and further to assure His Lordship in Council, that being perfectly Satisfied with the personal advantages of my public Situation, I can have no object in view but a desire to discharge my Duty with Credit, and as this application therefore cannot be viewed as tending in any respect to my Private Advantage, I am hopeful that such an extension of my Offic Establishment as may Appear necessary under the present Arrange= =ment, will be Sanctioned. —

Should the Right Honorable the Governor in Council think proper to Comply with the above request, nothing further would in my Opinion, be required to enable me to proceed in the business to the Satisfaction of Government than

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than to issue in General Orders in addition to the stan-
-ding Regulation expressed in the 6th Paragraph of
the Government Order of the 26th February, that the
Officers of Guides shall transmit to the Quarter-
Master General of the Army, Copies of the Routes, and
Communications of every part of the Country within
their knowledge, and that they shall, as well as
Engineers, and other Officers employed on surveys, at
all times furnish him with rough Sketches of their
surveys, as well as every information respecting the
face of the Country, Passes, Encamping Grounds,
Rivers, Tanks, and every Occurrence that may in a
Military point of View appear of importance.

Should these points be strictly
attended to, the Quarter Master General's Office
would ever afford Records most essentially useful
to the public Service in every Circumstance connected
with the Movement of the Troops either in Peace
or War, and enable the Military Auditor General to
check effectually every improper Expence that may

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be occasioned by unnecessary delay.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

Fort St. George
20.th March 1800

/Signed/ John Richardson
D. M. G.l of the Army

N.B. Office Establishment proposed for the Quarter Master Generals Department.

Pags. 40 per Month old Allowances which has been found insufficient to conduct the Duties of the Office since the Regulation in 1797 the following therefore is judged adequate for every purpose.—

Old Allowance	Pags. 40
Additional Writers	30
A Draftman is necessary to conduct the business with accuracy and renders the System useful to the Service	15
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Total Pagodas	88

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To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President in Council &c. &c.

My Lord

Trusting from the Circumstance of its being so strongly recommended to me to procud to Europe for the benefit of Health, that my Application on the Subject under date 19th Instant will meet with a favorable decision from Government, I am on that Account induced to request your Lordship in Council permission to resign the Office with which you have been pleased to honor me, of Adjutant and Quarter Master to the 7th Regiment of Native Infantry—

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

Madras
30th March 1800

Signed A Marshall Capt. Lt.
Adjt. & Qr. Mr. 7th Bt. N.I.

Resolutions on the above letters.

Resolved that Captain Bruce and Captain Lieutenant Marshall be permitted to proceed to Europe; but as the Orders of the Court of Directors and the usage of the Service founded on them, preclude Officers of the Rank of Captain Lieutenant from drawing passage Money, the Board are under the necessity of rejecting

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rejecting the Application of Captain Lieutenant Marshall

Resolved to suspend the Retrenchment of batta drawn by the Deputy Adjutant General and Deputy Quarter Master General of the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad until the determination of the Court of Directors shall have been received on a similar Retrenchment Against the officers of the General Staff of the Army.

The Board will postpone their Orders on the Application of Captains Jones and Whitlie for payment of the Tutacorin prize Money.

The Board would be sorry that an Officer should be exposed to inconvenience or expense by his Appointment to Command a Station under the immediate Orders of the Government, but as it is neither practicable nor expedient to Augment the Military disbursements to the extent of the Applications which may be made for Table Allowance, the Board desire that Major General Brathwaite will inform Lieutenant Colonel Mackay that they will endeavour

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endeavour to relieve him from the command of
Ryacottah as soon as Circumstances may permit.

Resolved further that Major General
Brathwaite be directed to make this Answer to all
future applications of this nature, and that he be
directed to take an early opportunity of Submitting
to the Board the Applications of those Officers who
may be desirous of relinquishing their Commands.

The Board entirely Approve Major
General Brathwaites arrangements for completing the
Subsidiary Force at Hydrabad.

Resolved also to express the Satis-
faction of the Board at the measures taken for
obtaining recruits from the Dominions of His
Highness the Nizam, and to desire that Lieutenant
Mac Donald may be employed in the manner
proposed by Major General Brathwaite; and that he
will make such other Arrangements as he may judge
calculated to promote the recruiting Service.

The case of the Captors of Pondicherry

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has already been prefsed in the mast urgent terms on the Honorable Court of Directors, and the Board are sanguine that in Consequence of those representations, as well as of the claims of the Army, an early determination will be obtained; Resolved however to inform Major General Brathwaite that the Board Consider it to be a justice due to himself and to the Officers and Men employed on that distinguished Service to bring the Subject again under the notice of the Honorable Court.

The Board are happy to observe that the Quarter Master General of the Army had applied to the late Commander in Chief upon the Subject of enabling him to discharge integral duties of the Department for which provision was made in the General order published on the 26.th February, and the Board would have been more Satisfied if that order had originated in the Suggestions of the Quarter Master General himself.

Although this part of the Quarter Master Generals duty has only been Systematized by the

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the late Order, yet the Board have no doubt that the zeal of that Officer will have induced him to take the proper means of remedying a defect of which he was conscious and to enable him to perform those duties, without which it could not have been efficient - and as the Establishment of the Quarter Master General was fixed with a full reference to the extent of the labours expected from it, the Board consider that the gradual collection of materials which they have no doubt has been made by Lieutenant Colonel Richardson will render any immediate augmentation of His Establishment unnecessary -

Resolved to publish the additional orders recommended by Major General Brathwaite for enabling the Quarter Master General to carry into fuller effect, the directions contained in the General order of the 26th February; and if it shall appear under the operation of those orders that an increase of Establishment is requisite the Board will

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will be disposed to pay very proper attention to the Subject.

Captain Marshall is permitted to resign the Appointment of Quarter Master and Adjutant to the 7.th Regiment of Native Infantry.

Read the following letter from Lieute=nant Rowles communicated by Major General Brathwaite.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c. &c.

From Lieutenant James Rowles of the Cavalry encloses a sick Certificate and requests permission to proceed to Europe on one of the Ships under dispatch applies for the usual advance of Passage money.

My Lord, I have the honor of enclosing a certificate of the necessity I am under of returning to Europe for the recovery of my health. which I solicit of your Lordship to grant me permission to do.—

I have to request also of your Lordship. to order me the usual allowance of Passage money made to Subalterns proceeding to Europe on a Certifi=cate of ill health.

I must at the same time throw myself on your Lordships further attention. by requesting

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requesting that I may be ordrd a Passage on Board one of the Ships at present under Dispatch, as the Medical Gentleman who attends me, has stated to me the necessity of my leaving this Country with as little delay as possible - The number of Company's Servants, whose names have appeared in Orders, as having obtained your Lordship's permission to return to Europe, not being such as can be supposed to occupy the whole of the Ample accommodations reserved by the Honorable Company for the use of their Servants, I earnestly solicit of your Lordship, that you may take into consideration the bad state of my health which compels me to make this request, and that you may be pleased to Order me a Passage on board one or other of the Ships about to Sail - My return home having been pointed out to me by Medical men not only as what it would be imprudent in me to delay, but as the only probable chance I have of being enabled to return to my Duty in the Service, no Commander of a Ship can with

justice

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justice any longer pretend to urge the insufficiency of the very handsome Allowance of Passage money as a reimbursement of the additional expence he may be obliged to incur, nor is any thing more, — I am aware, intended by the Honorable Court of Directors, for nothing can be more expressive, than their precise regulations, of their intentions to do away a custom that has too long prevailed, by which the fortunes of the Commanders of their Ships have been sometimes raised on the misfortunes of such of their Servants, whose ill health or other Circumstances compeling them to an immediate return to Europe have induced them to comply with the extravagant rates of Passages demanded —

I have the honor to be
Sr. &c.

Fort St. George
March 29th 1800

/Signed/ James Rowles
Lieut. 3d. Regt. Cavalry

We Alexander Boiswell and Thomas Thackeray Surgeons on this Establishment, do hereby — declare

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declare on oath that we are of Opinion it is absolutely necessary that Lieutenant James Rowles of the 3rd. Regiment Native Cavalry should leave this Country and go to Europe for the recovery of his health—

Disease } Liver obstructions }

Fort St. George
28th. March 1800

/Signed/ Alex. Boiswell
Surgeon

"Tho.s Thackeray
Surgeon

Sworn to at the Publick
office at Fort St. George this
28th. Day of March 1800

Before me

/Signed/ Walter Balfour —
Justice of Peace —

Resolution thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant James Rowles be permitted to proceed to Europe, and that a passage be ordered for him on the Charlton.—

Read the following letters from the Officer Commanding in Mysore.—

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The Secretary of Government

Sir,

In consequence of your letter of the 17th Instant, I have ordered the flank Companies belonging to the Corps in the Garrison of Seringapatam to join their respective Corps: that all detachments and Individuals belonging to, and the Stores which had been taken from that Garrison should return to it. the Bullocks hired for the Service are to be discharged on the 31st Instant; the Grain and Gunneys are to be kept in Store till wanted.

From the Officer commanding in Mysore - Acknowledges the receipt of the letter to him of the 17th Instant - Reports the refractory Conduct of the Polygar of Balum - Reports different Military Arrangements - Encloses Extracts of Orders issued by him - he has Appointed Captain Cox to be Persian Interpreter

Within these few days, accounts have been received that Shistrapah Naig the Polygar of Balum has got possession of the Bijsolu or Subramany Ghaut, which had been used as the Tappall Communication with mangalore, and that he has stopped our Tappalls. It appears that he has Collected a number of the Ryots of the Country at a Place called Ty Goor, which had been burnt in September last by Captain Campbell, and that the Rajahs Troops had found some difficulty in keeping up the

Communication

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Communication and in supplying with provisions this post at Munsurabad - I have therefore sent= Lieutenant Colonel Tolfrey with his Battalion, 5 = Companies of the 2d of the 3d and 2 Guns and Artillery Attached, and 50 pioneers, and a small proportion of Grain to drive the people from Ty Goor, and Recta= blish the Communication with the province of Canara; and I have Instructed him to treat = with rigour any of the Inhabitants who may be found in Arms - as soon as the Rajahs Dewan = will have equipped with Arms, and Accoutre= ments, a body of Infantry which has hitherto been employed in the Anagoondy, and Harponelly districts, they are to be sent into the Bul= Country, and = Lieutenant Colonel Tolfrey is to withdraw his Corps, and proceed to paughur, to send the 5 Companies of the 2d of the 3d to Chittledroog, and the Pioneers, Guns and Artillery Men to Seringapatam. In the meantime as I have heard that the Poligars about paughur = have Assembled some people, and threaten disturbance,

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I have ordered two Companies of the 1st of the 8th from Chittledroog to reinforce that post. I have sent Captain Colebrooke with Lieutenant Colonel Tolfrey in order that he may examine those passes into the Kanara Country which are between Coorg, and the Hyder Ghur pass.

The other 5 Companies of the 2d of the 3d are gone back to Chittledroog.

Colonel Pater has represented that Sira has been found an inconvenient Situation for the Cavalry, as there is a scarcity of Grass, of Water, and of Wood. I find upon inquiry that no Gram has been laid in there; and I should therefore propose to place the 2d Regiment of cavalry either at Chinapatam which I am informed is a convenient situation, or in some convenient spot on Maddoor river if there should be no objection. I have kept this Corps in this Neighbourhood till I receive the Orders of Government.

I shall have no difficulty in Assembling in

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on the next season Troops, Bullocks, provisions &c. &c.
for the expedition proposed, in a very short time.

I purpose on the 25.th to set out for Cannanore; where I expect to meet the Gentlemen who are best acquainted with the Cotiote Country; and I hope with their information to form a plan for our Operations above and below the Ghauts. I shall likewise have an Opportunity of Ascertaining the means of equipment &c.a in the Province of Malabar, and how far it may be necessary to Assist them from this Country.

In my Letter of the 15.th instant I informed you that I had ordered Major Capper from the Nundy Droog District to Seringapatam with a Detachment of the 1.st of the 1.th It is Convenient to remove him from Nundy Droog, as he is Senior to the Commanding Officer there, and it will be a convenience to the Garrison of Seringapatam, that this Detachment should remain in it, and it is not wanted elsewhere.

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I have the honor to enclose copies of Orders which I have issued, and which require the confirmation of Government I was induced to Appoint Captain Ogg to be my Persian Interpreter from the want of an Officer in that Situation, in the frequent communications which I am obliged to have with the Natives and because it was originally intended that I should have one. Captain Oggs diligence & and Ability in Arranging the Persian Books & captured at Seringapatam, and in collecting and arranging the papers of the late Sultan have & doubtless been Made known to his Lordship.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Arthur Wellesly.

Seringapatam
March 23d 1800.

Extracts from the Orders issued by the Honble Col. Wellesly Commanding the Troops in Mysore

13th March 1800 John Atwood, Matross of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, to act as Serjeant Major of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment N. I. and draw the usual Allowance

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allowance until the pleasure of the Commander
in Chief is known. —

11th March 1800 Captain Mackenzie of the Corps of
Engineers and certain other Gentlemen his Assistants
having been ordered by Government to make a
Survey of the Mysore Country, the Commanding
Officers of Garrisons and Posts, are requested
to afford them such Assistance as those
Gentlemen may represent to be necessary, and
may be in the power of Commanding Officers
to furnish. —

17th March 1800 Three Syrangs, three first Tindals,
Nine Second Tindals, and 200 Gun Lascars,
of those now in the Garrison of Seringapatam,
are to proceed and join the Detachment
encamped under the Caryghaut hill — a
Steady Serjeant of Artillery to be sent in
charge of them; and they will place
themselves under the Orders of Captain
Tomkyns. —

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The Native sick of the Detachment to be sent into Seringapatam in the course of tomorrow, Those belonging to Corps in Garrison to their own Hospitals, and those of the other Corps to the Hospital under Mr. Trevor's charge—Commanding Officers of the latter Corps will be careful to send the Necessary Rolls, and Certificates of their men to the Fort Adjutant, who will report to them all casualties that may happen——

19th March 1800

Two Detachments of an European Officer and Twenty native Troops each, from the Garrison of Seringapatam to march from thence the day after tomorrow with Treasure—one for Bangalore and the other for Sera, and after delivering the same into the Pay Office at Bangalore, and to an Officer appointed to receive it at Sera, respectively, the

Detachments

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Detachments to return to this Station without delay.

The Officers going with those Detachments are to Indent on the Stores of Seringapatam for Tents and on Mr. Gordon for Carriage. They will receive money from Mr. Gordon, and settle with him the time of their departure.——

Captain Ogg is appointed to Act as Persian Interpreter to Colonel Wellesley from the 1.st Instant, until the pleasure of Government is known.—

(Signed) R. Barclay
Depy Adjt. Genl. in Mysore.

Extracts from the Orders issued by the Honble Colo. Wellesley

Camp near Sultan Pett. 21.st March 1800.

The European and Native Flanks Companies are to return into the Garrison of Seringapatam, and join their respective Corps tomorrow morning.—

Captain

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Captain Tomkyns's Company of Artillery. the Gun Lascars of the 1.st Battalion of Artillery. the Store Lascars. Pioneers. and all individuals belonging to the Garrison of Seringapatam, are likewise to return last tomorrow morning.

The Ordnance excepting two Guns and Two Tumbrils. all the Store Carts. and all the Stores and Ammunition now with the Detachment. excepting that attached to Corps not ordered into Garrison. and thirty Loads which are to be handed over to the Officer commanding the 1.st of the 12.th. are to be sent into the Garrison of Seringapatam tomorrow morning and given over to the Commissary of Stores..

The 2.d Regiment of cavalry. the 2.d Battalion 3.d Regiment. the 1.st Batt.n 12.th Regiment and the two Six pounders and their Tumbrils. will cross the River tomorrow

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tomorrow morning by the Chingall and Carriget Fords - and will incamp on ground which will be pointed out to them by the Deputy Quarter Master General.-

Major Mandeville will this evening send an Officer, and a Detachment of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, and Gun Lascars from the Garrison of Seringapatam to be attached to the Guns and Tumbrils ordered to be left in Camp.

Mr Gordon will take measures for Victualling this Detachment of Artillery According to instructions which he will receive.-

Corps and Individuals who in Consequence of being ordered to the Field, received Tents, Lascars, and Carriage, on will dispose of them according to the Regulations of Government.

The Staff and Medical

Appointments

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Appointments to the European and Native Flank Companies, are discontinued from tomorrow.-

Seringapatam 22nd March 1800

The 1st Battalion 12th Regiment and 5 Companies of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment, Two Guns and Tumbrils with Artillery attached, are to march tomorrow morning under the Orders of Lieutenant Colonel Tolfrey - according to instructions which he will receive from Colonel Wellesley.-

The Remainder of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment likewise march tomorrow morning towards Chittledroog.-

Captain Colebrooke to Accompany Lieutenant Colonel Tolfrey.

A Detachment of Pioneers consisting of an European Officer, and fifty men will cross the River in the course of this Afternoon, and will place themselves under

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under the Orders of Lieutenant Colonel Tolfrey.—

Seringapatam 23d March 1800

A Detachment consisting of an European Officer, and fifty Native Troops —

from the Garrison Seringapatam to be pre=pared to proceed with Colonel Wellesley to the Malabar Coast.

The Officer will indent upon the Stores of Seringapatam for Tents &c. — and upon Captain Barclay for Carriage.—

The Gentlemen of the Staff — proceeding to the Malabar Coast, will indent upon Captain Macintire for Tents, and upon Captain Barclay for Carriage.—

Lieutenant Billingham of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment will proceed with the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment to Chittle=-droog and join his Corps.—

/Signed/ R. Barclay
Depy Adjt Genl in Mysore.—

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From the Offic. Commanding in Mysore. Requests that one Mahomedally may be included in the List of Pensioners -

The Secretary of Government

Sir

I inclose the Extract of a letter which I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Close. It appears to be proper that an allowance should be granted to Mahomedally.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.

Seringapatam
March 25th 1800

/Signed/ Arthur Wellesley
Colonel.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Close to the Honorable Colonel Wellesley dated Mysore 22d March 1800

I take occasion to mention the case of Mahomedally (Son of Abdul Ghuffur Brother of the late Nabob Reza Sahib) who lost his father some years since and though so nearly connected with the late Sultan, has been left without any provision and is consequently in great distress - as his claims to attention seem to have never come under the Notice of the Commissioners. I would suggest that an allowance should be

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be made to him from the family fund.—

(A true Extract)

Minutes thereon

The Board entirely approve the several Arrangements Reported in the Honorable Colonel Wellesley's Letter of the 23d Ultimo.—

In respect to Sera, as it appears to be a Situation utterly unsuited for a permanent cantonment of cavalry the intention should certainly be relinquished, Resolved therefore to desire Colonel Wellesley to report his opinion of the expediency of Cantoning the Regiment at Bangalore; and that he will in the mean while issue such orders as he may judge proper for the disposal of the Second Regiment of Cavalry.

The Board confirm the several orders transmitted by Colonel Wellesley.

Resolved that the Resident in Mysore be instructed to make such a provision for Mahomed Ally, as he shall judge suited to his Rank, and the Amount charged to the fund

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Fund provided for the Support of the families of Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun.

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General.

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General — Reports on certain Retrenchments — Against the Chief Engineer during the former War — Reports on the Statement of Carriage required for the Provision — Department with the Subsidiary Force at Hyderabad — Reports on the employment of Meala Carts for the use of the — European Troops at Masulipatam —

1 In consequence of the directions signified in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 27th Ultimo respecting the application contained in a Letter from the Chief Engineer relative to certain Retrenchments against him in the Accounts of Mr. George Hoar Paymaster to the Army under Earl Cornwallis in Mysore. I have the honor to report that the grounds upon which that Retrenchment was made and confirmed, were, that the Authority for the charge in question, exceeding the usual rates, had not been produced, but as it is stated by

Major

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Major General Ross that had he known, before quitting this Country in 1793 to return to Europe, that such Authority was required, he should have had no difficulty in obtaining it from the Marquis Cornwallis, then in India, and as he founds a claim to the remission of the Retrenchment upon the comparative Statement inclosed in his Letter, by which it appears, that the Establishment fixed by Government for the Chief Engineer during the late Service against Seringapatam exceeded that charged by him on a similar occasion, it will rest with your Lordship in Council to determine how far he may be entitled under these circumstances to favorable inconsideration.—

2 Having examined the statement of Carriage proposed for the provision Department with the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad, I am of opinion that it is necessary for the Establishment of Europeans now composing a part of that force.—

3 In regard to the Application for

water,

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water Carts for the use of the European Troops at Masulipatam in the proportion of three to each Company. I have the honor to report, that such an allowance was formerly made, under the Authority of Government to the officer commanding the Northern Division of the Army dated 9th April 1795, on account of the distance whence water was to be brought from the Pettah for the use of the European Troops at that Station, and as such an Allowance appears to be no less necessary at this time from the urgent manner in which the Commanding Officer has stated the Subject, I have only to recommend, that it may be granted, conditionally, that the charge for Buckalies is to be at the same time discontinued, and that the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division should be desired to state whether water Carts are required for the whole year, or only during the hot Season, According to which the charge may be admitted under the Authority of his

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Countersignature to the Bill, and that when the carts are discharged, Puchallies may be again drawn for, in the proportion established by the Regulations of the Service.—

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

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

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General Reports the final Adjustment of the Accounts of Mr. H. Taylor late Paymaster in the Circars.—

I have the honor to report that the Accounts of Mr. Harry Taylor former Paymaster and Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Ellore &c. have been finally Adjusted as follows.—

Amount of Retrenchments in the Pay Department	3381. 22. 73.
Expended for the Corresponding periods	2471. 7. 66
Balance outstanding Pay Department	910. 15. 1.—
Amount of Retrenchments as Deputy Commissary &c.	533. 27. 38.—
Total outstanding in both Departments	1444. " 45

which the Military Paymaster General has been instructed

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instructed to recover and to place to the credit of the Honorable Company.-

Of the latter Sum Pagodas 56.31.55. is on Account of certain Articles of Provisions Shipped by the Deputy Commissary on the Honorable Company's Schooner Mary for which a proper voucher signed by the late Mr Topping has been produced; should therefore your Lordship be pleased to Admit of that Sum being Debited to General Books the net Balance to be paid by Mr Taylor will be Pagodas 1387.10.70.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Wm Sydenham

Mily Audr. Genl.

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Resolutions on the above letters

Resolved that the charges of Major General Ross referred to the Military Auditor General on the 27.th Ultimo be passed on that Officers Observation of his Honor that the charges were Actually incurred on Account of the public Service

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Resolved to Authorize the employment of the carriage recommended for the use of the Provision department with the Subsidiary Force at Hydrabad; and that the Authority be given to the officer Commanding the Northern Division for the employment of water Carts under the restrictions recommended by the Military Auditor General.

The Board Approve the Auditor General's Adjustment of the Retrinchments against the late Paymaster at Ellore.

Resolved that the charge of Pags 56.31.55. in Mr Taylors Accounts be transferred to the General Books, and that Mr Taylor be relieved of it.

Read the following letters from the Accountant General.

From the Accountant General Reports on the Exchange in Mysore and in the Provinces of Canara and Soondah.

Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government

Sir

I am honored with your Letter of the 20th Instant

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Instant with the Papers enclosed, relative to the Exchange of the Bahadry Pagoda in Mysore and in the Provinces of Canara and Soondah.

On a careful Perusal of the Collectors letters, the Arguments he brings forward appear well founded, and sufficiently to Authorize his fixing the Exchange in the Province of Canara for the Bahadry Pagoda at four Surat Rupees, from a comparison with which he observes the Exchange of all other coins in that Country have always been calculated.

The Bombay Government on the representation of their Commanding Officer request that the pay to their Troops may be issued according to the valuation of the local coins current in the Country. the Collector asserts the Bahadry Pagoda to have long been used as the Current Coin, and always valued at four Surat Rupees, from which it would appear there could be no objection to the Bombay Troops receiving it at that rate in Canara altho' it might differ with the exchange in

Malabar

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Malabar, and perhaps it may not be practicable to fix a Standard in different Provinces by which to Regulate the Exchange of particular Coins, they are liable to bear a higher Valuation in one Province than in Another, as illustrated by Colonel Close in his letter to Government of 9th March, wherein he observes the Bahadry Pagoda in the Provinces of Canara and Soonda pass at a much higher Rate than at Seringapatam.

I am therefore of opinion the Bahadry Pagoda should be issued to the Bombay Troops in Canara at the Exchange fixed by the Collector, being four Surat Rupees for the Bahadry Pagoda, and by which the Exchange for all other Coins there can be regulated.

With respect to the Exchange between the Bahadry and Star Pagoda, it also appears the Reasons adduced by the Collector are well grounded.

The Exchange fixed at Seringapatam by the late Commander in Chief of 108 Star Pagodas for

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for 100 Bahadry Pagodas Appears to have been only a temporary Measure, or directs to have effect for a Complete year, and Colonel Close observes "it is certain the Price of the Bahadry Pagoda "relatively to the Star Pagoda at Seringapatam is "too low" and "to raise the Price of Bahadry Pago= "das at Seringapatam would only be a matter of "Justice."

I would therefore beg leave to recom= =mend that the grounds on which the Exchange at Seringapatam was fixed at 8 ℘ Cent for the Bahadry and Star Pagoda might be revised, and if it is found that the Bahadry Pagoda bore a higher relative Value to the Star Pagoda than was formerly Supposed, the rate of Exchange might be altered accordingly, and that in the mean time the paymaster at Seringapatam should be directed to pass his bills to the Collec= =tor at the Exchange pointed out by the latter, being at the rate of 7 Bahadry to 8 Star

Pagodas

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Pagodas, or 12 ½ per cent on the Star Pagodas, and either issue them at that Rate to the Troops, or to bring the difference between the Rate paid by the Collector and that established at Seringapatam, under the head of "Batta" in his Accounts, and perhaps it may be found Advisable on a Revision of the Rate formerly established, for Government to fix the Exchange for the future at Seringapatam at the same Rate as stated by the Collector.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Acct Genl

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Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Accountant General - Reports the Amount of Rajah Serfoguis Receipts to the late Resident Mr Macleod together with the Amount of Mr Macleods receipts to the Rajah — Amer Sing —

Agreeable to your Letter of the 27th Ultimo. I have the honor to Report for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council on the receipts of his Excellency

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Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr. Macleod the late Resident, as also on the Copies of Mr. Macleods receipts to his Excellency Rajah Amer Sing.—

It will be seen by the Account I have the honor to enclose that the Residents receipts Amount to Pagodas 33989. 33. 56. and the Rajahs to Pagodas 33189. 11. 10. the former exceeding the latter in the Sum of Pag.s 800. 22. 46.

Some of the Residents receipts not having Specified the exchange for the Star Pagoda they have been taken at the Average rate of the other receipts [redacted]g at 23½ Tanjore fanams for the Star Pagoda.

The receipts are returned to you inclosed.

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I have the honor to be
D.r Sir
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Acct Gen.l

Rajah's

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Rajah's Receipts

No. of Vouchers	Amount S. Pagodas	f.	b.	Remarks
1	1.660	"	"	.....
2	3.487	16	75	.....
3	4.347	19	"	.....
4	2.168	"	40	.....
5	2.162	3	60	.....
6	1.114	5	60	.....
7	2.168	"	40	.....
8	2.728	7	40	.....
9	3.000	"	"	.....
10	1.000	"	"	.....
11	430	2	40	.....
12	569	20	15	.....
13	638	7	"	.....
14	500 "	"	"	.....
15	2.728 "	7	40	.....
16	3.000 "	"	"	.....
17	1.000 "	"	"	.....
18	488 "	4	"	.....
	33.189	11	10	

Resident's Receipts

No. of Vouchers	Amount S. Pagodas	f.	b.	Remarks
1	1.660	"	"	.....
2	3.487	16	75	
3	4.255	7	40	No Exchange being specified Average of 2 3/4
4	2.127	15	40	..... Do
5	2.162	3	60	
6	1.114	5	60	
7	2.728	7	40	
8	636	12	42	..... Do
9	3.063	19	40	..... Do
10	2.127	15	40	..... Do
11	1.063	19	40	..... Do
12	1.999	22	55	
13	3.966	9	15	
14	1.000	"	"	
15	499	22	70	
16	600	"	"	
17	1499	23	9	
	33.989	33	56	Deduct Mr. Amount of the Receipts of the
	33.189	11	10	Rajah of Tanjore.
Star Pag.s	800	22	46	Differance. the Residents Receipts exceeding those of the Rajah of Tanjore

Errors Excepted

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/Signed/ Robert Wolf
Acc.t General

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Minute on Mr. Woolf's letter of the 25th ultimo.—

The Board were desirous that the Accountant General should have postponed his report on the exchange in Mysoor and in the provinces of Canara and Soondah, until by a Communication with the Resident and Collector he might be enabled to state the practicability of reducing it to a fixed standard. Resolved therefore to direct Mr. Woolf to Communicate with those Gentlemen on the Subject.

Mr. Woolf's letter of the 1st Instant to lie on the Table

Ordered that Mr. Woolf's Letter relative to the Tanjour Receipts to lie on the Table.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council

From the Chief Engineer. States that he Constructed some Gun Carriages of a particular Construction at a former period and requests that he may be remunerated in the Amount. Encloses different Papers explaining the Circumstance of the Case.—

My Lord

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship the Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, whereby he signified to me the

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the Board's Approbation of three Models. I had the
honor to present for Gun Carriages on a new Construc-
tion; and directed that one of each, should be —
made on the great Scale; which was accordingly
done; when they were so much approved on Tryal.
that it was determined to send the Court way
Carriage, the Limber with a moveable Pintail and
the Screw Gain, to Europe with me.

I attended the Tryal made of them at
Woolwich by a Committee of Field Officers of the —
Royal Artillery Assembled for that purpose, by order
of the Master General of the Ordnance — a copy
of their Report I have the honor herewith to inclose;
together with the Experiments made on the Occasion.

In my Letter to Sir Charles Oakely
before I went home Explanatory of the purposes to
which they were to be Applied, I had the honor
to state that the Expence attending these Improve-
ments, ascertained with as much accuracy as
the nature of the undertaking would admit, —
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Amounted to Pagodas 1200. which, I hoped, he would be pleased to direct to be reimbursed. and for which there was an 18 Pounder Garrison Carriage on the new construction, Three improved 6 pounder Covert way Carriages. and a well constructed Mortar Cart. whose strength had been most thoroughly Tried in bringing the large Stones for the Observatory from the Hill: But to this my Attornies received no answer.

The Screw Coin and Lumber not being then in readiness were omitted in the Letter although afterwards embarked and reported upon by the Officers of the Royal Artillery.

As the carriage to Admit of the Parapet being kept entire to the height of five feet, two of the Covert way Carriages and the Mortar Cart. are still in the Gun Carriage Yard. I hope, your Lordship will be pleased to direct their being received on the Books and Returns of the Arsenal. and as all these

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Improvments were made at the Expence of the late Mr Topping and myself that you will be pleased to permit the Administrators of Mr Topping to present a Bill for the Amount that the Accounts may be adjusted

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

/Signed/ Patrick Ross

Chief Engineer, M. G.

Fort St George
27th March 1800

Extract of a Letter from Mr Secretary Chamier to Lieutenant Colonel Ross Chief Engineer, Dated 18th January 1786.—

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters. dated 24th Ultimo 5th and 7th Instant and to inform you that they Approve the 3 Models of Guns Carriages, which you have presented to them; and desire you will prepare one of each, on a great Scale, as you have proposed.—

I am &c &c

/Signed/ John Chamier Secy

/a true Copy/ Patrick Ross

Colonel

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Colonel Ross

Harley Street

Sir

I have the Board's Commands to reply to your Letter of the 2nd Instant, and to Acquaint you that a Committee of Field Officers of the Royal Artillery, are ordered to assemble at Woolwich on monday next, the 7th Instant, for the purpose of making Trials of the Merits of the Gun Carriage, Screw Coin, and Limber which have been used in India, and to report their opinion upon the merits and utility of each.

I am &c &c

/Signed/ R H Crew
Secy

Office of Ordnance
3 September 1795

Colonel Ross

Harley Street

Sir

I have the Board's directions to transmit for your information, the enclosed Reports from a Committee of Field Officers of the Royal Artillery

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Artillery, who were Assembled at Woolwich by the Board's direction, to make trials of the Gun Carriage, Screw Coin, and Limber, mentioned in your Letter of the 2d instant, addressed to Major General Ross, and have the honor to be.

Jr.a Jr.a

Office of Ordnance
15th September 1795

/Signed/ R.W Crew
Secy

The Right Honorable the Master General and
Principal Officers of His Majestys Ordnance
My Lord & Honble Gentlemen

The Colonels and
Field Officers of the Royal
Regiment of Artillery as
named in the Margin
having Assembled in consequence
of your orders of the 3d Instant
to report upon a Gun Carriage
Screw coin and Limber which have
been used in India, and which has been
tried

Major Genl. Farrington
Paterson
Lieut.t Colonels { Fead, Blomefield, Lawson, Fage, Douglas.
Majors { Grant, Macleod

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tried in their presence, they are of opinion that the Carriage appears to Answer its Intention perfectly well, but it is more expensive in its Construction than other Similar Contrivance, which we are already in possession of The Screw Coin has already been laid before them, and reported upon the 3d November 1790 (a Copy of which I have the honor to inclose,) and they still continue of the same opinion concerning it.

With respect to the Limber they consider it as liable to difficulty and danger of crushing the Men's Hands in Limbering up Quick; and the objection of the Pintail of the old pattern Limbers being liable to break has been obviated in a more Simple manner in those Lately introduced into the Service.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Farington

Major Genl

Woolwich
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His Grace the Duke of Richmond

&c &c &c

My Lord

In obedience to your grace's command,
we have taken into Consideration Mr. Topping's Papers and
Drawings explaining his Method of elevating heavy
Cannon by means of a Sliding Coin; whereby the
Piece is brought to the requisite Elevation, with
much greater ease, certainly and expedition than
the usual way with Handspikes, to raise and
lower the Breech. We have already had the honor
of observing to your Grace, that the Idea of a
Sliding Coin is not new; it having long ago, been
applied to the German and French Field Artillery,
and has been described in late authors on Artillery,
viz. Scheele and Montalembert as well as on
several Models now in our possession, Similar
principle with Mr. Toppings; this Circumstance
however as well as the various contrivances for
effecting the same purpose, which we have so

lately

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lately examined and Reported upon to your Grace, we are persuaded have never come under this Gentleman's Notice, and of course, cannot detract from Mr Topping's Merit as an Inventor, but as we still remain of opinion that Serjeant Bell's method of moving the Coin without a Screw or making any Alteration necessary in the Carriage which it is applied to, together with its great Simplicity, and Small expence, renders it preferable to any other which has yet come before us.

We Apprehend your Grace may deem it unnecessary, that we should enter into a minute discussion of Mr. Topping's ingenious Invention - We beg leave however to observe that Mr. Topping in the discription of his Coin considers it merely as first Assay, carried into Execution, when he had neither sufficient leisure nor Opportunity, to digest and pursue the subject so fully as he wished to do, and therefore he things may

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may not be without several Imperfections, some of
of which he very candidly points out himself, as
well as the remedies; but as Mr. Topping pur-
poses to prosecute this Object when he has more
Leisure to attend to it, We would wish to Suggest
to your Grace whether it might not be for the good
of the public Service, If the East India Company
were furnished with a Model of Serjeant Bells
moveable Coin, as it may save a considerable ex-
pence to the Company if they think proper to
adopt it, instead of Mr. Topping's Coin in its
present state, and at the same time, by suggesting new Ideas to
that ingenious Gentleman may eventually prove the means of
producing yet further Improvements upon moveable Coins.

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

/Signed/ Benjn. Stehelin .. Colonel
" Duncan Drummond. Colonel
" John Williamson. Lieut.t Colonel
" Peter Fraille ... Lieut.t Colonel
" William Johnston. Lieut.t Colonel
" William Borthwick. Major
" Edward Williams. Major
" Wm. O. Huddleston - Major
/Signed/ Patrick Ross.

Woolwich
3. November 1790

Experiments

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Experiments with the Court way Carriage from Madras, with a Brass Six pounder Weighing 4 cwt 2 qr 3. and four feet Six Inches long - Range - Yards - Platforms Wood. inclined. Woolwich 31st August 1795.

Nos.	Weight of Charge	Weight of Common Shot	Weight of Shot & Sabot	Round Shot	Shot strait to the Right	Shot strait to the Left	Fell Under	Fell Over	Remarks
	Cwt. qr.	lbs.	oz.		Yds. ft. in.	Yds. ft. in.	Yds. ft. in.	Yds. ft. in.	
1	1 1/2	1 1/2.	6	27					
2	Do.	Do.	Do.	3.11			0. 2. 6.	0 4. 0	Through the Target
3	Do.	Do.	Do.	4.0			0. 4. 4.		
							0. 2. 0.	0. 0. 6.	

/Signed/ Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer

To the Honorable Sir Charles Oakely Bart.
Governor in Council

Honorable Sir,

The Honorable Board having been pleased on the 18th January 1786. to approve of Three Models for Gun Carriages, which I had the honor to lay before them, and to desire I might execute them on the great Scale.—

From which period the object has been prosecuted as opportunities have offered from my other avocations and the Duties of the Field; and I have now the pleasure to acquaint

You

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you there are in readiness a Garrison Carriage for an Iron 18 Pounder according to the first model so as constructed as to admit of the parapets being kept entire to the height of five feet with the Advantage of preserving the same direction of fire on the approaches of the Besiegers as well by night as by day.—

The Second model was designed for Guns towards the Sea, intended to Traverse sufficiently quick to do successful execution on ships under sail, whilst it retains all the Advantages of that beforementioned, with respect to height of parapet and accuracy of direction at fixt objects, of these several have been executed, for the Sea Line, by the Contractors.

The third, was of a covered way carriage for Employing Guns to check the Progress of the Enemy's safe, without Risk to the People in the covered Way, by firing over the crest of the Glacis, and without exposing either Man or Gun except

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except in the very Instant of directing and firing it
on preparing to execute it. I foresaw
much inconveniance and difficulty in so large a Trail
and in managing and Casting, in this Country, so
great an Iron Counterpoise as the model Required.
which induced me to avail myself of Mr Toppings
Mechanic Abilities to obviate the inconveniance
that would have resulted from the carriage being
executed on the great Scale, exact to the Model.
and he has, after a variety of experiments, and
much Labour succeeded very happily in fulfilling
the Intention.

"The expence Attending these Improve-
ments ascertained with as much accuracy as
the Nature of the undertaking would admit,
amounts to Pagodas 1200 which I hope you
will be pleased to direct may be reimbursed,
for which there is an 18 Pounder Garrison
Carriage on the new construction, Three Improved
6 Pounder Covered way Carriages, and a well

Constructed

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Constructed. Mortar Cart. whose Strength has been most throughly tried, in bringing the large Stones for the observatory from the Hills"

I cannot conclude this address — without desiring to bear Testimony to the Ingenuity and Ability of Mr. Topping in the prosecution of this Business which has necessarily engaged much of his time and attention, and I hope the Board — will approve my giving him that credit with them which his Exertions therein so well deserve — and I shall think myself sufficiently rewarded if I should receive your Approbation for having introduced into this Service the improved and what I think the most perfect Gun Carriages yet known. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
/Signed/ Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
18th February 1793

A true Copy

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to receive on the books of the Arsenal the

Resolution thereon.

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the Carriages and Mortar last stated to be in the Gun Carriage yard, if approved on inspection and that they do report their opinion of Major General Ross's claim to reimbursement for the Gun Carriages Constructed by him.—

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to the Government at Fort William.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Government at Bengal. Requests to be furnished with information regarding the Consumption of Spirits at this Presidency with a View to supplying the demand from Bengale

The Board of Trade at this Presidency having Represented to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, that the produce of the Companys Distillery for Rum in Bengal, may probably be sufficiently great to afford a considerable proportion, if not the whole, of the Supplies of that Article, required at the Subordinate Presidencies. I am directed by his Lordship in Council to desire, that you will communicate to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, His

Lordship's

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Lordship's request, that an Estimate of the Annual Quantity required at Fort St. George, may be prepared and Transmitted to this Presidency, with as little delay as possible; and that the degree of Proof at which the Liquor is usually given out for expenditure, may be stated in the Estimate.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Fort William
the 14th March 1800

/Signed/ D.A. Crommelin
Secy to Govt pub. Dept

Order thereon

Ordered that the Military Board be directed to furnish the information required by the Governor General in Council relative to the quantity and quality of Bengal Rum required for the consumption of the Troops on this Establishment

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Military Paymaster General. Encloses the Copy of a letter from Mr H. Taylor and requests to know whether he may accept the Security of Mr R. Clerke for a Retrenchment amounting to Pgs 675.4.39. Against Mr Taylor

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter from Mr H.J. Taylor late Paymaster in the Circars in which he requests that the security of Mr Robert Clerke may be taken for the Sum of Pagodas 675.4.39 due by the Estate of the late Dr Adderton, as he had asked that Major Clerke might be called upon by the Honorable the Court of Directors to refund it I request you will be pleased to have his Lordship's Commands whether I am to take Mr Robert Clerke Security for the Sum.—

I have the honor to be
Sir Your

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/Signed/ Benjn Roebuck

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqre

Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir

When I called upon you this Morning to

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to tender the Sum I am required by Military Audit to refund, you informed me that in the Accounts of Another Paymaster, Mr. Wynch, I stood Debtor Pags. 214. 17. 40. as I am totally ignorant from whence this Balance arises and as I never have till this time been called upon for the Amount I urged to you the hardship of being at this late period held Answerable, for what others had thought proper to charge to my debit, since upon such principle it were as reasonable to require me to pay One Lac of Pagodas as the Sum in question.—

Adhering to your resolution that I must in the first Instance refund and trust to the future settlement of the Account for repayment, I am obliged to comply and shall leave instructions with my Attornies to recover back this Sum so soon as you have convinced yourself that

Mr.

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Mr. Wynch had no right to pass it to my Debit.

I accordingly hand you, on the Above Account Pgs 214.17.40

on account of Military refund 1140.2.15

Due by the Estate of the late Dr. Adderton .. 675.4.39

For the last mentioned sum the Attorney to the late Dr. Adderton's representative requested that Major Clerke might be called upon to pay it and Mr. Robert Clerke offers his own personal security or any other that may be required in addition to my own that it is repaid.

I trust therefore you will furnish me with the usual Certificate that I may procure permission to return to Europe.

I have the honor to be

D.r Sir

/Signed/ Hy Taylor

late Paymr in the Circars.

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Resolution thereon -

Resolved that the Paymaster General be permitted to accept the Security of Mr. Robert Clerk for the above Retrenchment against Mr. Taylor Pagodas 675. 4. 39.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Military Male Orphan Asylum.-

Isaak Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Secretary to the Military Male Orphan Asylum forwards a Register of the Boys in the Male Asylum.-

By desire of the Right Honorable the President, Vice Presidents and Directors of the Military Male Orphan Asylum, I have the Honor to transmit to you a Register of the Boys in

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in the Asylum, to be forwarded to the
Court of Directors.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Servant.
/ Signed / W. Shaw
Secretary
My Mt. On. Sm.

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Register

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Honorable Companys Service -

From the 1.st September 1792.

at which period I took charge of the Military Paymastership of Fort St. George, I have not, nor do I now carry on any Commerce, directly or &.
indirectly, that has not been or is not immediately connected with the contract that I hold for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India; nor am I directly or indirectly the private &.
Agent for any person or persons, except so &.
so far as regards the Victualling His Majesty's Ships; nor am I security for any other Contract than that entered into by Messrs. Roebuck &.
Abbott & Co. with your Lordship on the 10.th December 1799 for the delivery of a certain Quantity of Coast Salt at Calcutta, which if necessary can easily be done away by &.
Messrs Roebuck Abbott & Co. Substituting a Security in my stead -

I have now Officiated as Naval Contractor

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Contractor for upwards of seven years, and I
cannot quit it, without giving the Commander
in Chief of His Majestys Ships in India, one
years previous notice of my intention so to do

It was not till the fourth or
fifth year, after constant and daily Labour,
that I was able to bring matters to that per-
fection, so as to secure to His Majestys Ships
a regular Supply of Provisions, of the best
possible Quality; and having reason to think
that I have given Satisfaction to the Comman-
-der in Chief and that the regular manner
in which my Accounts are kept, have met
with the Approbation of the Honorable the
Commissioners for Victualling His Majestys
Navy, it would ill become me, and I am
persuaded would not meet the Approbation
of your Lordship, were I to give up the
Contract at this crisis, when my services are
so much wanted, and indeed I could not
without

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without the greatest injury to myself/ indepen=
=dant of the notice just alluded to, as necessary
to be given to the Commander in Chief of His
Majesty's Ships in India/ for with the view of
Securing to His Majesty's Ships, a continuance
of their being supplied with the best Articles,
and in a regular and prompt manner, I have
been, and am now engaged in building very
extensive Bakeries, and Store Houses, which
will Amount to a very large Sum of money;
and those buildings will ultimately be of
great publick utility and enable me to do
justice to the confidence reposed in me —

It must be Admitted, that there does not exist upon record, one complaint, of my attention to my Navy concerns, ever having prevented me from doing my duty as Paymaster of Fort St. George, on the contrary, except from indisposition, I never was absent from my Office when my Attendance was there required.

My

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My holding the Navy Constract,
so far from being of disservice to the Honorable
Company. has been of infinite use to them during
the present War; as they have been repeatedly &
supplied with provisions from my Stores, which
they could not command from their own, &
or the market - Were I at liberty to give up the
Contract, the time your Lordship has limitted
for me to close my concerns, and then to take
the oath as proposed, is by no means adequate,
for instead of four months mentioned to me
by your Lordship, I do not expect to be able
finally to adjust my accounts with the &
Victualling Board, under four years, owing to
their press of business during the War and which
will continue for some time after Peace shall
have been established —

The holding a Contract with &
the Victualling Board for the public Service,
must I humbly imagine be considered in a
very

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very different light from being concerned in a private
House of Commerce and Agency; and your Lordship
will readily conceive, that the Victualling of His
Majesty's squadron which is committed to my
Superintendance is the business of the Nation, and
of the utmost national moment.

Having explained to your Lord-
-ship the line to which I have hitherto restricted
myself, and which I purpose pursuing, so long
as I hold the Paymastership, I have now only
to add, that in case your Lordship is of opi-
-nion that my holding the Navy Victualling
Contract, disqualifies me from acting as
Paymaster of Fort St. George, I dare not hesitate
a moment in declaring to your Lordship, the
indispensible necessity I am reduced to, of
adhering to the former, and am ready to deliver
over charge of the Paymasters Office, to
any one your Lordship may be pleased
to nominate.-

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I have the honor to be.
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Basil Cochrane.-

Fort St. George
28th March 1800

Minute and &c.
Resolutions thereon

Under the circumstance of Mr. &c.
Cochranes engagement for the supply of provisions
for the use of His Majesty's Navy in India; and
of the permanent principle on which the Board
have Resolved to restrict the public Officers of
this Government from all commercial concerns,
there can be no doubt that Mr. Cochrane's reten-
tion of the Office of Military Paymaster at
Fort St. George is incompatible with the resolution
of the Board, and as it is impracticable for &c.
Mr. Cochrane to make such an Adjustment of
his Accounts as to enable him to take the Oath &c.
prescribed by the Board, Resolved to express the
Board's Approbation of the promptness with which
Mr. Cochrane has declared his choice.-

Resolved farther to express the &c.
Board's approbation of the readiness with which

Mr.

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Mr. Cochrane has at all times endeavoured to promote the public Service by an Accommodation of the provisions which his Situation as Naval Contractor has enabled him to supply to the Company's Government.

Mr. Rowley to Succeed Mr. Cochrane in the Appointment of Military Paymaster

Resolved that Mr. John Rowley be appointed to succeed Mr. Cochrane in the Appointment of Military Paymaster.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General Authorizing the Sum of Pagodas to be issued on Account of the General Estimate for the Month of April.—

1 I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 26.th Instant, inclosing for examination the General Estimate for the Month of April 1800. and to report, that the Sum of three Lacks, Fifty four thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Eight

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Eight Pagodas, Forty fanams and four cash v. /Pagodas 3,54.228.40.4./ is required for the payment of such Military Charges, as become due on the 1st of the ensuing Month, and issuable as follows Viz.t

	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	2,09,117.	7. 44
By Bills on the Military Paymaster Gen.l	1,45,111.	32. 40.
Pagodas	354.228.	40. 4.

2 As the Sum included by the Paymaster at Trichinopoly on Account of Company's Allowances to His Majestys 19.th Regiment of Light Dragoons, v. and Five Companies of the 74.th Regiment of Foot, appears to exceed the probable Monthly Disbursements to those Corps, I have deducted Two thousand Pagodas (Pag.s 2000..) from his v. Estimate; as well as Pagodas Four Hundred v. /Pagodas 400..) from the Sum of Two Thousand four hundred Pagodas / Pagodas 2,400..) on Account of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, which I v. presume have been included on the expectation of

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Indents, for removing the remainder of the Ordnance and stores, from Tanjore to Trichinopoly, and am of opinion that the above Sum will be found equal to meet such demands, as are likely to occur on that Account in the ensuing Month —

3 I have also deducted for similar reasons ℞ Five hundred Pagodas / Pagodas 500 - - / from the Sum ℞ included by the Paymaster at Madura on Account of a Detachment of His Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons employed in the Tinnevelly Province —

4 On Comparing the Estimate of the Paymaster at Masulipatam with his Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for February, an Error of Eighty ℞ Pagodas and Six fanams / Pagodas 80. 6. - - / appears in the former, in stating the balance on hand, which Sum has Accordingly been deducted from that Estimate —

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ W. Sydenham

Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
31st March 1800

In consequence of the foregoing report ordered that the Sum of Two Lacks, Nine Thousand, ℞ One

The Sum of Pagodas 2.09117. 7. 44. to be issued on account of the general estimate for April. —

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one hundred, and Seventeen Pagodas seven fanams & forty four cash / Pagodas 209.117. 7.44 / be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General estimate, inclosed in his letter of the 25.th Ultimo.-

Ordering an Advance of 700 Pagodas to Major of Brigade Lambton.-

Ordered that the Sum of Seven hundred / 700 / Pagodas be Advanced to Major of Brigade Lambton on Account of the expences of his Survey, and that the Amount be debited to the Resident in Mysore.-

Colonel George Roberts permitted to proceed to Europe and the highest commendation bestowed on his character.-

Resolved that Colonel George Roberts be permitted to proceed to Europe by the Ships under dispatch on furlough.-

The ability, judgement, and zeal displayed by Colonel Roberts in Situations of great delicacy & and importance have already obtained the warmest expression of the public approbation and gratitude of the Governments in India, and the Board will have the greatest pleasure in recommending the Conspicuous and meritorious Services of that Officer to the Honorable Court of Directors-

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The pensions of the pensioned Officers of His Majestys Regiment De Meuron to be paid in this Country until the pleasure of the Court of Directors relative to the Adjustment of the Account shall be known.

The Board having considered the case of the Two pensioned Officers of His Majestys Regiment De Meuron who have been permitted to remain in India, Resolve to direct that the Amount of their pensions shall be paid by the Paymaster of Extraordinaries; but as no provision is made for this Case in the existing relations between the Crown and the Company, Resolved that the final adjustment of the Account be referred to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

The death of Lieutenant John Ponsonby reported.

The Secretary Reports the death of Lieutenant John Ponsonby of the 16.th Regiment of Native Infantry on the 25.th March 1800.—

" Clive

" Wm Pitt

" Ch Fallofield

Comp.d Chas Dick

Fort St. George. April 1800

Diary.

Received the following Letters

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

1st My Lord, We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letters, under date the 19th. 26th. 27th. and 28th. March with their several Enclosures.

2d We are fully sensible that the Pay of the Native writers employed in the different public Offices is greater than either their acquirements or the nature of the duties they perform may seem to require, a circumstance which we attribute in a great measure to the extensive employment and liberal encouragement afforded to that Class of people by the mercantile houses established at this Presidency, but under the operation of the detailed Regulations transmitted by your Lordship's orders for observance in the Military Board Office, we confidently hope that the object proposed by them will be fully attained.

3d It appearing on examination of the accounts

From the Military Board. They hope that the orders with which they were lately furnished in regard to writers will be carried into full effect. State that the deficiencies arising from wastage in the Department of the late Commissary of Grain to the Army is so considerable, that they do not consider themselves at liberty to exonerate Major Hart from responsibility on that account without further orders for that purpose. The Returns required by the Military Board at Fort William will be prepared without delay. Recommend that application may be made to the Court of Directors for six English Stallions for the use of the Stud. Enclose the bills of the Superintendant of the Stud amounting to Pagodas 7736

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accounts of the late Commissary of Grain to the Army that the deficiencies, stated to have arisen from wastage and Loss, on Rice and Gram received, purchased, and issued by him from the Month of February to September 1799 inclusive, amounts on the total receipt of Garce 4.38. Mercalls 220, Seers 11, of Rice, to 77 Garce, 341 Mercalls 3 Seers, on Garce 48, Mercalls 77 of Coast Gram, to 377 Mercalls 2 Seers, and on Garce 44 Mercalls 277 of " Bengal Gram, to 37 Mercalls, and Major Hart having applied for a Certificate that the Military Board office has no claim upon him on the above account, we deem it necessary to request your Lordships instructions on the Subject - At the same time it is proper to report to your Lordship in Council, that Certificates of Committees of Survey on the Rice have been forwarded for the " whole of the deficiency with the exception of 17 Garce 129 Mercalls and 9 Seers, stated to have been taken by the Enemy and lost in the Jungle, but that no " Certificates of the same kind have been produced regarding the wastage on the Article of Gram, which, however,

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amounts only to 1 1/16 ℔ Cent. We have also been informed by the Military Auditor General, that the Quantity of Rice, said to have been taken by the Enemy and lost in the " Jungle, viz.t 17. 129. 1. G.m S. has been paid for by the Bullock " Mastrics agreeably to the orders of Government to his Office under date the 10th. October 1799, and it appears by an " abstract Statement of the Accounts of the Commissary of Grain laid before us by our Accountant, that a further " quantity of 363 Mercalls 1 Sier, lost and deficient, is to be made good by the Bullock people, and has been " struck off the accounts of the Commissary, / together with 37 Mercalls of Bengal Gram said to be totally destroyed / by an order from the Officer Commanding the Army in Mysoor, but as the wastage on the remaining part of the Rice is so very considerable, we do not think ourselves warranted in exonerating the late Commissary of Grain " from responsibility, until we have the authority of your Lordship for that purpose.

4th " In regard to the Returns required by the Military Board at Bengal, we beg leave to state that the

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the 4th Quarterly Return of 1798/9 and 1st Quarterly return of 1799/1800 were forwarded through the proper Channel to Captain Humphries, the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal under date the 4th February last, and that no time will be lost in the preparation and transmission of the other Returns required.

5th. We have given the requisite orders for augmenting the Company's Stud in the Ganjam District to the extent authorized by your Lordship, and in obedience to the orders signified in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 26th March, shall pay the strictest attention in the selection of all Stallions which may be purchased for the use of the Stud. Upon this subject we think it necessary to state our opinion, that the Breed of Horses might be much improved by the introduction of a few English Stallions, and are therefore induced to submit to the Consideration of your Lordship in Council whether it may not be expedient that application should be made for six Horses of high blood to be sent out from England for the use of the Stud, a measure which it is probable

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might be effected at an expence for each, not exceeding the price usually paid here for the best Arabian Horses.

6th. We enclose and recommend payment of two Bills of the Superintendent, for Stallions and Mares purchased by him for the Stud amounting together to — Pagodas 7,736. - - -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St. George
1st. April 1800.

/signed/ John Brathwaite
Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
Jno. Richardson
P. A. Agnew

To the Right Honble the President and Governor and Members of Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sirs,

From Batavia acknowledges the receipt of the letter to them of the 22d June last by major Vaugine. Expresses their acknowledgements for the attention given to their request relative to the release of the Dutch Prisoners at this Presidency. They will take an early opportunity of transmitting a list of prisoners released by them.

On the arrival of the Danish Private Ship Angelica on the 15th October 1799, we were honored with your letter of 22d June last, and at the same time had the satisfaction to be informed by your Excellencies as well as by the reports of major Charles Etienne Vaugine de Lare Fourand, employed to treat for the Exchange of the Dutch

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Dutch Prisoners of war which might be in your power,
that your Excellencies had as much as possible accomplished
the design of this mission.

The number of men which the Major has
brought with him to this place, have been found to —
correspond with the List of names signed by the Town
Major Grant annexed to the aforementioned letter; wherefore
we will not neglect this opportunity of informing your
Excellencies of the same.

It was at the same time no less agreeable to
us to understand that your Excellencies had in so far —
anticipated our wishes, that leave was granted by you to
all the Dutch Officers either to return to this Place or
to Europe, according to their convenience, and those arrived —
here on the 1st December last by the Danish private
Ship Hoedenhuis, all the Officers with their Families,
which have been permitted by your Excellencies to —
proceed to this place, as mentioned in the List of —
names annexed to the letter of the Right Honble —
the Governor General in Council dated 27th April which

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ive received by that Ship.

We take this opportunity of returning you
our thanks, and we trust at the same time that our
behaviour towards the English Subjects who have fallen
into our hands during this war, although less in number,
will nevertheless be acknowledged by each of them to
have been such as can give them no reason to complain
of us with respect to the lot they experienced, but on
the Contrary that the same has been softened and —
mitigated as much as we could permit ourselves to do,
towards Prisoners of war. And we are of opinion
that we in a great measure contributed to their safety,
by not having exposed any of them here long to the —
prejudicial influence of the unhealthy climate of the
City, and by having given them successively liberty to go
away. Soon after their arrival here, and we have moreover
alleviated the fate of those who have been brought and
left behind here at different times by the French Frigates
under the Command of Rear Admiral de Sercy hath
by having procured for them their subsistence and by

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getting them their liberty.

In order to satisfy your wishes we would willingly accompany this letter with such accurate — Lists of the Prisoners of war released by us, as those — which we have received from you; But as the necessary researches on this subject are not yet made, we will defer doing it until a nother opportunity offers itself, that we may be able to make to you the necessary propositions about the Exchange, whilst in the mean time we shall observe the Conditions, upon which the Prisoners of war who arrived here with Major Vaugine have been released by your Excellencies — We likewise have the honor to mention for your information that we hope that the credit you gave to Major Vaugine, conformable to our desire, has been liquidated to your satisfaction by the payment of a Bill of Exchange — drawn by him to the amount of 10,000 Spanish Dollars, and we are very thankful for the credit you granted him.

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In the Castle of
Batavia
17th January 1800

We have the honor to be
&c &c

/Signed/ P.G. Van Overstraten
" J. Sibery
" A.C. Mom
" C.M. Veun
" W.V.H. Van Riemsdyk
" G.C. Fetmengen
" A.H. Wiese
" N. Engelhard
" C.A. Canter Vysohen
" W.H. Vanysseldyk

A true Translation
/signed/ Edw.d Cox
Dutch Trans.r to Govt.

Received and sent the undermentioned letter

entered in M.B. Nos. 13.14.15.16.17.18.

From Bombay

From Bombay enclose a list of french prisoners of war whom they have permitted to proceed to this Presidency.

To the Hon.ble Basil Cochrane

To the Hon.ble Basil Cochrane. His situation as Naval Contractor is incompatible with his retention of the appointment of Military Paymaster. approbation expressed of his conduct in the readiness with which he has

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at all times endeavoured to promote the public service. Mr.
John Rowley appointed to succeed him as Military Pay-
master.

To Mr. John Rowley. To Mr. Rowley appointing him to be
Military Paymaster in the room of Mr. Cochrane.

To the Persian Translator at Fort William. To Mr. Edmonstone. Enclosing a Khereetah from the Nabob to the Governor General.

To the Resident in Mysore. To Lieutenant Colonel Close. The sum of 700 Pagodas has been advanced to Major of Brigade Lambton, whose allowances are to commence from the 20th of January last.

To the Military Paymaster General. To Mr. Roebuck. The sum of Pagodas 209117. 7. 44. will be issued on account of the General Estimate for april.

3d Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 19. 20. 21. 22.

From the Resident at Hydrabad. From Captain Kirkpatrick. Encloses copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser, with bills for certain contingent charges, of which he requests payment.

To the Commander of the Ship Asia. To Captain Wardlow. Directing him to receive

Captain

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Captain Lieutenant A. Marshall, on board of his Ship as passenger to England.

To Captain Welladvice. Directing him to —

To the Commandr of the Ship Charlton

receive Lieutenant Paul Carrington of His Majesty's 77th. Regiment, and Lieutenant James Rowles on board of his Ship as passengers to England.

To Lieutenant Colonel Sent Leger - Permitting

To the Commandant at Arcot

him to visit the Presidency.

Received the following Letter.

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

President in Council and Governor of Fort St. George.

My Lord.

From Mr. Terence Gahagan - States his claim to certain allowances, which he states to have been refused to his former application, in consequence of the subject not being fully understood.

The liberty I use in thus intruding myself upon your Lordship's attention in Council, to a subject — which I left pending at the time of my departure for — England in March 1797 will I hope be pardoned, as — I have no other means of obtaining that relief which it alludes to, than by refering the circumstances at length to your Lordship's Judgement and consideration.

I had the honor to address Government on the 10th. of November 1796, and the 20th. of February 1797.

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The latter contained the particulars of a claim founded on the general orders of the 22d of March 1790, which authorized an allowance of two fanams and forty Cash per man a day for such Sepoys as might be placed under the Surgeons of field Hospitals, and as many of the Bengal and Coast — Natives were sent at different periods to an Hospital, that I had purposely prepared for their reception in the Pettah of Vellore, I made out my charges conformably to those — orders, and presented them to the Paymaster, who advised me to send them to Camp, as they properly belonged to the field Department. I accordingly transmitted them to — General Meadows, who forwarded them to Lord Cornwallis, and His Lordship was pleased to send them to the Presi- = dency in order to be paid, finding that all expenses below the Ghauts would thereby most properly defrayed. but — whether from Multiplicity of business or other causes, with which I am altogether unacquainted, they remained in the Office of Colonel Capper the Auditor General, upwards of six months and were then audited at one fanam per man a day - By this reduction I sustained considerable

loss.

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loss, and altho conscious that the expences unavoidably incurred for the sick and wounded Sepoys could not be supported by so very small an allowance, Yet I persevered in my care and attendance towards them with chearfulness and alacrity; fully persuaded that upon a proper Representation at some future period, I should obtain an ample remuneration. I was however shortly afterwards exceedingly surprised to learn that every Surgeon below the Ghauts, who had charge of Native Patients sent from the army, had received the full allowance of two fanams and forty Cash, and that they continued to draw it until the issuing of an order by Sir Charles Oakeley of the 3d November 1794 which directed one fanam a day to be drawn in future, and observed that it was not intended that two fanams and forty Cash a day should have been drawn.

Thus circumstanced my address of the 20th of February was sent to Government, and was then referred to the Auditor General, who in consequence delivered his sentiments to the following effect. "That the rate of two

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"fanams and forty Cash was evidently meant to be confined
"to the sick treated in the General field Hospitals: that never-
"theless the Surgeons of Hospitals in the Carnatic to which
"the sick and wounded Sepoys were occasionally sent from
"the Army / with the exception of Mr. Gahagan who confined
"his Bills to the rate stipulated by the orders of November
"1791 / drew for all cases agreeably to the orders of March
"1790, particularly the Head Surgeon of Trichinopoly as
"alluded to in Mr. Gahagan's Letter, until the publication
"of the orders of November 1791, from which period only one
"fanam a day was charged for each Sepoy; and although
that order deemed the charge of two fanams and forty Cash
"a day theretofore drawn by Surgeons of Stations to be improper,
"it was not then supposed to effect the charges which had
"already been paid, but meant to invalidate all existing
"claims to that allowance, and to prevent a repetition
"of them in future, and under this consideration no —
"Retrenchment was made of the difference between the —
"rates received by the orders of March 1790 and those allowed
"by the orders of November 1791."

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Permit me My Lord to observe, that there is one —
circumstance in the Auditor Generals' explanation, which
I humbly imagine he must have misconceived. I mean the
observation. "That I had conformed to the orders of November
1791, when in fact my charges were uniformly made out on
the order of march 1790, That is at the rate of two fanams
and forty Cash a day, and as my care of Sepoys sent from
the army commenced in October 1790, My charges could
not have been otherwise, nor directed by an order, which did
not exist for many Months afterwards.

Government forming their Judgement upon
the explanation given by the Auditor General, were pleased
to hold my claim as inadmissible. I am satisfied in my
own breast that that explanation and the decision which
followed it, proceeded more from necessarily adhering to the
letter of the orders of the 3d November 1791 than want of
inclination to afford me the relief I had solicited; and
as my claim at that time happened to be the only —
existing one, the rejection of it bore the more particularly
hard upon me — My accounts would have been paid in

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common with others, if Colonel Capper, had not detained them for such a length of time in his Office. I feel such a singular exception to me, with more severity and it becomes the more distressing, as it must be evident that my situation at the time I was in charge of sick sent from the army exhibited itself in a more favorable point of view, than that of those who were more successful by their more timely applications; neither the labors of their mind or body were so seriously summoned and exerted as mine were, and in illustration of this fact, permit me My Lord to submit to Your consideration, that during the war which commenced in 1790, I was entrusted by Lord Cornwallis with a charge of more importance and extent, than had perhaps ever fallen to the share of any Surgeon in the Service of the Honble Company; and at the close of that war His Lordship left upwards of 1600 Europeans sick and wounded at Vellore / exclusive of a great number of Natives / Eight hundred and fifty of whom being the worst and most complicated cases in the army, were accommodated within the

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the walls of that Garrison: the remainder were encamped in Topes under the care of their own Surgeons to be sent to my Hospital occasionally as I might be enabled to procure room for them - Major Wynch of his Majesty's Service and an Officer from each European and Native Corps, were left — with them to report their state daily: and notwithstand- -ing the sufferings of the different patients, their number and situation, which together were enough to irritate the mind, excite fretfulness, and bring forward complaints and animadversions, not a murmur was heard against me - They saw that I exerted myself to the very — utmost of my power to serve and relieve them, and — that nothing that I could possibly effect was wanting. Yet in this arduous duty I had with me only two — Assistants, Messrs Ord and Gilmour, of whose zeal and exertions I shall ever retain a very grateful remembrance. and Lord Cornwallis in the presence of Colonel Close and a number of other Officers, was pleased to express — repeatedly the sense he entertained of my conduct in the most flattering terms, and his particular —

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satisfaction at the number of recovered men which I sent from time to time to join the Army under His Lordship's commands.

Another grievance which I beg leave to lay before your Lordship in Council took place during my absence from Madras; when my agent Mr. Lindersley was called upon to refund the full Batta which I had drawn on a visitation Tour through the Vellore and Baramaul Districts in the year 1796, by order of Government, followed by a personal intimation from Sir Charles Oakeley, expressing a wish that I would commence those Tours which I accordingly performed in an intensely hot Season, and furnished Sir Charles Oakeley with a General Return, enumerating the different Medical Stations that I had visited, and the particular States I found them in, with the remarks I had made for the good of the Service, Signed by the Commanding Officer of each Station, and finally approved of by Government.

The plea adduced by the Auditor General

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for the retrenchment of my Batta, / although my — Bills were countersigned by the Commanding Officer of Vellore / is that a Salary of £1000 a year has been given to Head Surgeons in lieu of all expenses, and — that full Batta was only allowed when in the field. Sir Archibald Campbell who brought out the Medical arrangements did not consider such a construction as applicable to them, and I submit to your — Lordship that a Sum which is not sufficient to furnish the means of supporting a situation with any degree of Credit in a fixed residence, must fall very short indeed, when extra duties are to be performed — which lead a Head Surgeon many Miles from his family and his residence, attended with very heavy expences, which instead of operating as a stimulus to Zealous endeavours and active exertions to — deserve credit, must oppress and damp all ardor.

At Bengal and Bombay the Medical Department is on a different system. There Batta and half Batta are drawn as in the Army, and they

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have also other fixed allowances; whilst on this Establish-
-ment the allowances are such that as your Lordship
may perceive on enquiry, will not afford a comfortable
subsistence, which I humbly conceive will appear to
your Lordship as a melancholy reflection to a man
who from a very early to a very advanced period of life
has served the Honble Company with Zeal, and discharged
all the avocations of a laborious profession with approved
credit to himself and advantage to others.

Having thus trespassed upon your Lordship's
time, I beg that I may be indulged in an appeal to
your feelings and liberality, and from the facts which
I have stated to entreat, if it cannot otherwise be permitted,
Your Lordship may be pleased to grant me some
compensation in lieu of the allowance which has been
withheld from me in the charge of two fanams and
forty Cash, and which was allowed to others, and of
which I was deprived by a delay in Office, and I am
induced to hope, that such an extension of your Lordship's
indulgence towards me, would not be in opposition to the

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sentiments of the Honble the Court of Directors; as a —"
Gentleman of high estimation with them, was pleased to
say to me when in England in the course of conversation,
respecting the Salary annexed to my situation, and which
I mentioned as inadequate to my support, and very dis-
-proportionate to the length of my Services," that it was
"not difficult to suggest some mode of serving Individuals
"out of the common routine, whose conduct appeared —"
"deserving, and that with respect to myself a Paragraph
"had not along ago been inserted in the General letter —"
"which left an opening in my favor." And on going to —"
the India House I saw the following in a letter dated
February 17th 1796 Para 13. "with respect to Mr —"
"Gahagan, if he alone has suffered in point of emolu-
"-ment by the new System, we authorize you to give
"him such relief as upon due Consideration you may
"think him entitled to;" on the subject of the Batta —"
I have only further to say that I am the only Head —"
Surgeon who made a complete Tour, and that the —"
Head Surgeons alluded to by the Auditor General as —"

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having been refused their Batta were not exactly circumstanced with me, as they did not proceed to that full extent in their duty which I did.

I am aware of the liberty I have taken and entreat your Lordship's forgiveness; I have served my Honble employers with zeal and fidelity for upwards of thirty two years, and am encouraged to hope for your Lordship's protection. I have gone through all the relative duties of an active profession from early youth to an advanced age and still mean to persevere most sedulously in prosecuting my professional duties, and I look up to your Lordship's Justice and liberality for a distributive portion of those advantages, of which others have partaken, and which I submit to your Lordship, I have indefatigably earned.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
April the 3d 1800.

/signed/ T. Gahagan M.D.
Head Surgeon

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government.

Sir.

I was yesterday honored by the receipt of your

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division. The Marine Battalion will be ready to embark, to march to the Presidency by the 1st of April. He has represented to Mr. Brandfill the necessity of determining the line of conduct to be adopted

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adopted in regard to the Zemindar of Palaveram as soon as possible. He doubts the authenticity of the intelligence communicated in a former letter relative to the Surrender of Seggernaut Deo.

Your letter of the 25th Instant

The Bengal Marine Battalion will be assembled at Bezoara, and ready to march on the 1st day of april.

Pursuant to the directions contained in your letter, I have desired Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton to proceed to the — Presidency with all practicable expedition. He will, I trust, arrive at Madras on the 20th of next month. —

The tranquil state of this District, in which no disturbances are likely to occur, except in the Palaveram Zemindary, has enabled me to relieve the Marine Battalion without difficulty, by Detachments from the 1st Battalion of the 15th Regiment.

The Volunteer Corps marched to Ellore on the 18th Instant, and remained some days at that Station. I have directed them to proceed by easy Marches to — Rajahmundry, where they will be ready to act as — circumstances may require. Mr. Bransfill was — unwilling that they should advance too rapidly, — least their approach would alarm the Zemindar of — Palaveram, put him on his guard and induce him

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to collect peons, before the arrangements for reducing him were matured. As the favorable Season for acting — Amongst the Hills is passing away, I have taken the liberty of representing to Mr. Bransfill the expediency of quickly obtaining some final and determinate — answer from the Zemindar, in order that the Measures necessary to be adopted may be speedily ascertained, and promptly executed. The Volunteer Corps will be devided no farther than may appear necessary to form different attacks against the Polaveram Country, should the — Zemindar persist in his contumacy. Every possible degree of attention will be paid to the convenience, and comfort of the Bengal troops while they remain in the Circars.

The intelligence which I did myself the honor of transmitting to you on the 19th Instant respecting the Kemedy Zemindary, was not I believe entirely authentic, as I have since that period, received two letters from Mr. Scott, who had proceeded to Kemedy and who represented the Country as in perfect peace, and made no mention of the designs of Jagganaut Deo.

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Masulipatam

March 30th 1800.

I have the honor to remain &c &c

(signed) U. Vigors.

Sent the undermentioned letters entered in

M.B. Nos. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.

To Colonel Vigors - Authorizing the employ-
- ment of Water carts for the use of the European troops
at Masulipatam under certain restrictions.

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division.

To Major General Brathwaite - Directing,
that enquiry may be made into the circumstances of — "
Omer Sahebs' remaining on the list of pensioned com-
- mandants as stated by Lieutenant Colonel Dyce.

To Major General Brathwaite.

To Mr. Roebuck - Permitting him to accept
the security of Mr. Robert Clerk, for the retrenchment of
Pagodas 675. 4. 39. against the late Mr. Adderton, in the
accounts of Mr. Harry Taylor.

To the Military Pay-
- master General.

To Captain Kirkpatrick - His recommendation
for attaching a proportion of carriage to the provision
Department at Hydrabad approved.

To the Resident at Hydrabad.

To Lieutenant Colonel Close - Enclosing copy
of a letter from Colonel Wellesley, and directing him to make

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such a provision for Mahomed Ally as may be suited to his rank.

To the officer Com.ding in Mysore

To Colonel Wellesley. The arrangements report-ed in his letter of the 23d ultimo, approved, and the orders published by him confirmed. He will state his opinion of the Expediency of cantoning both Regiments of Cavalry at Bengalore.

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Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M B. Nos 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38.

From the Military Board.

From the Military Board state their opinion that it will not be necessary to detain Major Hart in India, on account of the adjustment of the bullock-accounts. They have deferred their orders for the embarka-tion of the Stores destined for Masulipatam, in consequence of the reports recently received of enemy's cruizers. Enclose a Bill of the Assistant Engineer in the Southern Division amounting to Pagodas 30. 31. 40. with D.o from the Engineer in the Southern Division for Pagodas 134. 20. 66.

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From Colonel Wellesley. States that Doondia

From the Officiating in Mysoor,

was threatening a predatory invasion of the Nizam's —

Territories. Scindias troops are said not to have yet got

possession of Kolapoor. He has received accounts of the

death of Nana Fernavese.

From the Commissioners at Calicut. Enclos— v

From the Commissioners at Calicut

copy of a letter from the Rajah of Travancore relative to

Mudgherry Naig.

To Major General Sydenham. Approving

To the Military Auditor General

his adjustment of the retrenchments against the late —v

Paymaster at Ellore. A charge in those accounts of Pagodas

56. 31. 55. to be transferred to the General Books. Copies of —v

orders published by the Honble Colonel Wellesley enclosed. To —v

authorize payment of two Bills of the Barrack Master in

Mysoor for 280 Pagodas each. The amount of repairs executed

by Dr. Harris to the Hospital at Malacca being Spanish

Dollars 407. 21. 7. an advance of 1500 Pagodas to the agent

of supplies to the 25th Regiment of Dragoons. an advance

of 800 Pagodas for the expenses of the Stud at Ganjam, and

an advance to the Engineer at Seringapatam of Pagodas 80. 40. 70.

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To the Military Board. To the Military Board. Enclosing copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Trade at Fort William. relative to the Stores shipped on the Manship for this Presidency.

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William. To Lieutenant Colonel Kirkpatrick. Orders have been given to guard against the improper issue of indefinite passports. No particular reason appears to have been recorded for directing the embarkation of Louis La Croix and Anthony Pip from Masulipatam, but no objection appears to exist to their being permitted to return to that place.

To Do. Do. To Lieutenant Hook. The terms of affreight-ment of the Phebe and Loyalist transports were stated at the time to the Governor in Council at Bombay, but a copy of the letter on that subject has been transmitted to that Presidency.

To the Military Board To the Military Board. The expence incurred by Mr. Harris, in repairing the Hospital at Malacca, has been authorized. Copy of a letter from General Ross enclosed, and the carriages stated by him to

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be in the gun carriage yard, to be received on the books of the Arsenal if approved; and the Military Board are to report their opinion of General Ross's claim to reimburse-ment- They are to report the quantity and quality of — Bengal Rum required for the consumption of the troops of this Establishment.

To the Secretary at Bombay.

To Mr. Richards- Enclosing copy of the letter to the Governor in Council at Bombay, relative to the terms of affreightment of the Thetis and Loyalist transports.

To Mr. Woolf- Directing him to communi-cate with the Resident in Mysoor, and the Collector in Canara, relative to the Exchange in those territories - The — value of the Medicines sent to Ceylon to be debited to that Presidency.

To the accountant General.

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Sent the following Letters.

To Major General Brathwaite.

Sir,

Para - 1st I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st. ultimo:

2d The Right Honble the Governor in — Council

To Major General Brathwaite. as the Quarter Master General will have been no doubt previously prepared for discharging the duties prescribed for this Department in the General Order of the 26th. February, any — immediate

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immediate augmentation of this establishment is judged unnecessary - The addition recommended to that order has been published - Captain Marshall permitted to resign his appointment of Quarter Master and Adjutant.

Council is happy to observe that the Quarter Master General of the Army had applied to the late Commander in Chief upon the subject of enabling him to discharge the integral duties of the department for which provision was made by the General order published on the 26th of February; and His — Lordship would have been more satisfied if that order had originated in the suggestions of the Quarter Master General himself.

3. Although this part of the Quarter master Generals' duty has only been systematized by the late order, yet the Governor in Council has no — doubt that the Zeal of that Officer will have induced him to take the proper means of remedying a defect in his department, of which he was conscious, and to enable him to perform those duties, without — which it could not have been efficient. And as the establishment of the Quarter Master General was — fixed with a full reference to the extent of the labours expected from it, His Lordship considers that the —

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6th. gradual collection of materials, which he has no doubt has been made by Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, will render any immediate augmentation of his Establish-ment unnecessary.

4. The Governor in Council has published the additional orders, which you recommend for enabling the Quarter Master General to carry into fuller effect the directions contained in the general order of the 26th. February; and, if it shall appear under the operation of those orders that an increase of Establishment is requisite. His Lordship in Council will be disposed to pay every proper attention to the subject.

5. The Governor in Council permits Captain Marshall to resign the appointment of Quarter Master and adjutant to the 7th Regiment Native Infantry.

I have the honor to be &c &c

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/signed/ J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

To Major General Brathwaite.

Sir.

Para 1st I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

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To Major General Brathwaite Captain Bruce and Captain Lieutenant Marshall permitted to proceed to Europe; but Captain Lieutenant Marshall cannot be allowed passage Money. The Retrenchment of Regimental batta against the Officers of the General Staff of the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad suspended. The application of the Commanding Officer at Ryacotta for table allowance rejected. His arrangements for completing the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad approved, as well as the measures he has taken for obtaining recruits from the territories of His Highness the Nizam. The claim of the captors of Pondicherry will be again brought under the notice of the Court of Directors.

of your letter of the 25th ult. ultimo.

2. Captain Bruce and Captain Lieutenant Marshall have been permitted to proceed to Europe; but as the orders of the Court of Directors and the usage of the Service founded on them, preclude Officers of the rank of Captain Lieutenant from the benefit of passage Money, His Lordship is under the necessity of rejecting the application of Captain Lieutenant Marshall.

3. The Governor in Council has been pleased to suspend the retrenchment of batta drawn by the Deputy Adjutant General and Deputy Quarter Master General of the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad, until the determination of the Court of Directors shall have been received on a similar retrenchment made against the Officers of the General Staff of the Army.

4. His Lordship in Council will furnish you with his orders on the application of Captains Jones and Whitlie hereafter for payment of the Tulacoryn Prize Money.

5. The Governor in Council would be sorry

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that any officer should be exposed to inconvenience or —
expense, by his appointment to command a station under
the immediate orders of the Government: but as it is —
neither practicable nor expedient to augment the Military
disbursements to the extent of the applications which —
may be made for table allowance, his Lordship directs you to
inform Lieutenant Colonel MacKay that he will endeavour
to relieve him from the command of Ryacotta, as soon
as circumstances may permit.

6. His Lordship further desires that you will —
make this answer to all future applications of this —
nature; and that you will take an early opportunity
of submitting to his Lordship the applications of those
Officers who may be desirous of relinquishing their
commands.

7. The Governor in Council entirely approves your
arrangements for completing the Subsidiary force —
at Hydrabad.

8. I am also directed to express His Lordship's
satisfaction at the measures you have taken for obtaining
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recruits from the Dominions of His Highness the Nizam, and to desire that Lieutenant Macdonald may be employed in the manner you propose, and that you will make such other arrangements as you may judge calculated to promote the recruiting Service.

9. The case of the captors of Pondicherry has already been pressed in the most urgent terms on the attention of the Honble Court of Directors; and the Governor in Council is sanguine, that an early determination may in consequence of those representations as well as of the claims of the Army he obtained, his Lordship however considers it to be a justice due to yourself and to the Officers and Men employed on that distinguished Service, to bring the subject again under the notice of the Honble Court.

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3d april 1800.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) J Webbe Secy to Govt.

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

Gentlemen,

Para 1st. We have received your letters of the 21st & 25th

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To the Military Board, application has been made to the Governor of Ceylon for the papers which appear to be requisite to the formation of a determinate judgement on the case of Mr. Atkinson, as the system of the supply of Gram by contract has been found to be defective. The Military Board are directed to consider the practicability of establishing a system of Agency. The Register of Extraordinaries for the month of December returned, with the decision of the Board annexed.

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25th ultimo.

2. Being desirous of giving the fullest consideration of the conduct of the late Commissary of Provisions at — Columbo we have applied to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon for the papers, which appear to be requisite to the formation of a determinable judgement on the case.

3. We concur in your opinion that the late augmentation of the corps of Artillery requires a proportionate increase of its establishment of Artificers and of the quarterly allowance for the repair of arms. We therefore authorize our additional armourers both in peace and war, and an increase of the quarterly allowance from four to six Pagodas for the repair of arms to each — Battalion of Artillery.

4. We were concerned that the mode now in use for supplying the Regiments of Cavalry with Gram by contract, should have proved so defective as you have stated, we are extremely doubtfull whether the mode suggested by you for removing the defect, may be found practicable.

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5th. The system, which at present prevails in the admi-
-nistration of his Highness the Nabob's Government leaves
no hope that his Highness's orders for the supply of grain
would be respected by his Amildars; if therefore His —
Highness should be disposed to acquiesce in a proposal of this
nature, we should be very reluctant in trusting an object
of so much importance to the precarious operations of His
Highness's authority.

6. With respect to the supply of Grain by the
Company's Collectors, it would involve duties entirely distinct
from those of an Officer of Revenue; and it is expedient
that the Collectors of Revenue should in general princi-
-ples be restrained from all interference in the disposal
of the produce of the land, as well as in the internal —
trade of the Country. We therefore consider this mode to
be utterly in-compatible with the present, and particu-
-larly with the future establishment, of the Revenue
Department.

7. If the general operation of open —
competition has failed to produce the general effect of a

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reduction of price, we fear that the failure may be attributed to a combination, which it was the duty of the Gram Agents to have resisted; we wish you therefore to consider the expediency of abolishing the System of contract which is liable to this defect, and of establishing a system for the supply of Gram by Agency, which may secure to the Company the supply of that article, at its actual price allowing the provider a Commission on his purchases.

8. If this plan should be found practicable, it will not be necessary that the agent should be an Officer of the corps of Cavalry; and his accounts, supported by the certificate of the Commanding Officers of Stations should be delivered under the attestation of an Oath.

9. We have ordered to be passed for payment the several Bills recommended by you.

10. We return the Register of Extraordinaries for the month of December last, with our decision on the charges annexed.

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3d April 1800.

We are &c. &c.

/signed/ Clive &c. Council.

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore - stating the result of the consideration of the claims preferred by the Rajah of Tanjore and by Amer Sing against the late Resident Mr. Macleod -

The Right Honble the Governor in — Council having taken into consideration the claims preferred by His Excellency Rajah Serfoge and by Amer Sing against the late Resident Mr. Macleod, in respect to the sums of money advanced for the — support of the family of the Rajah Tulzage. I am directed to state to you, the result of the consideration to which the circumstances of this case have given rise.

By the Statement enclosed in your — letter of the 30th March 1798 the sums paid by Mr. — Macleod to the Rajah Serfoge are stated by His — Excellency to amount to Pagodas 26.372. 16. 10.; but — original receipts of the Rajah Serfoge of which I — enclose copies for your more particular information; have been produced by Mr. Macleod and you will — observe that his Excellency has not been correct in stating

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that he had furnished you with copies of all the receipts — passed by him to the late President, by these receipts the payments made to Sufoge actually amount to Pagodas 33189.11.10. making a difference of Pagodas 6816.37.— between the assertion of His Excellency and the vouchers produced by Mr. Macleod.

According to the Receipts passed by Mr. Macleod to His Excellency the Rajah Amer Sing which are enclosed in your letter of the 9th April 1798. Mr. Macleod appears to have received on account of the Rajah Sufoges Stipend the sum of Pagodas 33989.33.56. leaving a difference of Pagodas 800.22.46. between Mr. Macleod's receipts from Amer Sing and his payments to Sufoge.

In regard to the sum of 2000 Pagodas stated to have been paid by Amer Sing to Mr. Macleod without a receipt, the Governor in Council is of opinion that the claim is not supported by any substantial proof; but His Lordship will suspend his final decision on the whole subject, until he shall have received — such further explanation as you may be enabled to

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I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J Webbe Secy to Govt.

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in A B. Nos 39. 40. 41. 42. 43.

From the Aqutant General of the Army

From Lieutenant Colonel Agnew. Encloses a cadets certificate of Mr. J. J. Macintosh, and recommending his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant.

From the officer Commanding at Chittledroog.

From Colonel Stevenson. Communicates intelligence of the death of Nana Fernavese.

To Columbo.

To Mr. North. Orders have been given for embarking the Medicines requested in his Excellency's letter of 20th. February for Tellicherry.

To Major General Brathwaite

To Major General Brathwaite. The pensioned Officers of His majesty's Regiment De Meuron, who have been permitted to remain in India, will be permitted to draw their pensions, until the subject shall have been referred to the Court of Directors.

To the Secretary at Columbo

To Mr. Boyd. Enclosing a copy of the report of the Military Board, relative to Mr. Atkinson

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Atkinson, and requesting that the information still required may be transmitted from Columbo.

7th Sent the following Letter.

To Major General Sydenham.
Military Auditor General.

Sir.

Para 1st I have the honor to acknowledge the — receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant.

2. The Governor in Council desires that the charges of Major General Ross referred to you in my letter of the 27th Ultimo may be passed on the assevera- tion of his honor to their having been actually incurred on account of the public service.

3. His Lordship in Council has authorized the employment of the carriage recommended for the use of the provision department with the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad; and authority has been granted to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division for the employment of water carts, under the restrictions re- commended by you.

4 I have the honor to enclose for your — information

To the Military Auditor General — The — charges of Major General Ross referred to his examination on the 27th Ultimo, to be — passed on the asseve- ration of General Ross's honor. The car- riage recommended for the use of the pro- vision department at Hydrabad, has been authorized, as well as the water Carts at Masulipatam under the restrictions recom- mended by him. The retrenchment of regimental batta against the Deputy Quarter Master General and Deputy adjutant General of the Subsidiary force suspended for the — present. The pensions of the two pensioned Officers of the Regi- ment De Meuron who have been — permitted to remain in India, to be paid by the Paymaster of Extraordinaries, until the subject shall have been referred to the Court of Directors. Lieutenant James Rowles of the Cavalry to draw the usual passage money to England.

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information copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster

5 The Governor in Council has been pleased to

suspend the Retrenchment of Regimental Batta made

against the Deputy Quarter Master General and "

Deputy Adjutant General of the Subsidiary force

at Hydrabad, until the determination of the "

Honble Court of Directors shall have been received

on a similar Retrenchment made against the

Officers of the General Staff of the Army.

6. His Lordship in Council having been "

pleased to permit Captain Lieutenant Des Bordes

and Lieutenant Filgeau of his Majesty's Regiment

De Meuron to remain in India, I am directed

to desire that the Paymaster of Extraordinaries may

be instructed to pay the amount of their pensions

provided for in the capitulation, it being his "

Lordship's intention to refer the ultimate adjust-

-ment of the account to the Honble Court of "

Directors.

7. Lieutenant Jas. Rowles of the Native

Cavalry

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Cavalry having been permitted to proceed to Europe on sick certificate, you will authorize payment of the usual passage money to that Officer.

I have the honor to be &c &c

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

From Columbo
The Drafts of General Letters in the Military & Political Departments approved & ordered to be dispatched

Received a letter from Mr. North entered in Mk. V. 144. Mr. Dubuc will proceed to Madras on the Ship Harriet—

The Draft of General Letters in the Military and Political Departments to go by the Chaulton having been sent in circulation for the perusal of the Members of Council and approved and Ordered to be Copied fair and the Packets to be closed on the 14th Instant—

At a Consultation.

Present.

The Right Honble Lord Clive. Governor and President.

William Petrie and Ernst William Tallofield Esqrs.

Tuesday 8th April 1800

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President lays before the Board the following Minute.

Minute of Lord Clive - states his sentiments relative to the establishment of general tent allowance.

The observations of the Military Board on the subjects of tent allowance and house rent to Officers, contained in their report, dated the 21st February

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February have induced me to consider with attention the whole of that important subject: and it is my intention in this minute to state the sentiments — which have occurred to me in consequence, in order that they may be transmitted to the Military Board for free discussion, and that after receiving their consequent report I may be enabled to judge with greater confidence of the practicability of the plan, which I shall now state, and of such modifications as the great experience of the Members of that Board may enable them to suggest.

The advantages in facility of movement and the consequent efficiency of the troops in Mysoor from the adoption of constant tent allowance are — unquestionable; but their advantages would not — acquire their full effect unless an establishment for covering the privates were likewise in a state of equal preparation.

A partial arrangement of that nature for the officers and privates stationed in Mysoor alone

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would be liable to the objection of interfering with the regular reliefs of the troops; and its extension to all the forces under this Presidency, would neither be necessary in itself, nor expedient in adverting to the expence which it would involve.

Previous to the discussion however of the general question it will be proper to consider the recommendation of the Military Board, that the Cavalry in Mysoor should exclusively be placed on tent allowance.

In every future war in this Country celerity of movement ought certainly to constitute our principal strength; and as permanent Stables are stated to be unnecessary in the climate of Mysoor there can be no doubt of the expediency of keeping the Cavalry in that Country ready to move with rapidity and effect at the shortest notice; this object may unquestionably be effected by granting constant tent allowance to the Officers of Cavalry, and by attaching to each Regiment an adequate proportion

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of Elephants and camels for the carriage of the Stores, and the Camp equipage of the Non Commissioned Officers and privates as recommended by the Military Board.

In the contemplation however of any operations of extent or importance; the promptitude of movement proposed to be given to the Cavalry would be negatory in a considerable degree, if not supported by a correspondent readiness and efficiency of equipment in the infantry.

On general principles therefore, I doubt the propriety of adopting the plan proposed by the Military Board for the Cavalry exclusively. The other advantages stated of varying the situation on account of forage and change of climate, belong to a distinct and very limited question.

As only a certain proportion of the troops can ever be employed in field operations, the proportion of Camp equipage with its' correspondent equipment of carriage for the non Commissioned and privates of the Army, which it may be deemed expedient to keep

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in constant readiness must always be regulated by political considerations, combined with financial convenience; and this equipment may be applied — indiscriminately to any portion of the army.

But the convenience which in this — instance may be derived from the indiscriminate applic- cation of a partial equipment, can by no possibility be made to extend to a tent allowance to Officers. The constitution of our Military Service admits of no — distinction between field and garrison troops, all are equally liable to be called to the field, and every Offic- ought to be equally prepared.

The unwieldy and expensive establish- ment of the Camp equipage of the Officers of the — army, has on all occasions been found so practically inconvenient as a public charge, that the distinguished General and Statesman who is our acknowledged — master in the science of Military equipment, and — supply in this Country, found it indispensably necessary in the enemy's Country, and in the midst of a Campaign

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to request the officers of the Army to relieve the public departments from this difficult and complicated branch of equipment, which was found in the hands of the public to impede the supplies, and cripple the exertions of all the great departments, on which depended the actual efficiency of the army.

The Marquis Cornwallis in adopting this arrangement, left it to the option of this Government to continue or abolish the tent allowance which he had established. But although the advantages of efficiency as well as of defined expence, were fully acknowledged, financial considerations prevented its continuance and the same causes have interfered with every subsequent plan for its revival.

In all propositions which have hitherto come under the consideration of this Government on the subject of tent allowance, the calculations have been confined to the principle established at Bengal of granting a general allowance for peace and war covering all expences of purchase repair and

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carriage.

The fact however being fully established by the introduction of the System in the enemy's Country and by universal admission, "that officers can at all "times provide the means of carrying their tents with "much greater facility and expedition than the public "departments." I have the strongest conviction that "essential facility would be given to the equipment of our Armies and a considerable saving accrue to the public by a general System for tent allowance and house rent to all officers under this Presidency founded on the following principles.

1st That a tent allowance should be established for "wear covering the whole expence of purchase, repair and Carriage.

2d That a tent allowance should be established for peace covering the expence of purchase, repair and carr only.

3d That officers, requiring an advance of "money should be furnished by the Paymasters with a sum

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sum equal to the first cost of their Camp equipage to be repaid by very moderate stoppages within a limited time. But that an officer having once received an advance for purchase, should not be entitled to a repetition of — that indulgence on any future occasion.

NB. after the System shall have been once introduced, this advance will seldom apply to a higher rank than that of Subaltern.

4th " That the tents at present in Store should be delivered to the Officers of the army at a valuation to be made by Committees at the different stations: the amount of which should be repaid by the stoppages detailed in the 3d Article.

5th " That officers not provided with quarters by the public, should be allowed house rent in addition to the tent allowance for peace.

6th " That from the day an officer is in orders for field Service, field tent allowance shall commence, and house rent and tent allowance for peace shall — cease.

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7th When an Officer inhabits a public quarter he shall from the date of being in orders for field service quitted the same be allowed the use of the Quarter unless it should be required for other purposes.

N.B. As the Officer drawing house rent would during the same period be inhabiting a house provided at his own charge, the 7th article in so far gives an advantage to the Officer inhabiting a public quarter, which it is expedient to afford, with a view to the preservation of the present Quarters, because any quarter which shall be provided by an individual will probably be superior to any quarter at present provided by the public.

8th. Officers shall be required to muster their tents, carriage and lascars when on the war establishment, but their tents only when on the peace establishment.

I shall first proceed to consider the subject of tent allowance, premising that although the tent allowance for peace does not provide for the same readiness and efficiency of field movement as a constant field allowance

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allowance for peace and war, it nevertheless essentially promotes that important object, and enables the Govern-ment to place on field tent allowance any portion of the Officers of the army which the circumstances of the moment may require, and remand them to their quarters, the moment that these causes shall have ceased: and that adverting to the expediency of keeping up at all times an establishment for the conveyance of the Camp equipage and Stores of the non commissioned and private of a certain portion of the Army and the transport of its ordnance as a most important consideration, connected with the present subject, it will be in the option of Government to keep in the field the whole or any part of the troops to which that equipment may apply; to increase or lessen the number with the expediency of increasing or diminishing that equipment: and to relieve all the corps of the army regularly without inconvenience to the public or partiality, or injury to any individual.

The annexed Statement N.1 exhibits the

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actual expence at present incurred by the Company for the provision repair and conveyance of the Camp equipage of Officers of the different ranks in time of war, calculating that a tent lasts two years in the field, receiving within that period a repair equal to one third of the prime cost; The amount of this actual expence, I should propose to be adopted as the tent allowance for war.

N2. exhibits the actual expence incurred by the Company in the purchase, Repair and care of the — Camp equipage of the different ranks in time of peace, allowing a tent to last three years in peace, receiving within that period a repair equal to one fourth of the prime cost; which actual expence, I should propose to be adopted as the tent allowance in peace.

N3. Shews the expence of placing the whole of the Officers of the army on tent allowance in peace:

In considering the subject of house rent it is proper to examine the relative advantages of building Officers Quarters at the public expence, and of giving to Officers a fixed monthly allowance to enable them to — provide

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provide themselves.

To calculate the prime Cost and average repair of the whole of the Officers quarters under this Presidency would be too complicated an operation, to promise any definite result; But the same object may be attained by assuming as a Standard, the Cost of the quarters lately erected at Arnee, under a regulated system of check and control, and estimating an adequate interest on the prime Cost, as the actual current expence incurred by the Company. This interest will certainly not be taken too high at 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum, being the interest by which an individual would consider himself ill repaid the lowest interest of the day and the average expence of periodical repairs.

The Cost of Quarters erected at Arnee is for

A field Officer . . . . . Pag.s 2,237 .11. 31.

a Captain or two Subalterns . . . . . 1,314. 19. 5½.

And the Monthly expence incurred by the Company, calculated on the foregoing principles is for the Quarters of a.

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Field Officer	22. 15. 52.
a Captain or 2 Subalterns	13. 6. 6.
One Subaltern	6. 24. 3.

In deciding on the amount of house rent which it may be proper to allow to Officers at the out Stations, it seems unnecessary to advert to the present allowance of 5 Pagodas to Officers of all ranks without distinction for any other purpose, than to notice its inexpediency.

There is reason to believe, that at all Stations excepting the Presidency, where there seems to be no necessity for varying the present house rent, the following allowances will be equitable in regard to the Government and adequate in respect to individuals.

Pags. 52. - - -	
To a field Officer	8. - - -
A Captain	5. - - -
A Subaltern	

In which case, the monthly saving to the Company by giving house rent, instead of building Quarters would be for each.

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Field officer . . . . . 10 " 15 " 52.

Captain . . . . . 5 " 6 " 6 "

Subaltern . . . . . 1 " 24 " 5 "

The annexed Statement No 4. shews the —"
difference of expence or annual saveing to the —+
Company by allowing the proposed house rent instead —+
of erecting quarters in Mysoor, it likewise shews the
total first cost of erecting quarters in Mysoor.

This statements is confined to Mysoor —+
alone because the existence of public quarters in —+
other Stations, of various qualities with regard to
repair and permanence, would render it impossible
to frame the calculations with such precision as to —"
shew the exact result of the plan. It is sufficient
that the operation of the principle is invariable to
whatever extent it may be applied.

The most material inferences in regard
to expence resulting from these Statements are.

1st. That the erection of the permanent Quarters
for Officers in Mysoor, would involve an immediate

expence

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expence nearly approaching to four lacs of Pagodas, and adverting to the scarcity of timber and deficiency of workmen, most of whom must be sent from the Carnatic, the probable expence may be estimated at a larger sum.

2d. That an annual saving of Pags. 16,013.-.- would arise from granting house rent instead of erecting Quarters for Officers in Mysoor, besides avoiding the inconvenience of borrowing, and sinking so large a Sum as four lacs of Pagodas.

3d. That the total annual amount of tent allowance to all Officers under this Presidency in peace would be Pagodas 42,816.

It is material farther to observe, that the adoption of the tent allowance in lieu although calculated on the actual expence incurred under the present system, would produce a considerable saving under the head of contingent charges: and that the tent allowance in peace being calculated for the Officers of the whole Army would in so far exceed the

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the present actual expence incurred by the Company. On the highest estimate, however this excess must be comparatively trifling, and would be much more than compensated by the consequent reduction of the Lascar establishment, and the extinction of other contingent charges.

It is my intention hereafter to consider the expediency of keeping up at all times an establishment for the conveyance of the Camp equipage and Stores of the Non Commissioned and privates of a certain portion of the Army and the transport of it's ordnance and other equipments, which although intimately connected with the present plan, forms a subject for distinct consideration.

In the mean time I am desirous that the propositions which I have now suggested for the introduction of a System, which with an exception to the Quarters already

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erected / shall fix the public departments from all care for the accommodation of Officers — " in peace, or war, should be fully discussed, and considered with that deleberation, which is due to the Superior importance of the objects which they involve.

/ signed / Clive.

Exhibiting

Statement N°1.

Exhibiting the actual Expence at present incurred by the Company for the provision, repair and conveyance of the Camp Equipage of Officers of the Different ranks in time of war calculating that a tent lasts two years in the field, receiving within that period a repair equal to one third of the prime Cost.

Contract prices of tents for Officers of the following Ranks.		Estimate Expences of repairs for two years in war, being 1/3d of the Contract Price supposing a tent to last 2 years.	Total contract Price, and Expences of repairs for two years in war.	Monthly Proportion of Contract price and Expence of Repairs in War.	Monthly Expence actually incurred by Government in the Carriage of tents for Officers in war.	Proposed Monthly allowances to be Established for the Provisions repairs and Carriage of Tents in war.	Tent allowance established by the Marquis Cornwallis.
1 Colonel	164 - 39. 12.	54 41 4.	219 38 16	9 6 6 7	49. 20 "	53 26 6 7 41 " - "	
1 Lieutenant Colonel	123. 5. 32.	41 1 64	164 7 16.	6 35 24	35 9 "	42 22 4 1 " - .	
1 Major	103 27. 72.	34 23 24.	138 9 16.	5 31 70.	27 17 "	33 6 70 33 " - .	
1 Captain	51. 39. 12.	17 13 4.	69 10 16.	2 37 14.	13 32 "	16 27 14 21 " - -	
1 Subaltern	32. . "	10 28 "	42 28.	1 32 53.	12 11 "	13 1 53 14 " - -	

N°B. The tent allowance established by the Marquis Cornwallis is exhibited in order that some apparent disproportions may be considered by the Military Board in their revision of the whole subject. A pattern tent for a Subaltern ought to be made up.

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Statement No. 2.

Exhibiting the actual Expence incurred by the Company in the purchase, repair and Care of the Camp Equipage of the Different ranks in time of peace allowing a tent to last three years in peace, receiving within that period a repair equal to one fourth of the prime Cost.

Contract prices of tents for officers of the following Rank.		Estimated Expence of repair for 3 years in peace being 1/4 of the Contract price supposing a tent to last 3 Years.	Total Contract price and Expence of repair for 3 Years in Peace.	Monthly Proportion of Contract price and Expence of repairs in peace for 3 Years	Monthly Expence actually incurred by Government for the Care of tents in peace	Proposed Monthly allowance to be established for the provision repairs and Care of tents in peace.	Proposed allowance in even Sums.
1 Colonel	164 - 39 - 12	41 9 63	206 6 75	5 30 42	4 3 "	9 33 42	10 " "
1 Lieutenant Colonel	123 - 5 - 32	30 32 68	153 38 20	4 11 45	3 7 "	7 18 45	8 " "
1 Major	103 - 27 - 72	25 38 38	129 24 30	3 25 14	2 30 "	6 13 14	7 " "
1 Captain	44 - 15 - 48	11 3 72	55 19 40	1 22 56	1 15 "	2 37 56	4 " "
1 Subaltern	32 - " - "	8 " "	40 " "	1 4 53	1 5 40	2 10 13	3 " "

N.B. The even numbers in the last Column are proposed on the principle that the expence of an individual in the inferior will be proportionally greater than in the Superior ranks, or in great public departments, because every individual must incur the Expence of one lascar for the care of his tent in peace.

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N 3

Statement shewing the Expence of placing the whole of the Officers of the Army on Tent allowance in time of Peace.

				O S C.
His Majesty's Troops				
1 Colonel at 10 Pags. ₰ month for 12 Months				120 " "
8 Lieutenant Colonels 8 Pags. do. for Ditto				768 " "
12 Majors - - -	7 Pags. do.	for Ditto		1,008 " "
57 Captains, Captain Lieutenants & Surgeons	4 Pags. do.	for Ditto		2,736 " "
176 Subalterns and Assistant Surgeons	3 Pags. do.	for Ditto		6,336 " "
9 Paymasters at 4 Pags. do.		for Ditto		432 " "
9 adjutants at 3 Pags. do.		for Ditto		324 " "
19 Quarter Masters at 3 Pags. do.		for Ditto		684 " "
2 Veterinary Surgeons at 4 Pags. do.		for Ditto		96 " "
		Total for 12 Months Kings Troops		12,504 " "
The Honble Company's Troops.				
16 Colonels at 10 Pags. each ₰ month		for 12 Months		1,920 " "
30 Lieutenant Colonels at 8 Pags.	Do.	for Ditto		2,880 " "
30 Majors - - - at 7 Pags.	Do.	for Ditto		2,520 " "
170 Captains Captain Lieutenants & Surgeons	at 4 Pags.	Do. for Ditto		8,160 " "
629 Subalterns and Assistant Surgeons at 3 Pags.		Do. for do.		22,644 " "
		Total for 12 Months Company's Troops		38,124 " "
		Total Kings and Company's Troops for one year		50,628 " "
Deduct for the Officers of different Ranks belonging to Corps with the Subsidiary Force serving with His Highness the Nizam on Field Tent allowance				7,812 " "
		Remains		42,816 " "

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No 4

Statement shewing the difference of Expence or annual saving to the Company by allowing the Officers of the Troops in Mysoor, House rent at the proposed Rates, instead of erecting permanent Quarters.

	Expence of Erecting Quarters	1 Months Interest on the expence of erecting Quarters at 12 ℔ Ct. P Ann.m	Proposed House rent	Difference or monthly saving by allowing House rent
	P ₹	P ₹	P ₹	P ₹
42 Field Officers Quarters upon a permanent Construction, each Quarter at Pag.s 2234. 11. 31.	93965	1622	939 2737	504 " "	435 2737
82 Captains, Captain Lieutenants and Surgeons or 2 Subalterns at Pag.s 1314. 19. 57. each Quarter	107786 2034	1077 3625	656 " "	421 3625
278 Subalterns and assistant Surgeons at 657. 9. 68. each Quarter	18271 1 824	1827 456	1375 " "	452 456
3 Paymasters to Kings Troops at Pagodas 1314. 19. 57. each Quarter	3943 1711	39 1818	24 " "	15 1818
6 Adjutants and Quarter Masters Kings Troops at Pag.s 657. 9. 68. each Quarter	3943 1711	39 1818	30 " "	9 1818
Totals	39 2349 3722	3923 2074	2589 " "	1334 2074

a at 12 Pag.s ℔ month
b at 8 Pag.s ℔ month
c at 5 Pag.s ℔ month
d at 8 Pag.s ℔ month
e at 5 Pag.s ℔ month

c Annual saving by allowing House rent instead of erecting Quarters in c Mysoor. - - - } 16013418

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The President proposes that a Copy of the foregoing Minute be sent to the Military Board

His Lordship proposes that a copy of the above Minute be sent with the following letter to the Military Board.

To Major General Braithwaite.

President &c. &c. members of the Military Board

To the Military Board. Transmitting a copy of Lord Clive's Minute, relative to tent allowance, in order that the subject may undergo a full discussion. A Committee appointed for the purpose of affording every information regarding the public buildings which may be judged necessary in Mysoor. The Military Stores to be removed from Bednore to Kaulydroog.

Gentlemen.

Para. 1st. I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 21st February, and to convey to you his Lordship's instructions, on such parts of it, as have not hitherto been replied to.

2d. Regarding the important branches of public expenditure, connected with the consideration of tent allowance and the provision of Quarters for Officers in Mysoor, I am directed to transmit for your Consideration the accompanying copy of the Right Honble the Governor's Minute on these subjects; and to desire your opinion on the system therein proposed. As the objects, which this system embraces, are of the highest importance, his Lordship is desirous that it should receive the fullest discussion, and that you should propose such

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such modifications, as may suggest themselves in the consideration of the plan.

3. Barracks for the accommodation of the Non Commissioned Officers and privates in Mysoor, must necessarily be provided by the public, and his Lordship in Council observes with satisfaction, that the nature and extent of the buildings already erected, will in general prevent the necessity of any considerable expence under this head.

4. His Lordship is fully aware of the want of experienced professional persons to examine and report on the various branches of information, which you justly consider necessary, previously to the execution of any expensive works or buildings. But while his Lordship regrets the notoriety of this mortifying fact, he considers it no less incumbent on the Government to employ such instruments, as it actually possesses, for the purpose of obtaining the best practicable information with the least practicable delay.

5. You have already been directed to authorize the

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the temporary repairs necessary for the present accommo-
-dation of the troops; and with a view to the ultimate
attainment of the best information, which the nature
of the case will admit, in order to enable your Board
to propose the erection and repair of the requisite —
buildings in Mysoor on principles of permanency and
Economy, the Right Honble the Governor in Council
has resolved to appoint a Committee of inspection and
report consisting of.

The Right Honble Colonel Wellesley Resident

Members

Assisted by a Subaltern of Engineers of their own "
Selection

6 This Committee in communication with
the Resident in Mysoor, who will be directed to assist
them with his opinion, and with such useful —
information connected with the subject as may be

obtained

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obtained from the Government of Mysoor will proceed, as the convenience of the public service shall admit. to examine and report to your Board on the buildings in all the Forts of Mysoor, as well as on the present state of the Forts themselves with the exception of the Fort of Seringapatam, regarding which you will receive his Lordship's separate instructions and you will prepare and submit to his Lordship in Council the instructions which you would propose for the — guidance of this Committee.

7. This Committee will likewise determine on the proper situations for the buildings to be erected for the preservation of the Stores, Arms, Saddles, Tents and Gram of the Regiments of [illegible] ascertain the Sums sufficient to be allowed to the — respective Commandants for this purpose and the Nature and dimensions of the buildings - In deciding on the Spots where these buildings are to be respectively erected, the Committee should keep in view the expediency of placing them within some fortified place, for their — eventual

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eventual security, in all cases where this arrangement can be adopted with convenience, and of course they — should consider the best possible application of the buildings already existing.

8. The reasons assigned by your Board are — conclusive for removing the Military Stores in Bednore to Cowly droog, which ought to be ordered with all convenient expedition.

9. Of the Garrisons necessary for this, and — most of the other posts noticed in your report, and of the posts themselves, which ought ultimately to be occupied by British troops, His Lordship in Council does not as yet possess sufficient information to determine.

Fort St. George
9th April 1800.

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

To be dispatched

Ordered to be dispatched.

Read the following letters from Major — General Brathwaite.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c.

My Lord. I have the honor to lay before your —

From major General Brathwaite - Forwards an application from Lieutenant Colonel Read for permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

Lordship in Council, an address from Lieutenant Colonel Read to proceed to Europe on Furlough - The talents of this Officer have been so conspicuously employed, and his reputation for having at all times, most Zealously exerted them for the public good, with such zeal, activity, ability and integrity, as can not be surpassed, must no doubt have filled your Lordship with the most favorable impressions in regard to him, and it will not lessen them, when I add that I have known Lieutenant — Colonel Read from his first entrance into the Service, 28 years since, and can with truth affirm, that his Zeal has been unremitting from the outset, and that he has been progressively encreasing in reputation — and estimation, from that time to this.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Madras
8th. april 1800

[signed] John Brathwaite

To

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

My Lord,

Having adjusted all my concerns with public departments since the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, was pleased to relieve me from my official situations, as a primary step to my leaving India, I have now to request your Lordship's permission to proceed on furlough to Europe, and for the Captain of the Asia to receive me with three Children on board of his Ship.

Your Lordship in Council having been pleased to order, as I am informed by a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board. N1 that the accounts of the bullock people under my direction during the late war shall be finally adjusted by Captain Symons, and that board being satisfied with the assistance I afforded towards the deciding on their claims, no more is required of me on their account.

The Military Auditor General having

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finally audited my accounts of supplies for the army,
the Company have not, as signified in the accompany-
-ing letter from Sim. N2. any further demands against
me on account of them.

The impediments I have received from such
a number of accounts, and indisposition, since I.
resigned my official charge, having prevented my
delivering into the Revenue board, my final report
on the affairs of the Ceded districts, till a very few
days ago, it has not, by reason of that, had time to
communicate to your Lordship in Council on the —
subject, but I shall hope that when an occasion of-
-fers, it will testify it's satisfaction with my conduct
in the Revenue line - The enclosure N3. is a certificate
that no balance of account is due from me to —
Revenue.

My official responsibility ending here, —
with a service of more than twenty eight years in
India, it is natural to hope that I have benefited
my Honble Masters in some degree proportioned to —
my

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my endeavors and length of Service, and that my conduct in the latter part of it, has merited your — Lordship's approbation.

8th April 1800. I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect &c &c

(Signed) Alexr. Read
No 1 Lieut. Col.

To Lieutenant Colonel Read
late Superintendent of Supplies in the Ceded Districts

Sir. Fort St. George

Captain Symons having received the — instructions of Government to adjust under the directions of the Military Board, the accounts of the Bullocks lately employed under your orders, I am to inform you that the Board consent that those accounts — should be adjusted through the Medium of that officer.

Fort St. George I have the honor to be &c &c
4th March 1800. (Signed) John Macleane.
No 2 Secy Mily Board

To Lieutenant Colonel Read.

Sir,

Having finally audited your accounts as General Superintendant of Supplies to the Army, during the late War in Mysoor, conformably to the orders

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orders of Government to this Office; under date the 21st.
February 1800, the necessary adjustments will be —
accordingly made on the books of the Military —
Paymaster General, and I shall tomorrow report to
Government that the Company have no demands —
against you on the above account.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Military Auditor

/signed/ Wm. Sydenham
Mily Audr. Genl.

Auditor's Office Fort St. George
7th. April 1800.

No. 3 Fort St. George 11th February 1800.

This is to certify that by the Revenue
Books no balance of account appears to be due —
from Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Read late Super-
-intendent of the Barramahl.

/signed/ George Read.
Acct. to the Bd. Revenue.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive,
Governor in Council.

My Lord, I have the honor to lay before your —
Lordship in Council an address to your Lordship from
Captains Crosdell and Dalrymple of the Artillery —
claiming to have precedence of Captain Gourlay of that
Corps

From Major General Braithwaite transmits a memorial addressed to the Court of Directors by Captains Crosdell and Dalrymple of the artillery, relative to their rank, and states his sentiments on the nature of the application.

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Corps accompanied also by an address which these Officers were desirous should be forwarded to the Honble the Court of Directors. As this very claim was brought forward when I had the honor to command the Army before, and was by me opposed, upon what I then conceived and still conceived to be good grounds, I wish that Major General Lydenham had resisted the renewal of it again, and as the rank of these Officers relative to each other, have been positively, and in my opinion finally adjusted, by the orders of this Government I should certainly have interposed my authority to prevent your Lordship having this trouble, but as Major General Lydenham has not conceived himself justified in checking the business in limine, and as the appeal is now made even in the outset, to the Honble the Court of Directors, I think I am forcibly called upon to submit the subject to your Lordship's Consideration. Still however, decided, in my opinion, that it is one of those obsolete and extinguished claims, which can never be permitted to occur, without giving a door to

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many others and subjecting the service to much confusion

and inconvenience.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Madras &c &c signed John Brathwaite

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive.

Governor in Council Fort St. George.

My Lord.

We have the honor to enclose you a Memorial addressed to the Honble the Court of Directors, concerning a grievance we labor under respecting our rank in the army of this Establishment, and which we request should it meet with your approbation, may be forwarded by the first Ships that sail for England, with such comments as your Lordship may conceive the justice of our claims to merit.

We beg leave to State for your Lordship's information that we have on former occasions, appealed to the justice of Government for redress from the grievance we at present complain of. But from causes unknown to us, it has never been decided upon, and as we are led to think on that account, it might not meet with your

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your Lordship's wish to determine on a claim, which may appear to you should long ere this have been adjusted by your Predecessors, we have in consequence thought it most advisable, with your permission, to appeal to the Honble the Court of Directors for a final decision upon our case, which suspence renders very unpleasant, and which their resolution alone can effectually relieve us from.

With many apologies for troubling your Lordship upon this occasion.

We have the honor to be with the sentiments of the Highest respect &c &c

Camp at Hydrabad
March 10th. 1800.

(signed) J. Crosdill
Capt. & Lieut artillery.
" Samuel Dalrymple
Capt. Lieut artillery.

G.O. published in commendation of Lieutenant Colonel Read.

Resolved to express the sense of the Board of Lieutenant Colonel Read's distinguished merit, and services in the following General Order.

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The Right Honble the Governor in Council

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G.O. by Government. Permitting Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Read to return to Europe on Furlough and bestowing the highest commendations on his conduct.

Council has been pleased to permit Lieutenant Colonel — Alexander Read to proceed to European furlough.

The uniform zeal, ability, and integrity, — which have distinguished the conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Read, the valuable information which has been acquired by his labours, and the essential services which he has rendered to the Company; have been so frequently and invariably the subject of public approbation, that it only remains for the Governor in Council to express his sense of the loss, which this Government is about to sustain by his departure; and to add to the numerous testimonies of Lieutenant Colonel Read's indefatigable and honorable exertion for the public good, that of his — Lordship and of the Governor General to his highly — meritorious services, throughout the late war with — Tippoo Sultaun.

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

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

Ordered

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Copy of the above order sent to Lieutenant Colonel Read

Ordered that a Copy of the above order be communicated to Lieutenant Colonel Read with the following letter.

To Lieutenant Colonel Read.

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Read - Enclosing for his information a Copy of the General order published in approbation of his conduct

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 8th. Instant, and to inform you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council permits you to proceed to Europe by one of the Ships now under dispatch.

On this occasion the Governor in Council has expressed his Lordships' sense of your public merits and services in a general order, of which I enclose a Copy for your information; and his Lordship has no doubt that the consciousness of deserving the public approbation, which has been so repeatedly bestowed on your conduct, will prove the most solid source of happiness to a mind regulated by public principles of honor and virtue.

I am &c &c

/signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

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