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Sent the following Letters.—

To. Major General Braithwaite

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen.

To the Military Board—transmitting copy of a letter with Enclosures from the Resident at Hyderabad on the subject of establishing a plan for attaching Bengarees to the Subsidiary force, and calling for the Boards opinion on the expediency of adopting the plan.—

The Resident at Hyderabad being desirous of establishing a plan for attaching a certain number of Bengarees to the Subsidiary force on a permanent footing, I am directed to transmit to you a copy of Major Kirkpatrick's letter and to desire that you will report your opinion as to whether the advantages expected to result from the adoption of such an arrangement are conformable to the experience obtained in the field, and adequate to the expense of maintaining such an establishment.—

I have the honor &c. &c.

Fort St George
14th April 1801.—

(Signed) J. Webb

Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

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To Major General Braithwaite

Commanding the Army in Chief

Sir

Para 1

To the officer commanding the army in Chief — acknowledging the receipt of this letter of the 10th instant — conveying the Boards sense of the conduct of the troops employed on the expedition against Panjalamcourchy, and directing that it may come to be communicated to them through Major Agnew Secretary to the Board of Revenue South Arcot — family have been taken into consideration, and a G.O. published on the occasion —

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th Instant which has been submitted to the Right Honble the Governor in Council. —

2. In the unsuccessful assault of Panjalamcourchy the high reputation of His Majesty's 74th Regiment, and the distinguished character of Captain John Campbell of that Corps were honorably sustained, and the Governor in Council is happy to observe on the steady valour of the native troops on that occasion the beneficial effects of the late necessary increase of pay to which you have directed his Lordships attention, and concurs in attributing in a great degree to the judicious Department of Major Shepherd the satisfactory behaviour of the 1st Battalion

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Battalion 3d Regiment and the distinguished
bravery of its flank Companies, and His Lordship
desires that you will convey through Major
Maccaulay to the Officers and men employ-
ed on the late assault of Panjalamcoiechy
his entire satisfaction of their gallant &
though unsuccessful exertions on that Ser-
vice.—

3 The notice of the Governor
in Council had been particularly attracted
to the gallant charge of the Cavalry under
that meritorious Officer Lieutenant James
Grant on the 30th ultimo, and His Lord-
ship is happy to find that your Lieute-
nants views so entirely to concur with his
own on that occasion.—

4 The Right Honble the
Governor in Council has taken into particu-
lar consideration the strong claimes of
the family of Subidar Shaik Ibraim to
favorable

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favorable consideration, and has directed His Lordships Sentiments on this Subject to be published on a General order to the army of this Date which you will order to be particularly explained to the Native Troops—

I have the honor &c &c &c

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(Signed) Robt Tolling
Sec'y to Government M.D

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

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board—Desiring that all officers commanding Stations in the Southern Division of the army may be instructed to comply with all Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Agnew for articles of Military and Provision Stores without reference to the Presidency—

The Right Honble the Governor in Council having been pleased to appoint, Lieutenant Colonel Agnew, the Adjutant General of the Army, especially to command the forces in the Provence of Tinnevelly, and to conduct the future operations of the troops against the rebellious Polygars of that District directs me to desire that

all

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all officers commanding posts and Stations
in the Southern Division of the army may be
authorized and instructed to comply with
the indents of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew
for articles of Stores, provisions, arms and
ammunition without the delay of a previ-
-ous reference to the Presidency according to
the established practise.—

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I have the honor &c &c &c
/Signed/ Robt Workman
Sect. to Government MD.

To Lieutenant Colonel Brunton
Military auditor General

Sir.

Para 1. I am directed by the Right
Honble the Governor in Council to desire that
you will authorize payment of the enclosed
Bill of the Gun Carriage &c &c Contractors
for Pagodas 2744: 33: 13.—

To the Military auditor Genl authorizing payment of a Bill of the Gun Carriage contractors directing that Mr Tod home basket may be allowed to draw pay & full Batta during the period of time that he was Prisoner with the French.—

2. In consequence of a repre-
-sentation

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Sentation from Mr Tichborne a Gentleman &
Cadet who was so severely wounded in the
Kent Indiaman during the action which that
Ship had with a French Privateer, that he
could not be removed into the Ship which con-
veyes the other Passengers to Calcutta, and
was consequently carried to the Mauritius,
the Right Honble the Governor in Council has
resolved that the same indulgence should be
extended to him which has been shewn to
Mr Assistant Surgeon Sherwood, and de-
sires that you will authorize payment of
Mr Tichbornes Bills for his pay and full
Batta from the period of time when the other
Gentlemen Cadets whose Passengers on the
Kent arrived in Calcutta till his arrival at
this Presidency from the Mauritius—

I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) Robt Tilling

Sct to Government &c

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Received

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Received and Sent the fol-
lowing Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 28. 29. 30. 31.

From the Military Paymaster General.—

From Mr. Roebuck.— Forwards application from Paymaster Wetherall to visit the Presidency on sick Certificate.—

From Messrs. Chas. Chinnery & and Macdonald.

From Messrs. Chas Chinnery & Macdonald.— Enclosing Bills for the accommodation of French Officers on board the Albatross.—

From Mr. Cattaings.

From Mr. Cattaings.— informs that he had been exchanged for Ensign Byr of 76th. Regiment.— Captain Rodoul & had by that opportunity transmitted to the Town Major Grant a certificate to prove that he was not on board the La Prenuse frigate when she was taken.—

To Military Secretary at Bom.

To Lieutenant Rook.— Transmitting copy of a letter to the Court of Directors on the Military Department by Sir Edward Hughes.—

Received

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Received the following Letters.—

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The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord.

From the Deputy-Military Auditor General.—Forwards application from Lieutenant colonel Roberson to receive the difference between King's and Company's Subsistence of his rank.—

In consequence of the Indisposition of the Military auditor General, I have the honor at the request of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson Deputy adjutant general to the King's Troops in India, communicated in a Letter from him to the Military Paymaster at the Presidency (of which a copy is enclosed) to refer for the Decision of your Lordship in Council, a claim preferred by that Officer to the difference between the King's and Company's Pay as Lieutenant Colonel of a Regiment being Pagodas 13. 16. 70 Monthly—

2d

Lieutenant Colonel Robertson having stated in his letter, the particular reasons upon which he founds his claim,

it

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it is only requisite further to observe for your Lordship's information upon the subject, that several instances have occurred, when Officers in His Majesty's Service holding Staff appointments under this Presidency, have not been in the receipt of the difference between the Kings, and Company's Pay of their Regimental Rank, in consequence of the corps to which they belonged not being in India, during that time, as in the cases of Lieutenant Colonel Boreslord when aid de camp to Lord Hobart late Governor of Fort St George, of Lieutenant Colonel Cliffe, when Secretary, and of major Gordon when aid de camp to Lieutenant General Clarke lately Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Coast. —

P.S. It is also to be observed that the Regimental Subsistence of those Officers

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Officers during the respective periods they filled those Staff appointments was not drawn in this Country, nor is Lieutenant Colonel Robertson's.—

11. It is suggested however by that Officer that the above cited cases are not similar to his, because the Special Commission from the King appointing him Deputy adjutant General of His Majesty's Land forces in India, does not preclude him from acting with, or Commanding a body of Troops, as he may be situated according to Rank being an effective Lieutenant Colonel on this respect the same as any other Lieutenant Colonel of His Majesty's Regiments in India, and consequently he concludes, entitled to the same pay. These cases therefore it may be allowed, are not exactly parallel, it accordingly remains with your Lordship to decide

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decide what consideration may be due to the distinction which Colonel Robertson has pointed out arises between them.—

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St George 16th April 1801.

I have the honor &c &c

/Signd/ P. Bruce

Deputy Military Auditor General

J Rowley Esqre

Military Paymaster

Sir

In the bills which I have the pleasure to send for Payment, it is necessary for me to observe to you, that I have included a difference of Pay upon the following Grounds, although not in general allowed to Officers whose Regiments are not in India.—

Having a Commission from His Majesty as Deputy adjutant General to the Forces in India, I conceive that I do have

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have a right to have equal pay, or subsistence, to any other Officer of the same Regimental rank under the Presidency where I am serving.—

When the new arrangements took place and the Staff allowances were consolidated, my Salary was then regulated to that of Major, to put me on an equality with the Deputy Adjutant General to the Company's Troops under this Government although I had been drawing Lieutenant Colonel's Batta for 10 Months previous to that period.—

I reduced in that instance from Lieutenant Colonel's to Major's Batta, upon the principle of equalization, the very same reason ought now to operate in my favor.—

In case you do not feel yourself authorized to pray this charge I must

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must request you will be so obliging as lay my letter before the Auditor General, that he may submit it to the consideration of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.—

I have the honor &c &c &c

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/Signed/ Ja.s Robertson
Dy. Adjt. General

A true Copy
/Signed/ T. Rowley
Asst Paymaster

A true copy
/Signed/ D. Bruce
Dy. Adjt. and Qr. Genl.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive
President and Governor, in Council
Fort St George

My Lord,

By a letter which my acting Deputy adjutant General has received from Major Macaulay dated the 25th

From the Governor of Ceylon. Represents that the absence of so great a part of the force will prevent his being able to spare the

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The whole of the 2d Battalion 6th Regiment will arrange for sending as many of their corps as can be spared to the Coast.—

25th ult.o, I am informed that, that Officer is in immediate expectation of the arrival of the 2d Battalion of the 6th Regiment of your Native Infantry.—

2. When I had the honour of addressing Your Lordship in Council on the subject of that Battalion, I proposed to exchange it against a smaller number of your Malabar Troops and to diminish the number even of those Troops gradually, as the forces which I could raise on this Island would become disciplined and effective.—

3. But as that Battalion forms, during the absence of the larger half of my Malay Corps, and the formation of the new ones, nearly the whole Native force of all my Garrisons on this side of the Island, from Jaffnapatam to Tjille, as well as the only Guard on my

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my person and the important concern which I am at present superintending; the sending it to Tutocorynne in a Body would be impossible for some time, even if the state of my Government would justify so great a diminution of its Military force.—

4 The Convalescents (who unfortunately are numerous) will be collected and embarked by the earliest opportunity; and if I judge by a sample of Fifty of them (who were sent hither for their health) they will be fit to serve very soon indeed after their arrival.—

5 Your Lordship in Council has been already apprized of the departure of two Companies of H. M. 51st Regiment for the Coast, and my Malays will remain under Your orders, while their services may be necessary, but I am afraid that few, if any more Troops can be sent

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sent at present without endangering the safety of the place, more particularly as the Intelligence which has been received by your Lordship in Council as well as by me, gives us reason to apprehend the arrival of a French Naval force in these Seas—

I have the Honor &c &c

Arrived 16th April 1801

(Signed) Fred. North

From the Military Secretary at Bombay.

Received a Letter from Lieutenant Hook entered in M. B. No. 32 — Enclosing Letter for the Secretary to the Military Board—

17th

Sent the following Letter.—

To C. William Falloufield Esq re

President &c &c Members of the

Marine Board

Gentlemen,

To the Marine Board. Desiring that the Ships Lady Clive and Earl Mornington may be surveyed

It being the intention of the Governor in Council to retain the Ships Lady Clive, and Earl of Mornington, as transports on the terms on which those vessels

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vessels have been already engaged in the public service provided they shall be found capable of performing an adverse passage as described in His Lordships orders of the".

"I am directed to desire that you will give orders for the survey of these vessels with all practicable expedition.—

I have the honor &c &c

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/Signed/ G. Buchan
Acting Chief Secy to Govt

19th

Received the following Letter.

J. Webbe Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant communicating the Right

From the Officer commanding in Travancore - Acknowledging receipt of Letter of 8th Instant and offering his acknowledgements for the honourable testimonial

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terms in which the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew to command in Travancore was signified—

Right Honble the Governor in Council to direction of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew for the Chief command of the Forces within the Province—

With the liveliest Gratitude for the very handsome manner in which His Lordship has been pleased to convey the intimation of this indispensable appointment, I can with truth assure his Lordship of my being heartily disposed to cooperate with Lieutenant Colonel Agnew, with zeal and cordiality, in conducting the future operations against the Rebels, and in advancing the success of the campaign—

Camp at Paniyani Curricherry April 12th 1801.

I have the honor &c.
Signed C. Macaulay
Major Commanding

Returns the following letter

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

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Governor & President in Council

&c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord.

1st

From the Govr & Governor of Ceylon reports the arrangements which he had made for sending the 2d Battalion 6th Regiment to the coast.—

When I had the honor of addressing Your Lordship in Council on the 4th inst I stated the great Difficulties which were likely to impede the immediately uniting and embarking the Second Battalion of Your Sixth Regiment of Native Infantry now dispersed in various Garrisons on this Island—

2. This principal Difficulty is the want of Tonnage for that Purpose, on which account orders have been issued for the march of such Part of the Battalion as is in Garrison at Columbo to the Northward along the western Coast of the Island to Manaar from which Place they will proceed to Kilkavery in Boats.—

I write

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3d

I will immediately send to Half of the small Detachment now with me to the same Place, and will take Measures for despatching the Remainder, as soon as I can procure a sufficient Guard to escort the Government Pearls to Columbo.

4th

The Company of that Battalion now at Jaffnapatam shall be ordered to march towards the same Point as soon as the arrival of a Force to supply its Place will allow of its Departure.

5th

I hope your Lordship & in Council will not disapprove of my retaining at Galle the Detachment of your Battalion which is there at present, till I know whether the small European Force consisting of Two Companies of His Majesty's 19th Regiment which is destined to replace it, may not be

considered

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considered by Your Lordship in Council, as
likely to be more advantageous to your Service
on the Tinnevelly District, than that part
of Your Native Corps. If not, It can be
easily embarked at Galle, during the
present Season, and sent on to join the rest of
the Battalion with all possible Despatch.—

6th As I have not yet receiv-
-ed the Return of the actual State of the
Battalion, I can only write in general
Terms I will not fail, however, to send
Your Lordship in Council as well as Your
Officer commanding in Tinnevelly as specific
account of the Numbers of the Sepoys return-
-ed at Galle and Jaffnapatam, and of those
who are under March from Columbo.—

I have the Honor &c &c &c

(True Copy
13th April 1801.) (Signed) Frederic North

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive.

Governor in Council

Vt. Vt. Vt.

My Lord,

Para 5th

From the Military Board Recommend grain to be laid up at Palamcottah and the payment of advances of Cash and Bills

An immediate supply of Grain being necessary for the use of the Garrison of Palamcottah, We beg leave to recommend that we may be authorized to give orders to the Garrison Storekeeper to provide without delay and store at that Station one hundred Garce of Paddy of the best quality —

2. Mr. Maystone the Commercial Resident at Ingeram having declined making up the proportion of Cash intended to have been prepared at that Factory on the terms stipulated by us We recommend that he may be called upon to repay the advance of Pagodas 1975.32 ordered to be advanced to him for the provision

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provision of the camp Equipage in question which Sum we propose should be transferred to Mr. Malcolm by whom we have determined the Tents shall be supplied — And as Mr. Malcolm has already represented to us that they can be more speedily furnished provided the advance of Cash is increased in the first instance, we recommend that a second Sum of Pagodas 1975. 32. — may be paid to him on account of the additional number of Tents now ordered. —

3d We enclose, and request Payment may be ordered of, the following Bills of the Garrison Storekeeper in May last. —

No. 1 —— Bill for Gunny Bags, amounting to Pagodas 91. 19. 22. —

No. 2. —— Bill for Extra Servants amounting to Pagodas 29. 15. — —

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No. 3— Bill for Extra Servants a-
mounting to Pagodas 52: 42: ..—

No. 4— Bill for Extra Servants a:
mounting to Pagodas 56: 22: 40:—

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We have the honor &c &c &c

(Signed) John Braithwaite
" Wm Sydenham
" John Richardson

Sent the following Letter—

To Robert Richards Esqre
Secretary to Government
Bombay

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you, extract of a letter from the Military Board dated the 13th Instant, representing the deficiency of Brass six pounder Field pieces in the arsenal of Fort St George, and to request that you will state this circumstance

At this Secretary at Bombay to replying for a supply of Brass six pounder field pieces—

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stance to the Honble the Governor in Council.
I and communicate His Lordships wish that
Twenty Brass light six pounder field pieces &
could be spared from the arsenal at Bombay
for the use of this Establishment, and forward-
ed to Fort St George by the first convenient op-
portunity —

I have the honor &c &c

Fort St George
20th April 1801.

/Signed/ Robt Tytler
Secretary to Government M.C

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

Gentlemen

Para 1st I am directed to ac-
knowledge the receipt of your letters of
the 16th and 17th Instant —

2d The Military Auditor Gene-
ral has been directed to authorize pay-
ment of the Bill transmitted in your
letter

To the Military Board acknowledges receipt of letters of 16th & 17th Inst. Application has been made to Bombay for a supply of brass 6 pounders field pieces. Authorizes an extract of letter from the Officer commanding the Subsidiary force, calls for the Boards opinion of the suggestion of
it

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It contains for altering the present mode of transporting the Stores with the Subsidiary Force—Sends with list of Elephants collected at Soffragam—Jaffna, and sales for the Powers of Division of the number he requires for the public Service and how many described in the list will answer for that purpose —

Letter of the 10th., and application has been made to the Governor in Council at Tombay to supply from that arsenal the number of Brass six pounder field pieces which you have presented to be necessary in your letter of the 13th Instant.—

2. I am directed to enclose extract of a letter from the officer commanding the Subsidiary force, and to desire that you will report your opinion of the suggestion it conveys for altering the present mode of transporting the Magazine of Stores or such part of it, as it shall be found expedient to move with any Detachments which may be occasionally made from the Subsidiary force—

4. I am further directed to enclose copy of a list of thirty four Elephants which have been collected at Soffragham, and to desire that you will without

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20th delay report your opinion what number of those animals is required to complete the Establishment authorized to be kept up under this Presidency, and how many of those described in the enclosed List you think are fit for the publick Service, you are further required to give your opinion at what port on the Coast it will be most convenient to land such Elephants of this Lot as shall be chosen for the Service.—

I have the honor &c.

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(Signed) Robt Turing
Sec.y to Government &c.

To Ernst Wm Saltzfield Esqr.
President &c. Members of the
Marine Board

Gentlemen

Para 1. I have the honor to enclose a tender which has been submitted to the Governor in Council for the employment

To the Marine Board—Enclosing tender of the Ship Ann & Matilda, and directing her to be surveyed—repeats orders for a

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a speedy report on the Discipline of Morningtons

employment of the Grab Ship Anna Mytilda on the public Service as a transport you will accordingly issue orders for the survey of that vessel and report your opinion of her capacity to perform an adverse passage, as already described to you. —

2d

His Lordship desires that your report in the condition of this Vessel may be furnished in the least delay possible, and I am directed to request His Lordships orders for an early report on the State of the Lord Mornington and the Lady Clive. —

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I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) G. Buchan
acting Chief Secretary to Govt

To Major Colin Macaulay
Commanding on
Sumneerden

Sir

(Duplicate)

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commanding in Tinnevelly informing him that a Detachment of the 77th Regiment has been ordered to join the Force in Tinnevelly and directing him to take measures to facilitate their March from Anjengo

received Instructions from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to reenforce the Detachment in Tinnevelly with a proportion of the Troops from Malabar, in case the situation of his command should admit of that measure, that Officer with the zeal which has uniformly marked his conduct has directed His Majesty's 77th Regiment to proceed to Tinnevelly and that Regiment will accordingly embark from Calicut for Anjengo on the 21st of this Month.—

2d The orders which have been issued to the Resident at Anjengo for providing bullocks and Carriage for the use of the Detachment will probably remove any difficulty in the March of these Troops through the Travancore Country.

But

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But it being material that their junction should be effected with the Troops now assembled in Tinnevelly at the earliest practicable period, I am directed to desire that you will facilitate that object by such further means as you may think necessary.—

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I am &c &c
(Signed) J: Buchan
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Received and sent the following Letters entered on M. B. Nos 33 - 34 - 35 - 36 - 37 - 38 - 39 - 40 -

From the Secretary to the Military Board

From Mr Rickards - Enclosing Letter for the Secretary to the Military Board -

From the Military Board

From the Military Board - acknowledges receipt of letter of 9th Instant have given the necessary orders

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Recommend the payment of two Bills.—

From Do. Do. Recom-

From Do. Do.

-mend an advance of Pagodas 50,000 to

the agent for Spirituous Liquors.—

From Lieutenant Colonel &

From the Spiritual agents.—

Cosner— Forwards tender of the Ship &

anna Matilda.—

To Lieutenant Colonel

To the Military Auditor General.

Brunton— Directing an advance of

Cash to be made to the Detachment of

the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment under or-

-ders of March into the Tinnevelly Province.

To Lieutenant Colonel &

To the Commanding Officer at Broachoy

Campbell— Directing him to furnish a

small Guard to proceed in charge of Cash

for a Detachment of the 1st Battalion 7th

7th Regiment.—

To Do. Do. Decision of

To Do. Do.

the Governor in Council on a letter re-

-ceived

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Recd from Monsieur Soneral. —

To Mr Chase Chinne-
Chinnery Klaas
dowall —

-ry and Macdowall — Returning
Bills for the accommodation of French
Officers on board the Albatross — the
charge deemed inadmissible —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Tuesday 21st April 1801 } William Petrie and Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

The Secretary Reports the

death of the following officers.—

Death of Capt. Wm. King of the Madras European Regt. Lieut. M. Egan of the 1st Bn. 3d Regt. Lieut. Kay Mongrall of the 1st Bn. 4th Regt. and Lieut. J.P. Le Mesurier of the 1st Bn. 9th Regt.

Captain Wm. King of the Madras European Regiment at Vellore on 12th Inst.—

Lieutenant M. Egan of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment and Lieutenant Kay Mongreall of the 1st Battalion 4th Regiment killed on the attack of Panjalamcoorchy on the 31st March and Lieutenant J.P. Le Mesurier of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment who died at Tuticonalle on the 27th March.—

The Board proceed to read

and

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and pass resolutions on the following Proceed-
ings of the Medical Board.

Resolutions of the Governor in Council 21st April 1801

Medical Board
April 13th 1801.

1st. The head Surgeon of

The Governor in Council at Mysore Mr. Anderson has
drawn Mr. Surgeon Mackay forwarded to us a Letter
claim for compensation for from Mr. Surgeon Mackay
of the 19th Regiment of
attending on the Sick officer
native Infantry at Ban-
galore wherein he states
Bangalore to be totally inad-
that he is frequently re-
visible, attention to Officers
called upon to attend the
so circumstanced forms as
Sick Officers who are
much a part of Mr. Mack-
constantly keeping their
-ays duty, as his atten-
Bangalore, and requests
-dance upon the Officers of
that a Medical allow-
the Station to which he be-
-ance may be granted
longs. Similar applicati-
to him as a compensatio
-on for compensation as
might

from the medical Board. Recommending allowance of Rupees per month to the Surgeon at Bangalore and promotion of the Surgeon.

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much claim to favorable consideration by all the Surgeons fixed at Stations on the great routes to our Southern and Northern Possessions — expence he is exposed to on that account — As Mr Anderson has expressed himself fully sensible of the justice of the claim and suggests the Sum of Twenty five Pagodas (25) a Month as an adequate compensation — We recommend that Mr Surgeon Mackay be permitted to draw the Sum of Twenty five Pago. das (25) Monthly during the continuance of the Regiment he belongs to at Bangalore and that the same allowance shall afterwards be drawn by the Senior Medical Gentleman at that Station —

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To Mr Surgeon Thomson

I have been discontinued from the List of Medical Officers of this Establishment the Governor in Council considers the recommendation of Mr Assistant Surgeon David Moodie to be promoted as soon as vacancy

2d

In the Resolutions of Government on our Proceedings under date the 19th May 1800 the appointment of Mr Surgeon Thomson to the 6th Regiment Native Infantry was deemed in expedient— as that Regiment has since been unprovided with a Surgeon we recommend that Assistant Surgeon Mr David Moodie who has been permitted to go to Europe for the recovery of his health and is next in seniority to Mr Colhoun be promoted to the rank of

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full Surgeon and posted
to the 6th. Regiment Na-
-tive Infantry.—

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) Nicol Munro
2d. Member Medical Board

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

(Signed) Robt. Turing
Act. to Government M.D

Read the following Letter &
from the Company's Attorney.—

To Major Turing
Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir.

I have herewith the honor
to send you the Report of Mr. Samuel (the
Master

From the Com-
pany's Solici-
tor Relative
to Charges
of Ballot Cases
against the Compa-
ny—

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Master in Equity of the Court of the Recorder/ in/
the Cause instituted against the Company by the
Claimants for the arrears Due to the Bullock &
Owners with Colonel Baillies detachment in the
Year 1780 and together with the Report I re-
transmit Mr Sullivans note received there with
- In my Letter to Mr Sullivan on the Subject
(Copy of which you had sent you some few days
ago) I took the Liberty of recommending an
acquiescence in the terms of the report, and I re
am well pleased to find my recommendation
Sanctioned by the Attorney Generals approval.
I take leave to mention &
that the report as you will perceive bears
date the 9th of this Month - that in ordi-
nary Cases there are only fowre days allowed
to take Objections to the Masters Report
in this Instance the Strictness of the rule
has been relaxed, and dispensed with in or-
der to give myself the attorney General, &

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and ultimately the Supreme Board all con-
venient time to consider the Report as it may
affect the Company as However the Report
has undergone the Consideration of the Attor-
ney General, and, as I am something pressed
by the Plaintiff to Entreat, that the matter
(The term now drawing near to its close)
may have as speedy a decision as may be
consistent with convenience, I trust I shall
be excused in noticing to you the anxiety of
the parties—

I am &c &c

17th. April 1801— (Signed) R Williams

Chundadry Pillah Rauckeapah Moodelia

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The United Company of Merchants of
England trading to the East Indies &c &c &c

Where any special Enquiry
has been directed, it has been an invariable
usage with me, to declare and explain the
reasons

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reasons, which have governed my Report — I know not whether such a Practice is strictly enjoined by my Office, or whether as regards myself it may be deemed a guarded, or safe course — The ultimate conclusion and result from any given Circumstances, may often be correct, where the particular premises & from which it has been drawn would if exposed, / have been liable to Question and refutation — I have inclined to it, however in all cases, where the Subject referred, or incidents connected with it, have been capable of a two fold construction that the parties concerned, ever watchful of their own Interests might have an opportunity of seeing and examining the grounds on which I had concluded; and of correcting in the first instance, without appealing to the court, any Error into which I might have fallen, either in Statement, argument or Inference — and I have always held that

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that any personal difficulty, or Responsibility resulting from such a Practice, ought to be a mean consideration, when compared with the Benefit, in my humble contemplation, which would flow to the Party, from being put in possession of the easy means of obviating any false impression which might, unconsciously, have been made, to his disadvantage or disfavor.

2. Had I not purposed that Method in general, I should have thought the case before me would have warranted a Deviation from any ordinary Rule - It is a Case of considerable moment, pregnant with peculiar Circumstances and attended with a certain degree of delicacy - The whole of the Plaintiffs hopes and Fortune rest on the determination of this Suit - The object of it, from the Lapse of time, and from contingencies incident - is at this day somewhat obscure as

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and dark; and, what must naturally be felt as adding to the difficulties of him, who is so called upon to exercise his Judgement on the Plaintiffs rights, is the certain knowledge, of that Individual of the first character- and of Public Bodies who cannot be named without respect, have already expressed their Sentiments and recorded their opinions on the subject in dispute— If I shall find myself obliged to differ in any thing, from those who have trod, the same ground before me— I would look for the cause— to the appearance of additional Circumstances and Evidence before me which were not exhibited and shewn, on any preceding enquiry; rather than to any controversy of conclusion, from the same premises— and from what I am able to understand from the face of the pleadings (and which undertake to state the substance of all that passed before the various committees, and Boards to whom the matter

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matter in difference has been referred) I have no
hesitation in saying, that I should have &
wholly concurred with them in the general
deduction they have drawn, if nothing else
had appeared before me, than what had been
submitted to them— It is perhaps requisite
of those, who are employed in public trusts
to be cautious even to Jealousy, of the &
Rights and Interests confided to them; and the
Law ever inclines with Leniency to Error, rather
-ing out of rational caution, tho' it verge
towards excess—

3d Amongst the peculiarities
-ties of this case, (and they are many I am &
happy to find— that it is exempt from all
nicety or subtlety in Pleading from questiona-
-ble points of Evidence— and from disputed
facts— We could not indeed, expect— when
a demand is resisted (as this) on fair and &
honorable principles, to encounter Cavils and
objections

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Objections, which are the Off-Springs only of private Interests, or the baser Passions.—

4th. I have never observed an Enquiry more liberally met by any Defendants whatsoever no point has been stirred—no question raised, which might have a tendancy to repell or defeat the Plaintiffs demand— While on the other hand, much has been admitted to facilitate his recovery, if he should be able to make out a primâ facie right— He has had every fair help and allowance from the Defendants to aid him in his cause— So that if he failed, his ill success would be attributable, not to the opposition of the Defendants, but to the defective means within himself, of establishing such a case, as would entitle him to recover.—

5th. Whether such a case has or has not been made out, it is now my

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my business to enquire and in pursuance of
the duty which has devolved on me, I shall
take such a view of the Proceedings had in
the Cause, as they conduce to my Report—

6th The plaintiff states that
in the month of June, One Thousand seven
hundred and eighty, he contracted with &
Mr. Cadogan, The acknowledged agent of
the Company, for the supply of a certain &
number of Bullocks at a given price per &
Pensem, to enable a Detachment of the Hono-
-able Company's Forces, under the command of
Lieutenant Colonel Bailie — to take the &
Field, and to make head against the Enemy-
7th That the Plaintiff by
the means of advances out of his own monies
and of Sums borrowed of his friends, procured
the requisite number of Bullocks to be fur-
-nished, with all appurtenances, by a given
day — which appears to have been the Twenty
Eighth

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Eight day of June, of the same year, when the Bullocks were inspected and mustered by the Company's agent —

8th. That in order to fulfil his contract, the Plaintiff had entered into agreements with a variety of Maistries and owners of Bullocks, (which it alleges to be an ordinary thing) for the supply of Bullocks, according to their respective means — To which maistries and owners he consequently became responsible — not only for the Hire of their Bullocks, but for other Incidental expences, attendant on the Service which they were to render, after the same rate, which he the plaintiff had engaged to supply the Company with the Cattle they required —

9th. That the Course followed by the plaintiff, was the course usually pursued, in the Execution of such contracts and the responsibility incurred by it, etta.

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-blished and conformed by long usage —

10th That the Plaintiff, as the head or principal contractor was entitled to receive the hire — of the whole of the Bullocks employed being liable, however to account to the several maistries for the Proportionate number of Bullocks, respectively supplied by them —

11th That the Plaintiff according to his contract, furnished the Stipulated number of Bullocks, and of the kind condition-ed, from the twenty third of June, to a specified day in September following —

12th And that he did receive from the Company and distributed the Hire for the whole of the Bullocks employed for the month of June (i.e. — for the period, for which they were employed in that month.)

13th That from the State of the Company's Finances — They were not able to pay to the Plaintiff any further

Sum

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Sum for hire — as it became due — That so great was the distress of the Camp at this Juncture, that Cadogan was obliged to borrow One thousand Pagodas, of one Nuneapah, his Dubash — to satisfy the public Exigencies — & which was afterwards acknowledged and repaid by the Company, on the Credit and faith of & Nuneapah's attestation.—

Ls. Mr.

The Plaintiff then states — that after the performance of his contract for two whole Months, and certain described parts of two other months, The Detachment was utterly defeated by the Enemy — In which defeat the Plaintiff lost the whole of his Bullocks and his accounts — and was himself reduced to Captivity, in which sad and deplorable State he remained, from the tenth of September One thousand Seven hundred and eighty, to the beginning of the year One & thousand Seven hundred and eighty Seven P.—

That

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15th That the Plaintiff, at the
last mentioned date came to madras and
petitioned the Government for the discharge
of his claim — at the head of which at that
time, was Sir Archibald Campbell. —

16th The Petition, and the mat-
ters to which it referred, was submitted to
the Investigation of the Military Board, in
the year One thousand Seven hundred and
ninety — who reported to the Government
that the Plaintiff, and others, who were
Parties to the Petition, had not sufficiently
established their claims. —

17th The Plaintiff details other
ineffectual References at his instance, and
on his Petition, from the Government to
the Military Board and certain Com-
-mittees — But more particularly a Re-
-ference to Mr. Skardon — who certified, on
an Examination of Cadogans Account,

that

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that a Sum was due to the Bullock Master of the Detachment in question — to the amount sued for by the Plaintiff — and on which the Plaintiff relied that his demand would be have been satisfied.—

18th. That from failure of the Company to discharge the claim of the plaintiff he had at length been obliged to institute the present suit.—

19th. To the leading Particulars of the Plaintiffs Statement — The answer of the Company gives a general credit.—

20th. It admits that the detachment under Baillie, was in want of Bullocks at the time particularized. That Cadogan was authorized to contract for the supply of the numbers wanted.—

21. That he did Contract for a Specific Quantity of Bullocks equal to the number stated in the Complainants

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Bill for the time and at the rate mentioned.—

22d That the Bullocks, contract-
-ed for, were furnished, inspected and mustered
and performed the Service for the period de-
scribed by the Plaintiff—

23d That no further Sum was
paid for the hire of the Bullocks, than for
the broken Month of June, One thousand seven
hundred and Eighty—

24th That no other sum had
since been paid on that account—

25th That the Plaintiff has pre-
-sented the different Petitions stated by him
-which, with all matters concerning them
had been submitted to the consideration of the
different Boards and persons enumerated in
the Pleadings—

26th That no Claims, other
than those specified by the Plaintiff, have
at any time been made on the Company, for

the

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the Hire of those Bullocks.—

27th. That it may be true—that the Principal or head Bullock Master receives the hire, and is responsible to the Subordinate owners Masters and others—for the Sums which he may receive, on their account—as is further stated in the Bill—(The answer also admits the defeat of Baillies detachment—and the loss as consequent thereon.—

29th. But that the Defendants, having no immediate knowledge of the Person or persons with whom Cadogan made his Contract, nor of any means of information of that particular—cannot admit the demands of the Plaintiff—until he shall have evidenced, that he is the Person with whom such Contract was made. That they now are, and have been at all times ready, on such Evidence, to discharge

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the Amount claimed -

29th

On the admissions con-

tained in the Defendants answer - which re-

considerably narrow, the object in dispute-

- It has been mutually agreed between the

Parties to the Suit - That a conditional

Decree should be made; and which has

been made accordingly in favor of the

Plaintiff, for the principal, Sum menti-

oned in the Bill - being acknowledged by

the Answer, to be due and owing on ac-

count of the Hire of Draught and Carriage

Bullocks, and the Wages of Masters and

drivers attached to the detachment in Ques-

tion, and for the months set forth and Lib-

erty

scribed Provided that the Plaintiff should

produce satisfactory proof before me - as

master of the Court of the Recorder, that the

the Plaintiff is the Person entitled to

such Sum; and that he give sufficient

security

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Security to the Defendants to be by me approved against the demands of any future or claimants on account of the money referred to by the Decree— And as connected with such principal Sum— it has been further ordered that I should report, at what rate and for what period the Plaintiff should be allowed Interest if any on the Principal Sum decreed —

30th.

Since the date of the Decree various Examinations have taken place before me in order to ascertain the right of the Plaintiff as to the Sum decreed, in one or other of the relations in which he has preferred his claim— The result of these Examinations is reduced into writing in the ordinary form of Evidence taken viva voce in which both Parties have acquiesced— and of which they have had mutual Benefit—

31st.

It will not be necessary

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for me to go into the Evidence further, than it has been insisted on by the Counsel on either side as applicable to the particular points which they have severally attempted to maintain.—

22d. The contract on which the Plaintiff founds himself and all the Transactions that have relation to it—took place, as appears by the Pleadings, above twenty years ago but beside the lapse of time, the Plaintiff as it would seem, as had to encounter with super-added disadvantages and difficulties, which arose out of the unfortunate accidents that befell the Army, to which he attached, and the share which he himself bore in the general calamity— and the Plaintiffs counsel has dwelt on the hardship, which is imposed on his Client from the Time, which has intervened, between the Transactions which

give

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give rise to the Suit, and the Suit itself,
and has recapitulated the various Losses &
which he has undergone, not only on account
of the years that have passed - and of the
common Ravages which they have made
but of the more certain and deadly effects
of the sword which had swept away whole
Ranks of the Detachment, together with its
unfortunate Leader - and the numerous &
attendants on his Camp, and had reduced
the Survivors, from the almost universal
Carnage, into a State of Captivity and &
Bondage - from which they did not escape,
but with a servitude of full seven years -
These circumstances / certainly very deplorable
have deprived the Plaintiff - as it repre-
-sented by his Counsel, and as it may fairly
be believed - of the Benefit of the Testimony
of several immediate Servants of the Compa-
-ny, that formed a part of the Detachment,

and

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and who may well be supposed to have had an intimate knowledge of the Transactions on which the Plaintiff proceeds— These also have occasioned, (as is stated, and admitted) the loss of all accounts and documents which might, if preserved, have made out the Plaintiffs demand, or at least, have evidenced sufficient, to have induced the Defendants to acknowledge his claim— and in consideration of these unto ward occurrences an Indulgence, or allowance, has been claimed to the case of the Plaintiff; wherever it should appear, not to be so distinctly evidenced, as might be expected in an ordinary case—

93d. But however such circumstances might weigh on the Heart they ought not to ought certainly to operate on the Judgement where the Rights of one Party or the other may suffer by it— If no such arguments could be attended to— it

could

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would be impossible to ascribe any boundary to the Evidence which under such impressions, might at one time or other, be dispensed with— It would always in such a case— depend on the degree of feeling or Sensibility in the Party, called upon to exercise his Judgement— It would be thence impossible to conjecture at the wild latitude— to which such an allowance might lead —

3d. It is certainly a thing to be lamented when a Suitor is defeated in his rights, by the Demise of any witness who might, if such deprivation had not happened, have finally prevailed in his suit — But from the uncertain state of sublunary affairs such cases sometime occur— and must be endured, as accidents growing out of the Infirmity of our nature— and it is better that such partial evil should occur than that the rights of Parties should

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should be liable to be affected or changed by any thing but known - definite and demonstrative Proof.—

35. There are cases indeed, where the Law has provided some remedy for similar accidents, by admitting secondary — evidence (properly authenticated) in particular matters — such as the sayings of Parties in their life time, as to particular Questions. The substitution of Copies where Originals have been lost or destroyed — and the reading of the Depositions of Parties dead taken under a Bill to perpetuate Testimony and the like — But except in these, and other peculiar Instances, the Law always requires the best Evidence, which the Thing will admit.—

36. If any of the Plaintiffs Evidence, being inadmissible under the general rule has a right to consideration,

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underone or other of the Exceptions. Shave x omitted to mention — of course it ought and will be attended to — otherwise it must be received only to the extent, which ordinary evidence, in ordinary cases, it wont to be received — and having Premised this — I shall advert to the case of the plaintiff as it appears now in Evidence before me —

37. The Plaintiff considers himself entitled to recover, and has to contented, on two Grounds. —

First — On the Specific Ground of his Contract. —

Secondly — under the peculiar circumstances detailed in his Bill — under which he made certain advances to the Bullock Owners and others. —

38. I am inclined to consider the latter ground first — as I conceive, that a few observations — will suffice to exclude it

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the Circumstance of these advances, entirely
from the case, and that the observance of such
an order, will free the more material consider-
-rations which may arise, from much Inter-
-ruption —

39. It is very evident and
manifest from the whole of the Testimony
-in the cause, that the Plaintiff did make
several very large advances to the Masters
and owners at Ellore, and else-where — Every
witness almost who has been examined, has
deposed to this particular — and we have a
vast number of agreements in Evidence,
which it is not necessary to enumerate
that tend to shew the amount of these advan-
-ces, and other particularly connected with
them —

But there is nothing in
the Pleadings, and nothing as I can recol-
lect, in the evidence, which charges or shews
that

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that they, or any of those advances, were so made at the Instance or request of the Com-pany and without which, I should appre-hend, that the Plaintiffs can have no right to recover, on this Footing.—

4O. It is plain to see, on the face of the Bill, that the Party Plaintiffs endeavouring to set forth a Specific contract with the Defendants, there Their immediate & agents for the Supply of Bullocks — and that he describes such a connection between him-self and the other Members and Proprietors of Bullocks, that, on failure of evidencing his contract, might entitle him, under such re-lation, to prevail in his suit —

41. But he does not go for-ward any definite and Specific advantages for more such are certainly alleged And as Plaintiffs case, must square with his allegations and cannot extend them —

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42 There is nothing, in Proof which authorizes these advances on the behalf of the Company— The whole of the Evidence on this head, is as I collect it, that the Plaintiff stated the difficulty of procuring Bullocks, at the time they were wanted, in the presence of Nemeapah and Cadogan and that he was in want of money to advance to the owners— and the former, I think, recommended him to a party where he may obtain money for the purpose. Throughout the Conversation and Transaction it appears that the Plaintiff is doubtful of his ability to fulfil the contract he was undertaking and that the advances required were for the furtherance of his own contract— Indeed they all appear to me to have a clear aspect that way— If the plaintiff supplied the Cattle— which he engaged to supply, either by

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by himself immediately or by others, he or must, it seems, recover; not on account of sums he paid to such others persisting him on furnishing the requisite number) but on account of the fulfillment of his contract or engagement. The circumstance of his having no means of repaying himself the Sums advanced to the owners — unless he can recover them from the Company on this account — does not alter the Law of the Case — If the Company did not authorize him to make these advances, the Company are not liable whatever may be the consequence to the plaintiff who must look his remedy against the parties to whom the advances were made —

43 Should this part of the Case — would it be your Lordships, desire to meddle with the principle, on which the Plaintiff seeks to prevail. This would seem to infer an agreement with the greater part

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of the Bullock Masters and owners with the Plaintiff, as agent for the Company—

Whereas the Plaintiff relies on an agreement between himself and the Company for the whole of the Bullocks supplied— or, on the Ground, as representing all the Bullock Owners; that he is authorized to prosecute, for the whole of the amount specified.—

4th. Having assumed, what I consider as a subordinate question— I shall next consider the main Ground on which the Plaintiff relies— and of the Pleadings and evidence which have any bearing on it—

5th. I have before stated— what I conceived to be the peculiar circumstances of this case, that it arises out of a contract, entered into by the Plaintiff, with the agent of the Company

for

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for the supply of a certain number of Bul-
locks, on a particular exigency — at a season of
time, and at a fixed rate — I need not speak
in this place, with more precision of the con-
tract, on either side —

46 ½ The Plaintiff alleges
the supply of the Bullocks — on the Execu-
tion of this contract — and he calls upon the
Company to say whether such a Contract, in
all its particulars, did not exist? and whether
he has not fairly discharged himself of his
share and burthen in it? and what is the
answer of the Company? It is true, we did
contract — in the manner and way, and to
the extent described in the bill — but we
do not know with whom: I have not that
you are the person and we are ready to pay
you — This under the circumstances of the
case, was all the answer the Company were
enabled to give — This was the whole truth

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they required to be adduced and they have
submitted to a Decree, on the sole condi-
tion that the plaintiff shew himself to be
the person with whom they engaged.—
L. 7th

The question which now
L. 1.
arises is whether the Plaintiff has so shewn
himself: and to solve this satisfactorily,
we must take a summary view of the Evi-
dence, as applicable to the propositions, which
the Plaintiff has attempted to make out.—
L. 6th
L. 1.

He has first endeavoured
to shew an actual and specific agreement
between Cadogan and himself, and next a
variety of circumstances which would neces-
sarily infer a contract of the nature de-
scribed.—

To the first point he
L. 9th.
has produced two Witnesses Cadore Rauck-
-capah and Myla Arnagum Noodelian.—
L. 5th.

The former of these says
that

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that he was Keeper of accounts of Lascars and Bullocks, under Ramapah (Cadogan & Dubash) That in fact he was Cadogans Servants and received his hire of him—

5th. That on the seventh of June— Ramapah, (by Cadogans Direction) sent for the Plaintiff, and that he accordingly went to him, attended by Ramalingum and Veerabadra. That Ramapah represented to him, that a portion Lascar number and Description of Bullocks were wanted— That the Plaintiff stated certain Difficulties which stood in the way of supplying them, and stipulated for an advance of money That Ramapah described the limited state of the Company's Cash, and the impossibility of making any advance and recommended the Plaintiff to borrow of his Friends. After some conversation on the hire of the Bullocks was discussed

and

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and affixed— and the Plaintiff appointed to supply the numbers specified— That there was no other than this verbal agreement—

52d Myla Armogum &c.

Sworn, in substance, to the whole of the Proceedings, mentioned by the last witness as to circulars, mentioned by the last witness as to what passed at Cadogans— respecting the agreement— he does not, however, recollect the number of the bullocks wanted, or the rate of the hire—

53d He mentions some Proceedings, which the other witness did not speak to—

He says, that Cadogan was present during the conversation— He states, however, that the negociation was carried on between himself and the Plaintiff—

54th He also says that nine speak explained to the Plaintiff that he expected

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expected Company's Money from Masulipa-
tam, from which he should be reimbursed
for any Sums advanced — and finally, advised
the Plaintiff — to apply to Government for
a loan. —

35. Ans. I think in the Sub-
stance of this Evidence — and of the Case
was to turn alone on this — unaided by
any observations or corroborative circum-
stances — there might be some difficulty in
bringing the mind, or Evidence so fully to
the conclusion — expected to by the Plaintiff.

36 Q. Is it true, that several
years have elapsed, since this Transaction
on took place, and that the Memory of
the Witness, may not at this distance
of time, serve them with a faithful or sa-
tisfactory recollection of the particulars
which attended it — Before however the
Plaintiffs claim — can be recognized, or

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fair and reasonable proof— is naturaley to be demanded of him, and such proof— I should not consider, as to be collected from the scanty materials furnished by this Witness.—

57 I shall not dwell on this disagreement as to the persons being present or when the supposed contract was concluded— It might happen, that Cadogan was not seen by Rauckeapah, at the time the Conversation took place, between Tuneapah and the Plaintiff It is clear that he bore no part in it— and therefore might easily have escaped the Witness notice—

58 Nor do I think the failure of recollection on the first Witness as to other particulars referred to, by the Record (for they are not very material) any Disparagement of his Testimony—

59 They are both speaking to things long past, and of which they must

be

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be supposed to have a perfect remembrance-

60 and as no Evidence

has been offered to shake their Testimony

I must conclude, that they both, meant to

speak truly, and that they have so de-

livered themselves—

61. all I think to be under-

stood is, that it would have been diffi-

cult to have concluded for the Plain-

tiff, on Testimony of the nature, depend-

ing on the recollection of people for Twen-

ty on the recollection of people for Twen-

ty years back, a recollection evidently

unfaithful in certain Particulars, and

scarcely presumable to be correct—

62. If however the fullest

credit could be given to it—the whole

of the Particulars of such Evidence, would

seem not to hold out circumstances and

Facts either on one side or the other, to form

a positive engagement to find both parties

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or to describe the Terms of it - with a certainty

sufficient —

63. That the Plaintiff as have

before shewn, does not solely rest on this Evi-

dence - on the Contrary, the Argument of his

Counsel, has been mainly raised on Presump-

tions, arising out of Evidence, which has so

been offered in corroboration of this alleged agree-

ment - and this Evidence, is, in effect, as follows -

64th 1st —— That it is usual for the se-

veral contractors to receive the Hire and pay

for the Bullocks, Muzbies and drivers, em-

ployed and that he is responsible to the su-

bordinate Owners and others -

65th And this is not only depos-

ed to, by Comorapah Chitty Goviapah and five

real Witnesses, but is admitted by the Defen-

dants themselves -

66th 2d —— That the Plaintiff received

the Pay of the owners &c. attached to the Detach-

-ment

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-ment for part of the Month of June (the only period at which pay was issued) and distributed it amongst the rest —

67th And this is particularly spoken to by Cadore Rawoteapah and others —

68th 9thly That the identity of the Plaintiff as the known and head conductor with the Detachment, is most satisfactorily evidenced — It is spoken to by Rozire, and is manifested by Nizapah's Certificate / as recorded in the Answer / and by almost every witness examined

69th 10thly That the whole of the Draught Bullocks belonged to the Plaintiff personally and that the rest were under his management and Controul —

70th A Fact spoken to very minutely by Sawmy mudr Nanjiah Brahmany and numerous others —

71st 11thly That he advanced large sums on account of Bullocks — and which could

least

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have been done in no other Capacity— than as Head Contractor—

72d. The facts on which the Conclusion is founded, / whether warrantable or not /, is so much in proof in almost every deposition, that it would be needless to point to them—

73d. Nay— indeed— the Defendants themselves, admit that it is customary for the Head Contractor to make mention as-sumes, to the Subordinates under him—

74th 6thly That the Certificates agreements Petitions / some of them dyed— many years ago, and the Luxembourg Papers did / all serve to corroborate the Plaintiffs demand— and shew that the claim has been consistent, and is true, as now carried on—

75th 7thly That the Defendants admit a contract of the foregoing nature, of which the Plaintiff claims the Benefit—

Lastly

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76th Lastly— That he has been a public Claimant for more than fourteen years and that his Suit is notorious— and has not awakened any dormant Interest hostile to the Plaintiff.—

77th If all these facts be given in evidence, neither met nor in any wise opposed by counter Testimony:— it would seem impossible to reject, under the circumstances of the Pleadings, and the Decree, the title and demand of the Plaintiff.—

78th If there be no substantive evidence of a direct and positive contract fact in my apprehension there is not / we so have yet very clear, plain, and undeniable supplementary Testimony that the Plaintiff was acted and treated with— not only by the Company's Agent— but by all others concerned in the Bullock departments— as Head or Permanent Contractor;

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79th That he was the head to which the Company disbursed / That he distributes such disbursements to the subordinate ownrs—

80th That he advanced large sums of his own, to the inferior Mustrers to enable them to supply their Quota—

81. That he was the party to whom, recourse was held, in times of discontent—

82. That he attended with Cadjans and Nonjahs to see the Bullocks mustered— and did all acts, which it is acknowledged a principal contractor is used to do—

83 It is not reasonable to be inferred from the performance of all or these duties / which necessarily attend the office of Contractor that the Plaintiff acted in such capacity—

Wood

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82 Would the Company's agent otherwise, have disbursed the pay to Lieut. would he have been seen distributing it to the detachment in person? would he have advanced Lieut Contractor? would he have advanced his own money - would interested in the furnishing of Bullocks, in some way or another? Would he have been applied to on matters, officially relating to the men on the line of discontent. Would he have attended the Muster and inspection of Bullocks? Would all and every of these acts not constitute a direct agency - if they are not these were accounted for which is not the case here -

83 If any thing further be wanted, the Declaration of Ramoopah Cadoo and Dubash, that the Plaintiff was in want of food and forth the hire - Mr Stuart and

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Contractors and Planters evidence — and a variety of other Persons — and also to the same points —

86. So that there would appear not only the strongest presumption but direct Evidence of a Particular which if evidenced, seemed all that was necessary to be substantiated, under the terms of the Reference — i.e. that the Plaintiff was the party with whom the Company contracted, The terms of the contract, and the fulfillment being unequivocally admitted by the answer —

87. It was insisted, with no great propriety, and certainly with unfortunate effect —

That the contract during of the plaintiff, from the time of Sir Archibald Campbell, to the present moment — (an unwarranted continuation) bore a peculiar

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Sir

are weight and force to the claim: and when it is added, that during the whole of that period, that no one has appeared to dispute with him, the Rights for which he was contending, the result would seem irresistible.—

88 It is certainly a considerable satisfaction to my mind—and it must ever be so to one of honourably called on—That the present action is concluded—not on any nice and difficult question of law—not on any slip in the Pleadings nor by any surprize or omissions or otherwise, but on the Justice and merits of the Case: for if evidence can at any time be depended on for had there been no admission of any contract, on the part of the Defendant the Evidence which the Plaintiff has exhibited, would have raised an implied undertaking of the Defendants to discharge

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charge the amount for which the plaintiff
has gone, even in a Court of Law. The evi-
dence of Lascar Ranchapah, mate and cor-
roborated by memberof Lootmeer and the
letter of Mr. Hardon plainly shew, — that
the Company has the full benefit and ser-
vice of the Complainants Bullock — and it
further demonstrates — that whether the Plain-
tiff was the sole Contractor or not, that
he was authorized by the rest of the owners
and his authority acknowledged by the Com-
pany's Pilot their agents to receive the amount
of the hire of the Cattle, whatever that
might appear to be, and that would have
enabled him to have maintained his action
for Labour & freedom for the whole of the
Bullocks furnished. He being the only party
contracting — of whom the Company could
properly take notice — and of such Evidence
had been produced — as would have made

out

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Sued a case of implied contract — It is not
an Action of Covenant, whereby to judge of
whether the Plaintiff had shewn himself
entitled to recover where a contract forms
the same premises is admitted, with the record
only as here —

Q.

On the whole, I am of
opinion — that the Plaintiff has produced
proof satisfactory that he is entitled to
the principal Sum of Five thousand Eight
hundred and Eighty Six Pagodas and Seven
Fanams — being the amount decreed to
him —

Q.

And being so entitled,
I think with a view to shew all
necessary to the Plaintiff of the claim
able from the nature and quality of the de-
mand —

Q.

I do not consider it a proper
case to be on Bond of Indemnity being part

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Hendricks and others - record Blackstones
Reports, Page 761. "that Interest is due
on all Inquadates" Seems, from the time
the principal becomes due and payable,
as on all notes of hand - payable at a day
certain / or after demand if payable on De-
mand / and on Money lent" and it was allow-
ed here as an account stated and on Fire-
bourne and Thomas - Lord H.K. Blackstones
Reports Page 303 - The principle is extend-
ed to money lent and to the case of another
and on Edwards and another ~~the~~ Hopkins
and another Post Douglas Page 376 it is
carried still further for it is there laid do
down - That

Q2 Book debts do not of
"course carry Interest, but it may be pay-
"able, in consequence of particular usages
"of Trade, or on cases of long Delay, under
"vexatious and oppressive circumstances" -

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93 And all these principles are
acted on as it should seem, in a Court of Equi-
ty —

94 The Lord Chancellor, in Bodan
and Riley / second Brown Page 3 / admits the
Doctrine as to accounts stated — But he does not
allow it, as in that Case — and in first Brown
Page 239 he declares himself more at
large — He there says —

95 "Take it nothing but
"what arises from a contract, Liquidation or
"demand of a debt, can give rise to a demand
of Interest — and that Court in these Cases
follows a Courts of Law —

96. It would hence seem to
follow, that in respect to Interest — that
Courts of Equity have in all cases adopted
the Rule of Law which resolves effectually to
be — that in all Judgments to pay that In-
terest is payable from the time when the
Principal

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Principal ought to be paid—

97 This has again and again

been acknowledged in respect to Promis-

-sory notes, where the Sum is ascertain-

-d on the face of the Instrument.—

98 In the Case of Parker

against Hutchinson—/third vesey Junior

Page /133/ which was not a Promissory

note, but an agreement to pay by 7

Instalments/ at a twelve month distant

from each other/ a definite and fixed Sum—

For timber growing on the Land The Lord

Chancellor allowed Interest from the date o

when the Principal ought to have been paid—

99 The Plaintiff proceeds.

here, on an agreement, not reduced to writ-

-ing at all—but yet admitted for a Sum

liquidated, or being capable of liquidation

by a mere process of arithmetic tho' this give

him a claim to Interest—as in the case of

the

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the agreements which I have had occasion to mention.—

100. I do not perceive any difference, as to the force of an agreement, (to which the Statute of Frauds does not apply) whether it be by writing or by Parole— Take it if an oral agreement can be evidenced it will have precisely the same effect—as a written one— and here the agreement is admitted, and it therefore unnecessary to be proven—

101. What is the nature of the agreement between the parties in this case? The Plaintiffs contracts to furnish a certain number of Bullocks to the Defendants, to be used in their service— and the Defendants contract on their parts, that for each Bullock which the Plaintiff shall so furnish, that he shall receive a certain Sum monthly: if the performance of the Plaintiff

Bock

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Part of the Contract can be evidenced - it
would seem to follow that the Defendants
are liable to Pay to him an ascertained
Sum - for each Bullock, from the date of
the performance For according to the contract
and from the nature of the transaction, they
are to pay monthly not indeed - a gross liqui-
dated Sum, such as that, for which the Plain-
tiff has prosecutes in this Suit - but seve-
ral definite Sums which by addition &
Computation merely could form and consti-
tute the aggregate Sum - for which he sues
It is a maxim in such Cases that id cer-
tum est, quod certum reddi potest -
102. This maxim was acknow-
ledged by Lord Mansfield, not exactly in a
similar case, but in a case not altogether
unopposite - It is reported in Second Burrow
Page 1120 Hallet and others Versus The East
India Company -

This

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103. This was an action of Covenant, on two agreed Breaches for Freight and Demurrage, and the Defendants had moved for leave to pay two Thousand six hundred and seventy £ into Court, and this being an action for Damage, and therefore uncertain, the motion was resisted.—

But Lord Mansfield observed "That in motions of this kind, when "the Defendant applies to pay money into "Court, and to have the demand thereupon "struck out of the Declaration, the Law "arises upon the Fact, and the true and "sensible distinction is, that when the "Sum demanded is a sum certain or capa- "ble of being ascertained by mere computa- "tion without having any other sort of "discretion to be exercised by a Jury, it is "right and reasonable to admit the Defen- "dant to pay money into court."

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In this case—The demur-
rage was fixed, but the freight per Ton after
different rates, and yet the whole appear-
ed to be sufficiently liquidated to allow
the Defendants liberty to pay the Sum
computed into court, in order to exempt
them from Costs, in case no greater Sum
should be recovered by the Plaintiffs—

And in a later decision—
in Fletcher and Dyke—Second Term Reports
Page 32. this Principal is admitted by my
Lord Kenyon, where the Defendant was entit-
led to set off a Sum due for Breach of
Covenant—at the rate of ten £ per week—

In these decisions, indeed
1026.
—the Question of Interest did not come di-
rectly into discussion—nor are they mention-
ed by me as deciding any thing on that or
point—but as declaratory of the construc-
tion put by common Law Courts on Contracts

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of this nature; and as demonstrative of their having acted on the position to which I have adverted— That what is capable of being reduced to certainty— shall have all the advantage as if it had been certain in itself without any external aid or operation.—

105. It would appear therefore from the premises laid down—/arising out of the circumstances of the Case/.—

106. That the Defendants agree to pay to the Plaintiff, a liquidated Sum, or a Sum capable of liquidation & monthly— on his furnishing a certain number of Cattle.—

107. There is therefore an ascertained Sum payable to the Plaintiff— at a time described if he performs a certain act, to the Defendants Benefit—

108. And it is admitted & that he did perform such act for several specified

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Specified periods of a Month each.—

109. What would seem to be the consequence? that from the Specified periods, at which such Sums were due— and payable under the Terms of the Contract, that the Plaintiff is entitled to Interest — for it is broadly laid down that in all contracts to pay, Interest is payable from the time — when the principal no ought to be paid.—

110. In Hutchinson's case — it was calculated from the date apparent on the face of the agreement It is on this base, not to exactly and precisely defined — it is stipulated, however that the sum is to be paid — Monthly — at the end of the discharge of — each periodical part of duty cast on the Plaintiff by the contract, a term capable of an easy and definite construction not possible to be mistaken — If there could have

been

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been any doubt, on that head—it is abun-
-dantly removed by the admissions of the defen-
-dants in their Answer, for the whole of the pe-
-riods—for which the plaintiff claims, are there
particularly described and acknowledged.—

111. The plaintiff therefore may
for a fixed and ascertained sum on a con-
tract payable at a given time—would then
under the Law, (as I understand it) be entitled to
an Interest from the several periods, at
which such stipulated sums ought to
have been paid.—

112. It is commonly stated
in second Equity Cases Abridged (title Interest)
That Interest was allowed on demands
due by Covenant, tho objected that they
were not liquidated, and only sound in
Damages. " Parker and Harvey

113. This is an isolated positi-
on—it refers however to a case and to proper

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abridgment, / fourteenth Volume Page 456)

I have turned to the authority quoted but cannot

even any thing more, than what is given in

the original Book; to which I had recourse—

116 All that it would seem

to infer is that Interest has been held to be

due on a Breach of Covenant—tho the amount

until the decision, either by the Court or Jury

was not supposed to be ascertained—

115 If this can be regarded as

an authority—it certainly will go at least as

far as I have been inclined to go in the present

Case—from my consideration of it—

116 But tho there were no cases

in the Books, that could have thrown any

light on the present Enquiry—from the daily re-

ferences made to me to calculate Interest, in al-

most every possible species of Demand, I should

very much have inclined, subject to the correction

of the court, to have allowed it in this Instance.—

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117. The Practice of allowing Interest on Shop-Debts and goods sold - and in other similar cases is so notorious, that it would have been impossible to have shut my Eyes against the Fact - and

118. The case of Eddoo[illegible] and Toptoo's as I have before explained, would appear to authorise Interest, under particular usages, tho' the case, under the common acceptation and rule of Law did not admit of it.

119 But if I have not mistaken the circumstances of the Plaintiffs claim - and am not deceived in the Law as applicable to it, I do must consider, that on general principles, he ought to be allowed Interest - and from the Dates which I have mentioned.

120. The only remaining question which the branch of the case can give rise to - is the rate of the Interest to which the party is entitled and as this is not fixed or ascertained by the Parties to the Contract, it must wholly depend

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on the discretion of the Court, founded on my Report or on some further enquiry which for its own satisfaction, it may hereafter please to direct.—

121 In considering the rate of Inter-
est we must in a great measure be governed by the peculiar circumstances of the case.—

122. We must not forget that for a long period of time— ~~that~~ the Defendants cards not / let their inclination have been, what it would / have paid to the amount claimed by the Plaintiff— He was for seven years confined in a foreign— unknown Prison.—

123 That after his release— he pre-
ferred his claims to the company under many disadvantages— and from what we can gather— from his own Pleadings, under an absence of every thing like Do-ument, or authen-tic vouchers.—

124 That his petitions have ~~no~~
been

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been submitted to most respectable Bodies— and to Individuals, above the suspicion of private Interest— and that they have found themselves unable in conscience, and in justice to their trusts, to recognize the Plaintiffs demand—

125 Under all these circumstances it would seem almost impossible, for the Defendants to have discharged themselves of the Principal, at length found and discovered to be no more than the Plaintiffs due.—

126 There is therefore not the slightest reason to suppose— that the bankers have been kept by Plaintiff at arm's length with a view to retain the money in their possession— They could not as a public body, be suspected in any case to be swayed with a motive of such a nature—

127 I think it may fairly be inferred not only from the liberal manner— in which the present action has been met— but from the whole of their conduct— throughout the transactions towards the

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in the Suit, that the Defendants have shewn a lively anxiety to acquit themselves to the Plaintiffs if it could be done, without honor to themselves, and with safety to their constituents.— and viewing their deameanor in this light— I should consider that a very moderate rate of Interest ought to be allowed— Eight pertent or, if the Company so have borrowed at a less rate of Interest the least fixed Interest that they have paid— for the greater part of the period, from which I am ordained to compute it.—

128. What principally remains to be discussed is the nature of the Security, which the Plaintiff ought to enter into, in order to endemnify the Company against fictious Claimants.—

129. The Plaintiffs counsel has stated, that if a strict Security is required of his Client he will be obliged, from circumstances, to purchase it or at least, to lose the Benefit of his money which must be displaced in deposit so long as security should be demanded— But there are inconveniences more or less in all similar Cases— The only Question is whether an

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an Indemnification be necessary if it be—there can be no reasoning about the hardship, which it may entail—

130 Willing to lean to the suggestions of the Plaintiffs, the Counsel for the Company had proposed a substitute for Security, which at the first view appeared extremely reasonable, and calculated to lighten the Burthen of the Plaintiffs difficulties. This was to Publish an advertisement in the native languages, in different places—calling on persons to come in and state their claims, if they have any, for Bullocks drowned at the time specified. Or in failure thereof, that, at a certain day, they would be excluded the Benefit, which would otherwise result to them.—

*had this been accorded to, this money must of course have been kept in reserve until the expiry of that certain day Rs

131 It was objected to this Proposition that it might if adopted, give rise to a number of unfounded and fraudulent Claims. That it would hold out a temptation to the cunning and capacity of the natives of which they would not fail to avail themselves to the procrastination of the Plaintiffs satisfaction to an incalculable Time.—

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132. And knowing their disposition,
in general, to grasp even at a shadow of seeming right,
and their reluctance to forego it— while Litigation can
serve them— knowing too, how claims may be set up,
never intended to be rested on eventuality, to lay
an unfortunate party under contribution, &
and to tie up his hands to all effectual purpos-
es— In either of which cases, it is but too easy
to conceive a Sacrifice may be made to conve-
nience and peace— and that this things have
happened, and of course may happen agoun—
I will only instance the countless numbers of
unfounded Petitions, which we all know &
were presented on the mayors Court to defeat
a successful suitor in obtaining the fruits of
his Judgment, and the many grounds left of po-
sitions which have been made to Parties taking
the administration of Estates.—

133. Having these in recollection, I
cannot but consider that a public advertisement &
would prove an indifferent substitute for security
to

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to either Party It would be liable to be constructed, by selfish interested persons, into an invitation to them to come in and litigate with the Plaintiff, nor do I think it would be a safe course to the Company, desirous as they are to deliver themselves of the claim, one of many easily conjectured, in a number of opposite claims, for separate parts of the aggregate sum sued for, if such should start up, that the Company may be put in the first instance to considerable costs, in the way of Defence, of which there propriety would be great hazard of an eventual repayment—

134. It would under all considerations, be better to adhere to the first idea of security—if it be requisite—It is indeed contended by the counsel for the plaintiff, that it should not be given, or if given, that it ought not to be too rigidly enforced—For that the very demanding of security—would seem to infer a want of satisfaction, that the Plaintiff had made out his

case

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Case and if it were so, then that he ought not
to have recovered— That the asking of Security
is wavering with the Justice of the Decree.—
135. But it must be recollect-
-ed that the Decree was made by consent,
that the Court yielded to the desires of the
Parties and that it was made, as I take
it on an express condition for Security— lexa-
-ing, indeed, the extent of it, in the first
Instance, to my discretion.—
136. In considering what
Security ought to be given, we must re-
-look to the probable injury, which the Com-
-pany may sustain— And adverting to
the Circumstances of the case, we find,—
That for twenty one years, the Company re
have had notice, of no other claim, than re
that of the Plaintiff, urged however, with
the other described Parties— not a simple—
unmixed claim. They do not call on the Plain-
-tiff to indemnify them against any subsist-
-ing

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-ing opposite Demand to be seperated from his-
or against any future one, to which they can
give a Body or shape:-

137 Any apprehension that Par-
-ties (who are now unknown) may hereafter
rise up to disturb the quiet of the Company
would not seem to be such an apprehension,
that a Court of Law or Equity, could honestly
attend to- It would seem rather a vain Fear
-where we are not able to describe the object on
which occasions it- I think the Rule which is
applied to threats or Menaces, may be the best
measure in this case - The Fear which they give
rise to Blackstone says, ought to be on sufficient
Reason - or, as Bracton, expresses himself:-

138 non suspicio cujus libet vani, et meticulosi hominis. sed talis qui possit cadere in virum constantem.-

139 Now there cannot be any reasonable Fear of those, (if any such there be) who have allowed their Rights to sleep for an

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Interval, of One and twenty years.—

160. The only quarter from which,
any probable— I had almost said possible, op-
position can be expected, or foreseen, is from
some or other of the persons, who have at differ-
ent times petitioned the company, in conjunc-
tion with the Plaintiff— In respect to these or
with whom the Plaintiff has voluntarily as-
sociated himself, the Defendants without
doubt, have abundant right to be satis-
fied— for of their claims, they have had a fair
notice—

161. No in shaping an indemni-
ty here, we must so shape it, that it cover the
Company only, against such Demands, as can
at this day be made and maintained, under the
Situation in which the Parties have placed them-
selves—

162. It would appear from the
Pleadings that the Persons who have joined them-
selves in Petition with the Plaintiff have
been

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been Srineapah, Sevalingum Rungapen, Ve-
rabedra and Ramalingum.—

43. The three, last mentioned, it
appears by the Evidence, have been fully sa-
tisfied by the Plaintiff, for all they could pos-
sibly ask of the company — From the Cacjans
which each of these signed and delivered to
the Plaintiff it is clear that they had severally
received more money, than they were entitled
to, as in advance from the Plaintiff, and they
not only empower him to take what is due
to them, and apply it to his own reimburse-
ment but expressly stipulate that they will
further him with their assistance, in every
practicable way in recovering of the compa-
ny — and their writings, which will of course
remain in my Office, will at all time here
after be an insurmountable Bar to any De-
mand, which any of their Persons or their repre-
sentatives may be advised to make.—

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4 & 5. Of the other two Petitions the Plaintiff has rendered some account, whether satisfactory or not, remains to be enquired. A witness has been produced on the Behalf of Plaintiff, of the name of Appoo Sawmy who has deposed.—

4 & 5 That he was the Son of Seva-Lingum the Petitioner, and speaks of his Father joining in the Petition, and the reason of it.— He describes him as having died several years ago. That in his life time he had acted as Mastry to the Plaintiff, and had charge of several of his Bullocks—

4 & 6. That he is representative of his Father; and, as such, has the Possession of his Papers and accounts, and on these it appears, that his Father was paid by the Plaintiff, the amount of all his demands for his Service with the detachment in question.

4 & 7 There are several other Per-

sons

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-sons, who acted in a like capacity, who have
-seriously declared, that they have also re-
-ceived their Wages from the Plaintiff, in the
way he has described - These in a certain de-
-gree confirm the account given by appoo-
-tawmy/ and if we may believe him and them,
and the former is evidently speaking, may
-indeed the whole against their positive In-
-terest/ we may plainly conclude that the
Company can have nothing to apprehend
here - The Son and Representative of Serlin-
-geon, in so many words declares that he
had no demand on the Plaintiff, or the
Company, in his Fathers account or on
any account whatsoever.

148 It would not appear that
Sevalingum from the detail given by the
witnesses, acted in any other quality, than as
Mautry of the Plaintiff Bullocks - It is evi-
-dence, also, that the remaining Petitioner,

Pennefather

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Ramasah was employed in the same character, and no other, and it is observable, that neither of their Names are mentioned as Proprietors of Bullocks on the Schedule A which has been taken from Cadore Rackeapah's accounts and the whole of the Bullocks furnished, are stated, as well as their respective Proprietors in the Schedule Shave alluded to — We may hence infer, that they both were the Subordinate Offices, which Shave noticed and can have no claim, but on that account: and which claim hath been satisfied —

Ld. 9. If has been explained very naturally, how their names came to be subscribed to the Petition together with the Plaintiffs He has sworn on his Statement of Facts, that they were there introduced, to give a strength to his suit with a view to create an Interest in the Breasts of the Company to

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a speedy adjustment of the matters related in the Petition But the Explanation does not arise alone from the oath of the Plaintiff it is more clearly to be collected from the face of the Agreements, given by the Bullock owners and Maistries where they severally bind themselves to make a common claim with him, of the Benefits arising from which, they agree that he shall have the whole Profit.

150. This all tends to shew that if they had any demand on the Company, that it is now devested out of them, and has merged by the acts which have since taken place, on to the Plaintiff demands.

151. I have omitted to mention that it appears in the Deposition of Lawrey Saick – that Nineapah was a Maistry of Lo Bullocks belonging to the Plaintiff –

152. That he went at the be-

ginning

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ginning of the late war, to the Field with General Harris, as far as my recollection serves me.—

153. That an enquiry after him at his Father in Law's house—it was learnt, that he was at Hydrabad, when Intelligence of him was last received.—

154. This Witness further says, that he knows that Nuneapah was paid, in the same manner, with the other Proprietors and maistries, and that he gave the Plaintiff a similar undertaking.—

155. If any suspicion exists as to this Party—it grows out of the Testimony—of the Witness whom I have just named.—

156. It would seem a little odd that the Plaintiff, who has produced many agreements of a like nature, should not have produced that to which the Witness

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Witness has spoken.— This circumstance
may perhaps give a colour to the absence
of Nineapah, which by itself might have
been taken as a fortuitous and accidental
occurrence.— If a good account has not been
rendered of the whole of the five Petitioners
it is in regard to this Man.— With the excep-
tion of him, I cannot but conclude that the
Company may feel themselves perfectly safe
from any other Demandants.—

157 Seing therefore the great
length of time which has ran the non-ap-
pearance of adverse Interests the improba-
bility of any such appearing at a future
Day— and the satisfactory manner in
which the other Parties mentioned in the
Petition, (with the exception of Nineapah)
have been accounted for— I am inclined to
think that a personal Security ought to
satisfy the Defendants in this Case, except

indeed

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indeed, as to their possible liability to Fine.
-ashak.—

158 In respect to him, what
Evidence there is— would seem to affirm, as
that he could have little Share in the
Bullocks supplied— The most that appears
which could favor a Conclusion of his as
having supplied any is— that he had the
care of forty Bullocks— but then it is stated
that he had there in charge for Kacheapah
the plaintiff in the Suit— The List of Owners
holds out no Evidence whatsoever of his as
person or Claim.—

159 Kept from the appearance
of this name at the foot of the Petition, can
any Idea be entertained— of his having any
Interest or right in the Bullocks in question—
as it does appear there, and his Interest has
not been formerly disclaimed or accounted for
by the Plaintiff in such way as can give
entire

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entire satisfaction to all Parties— it may not be hard to require that the Plaintiff produce a collateral security, to join with him in such Instrument as may hereafter be deemed necessary, to indemnify the Company, against a fifth of the Sum which is allowing a great Latitude for the supposed possible claim of this man which the Plaintiff may receive under the decree, if the said Nuneapah shall prosecute for and recover any claim of the Company within a given time, on account of Bullocks furnished on the occasion so often referred to—

160. I am induced to think, under all the circumstances of this case, & that the demanding any Security, which would have placed the Plaintiff under heavy restrictions, could scarcely have been required even by the Company, were they previously acquainted with the merits of the Plaintiff's

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Suit— It is easy to be conceived why they have at all stood on such an Indemnity— It is of more moment to them, that the right of Parties, who have performed the meritorious Services, which the Contractor for Bullocks manifestly performed under the peculiar exigencies of the Times, be recompensed and rewarded— than if they absolutely lost the whole Amount, which the Plaintiff has called upon them to pay— For the furtherance of the public Service, in similar times, and under similar inauspicious seasons, it is of consequence that the fair and equitable demands of Parties rendering assistance should be cheerfully and liberally discharged— I am persuaded this Principle is felt and acted on in the present case— for every obstacle has been removed out of the Plaintiff way which could be done, consistently with Justice to the Duties

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which are imposed on the Defendants, and with due attention to the possible Rights of others, which might be thought to exist, tho failing at the time to appear. Having satisfies these premiary Obligations, through the means of this Suit, they will render without hesitation I am fully confident the amount decreed to the Plaintiff if they feel, as to the merits of the Plaintiffs case - They will & have this consolation always, that the & Company can never hereafter be liable to a Suit on the Premises set forth and contained in the Plaintiffs Bill - unless they shall chuse to make themselves responsible by voluntarily admitting the action - As the Statute of Limitation will afford them a complete Shield and covering. -

61. I am sensible that, as regards the object of this Suit, they might contemplate a plea of this kind, as not a

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matter of the first choice— But in conside-
-ration, that they have protected the claims
of others, as far as prudence and caution
could go— and that they shall have paid, if
the degree shall stand, to the extent of the
services, which have been rendered to them—
they may fairly reconcile such a plea, to
Duty, to Honor and to Conscience.—

162. There is but a short
question left— which embraces a matter
incidental to the Suit— I mean respecting
costs and

163. These depend on Equity,
for the most part on the peculiar circum-
stances of the Individual Case— We see
every day through Parties succeed, they
are still bound to pay the costs of the
proceedings— and it is contended here by the
Counsel for the Defendants— that the Plain-
tiff ought to pay the costs on both sides— or

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at least that he should bear the Expence, w
which he has himself incurred— This has w
been resisted on the General Ground that
costs usually go with the Decree—

164. But I cannot regard this
as an ordinary Case, nor as one forwarded in
the course, which Cases of such a nature
usually take from the view I have of the
whole— it would appear to me, that non
possible blame can attach to the Defen-
dants, in not adjusting the Dispute, raised
by the present Suit, without reference to
a court of Justice. The Demands of the Plain-
tiff was subject to many difficulties, some
of which remain to be obviated even after
the Decree. It would have been impossible
for the Defendants to have admitted it,
without the Question it had undergone—

165. If in the progress of the
Suit— the Defendants had occasioned

any

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any Lett or Hindrance to the Plaintiffs or had been the cause of any expence or Delay in Proceedings, to establish the matter of the Defence to the Plaintiffs action— There so might be considerations, which do not so exist now.—

166. We have seen the Defendants expiating, as far as they could, the remedy of the Plaintiff— He has had of them fair and reasonable discovery and allowance that circumstances would tolerate.

167. So that in respect of unwarrantable opposition— the Case does not require costs— and it would seem, from what I have briefly observed, that it entitled to some Indulgence.—

168. But I have before intimates— that I cannot but conclude that the cause has taken an unusual course — which ought to have a certain weight,

while

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while deliberating on the question of costs the Facts stated in the Bill would appear to form the Ground of an action of assumpsit — and this from ought I can see, as respecting the case which has been evidenced, would have been the regular form of Proceeding — There may however be points of Equity in the Bill, which I cannot at present call to mind. —

169. If then the action had been brought in assumpsit — the Plaintiff if it true, would have obtained his costs in the Court of Law, as the Issue had turned — but he must have paid for the Discovery which the Defendants have given him by their answer in Equity — a Paper which has been the Sheet anchor in the Plaintiff's case

170. It might be difficult to apportion the costs — with this view of the Matter — nor am I prepared to say at once,

whether

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whether the Costs already incurred by the Defendants are more or less than what they would have paid— Had the action been brought on the Law Side of the Court I would rather decide on the general Equity of the cask— and judging— that there has been no oppression, no dilatory proceedings, but on the contrary a candid open Defence and as ~~Litigation~~ as free as possible from Clamour and from Cavil, and that on the part of the Plaintiffs the Demand has been pursued with moderation and without excess of any kind— under these Circumstances, Equity would deem to say, that each party should bear his own Costs—

9th. April 1801— /Signed/ C. Samuel

—M—

Rackrapah

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Rackeapah and Ramalingum

~~vers~~

The East India Company

B. Sulivan Esqr.

My Dear Sir

You may remember my submitting to you the conditional Decree consented to in the cause of the Bullock owners. I have now the pleasure to forward to you Mr Samuels Report, resulting from the Evidence which has been produced by the Plaintiff.—

The disposition of Government has been from the first, if I have rightly understood the Instructions I have received from time to time, to pay the money to the Plaintiffs if it could be clearly made out that they were the Persons entitled and if the amount demanded by the Plaintiffs could be paid without the hazard of further, and future claims

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claims on the like account—there are a variety of Minutes of Council expressive of this & with.—

The Complainants shapes their Claim conformable to Mr. Skardon's Statement; and which declares the Sum of 5886. 21. due on account hire of Draught and Carriage Bullocks employed with Colonel Baillies Detachment—from 1st. July to 10th. September 1780. the accounts for June & were paid and Settled, and I presume transmitted.— all Mr. Cadogans accounts of subsequent date were it seems lost at the time of the defeat of the detachment; so that Mr. Skardon's Statement must have gone upon the presumption that the same number of Bullocks and Marauties &c. must have been required for July and August, and the first days of September, that were employed in the preceding month of June; and supposing

that

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that the Bullock owners had spare Bullocks to supply Casualties (and which it is now proved they had) and further considering that all accounts are lost, and that there is no attainable Evidence whatever to set up and maintain an opposite presumption I think Mr. Skardon's seems to have been a fair one, but I could not take upon myself to admit Mr. Skardon's Statement and account to be exact—and the Plaintiff therefore not being satisfied on this head called for the production of Cadogan's accounts & which not being at hand, and being impressed as I was that Mr. Skardon had assumed the fairest, and most reasonable ground for his Statement I ventured to recommend the admission of his Statement as to the number of Bullocks & Mastrie's, & the rates at which they were employed.—which was accordingly done, with the sanction of Mr. Webbe.— little remained therefore for the Plaintiffs, but to

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prove that they were the persons contracted with.— But as several persons, other than the two Plaintiffs had at different times joined in the Petitions to Government, it was left for the Plaintiffs to clear up this point, why, if they were entitled to petition, they had not been made parties to the Bill, and this the Plaintiff Ruckeapiah has done in the manner noticed in Mr. Samuel's Report— The name of the Plaintiff Ramalingum was, at the instance of Mr. Compton, and with my consent, struck out of the bill, an agreement of Ramalingum having been given in Evidence shewing that Ramalingum had been fully paid and satisfied by Ruckeapiah the other complainant.——

Mr. Samuel in his Report has been much more full than usual, and he has done this with the view

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to satisfy the Company that he has not x formed his opinion without taking some pains to satisfy himself and has given the grounds and reasons of his decision in order that it may be the more open to examination and to Specifick objections, should you be disposed to recommend any.—

The points of the Report may be reckoned in number four— first, the identity of the person of the Claimant and the consequent direction of the payment of the amount principal sued for, Secondly, the Interest upon that Principal, thirdly the Security to be given to the Company, and lastly the Costs of Suit.—

As to the first, If Evidence apparently disinterested is to be believed, Raikaykah over and over again proved to be the person required to provide the Bullocks and munitions &c.a and that he did so, either

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by himself or by means of subordinate Maistries, who are since all satisfied and paid by him from monies borrowed for that purpose. —

If he is entitled to Interest at all. I should think the rate which Mr. Samuel has directed will not be objected to, and more particularly when it is remembered that the Company usually on such occasions make considerable advancey from their own Cash Chest, which at this particular period was so low as not to enable them to satisfy the claims of the Bullock people, of this there is sufficient living testimony; but if that were wanting Colonel Baillies Letter to the Select Committee, Copy of which I send you, would I think of itself be sufficient. —

With regard to the Security I am aware that it is but too true what

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what is suggested by Mr. Samuel of a description of persons who are ever looking out to become, and live by being, meddlers in every litigation almost, in which the sum is any way considerable; but tho' this is an evil too truly existing I still think and could wish, something should be devised so as to silence all objection or future clamor the Statute of limitations is certainly a bar, and such a bar as might with the greatest propriety be offered to any claim so now newly arising.—

As concerns the Costs I would have hoped Mr. Samuel would have relieved the Company wholely from burthen on that score, as he has however divided them I would not think that point worth further contention on.—

Upon the whole therefore I leave to any thing that may occur to you in

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the Shape of objection on perusal of the Report) I would venture to recommend a compliance or acquiescence with it in Terms as it now stands.—

I remain &c &c

(Signed) R. Williams

B. Sullivan Esqre

Dear Sir,

It may not be improper to observe in addition to the accompanying that I required from the Secretary's Office, prior to filing the answer, the name of every Individual who had from the beginning of time, made any claim upon Government on this Bullock account; and that all the names have been able to get at are one way or other noticed in the Pleadings and my Samuels Report.—

about the time the Reference commenced a petition to me, Copy of which

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which is sent herewith, was put into my hands — the Petition itself or the passport is not very intelligible. I desired the person who delivered it to me, if he had any claim, to institute such claim by suit or otherwise as he might be advised in a formal way and from that day to this I have not seen nor heard of the Petitioner —

Yrs &c

(Signed) R. Williams

when you have read the Report I shall be happy to wait upon you at any time or place that may be convenient. —

11th April 1801 —

B. Sulivan Esqre

Dear Sir

Truly I am sorry and asham-ed of myself for having sent you the Report in-complete — you have it back with two additi-onal Sheets — none of this is intended to be charged

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charges for, It was Mr Samuels particu-
-lar observation to me before it was sent to
me, that it was not intended to be charge
for, and was made so full for the purpose
of laying open to objection all that was
to be presently submitted for consideration

You will be so good to consi-
-der whether the personal indemnification
of the Party, by Bond, with covenant to
save the Company harmless agt all future
demands, with collateral Security for the
one fifth of the whole being that which is
considered may possibly arise from Pinea-
-pah, in addition to the Security of the Sta-
tute of Limitation may not be thought
ample:—

I am glad you do not so
differ on the Subject of the Interest or
Costs.—

I now enclose Copy of Mr
Colonel

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Colonel Baillies Letter—

15th. April 1801—

Very truly &c.
/Signed/ R. Williams

Major Turing

Sir,

Least you should calculate—

Anything on the circumstance of my Statement

or rather Mis-Statement of you as regarding

the renovation of one fifth of the Sum to

be paid over to Rajkeapah the Plaintiff

I beg to inform you that independent

of the Attorney Generals having had the

Masters Report before him, the mode and

Extent of the Security to be required from

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Written to him (on the same day as that on which My letter to you bears date) and Copy of which I now send you. The Masters Report returned last not untill I had obtained a Copy of it Written by my boys and which, at least the Governor or any of the Gentlemen of Council should desire to refer to it I send you, together with a Memorandum of the particular paragraphs of the Report which more particularly relate to this possible claim of Rackrahs and against which Thea — Collateral Security of Arrogam is required. —

I am

Friday

1st May 1801

W. H.

Signed R Williams

Resolved

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Resolutions on the forgoing

Resolved and ordered that the Equity of Company's Solicitor be informed of the Boards concurrence in the terms of the masters Report. —

Read the following Letter from the Widow of Captain MacCully to Major General Brathwaite which the Secretary reports to have received from the General. —

Major General Brathwaite

Sir

From the Widow of Captain MacCully application for Lord Clives Donation

Having administered to the Estate of my late Husband Captain Robert MacCully late of the Service of the Honorable East India Company who died at Palaveram on the 1st. of July last I have the misfortune to find his Estate insolvent, and myself left destitute of every means of support, I am therefore endued to solicite through you to be admitted

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mitted to the benefit of Lord Clives Pension and humbly request you will be pleased to pass the usual Certificate to obtain the Sanction of Government for entitling me to the Provision allotted to the Widow of a Captain dying in the Service.—

Take the liberty to enclose the requisite affidavit of my marriage and of my late Husbands circumstances.—

I have the honor &c. &c.

Madras

April 1807.— (Signed) H. F. McCully

I Helena Florentina Mrs

Cully Widow of the late Captain Robert

McCully deceased.——

maketh oath and saith

that She this deponent was married to

Captain Robert McCully in the Dutch

Church at Pointe de Galle on the Island

of Ceylon by the Reverend Mr Cyfel —

Minister

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Minister of that Church on the 25th day of
November 1799— and this deponent further
saith that the Certificate of her marriage
was lost in the Robbery of all her Effects
committed by the Polygar Peons near the
village of Anaguvoy in her way from
Palaveram to this place, that the said
Captain Robert McCully her Husband
departed this life at Pallaveram afore-
said where he was Stationed, on the 2d
first day of July last. and this Depo-
nent further upon oath saith that the
said Captain Robert McCully was not
at the time of his decease possessed of or
entitled to the amount in value toge-
ther of Two Thousand Pounds Sterling—

/Signed/ H. F. McCully

Sworn before me Madras
this 21st April 1801.—

/Signed/ I. Tullokh
Aldermans

Resolved

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Resolution on forgoing.—

Resolved that the widow of the late Captain Mac Cully be admitted a pensioner on Lord Clive's Fund and that she be furnished with the usual Certificate of admission.—

Ordered accordingly that the necessary communication be made to the Office of Audit.—

Read the following Letters from the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.—

To. Major Turing
Secretary to Government on the
Military Department

Sir.

From the Deputy Adjutant Gen.l of the Army Recommendation for promotion in the room of Capt.n King.—

In consequence of the decease on the 12th. instant at Allore of Captain King of the Madras European Regiment, I am directed to request you will submit to the Right Honble the Governor

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Governor in Council Major General Braithwaite's recommendation that the annexed Promotion may be ordered in that Corps.—

Madras European Regiment

Captain Lieutenant Augustus Andrews to be Captain of a Company, vice King, deceased. Date of Commission April 13th. 1807.—

Lieutenant George Cuttance to be Captain Lieutenant, vice, Andrews promoted.—Date of Commission April 1807.—

Adjt. Genl. Office
Fort St. George
April 15th. 1807.

} I have the hond. &c. &c.
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Dept. Adjt. Genl.

To Major Robert Turing
Secretary to Government in the
Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir.

From Dy. Adjt. Genl. application for Copy

Major General Braithwaite

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Major Fenn to be superseded.—

has directed me to request you will submit to the Right Honble the Governor in Council the accompanying Letter from Major Fenn of the 1st Regiment of native Infantry representing the bad State of his Health for a considerable time past, which has rendered him unfit for further effective duty in the field, and applying in consequence to be transferred to the non-effective Establishment after a series of 22 Years Service, and that you will communicate to his Lordship the General's recommendation that Major Fenn's application be complied with, by placing him upon the Invalid Establishment.—

I have the honor &c &c

Adjt Genl's Office
April 20th 1801.—

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Dep. Adjt Genl of the Army.—

To the Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

In consequence of a reference

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impaired State Health for near two years past, but particularly since July last, a constant Diarrhoea with odematous swellings in my Legs, has prevented me from doing Efficient Duty in the Field, and now finding my constitution so much impaired, I have to hope that after 22 years service in some of the hotest, and most unhealthy, situations of the country. I may be permitted to be placed on the non-Effective list.—

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(Signed) Tho.s Fenne
Major 1st Batt.n 1st Reg.t
Native Infantry.

Resolutions on the foregoing—

Resolved that the promotions recommended by the Officer Commanding the army in Chief in consequence of the death of Captain King be made and published in General orders to the Army.—

Resolved that Major Thomas Fenne of the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry

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be transferred to the Invalid List agreeably to his application.—

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief—

To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to Government in the

Military Department

Sir

From major Genl Braithwaite acknowledges the receipt of letter of the 7th inst. informing him of the decision on consequence considers the application of Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple very differently from what it appears to Government—Reports the march of the Detail for Trincomalee had commenced the Strength of artillery sent from the main—had given the necessary orders respecting ordnance Stores for Trincomalee—Lieutenant Colonel agrees with all proposed in a few days join the appointed detail at Tuticorin and march with them to Trincomalee—Reports transactions in the Tanjore District in consequence of the Disturbances and movement of Troops in the northern Circars in consequence—The Report

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant conveying to me the resolutions of The Right Honble The Governor in Council on sundry points which had submitted to his Lordship's consideration, and the necessary communications shall be made in consequence I cannot however but with concern notice, that by Par. 16th His Lordship in Council has considered the application of Lieutenant Colonel de Meuron

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Sir

Meuron Bullot, in a very different point of view, from that which I have considered it in, and that his Lordship in consequence is pleased to intimate that I ought not to have forwarded it, as the application in no way differs from one which had been decided upon, I must own I could not see it in that point of view, if I had I certainly should not have forwarded it, as my uniform desire has been to prevent his Lordship as much as possible, from having trouble unnecessarily from military representation, and to resist all claims to increased allowances which I did not think to have fair pretensions—

When Lieutenant Colonel de Meuron Bullot presented his letter to me, for his Lordship, having read it, I acquainted him positively, that such part of it, as expressed a desire to be allowed Batta of a Sickness

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Sickness

Sir

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Superior Rank, founded upon a Paragraph of a Letter from the Honble The Court of Directors, would not be attended to, as Government had already upon a similar application decided in the negative on the idea that officers of Superior Rank were very handsomely provided for, but that I would forward his letter, and appeared to me to imply that he should be satisfied with being allowed full Batta, instead of half batta in consequence of the increased expence of his situation, by the departure of Major General de Meuron, by which an important charge and an encreased expence devolved upon him, without any encrease of allowance whatever. as Government had in many instances been liberally pleased to grant an encrease of allowance to Officers under particular circumstances, and might consider his present situation to merit consideration.

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-tion, as had been done by myself many years ago, when situated exactly as he is, that is in the command of an European Corps, and the Senior Officer in Fort St George.—

Considering Lieutenant Colonel de Meuron Ballots application in this point of view, it did not appear to me similar to the application I mentioned in my letter of the 11th February 1800 and to which Mr. Secretary Webbe replied to, the 5th March I request you to inform his Lordship in Council, that the Detachment to reinforce the Pinneveliy Province marched yesterday from hence, it consisted of the 2 Flank companies of the Regiment de Meuron completed, excellently well officered and appointed, and of two companies of the 1st of the 7th native Regiment complete, and with an Officer to each Company, it has been joined at the mount, by a detachment of artillery &

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which although originally intended to consist of half a Company only, and two Company's of Gun Lascars, I have found it necessary to augment by an addition of Ten matrosses, as by a letter received the day before yesterday from Major General Bridges, I found that in any event which might render a call upon him necessary, he could not so part with an Artillery man more from Trichenopoly, as the few Artillery he had were the only European Soldiers he had, and he found it indispensibly necessary at so this time, to add a small detail of Europe. and to the native Guard over his State & Prisoners, that there might always be an European Centinel kept over them, without which precaution he could not be answer. able for them, under these circumstances I hope that The Right Honble the Gover. nor in Council will approve of this small

addition

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addition to the detail of Artillery.— The De-
tachment as above Stated was to march from
the Mount at this day, and on its arrival
at Vellaporam it will be joined by the Com-
pany of the 1st Battalion of the 7th native
Regiment which was Stationed under the
Command of Captain Godfrey at Pondiche-
-ry, when Captain Godfrey will of course
assume the command of the three native
Companies.— The Detachment will be
commanded on its march by Captain
Barnard of the Regiment de Meuron, an
experienced Officer of good reputation, &
and I have taken this opportunity of sending
such Stores and Ammunition, as will give
efficacy to the force, and prevent any delay
that might arise, if these things were to
be drawn from different Stores in the
Southern Division all the ordinance nec-
-essary, save one Six Pounder which a new
construction

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construction / which Lieutenant Colonel
Agnew is desirous of taking from hence to
try its effect / will be furnished from
Trichenopoly, where it is preparing, and
will be ready before the Detachment ar-
rives. —

Two Troops complete
of the 1st Regiment Native Cavalry under
the command of Captain Doveton have
marched from Arcot direct to Trichenopoly
and Major Elliott has been directed to send
with them spare Horses to mount those
Troopers of the Regiment which could not
be provided with Horses on account of
the absence of the Regiment, where the
former Detachment was sent to the South-
ward. Lieutenant Colonel Agnew will
set out in a few days, and will arrive at
Trichenopoly before these Details, and will
conduct them from thence into the Pennaver.

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-ly Province, where he will assume the Com-
-mand —

I am sorry to inform his
Lordship, that the troubles in the Ganjam &
District began to wear a more serious as-
-pect, the Gumsoor Rajah having actual-
-ly invaded the District with numerous bo-
-dies of armed Peons, Lieutenant Colonel &
George Smith who commands the Small
Force in the District, is employing it active-
-ly in defensive measures, but has been
obliged to call upon Lieutenant Colonel
Durand who commands the Troops in
the Vizagapatam District for assistance,
and Lieutenant Colonel Durand first sent
to him two Companies of the 1st of the 10th
Native Regiment under Captain Hawes, and
soon after Major Dallas with two more
Companies of the same Regiment with a
Six pounder — In doing this Lieutenant Col

Durand

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Durand has acted with great zeal, and has shewn much judgement — in the mode, he has made the best arrangement he could, with the small force at his command to preserve the tranquility of the Rimmedy Country, from whence these detachments were necessarily made, which is left so weak that I am apprehensive of a renewal of the disturbances in that country, I have therefore without hesitation ordered back to him the Five Companies of his 2d Battalion, (the 2d of the 17th R.) which had lately been drawn from him, to throw into Masulipatam, when the 2d Battalion of the 15th Regiment marched from thence to the Ceded Districts, and have ordered Five Companies of the 2d Battalion of the 19th Regiment, lately raised at Ellore, into Masulipatam, having no good reason to think them sufficiently for-

-ward

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=ward for the duty of that Garrison, and
I have permitted that the Five Companies
of the 2d of the 17th Regiments, or such a
part of them as may be necessary, may
in their March to the Northward, on their
arrival at the Godavery be employed for
a short time by major O Reilly, provided
he can by such an addition to his force,
effectually put an end to the disturbance
in the Palaveram Country: and think
it probable that he will employ two
or three of the Companies and send the
rest on to Lieutenant Colonel Durand
with whom he is to communicate, and
being informed by Mr. Secretary Webbe
that the 6th Native Regiment of the
Bengal Establishment was on its way
to Ganjam but without Guns, a vessel
has been taken up by Mr. Webbe, and
I have ordered two Brigades of Six Pounders

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to be sent on board immediately for Ganjam, &
and have taken this opportunity of sending a
supply of Tents, and a supply of ammunition
and Stores, in duplicate, of what had lately
been sent by the Brig Godavery, as that
vessel contrary to assurances given to me, has
landed all the Stores she had on board for
Ganjam, at Vizagapatam, and I could not
be sure (altho orders had been sent to that
effect) that they would be sent on to Ganjam
so soon as I could wish. I hope his Lordship
will approve of these measures, which I
think give fair promise of a speedy subdue-
tion of the northern Insurgents, I cannot &
omit taking this opportunity a melancholy
circumstance which has occurred in the
Ganjam District, as it is much to the honor
of the native Troops — and strongly marks
their fidelity, and attachment — an Havildar
Nayque and twelve Sepoys posted in a &
Village

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village, were suddenly assailed by about 600 Armed Peons, they defended themselves to the last extremity, and until all their ammunition was expended— Ten of the Seapoys were killed, the Havildar, naique and two Seapoys, all much wounded fell into the Enemies hands Have directed Lieutenant Colonel Smith to use his best exertions to recover these brave men to the Service, and in the event of his doing so to report their names to me.—

Lieutenant Colonel Mackay and Major Alton have been successful in killing many, and dispersing the rest of some turbulent Banditties in the Ceded Districts—

I have the honor to enclose a letter addressed by Major General Sydenham to the Right Honble the Governor in Council, and although I am yet to have been

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been uniformly of opinion that the duties of Commandant of artillery, and Military Auditor General, could not consistently with the established system of check and controul, be held by the same Officer; I do not hesitate to recommend the application of Major General Nyden ham to His Lordships most favorable consideration, as nothing can be more clear, than that he was vested with all the powers and duties of the Commandant, though exercised under the name of Senior Officer, and I can vouch for his unremitting attention and exertions to the objects of that important trust, and his manifest abilities for the same.—

And I hope I shall stand excused, if upon this occasion I voluntarily come forward to request the favorable attention of His Lordship in Council to Major General Smith, upon whom the command of the Battalion

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Battalion of artillery devolved entirely on the
suspension of Major General Gells, and who
commanded the whole of the artillery employed
at the Siege of Seringapatam as a Colonel
then actually a General Officer though
not published as such in India / under
these circumstances I beg leave to submit
it to His Lordships consideration how far
General Smith may be entitled to the off-
reckonings of the Battalion which were
directed to be held in suspence in conse-
quence of the suspension of General Gells.

I have the honor also to en-
close two letters addressed to His Lordship
in Council by Colonel Sartorius which
I have distinguished under the numbers 1 & 2.
In regard to No 1 I can only say, that as
this is the first intimation I have had of
the subject to which it alludes, but I so
heartily concur in opinion with Colonel

Sartorius

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Sartorius and recommend that the Place he pro-
poses should be adopted in the event of the arri-
-val of the expected Regiments, in preference to
the construction of new Quarters and Bar-
-racks. an expence which think should every
where be avoided, until it is finally deter-
-mined where Posts are to be permanently oc-
-cupied, on the different subject of recommending
such a Committee or Committees as have
been deemed necessary by the Military Board
for forwarding such opinions, as may enable
Government to decide on this important
point recommended to my consideration in
the 19th Par. of your letter of the 7th Instant
I am not yet prepared to make any report to
Government.—

In regard to No. 2 merely re-
-questing a return of Engineers, I scarcely
suppose that His Lordship has called for
such a communication, or it would not have

I can

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been sent in this way.—

I also request you to lay before his Lordship in Council, an application made to me by Ensign Arthur of the Engineer Corps, accompanied by a report made to me by the Adjutant & General whom I ordered to investigate the subject, I should not have troubled his Lordship with this application from Ensign Arthur as the adjutant Generals report states it to have been made on a mistaken idea but that I thought it necessary to submit to his Lordships view, the adjutant Generals report, which could not have been understood, without Mr. Arthurs application, as by the investigation it appeares plainly that another Officer who has not applied, suffers a loss of Rank, agreeable to the rules of the service, by his present situation in the

Corps

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Corps of Engineers, namely Ensign Bradley, an x
error which his Lordship may think it necessary
to correct. —

I have to day forwarded to
you Sir, the Proceedings of the Medical
Board under date the 13th Instant, on the
former part of which I think it necessary to
observe, that if the claim brought forward in
behalf of Mr. Surgeon Mackay is attended
to, it will most probably be followed by simi-
lar applications from the Surgeons at Ryacot
tah, Nellmagherry, Ambore, Vellore and Chingle-
put - and perhaps from all the Surgeons situ-
ated immediately placed on the great routes to our Sou-
thern and Northern possessions. —

I have been honored with the
receipt of your letter of the 8th Inst. with
its enclosure & shall in consequence make the
necessary communication, this is a strong proof
of the deliberation and caution which ought

to

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to precede the erection of Quarters and Bar-
racks - when I left Ellore in 1792 there were
Quarters and Barracks there, for one Company of
Artillery, one Regiment of European & two Bat-
talions of Sepoys, with Hospitals, Storehouses
&c. &c. it has for some few years been excavated,
and in consequence it is now found incompe-
tent to accommodate the very few officers
attached to a Battalion of Sepoys, which I
recommended should be raised there, on the idea
of its offering such ample accommodation. —

I also enclose a letter addressed to
you by Colonel Wahab, this instant received, as
one from the Colonel to me on the same subject. —

Madras
4th April 1801.

I have the honor &c. &c.
/Signed/ John Braithwaite

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

My Lord,

Having been pleased by the
late

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late Commander in Chief of the Army in the gene-
ral Charge of the Corps of Artillery on the sus-
pension of Major General Gells. Beg leave to
address your Lordship in Council on a subject
connected with that situation, and, in consequence,
to prefer a request which I hope your Lordship
will not deem improper or unreasonable.—When
the order for my being placed in that charge
was issued by Lieut. General Harris, he was
pleased at the same time to cause the then Ad-
jutant General of the army, Lieut. Colonel
Close, to intimate to the Officers commanding
the two Battalions of Artillery "that any
"general Instructions which I might trans-
"mit to those Battalions relative to Discp. Dis.
"cipline and Practice were to be observed the
"same as if transmitted from Head Quarters."

2. In consequence of this authority
I took no time in examining the state of the
Corps of artillery, and finding that the
Exercise

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Exercise and Discipline of the two Battalions was not conducted on an uniform plan, I so formed and published a regular system for both, and impressed on the minds of the officers the importance it was to their own character and to the general reputation of the corps, that they should unite their best endeavours for carrying that system into complete effect. — As Senior officer of Artillery and in the general charge of that Corps, I was recognized by Government in a communication of the 25th May 1792, upon a subject judged to be of importance to the welfare of the Public Service In the same character I was called upon by the late Commander in Chief and the Military Board to submit Plans for the equipment of the Field and Battering Train for the Service against Seringapatam, which were generally approved and carried into execution, I am persuaded that the Officer now Commanding

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-ing the Army in Chief will bear Testimony to
my exertions for the improvement of the artillery
and ordnance Branch of the Service since his
accession to that situation. — The Honble Court
of Directors in their general Letter of the 7th
May 1800 were also pleased to refer to the
general charge of the artillery having
been confided to me during the suspension
of Major General Gells as appeared by the
orders of Government published on the 26th
December last. —

As these several circumstances
establish that the trouble and responsibility
attached to that Charge was publickly vested
in me as Senior Officer of the Corps, I am in-
-duced to solicit of Your Lordship in Council
that I may be permitted to draw the Staff
allowance of 208 Rupees Ten Month attached by
the regulations to the Commandant of Artillery
from the date of Major General Gells's suspension

until

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until I was permanently appointed to that Station Vizt. from the 13th. April 1793 to the 31st. December 1800. It seems evident that the above mentioned Allowance was given as a reward for Services to be actually performed, and that similar considerations occasioned the resolution of Government dated 23d. August 1796. granting the established allowance of the Chief Engineer when not present in India, to the Senior Officer of that Corps on the spot:— on these grounds, and as the allowance in question can only be claimed by me, who was invested with the entire authority of Commandant of artillery for the period before stated I entertain a well founded hope that the Justice and Liberality of your Lordships Council will operate a favourable Decision to my present application—

I have the Honor &c &c &c

(Signed) [illegible]

Le Thomas d'Mount

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council at

Fort St George

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose three papers on the subject of quartering two European Regiments in Malabar, the last of which I only received yesterday. —

By my letter to Major Walker No. 3 one Regiment besides the Bombay European regiment, can be quartered in Malabar, without any new buildings being erected for their accommodation, and upon the present appearent uncertainty of their regiments arriving before the raint, if at all, I do not think myself authorized to put Government to the expence of providing new extensive Cantonments, which might never be required, without instructions to that effect. —

I

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In the event of these expected Regiments arriving in Malabar before the rains, I beg leave to point out a mode of quartering them with little expence to Government. In have already in my remarks on the report of the Fortifications of Pellicherry noticed the fort house and the ranges of ware houses appertaining to it.— When Pellicherry was a residence of a Chief and Factors the fort house was occupied by the Chief & and the warehouses by the different subordinate Officers— these were entirely abolished in the year 1794. when the civil government of the Malabar was vested in a superior and a Southern and northern Superintendant— to the latter the fort house was given, and these warehouses made little or no use of, and consequently they, as well as the Barracks and other numerous buildings on the fort were totally neglected.— Lately these

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these superintendancies have been also abo-
-lished — and I understand that the fort —
house is given in charge to the commercial —
Resident of Malabar, who resides at Maki
and it is consequently made no use of by
him. —

These warehouses under —
one roof are substantial and well built and
would require but little alteration / besides
the annual repairs / to make them a most
excellant barack, for better than any thing
of the kind now in Malabar, they are in
an elevatio and remarkably healthy situ-
-ation, lofty and sufficiently commodious —
for a whole Regiment, and I beg leave to
suggest that for the reasons in my remarks
on the fortification report above mention-
-ed, that the fort house with all the build-
-ings belonging to it may be considered Milita-
-ry, and the house occupied by the Command-
-ing

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ing officer of the province, while Tellicherry is his head quarters. —

Camp at Cotiote 30th March 1801. — I have the honor &c. &c. &c.
/Signed/ J. Sartorius
Col. Commanding in Mala-
bar. —

To Colonel Sartorius
Commanding the Troops &c. &c. &c.
Malabar

Sir.

1 I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Commissioners proposing an arrangement for quartering one of the two Regiments which may Eventually arrive in Malabar on the site of the old Cantonment near Calicut. —

2 Should this arrangement meet your Sentiments they have requested me that Barracks may be erected for the reception of these Troops and that you would be pleased

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pleased to give orders for that purpose.—

Camp at Wallangote 22d March 1801.— I have the honor &c &c

/Signed/ A. Walker

a true copy.

/Signed/ H. Spens

Secretary to Col. Santorius

To. Major Alexander Walker

Member of the Commission

Malabar

Sir.

1. We have the honor to receive your letter of the 16th inclosing copy letter from Colonel Stevenson.—

2d. Previous to that date the Presidency had received a letter to his Separate address from the Envoy at Goa. transmitting the most noble the Governor Generals orders on the same subject.—

3. In this letter Sir William Clarke mentions that His Excellency the Gover-

-nor

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nor of Goa, has expressed his readiness to accom-
modate an equal number of Troops in the event
of the 8th Regiment being removed from Goa, to
which Sir William Stater is likely to take place.
The President therefore in his reply to the intimation
at Goa engaged for the reception and accommoda-
tion for the present of only one Regiment, which
he had recommended should immediately on its
arrival be ordered to Calicut, considering the Can-
tonment hills, as the most eligible both from the
healthiness of its situation and the convenience
which its vicinity to the place affords for every kind
of supply, and further that the presence of a force
in this centrical Situation would have a tendency
to keep in awe the disaffected in the districts both
north, and South of Calicut.—

L. R. Should these arrangements meet the
Sentiments of the Commanding Officer, we have to
request that you will have the goodness to make ap-
plication through the proper channel, that the Barrack

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for the reception of these Troops, in effecting which he will have every assistance from the Collector in procuring Materials —

Calcutt 18th March 1801. } I have the honor &c &c

/Signed/ J. Spencer
J. Smee

A true copy

/Signed/ H. Spens

Secretary to Col. Santorius

Major Walker

Member of the Commission

Malabar

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 22d with one of the Commissioners to you on the subject of quartering one of the two Regiments which may eventually arrive in Malabar —

In the present uncertainty of the Regiment will come at all, I would not

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not recommend the erecting of new build-
-ing for them, particularly as there is alrea-
-dy sufficient accomodation at Cananore &
Cochin for two Regiments, and in the event of
this expected Regiments arrival, by remov-
-ing the detachment of the Bombay Europe-
-an Regiment from Cananore to Tellicherry
both Corps will be well provided —

Recd 24th March 1801

I have the hono. &c.
/Signed/ I. Saltonus —

A true copy
/Signed/ H. Spens
Secretary to Col: Saltonus

To Colonel Saltonus

Commanding the Troops in
Malabar

Sir

I Since I had last the hono.
of addressing you the Commissioners have
been advised by Colonel Sir William Clarke
that

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That the 84th Regiment remains at Goa, and that it will be necessary to provide for the reception of the two expected Regiments in this Province.—

2d This circumstance I am requested by the Commissioners to communicate to you, with an intimation, that you will no doubt adopt the proper means for their accommodation, and that the civil power will readily cooperate in such measures as may appear to you expedient.—

3d I am also desired by the Commissioners to inform you that five of the Elephants lent to Tilling Para moota to drag Timber on the Company's account, are expected on the coast of Arjeer daily to be returned, and they request that you will have the goodness to intimate to what place you would wish to have them sent.—

Camp at Belly Dona 27th March 1801.— I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) A. Walker

A true copy (Signed) H. Lyons Sec.y to Bd. of Trade.

Monthly

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Monthly Return of the Engineer Depart=

Present for duty———

On Command———

Absent with leave to Bombay

List of Officers corresponding with

Names	Rank	Corps
Wm. Henry Blackford	Major	Engineers
John Lothrop	Capt. Lieutenant	Do.
James Parrott	Lieutenant	Do.
Robert Bentley	Do.	Do.
J. F. Rebenack	Do.	Do.

Cotapurrumbo

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ment in charge of Lt Colonel I. C. Sartorius in the Province of Malabar

| Officers | Established | Servants | Established artificers | | |

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To Major General Brathwaite

Commanding the army in Chief

Sir

Being a good deal absent from the Residency on Public Duty prevented me making an application before, which I have now the honour of laying before you for your approbation, and request you will have the goodness to submit it to Government with such favourable support as I trust you will find it merits —

Having studied and passed an examination at Woolwich, I was appointed in England by the Honble Court of Directors a Cadet for the Corps of Engineers of the same Season [1795] with Messrs Ravenshaw and Bradley who were Cadets of Infantry but afterwards transferred to the Engineers in this country. Mr Ravenshaw on the 8th March 1797 and Mr Bradley

22d

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22d November 1796 the comission of the former is dated 30th January 1796 and of the latter 19th February 1796 several Month prior to theirs belonging to the Corps. by which they supersede me who was appointed to the Corps in England date of my Commission 8th april 1796 — Therefore pray that these Gentleman may only Rank from the day on which they were removed to the Corps of Engineers —

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6th April 1801 —

I have the honor &c &c &c
/Signed/ Thos Arthur
Ensign of Engineers

To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding the army in Chief

Sir

Having examined the General Orders connected with the Claim of Ensign Arthur of Engineers to take Rank in that Corps Senior to Ensigns Ravenshaw

and

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and Bradley have the honour to report
to you as follows.—

On the 18th November 1796

Mr. Gregory Bradley was announced in Gr
as a Cadet arrived from Europe—and admit
-ted an Ensign of Infantry—Date of Ran
to be settled hereafter.—

On the 22d November 1796

Ensign Gregory Bradley was removed to the
Corps of Engineers.—

2d On the 21st of February
1797. Mr. William Ravenshaw was a
announced in G.O. as having arrived a
from Europe a Cadet—and admitted
an Ensign Date of Rank to be settled
hereafter—& on the 28th posted to the 2d
European Regiment.—

On the 8th of march Mr.
William Ravenshaw was admitted an
Ensign of Engineers.—

On

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3d On the 21st of August 1797 the Date of Rank of Cadets as settled by the Honble Court of Directors for the Season 1795 was published to the army when William Ravenshaw was announced as Ensign of Engineers to take Rank from the 30th of January 1796.— and Gregory Bradley as Ensign of Engineers from the 19th February 1796.—

Note As these Officers were transferred from the Infantry to the Engineers, it does not appear that they were entitled to the rank or relative situation appointed to them.— For as they commence their career anew on entering the Engineer Corps, Ensign Bradley who was first transferred should rank Senior to Ensign Ravenshaw in that Corps, altho in the Infantry junior to him.— In fact, either of these Gentlemen taking Rank in

that

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that Corps prior to the date of transfer can be considered as an Indulgence only by no means a right.—

On the 6th December 1797 the arrival of Thomas Arthur a Cadet was announced in General Orders— and on the 7th February 1798 the following notification was published.—

"The Honble the Court of "Directors have been pleased to establish "the following rank of Cadets for this Es- "tablishment of the Season 1793. who did "not proceed to their duty prior to the 1st of "October 1796 and are to take Rank at the "end of the List of 1795 which has been "already published"—

"Thomas Arthur to rank "from 8th April 1796 as Ensign of Engineers.

It appears to have been the intention of the Court of Directors by this

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this order, to annex a forfeiture, to the prolonged residence in Europe of the Gentlemen in question, of the Rank they would have held relatively to other Cadets of the same Season, who proceeded to their duty at the regular time — and on this ground Ensign Arthur who did not arrive in the Country and whose appointment was unknown till more than 8 Months after the Rank of Messrs Ravenshaw and Bradley was fixed, does not appear to have a just claim to supercede those officers, although his claim now seems plausible from the indulgence both he and those gentlemen received, of having their Commissions ale dated from the period of the vacancies they fill, by which means Ensign Arthur appears to have been an Ensign of Engineers prior to the transfer of Messrs Bradley and Ravenshaw which was not actually the case. —

Ensign

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Ensign Bradley having
been first transferred to the Corps of Engineers
should take rank of Ensign Ravenshaw

Adjt Genl's Office (Signed) P. A. Agnew
April 13th 1801. – Aquitant Genl of the army

Major Turing
Military Secretary to Government

Sir.

I have the honor to send
you enclosed a copy of an address from Ma-
jor Kirkpatrick the resident at Hyderabad
for the Information of His Lordship in Co
uncil with which address I have compli-
ed and hope it may meet with His Lord-
ships approbation. –

Guntoor
10th April 1801. } (Signed) G. Wahab
Col. Comg Guntoor District

To Colonel Wahab
Commanding the District of
Guntoor

Sir.

In consequence of the state of

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affairs in the moonigalah Quarter— I beg
leave to request you will reinforce the party
at that place to any extent in your power
not exceeding a Company of Sepoys.—

Hydrabad I have the honor &c &c
April 3d 1801— (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

(A true copy)

(Signed) G. Wahab

Coll. Com.g Guntoor District

To. Major Robert Kirkpatrick

Secretary to Government in the
Military Department

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose
some papers transmitted to me by major Gene-
ral Burges, Commanding the Southern Di-
vision of the army, being a correspondence
which has passed between Mr. Harris
Collector of Tanjore, and Lieutenant Crump
the Officer Commanding at Kovilcal, I would
not

From major General Braithwaite— Transmits correspondence between Collector Harris and Lieutenant Crump— application from Lieutenant Lind to proceed to Europe on Sick certificate— application from Brinjaree Sirdar to resign— Recommendation of Sepoy with Hosey Gill and Thomson to be conductors of ordnance.—

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not have troubled his Lordship with these papers, had it not appeared from them, that Mr. Harris had already brought the subject before his Lordship, which renders it necessary that Lieutenant Kirkpatrick's Statement of the case should also be forwarded, I am not however but express a wish that Mr. Harris who is universally respected, had used his influence to suppress this reference to Government, upon terms less humiliating than the one resolved on by him, namely that the Commanding Officer should ask pardon of a man of Mr. Badger's character—

I have had occasion to hear a great deal of Mr. Badger, both before he left Tranquebar, (which I have understood he was obliged to do) and afterwards when I commanded at Pondicherry, on the limits of which, Karical was in some degree dependant, and his character last

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has always appeared to me, in a very unfa-
vorable light, and he certainly is a low Foreig-
ner, and an adventurer, such a man, with
such a character, can never think be con-
sidered as respectable, however he may be
placed, and it may be matter for his Lo
Lordship's consideration, whether, in places
where he has judged it necessary to place a
Military Force, and a Commanding Officer,
it would not be better for the Collector when
absent, to confide to the Commanding Officer
such regulations as he wished to be enforced,
instead of employing such European Agents
as Mr Bolger, or any native Servants.—

Had Mr Harris signified
his intention by a line, to Lieutenant
Evans, there can be no doubt, but that
every thing he wished to be done, would
have been readily, and chearfully attended to—

Have also to enclose to

be

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be laid before his Lordship, a letter from Lieutenant Lewis of the 2d Regiment of native battalion addressed to his Lordship in council—

I request you Sir to inform his Lordship, that I have received regular reports of the deaths of Messrs Glover, and Fraser conductors of ordnance, the former at Chittledroog the latter at Vellore, and that documents have been sent to me, from Major Isaack Commanding at Chittledroog conveying Mr Lancy's request to be permitted to resign his situation as a Conductor in the Service, and to have leave to proceed to the Presidency, and it appears from these documents, that Mr Lancy has been constantly intoxicated since his arrival at Chittledroog and consequently neither worthy of trust, nor competent to any duty—

In consequence of the deaths above Stated, and in the event of his Lordships permitting

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permitting Mr. Raney to resign, I recommend Serjeant Busby late Store Serjeant at Tanjore Serjeant Gell, Arrack Serjeant at Fort St George, and Serjeant major Thomson of the Garrison of Trichenopoly as proper persons to be appointed Conductors.—

Madras 1st April 1801.

I have the honor &c &c &c
(Signed) John Brathwaite

The Right Honble The Lord Clive
Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Certificate, stating the opinion of two Medical Gentlemen respecting the necessity of my proceeding to Europe to obviate the effects arising from my late wound, and to request your Lordship's permission in Council to act accordingly—

Rome
April 11th 1801.

I am &c &c &c
(Signed) Wm Lewis
Lieut 2d Regt of Cavalry

Wds

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This is to Certify that Lieutenant Lewis of the 2d. Regiment of native Cavalry & having received a very severe wound on his Foot, with the Bones constantly coming away it is therefore our decided opinion he should go to his native Country, as should constant and large Exfoliations take place in this Climate his General Health may become so bad, that the most alarming consequences may take place even to endanger his Life.—

Madras / Signed / Tho.s Hackerroy
April 10th 1801.— Surgeon

Sworn before me / Signed / T. H. Davis
this 10th. day of April Assistant Surgeon in charge of
1801.— / Signed / G Samuel St Thome.—
Master

Receives with the surgery.—

The Board have received with much satisfaction reports of the promptness and expedition with which the details destined for the re-enforcement of the Troops in Tinnevelly

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Immediately were put in motion, and, for the reasons Stated by Major General Braithwaite, approve the addition made by that Officer to the detail of Artillery which had marched into the Southern Division of the army from St Thomas's mount.—

The Board consider the disposition made by the Officer Commanding the army in Chief, of the Troops in the Northern Division of the army, to have been the best calculated under the circumstances which then existed to reinforce the Detachment employed on field Service in the Guntoor District, and to preserve order in the more Southern Divisions of the Circars, and they trust that the arrival of the Regiments of Bengal Sepoys on the Guntoor District will ensure the speedy and permanent restoration of tranquillity in that part of the Company's Dominions.—

The

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The Board approve the measures taken by Major General Braithwaite for sending a supply of ordnance and Stores to Ganjam —

The Board being satisfied of the justice of the claim preferred by Major General Sydenham to the Staff allowance of Commandant of Artillery, the duties of which Station that officer conducted to the entire satisfaction of the Governor in Council during the suspension of Major General Geils, and also of the justice of the claim of Major General Smith to the Share of Off.g Rectoring out due to the Colonel of the 1st Battalion during the period of time that Major General Geils was under suspension —

Resolved and ordered accordingly that the amount of arrears of Staff allowance as Commandants of artillery at the rate of Pagodas 208. 14. fanams per month from

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from the 13th of April 1798 the day on
which Major General Gels was Suspended
from the Service, to the 31st of January 1800
the date of Major General Sydenhams ap-
pointment to be Commandant of artillery,
be paid to Major General Sydenham in an
Eight per Cent Bond of this Government of
this date: and that the Sum of Pagodas
Two thousand and twenty - Cash twenty three
(2020 " - " 23) being the amount of Off- Reckon-
-ings due to the Colonel of the 1st Battalion
of Artillery for the year 1799 from the date
of Major General Gels's suspension from
the Service in that year, be also paid in an
Eight per Cent Bond of this Government of
this date to Major General David Smith -

Resolved in the event of
it being found necessary to land any Regi-
ments of Europeans on the Malabar Coast that
the plan suggested by Colonel Sartorius for
their

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their temporary accommodation be adopted—

Ordered that the necessary com-
munication on this subject be made by
Major General Braithwaite to the Officer
Commanding the Forces in Mysore—

The Board deemed expedient
to reject the application from Asst. Surgeon
Mackay for any addition to his present
allowance—

As it appears evident from
the destined investigation which has been
made of the claim of Ensign Arthur of the
Corps of Engineers to an advanced Rank that
it is not founded on any just grounds— Re-
solved that it be rejected—

But as it appears that
Ensign Bradley of that Corps has sus-
tained an injury by his name having been
placed under that of Ensign Ravenshaw in
the List of the Corps—

Resolved

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Resolved that his date of Rank be altered by a General order, and so regulated according to the principle recommended by the Officer Commanding the army in Chief.—

Ord Resolved to postpone a decision on the subject of Complaint existing between the Collector in Tanjore and the Commanding Officer at Karical until the complaint of the Collector shall have been received.—

Ordered that the Correspondence between Mr Havers and Lieutenant Coombs be lodged in the Office.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Lees of the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate.—

Resolved that in compliance with the recommendation of the Officer Commanding

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Commanding the Army— Sergeants Busby, Gill and Thomson be appointed Conductors of Ordnance.—

Read the following letter from Major Robert Turing—

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From major Robert Turing— containing a statement which he deemed necessary to give in consequence of having observed from the recent correspondence on the affairs of the Province of Tinnevelly reflections contained with respect to certain important facts, calculated to impeach the Communications made by Lieutenant Colonel Banner—

Having observed from the recent correspondence on the affairs of the Province of Tinnevelly representations contained with respect to certain important facts, calculated to impeach the Communications made by Major, now Lieutenant Colonel Banner—

=man, to the Right Honble the Governor in Council, in regard to the custody of the Poligar Prisoners, and the demolition of the Poligar forts, I deem it incumbent on me to rescue the name of that distinguished Officer from imputation to which it might be

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be liable without that explanation my private friendship and public respect for Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman will therefore I trust excuse my intruding on your Lordship at this time the following statement, which although it is immediately drawn from my memory, is supported by the public documents left by me in the hands of Major Macaulay, when he succeeded me in the Command of Sumnerelly, about the month of January 1800, and if any further form of authenticity shall be required, I am ready to depose on oath my belief of the facts I have stated —

Mr Washington in his letter of the 1st March last to Major Macaulay states that the entire charge of the persons of the Prisoners was committed to the Custody of the officer Commanding — that neither the mode of confinement, nor

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the degree of restraint were directed by, nor communicated to him—that both originates in, and depended upon, the discretion of the Officer Commanding, who was alone responsible for their safety upon this point I beg leave to refer to the letter which Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman wrote to Mr. Lushington under date the 28th. of September 1799 Copy of which was transmitted in his Letter to Mr. Webbe of the 29th. of the same month and I think it necessary further to state that when I succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman in the Command of the Province, I distinctly understood from him that the Polygars Prisoners were subject to the authority of the Collector, who was not only to communicate his requisitions respecting the mode of confining them, and the degree of restriction to be observed, but who had it in his power to continue under restraint

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restraint, or to set at liberty, such of them as he might think proper. While the Prisoners were under restraint, the Officer in Command of the District, or those acting under his authority were of course responsible for the Security of their persons.

This interpretation was confirmed by the occurrence of a fact at the time, for it is in my recollection, and it will probably appear on the public correspondence at Palamcottah, that either Mr Lushington or his assistant Mr Graeme, by the Collectors authority, did, about the month of December 1799. call upon Lieutenant, now Captain Tickborne, who commanded at Tinglepore, for the Polygar Prisoners / some of whom had been put in Confinement at that place by Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman and others by Mr Lushington / — that those Prisoners did con-

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dergo an Examination, and that some of
them were set at liberty by the authority of
the Collector, without any communication
whatever with me on the subject, who had
Succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman
in the command of the Province.—
I was at the time under the
necessity of reprimanding Captain Tuckborne
for having referred to me, before he would,
deliver over the Prisoners to the Collector or
his assistant Mr. Grame (which by his in-
structions he had been authorized to do
without reference)— and I desired him to
require a receipt for the Prisoners, whom he
did deliver over, and to grant a receipt for
those returned into confinement, which was
accordingly done. My conduct on that oc-
casion manifests my opinion of the Collec-
tor's authority over the Prisoners, and his mode
of proceeding leaves no room to doubt, in

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my judgement, that he then considered the Prisoners to be entirely subject to the authority of the Collector.—

The second point which has attracted my notice is Mr. Lushington's Statement in his letter to Mayor Macaulay that the Demolition of the forts in the Sequestered Pollams formed no part of his instructions.—

Lieutenant Colonel Brennan was directed by the instructions contained in a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe dated the 19th August 1799 "in all cases in which it might become necessary to expell any polygar entirely from his Pollam to lose no time in fleecing the district, so sequestered, under the authority of the Collector, and to afford him all the assistance in his power for establishing and maintaining the civil jurisdiction.—

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Reference to the Proclama-
tion of the 18th September 1799. transmitted
in a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ban-
-nerman to Mr Webbe of the 19th of that
Month, evinces that Officers determinations
that the forts on the Sequestered Pollams
should be destroyed:—

When Lieutenant Colonel
Bannerman informed me of his intention
to send his Letter of the 19th September 1799.
to Mr Lushington Copy of which was trans-
-mitted in the Lieutenant Colonel's Letter
of the 19th of that Month to Mr Webbe, I
stated my opinion that he ought not to de-
-liver over the Sequestered Pollams to the en-
-tire Management of the Collector till after
the Forts had been destroyed. His answer
was that he should take upon himself
the charge of destroying Panjalamcourchy
—that he had communicated with Mr Lush-
-ington

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ington upon the subject of his, Mr. Lushington's, destroying all the other forts, and that at his suggestion he had consented, that Nagalapore should not be destroyed, as it was a convenient situation for the Collector's principal Cutchery in the Eastern range of Pollams. I still urged Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman to destroy the forts before he delivered over the Pollums to the Collectors management. The Colonel expressed his Surprize at my earnestness — said that Mr. Lushington, who had seen and approved the Proclamation, would give the necessary orders on that subject; for although it did not appear to him of much consequence whether the forts in the Sequestered Pollams, with exception of Panjalamcourchy, were destroyed or not, he was sure Mr. Lushington would take care that none of them should afford shelter to the disaffected on any future occasion — that as Copies of the Proclamation

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mation directing the Forts to be destroyed
would be left with the Collector and forwarded
to Government, and as his authority in the Se-
questered Polleams would cease from the period
of time that he delivered them over to the Collec-
tor, he should consider that nothing further de-
pended upon him — that he was unwilling to
give any reason to suppose that he was desirous
to retain authority in the Sequestered Polleams
longer than was absolutely necessary, and that he
was therefore determined to deliver them over immedi-
ately to Mr Lushington, in conformity to the Spirit of
his Instructions. the Letter was in consequence sent
to Mr Lushington, with the Proclamation —

In consequence of this communica-
tion I was so much convinced of Mr Lushington's
intention to destroy the Forts, that when copies
in Brass of the Proclamation of the 21st October 1799
had been prepared, I applied to the Collector, or to
his assistant Mr Greame, as will appear by the let-
ter which I left with Major Macaulay, and by the
public

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public Records of Mr. Lushingtons Cutchery,
to know how many Copies of the Proclamation
on brass he would require to fix up at those or
Stations on the Sequestered Pollams where forts
had stood I do not remember what number of
the brass plates were sent in consequence, but
should the public Records of Mr. Lushington's
Cutchery be silent on this point, or should the
Letters which Kept with Major Macaulay be
mislaid, Major of Brigade Knowles, Quarter
Master of Brigade Joyes Mr. George Hughes
the Interpreter and Ramalingum Moodalies
Colonel Bannermans Servant will prove
that the Copies of the Proclamations on brass
were prepared and forwarded as above stated
to the Collector. This I consider to be a sufficient proof that the burthen of destroying the
Forts rested with the Civil officers of Govern-
ment, and that proof is corroborated by the
opinion of Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman

to

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to make any report of the demolition of them at the same time, when he reported the demolition of Panjalamcowichy and of the forts in the Pollams which had not been sequestered.—

It must no doubt appear a matter of much surprize to the Right Hon^ble the Governor in Council, and to the public, that the fort of Panjalamcowichy, which Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman reported to have been demolished, should in the first instance have intimated from attack, and have afterwards opposed such formidable and destructive resistance to the gallant exertions of the Troops commanded by Major Macaulay, and the correspondence on that subject is calculated to impress the Gover. nor in Council with a belief that the report, transmitted to His Lordship by Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman, was not sufficiently founded.— It is therefore my duty to state that

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that Lieutenant, now Captain, Bagshaw who commanded the Pioneers under Lieute-
-nant Colonel Bannerman, was employed in demolishing that Fort. I have daily re-
-ports from Captain Bagshaw, while he so was so employed, of the progress which he made, and his final report of the demoliti-
-on of the place was forwarded to Govern-
-ment on Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman's Letter of the 21st October 1799. —

It is now evident that this report of Captain Bagshaw trans-
-mitted by Lieutenant Colonel Banner-
-man to Government was not sufficiently founded, or that the fort has not only been rebuilt, but considerably improved, since that Pollam was placed under the so management of the Company's Servants. —

I never was at Pangalam-
-couchy while it was day light, but in so

passing

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Sailing from Tooticorin to Tryloor, I observed the State of that fort when the clear moon light enabled me to distinguish objects nearly as well as by day, and I walked over the ruins of the fort, the works of which, and the houses which had been surrounded by them, appeared to me completely ruined as much so indeed as I should have thought necessary if the demolition of the place had been entrusted to my Superintendence. I trust therefore that Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman will be considered by the Governor in Council to have been justified in transmitting to his Lordship in Council an official report of the demolition of Panjalamcourchy: that opinion was indeed so familiar to my own mind, when I succeeded to that Command, that I did not consider it necessary to revisit that report and of more recent

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recent circumstances should appear to impugn the belief with which Lieute-nant Colonel Bannerman's report was received, I have no doubt that they originated in facts which have occurred since that period of time —

Whether the fort of Pa-lamcoottah has grown gradually into the importance which it has lately assumed, or whether it has derived its present strength from the labor of the Polygars, since the escape of the Prisoners from Palamcottah, is a question which I am not compe-tent to decide, but Captain Baglehaw is present to justify the part he has acted

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acted, and I repeat that I have felt it my
duty, to vendicate the fame of Lieutenant &
Colonel Bannerman

Fort St George
13th April 1801

I have the honor &c &c
/Signed/ Robt Invine

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letters from the
Collector at Ganjam

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Collector at Ganjam - Encloses Copy of letter from Lieut Col Marley Commanding a Detachment of troops from Bengal, stating his arrival on the frontier of the Ganjam District states the arrival of a small Detachment at Pr. Ligapore under the command of Major Dallas from the District of Vizagapatam

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the 6th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry, on its March to this District, and to inform you, that the necessary directions have been given to provide for its accommodation, as founded out by Lieutenant Colonel Marley —

The Services of such a force will be of the utmost importance in this Dist.

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trict, and I cannot but persuade myself that it is intended to be disposed of for the relief although Lieutenant Colonel Manley has not expressed himself to that effect.—

I have the honor to state, that, on a further application of the most urgent Nature to Lieutenant Colonel Durand, he has at length consented to the movement of major Dallas, with the two remaining Companies of his Detachment (but only one of the six pounders) to the assistance of the District; and this additional force arrives at Berhampore yesterday morning.—

I have the hono &c &c

(Signed) Wm Brown

Collector

Camp near Sryellie 10th April 1801.

William

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William Brown Esqre

Collector at

Ganjam

Sir.

I have to notify to you that the 6th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry, is now on the march to Ganjam, and I think will arrive at Manickpatam about the 25th Instant— I have to request the favor of you to give the necessary directions for boats &c. to be prepared for crossing the Chilka Lake, some Pinnace should be sufficiently large for the conveyance of Camels, their being a considerable number with the Detachment—

I have also to request that supplies may be provided at the usual halting Place, in passing through the Ganjam District, there are with the Regiment 16 European Officers and about

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2000 Native Officers and Seapoys - The following are about 6000.

I shall do myself the pleasure to address you again, on my nearer approach to Gangam.

I have the honor &c &c

Camp near Tellasore April 2d 1801

/Signed/ B. Marley

Lieut. Colonel

A true copy

/Signed/ Wm. Brown

Collector

To Josiah Webbe Esqre.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

From Ditto Ditto Enclosing letter from Colonel Marley. States his inability to comply with the Colonel's wish of an immediate payment of money; and proposes that officer being furnished with the amount required either by the Collectors of the Neighbouring Districts or from Bengal.

I have the honor to enclose copy of another letter received from Lieutenant Colonel Marley Commanding the Regiment of Bengal Seapoys on their March to this District, and I have great satisfaction in observing, that their Services are.

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are meant to be disposed of, for the Restora-
tion of order and Tranquility in this District—

2d On the subject of the colo-
nels suggestions for an immediate pay-
ment of money on their arrival at Ganjam,
I deem it my Duty to state the inability of
this Treasury to answer the Demand, the en-
forcement of the collections during a time
of such universal Distraction almost
prevails in this District, renders any ex-
pectation of Resources beyond those of
supplying the civil Disbursements of the
Station wholly abortive.—

3d I would therefore take
the liberty to propose that the Collector of
the neighbouring Districts of Vizianagra-
ram or Chicacole, be directed to furnish the
requisite amount; or that the necessary
monthly expenditure for this Regiment, be
provided from Bengal.—

I have

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Camp near Aska 13th april 1801.

I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) Wm Brown

Collector

Wm Brown Esqre

Collector at

Ganjam

Sir

I did myself the honor to address you on the 2d Instant informing you of the march of the 6th Regiment for Ganjam, in case that letter should have miscarried I do myself the pleasure to transmit a Duplicate of it.—

I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 2d and to inform you I did not receive Instructions to advance a Battalion but was directed by His Excellency the commander in Chief, to proceed with the Regiment to Ganjam as soon as the 2d Battalion

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Soon should join me Iaccordingly commenced my march when that took place though many parties from the 1st Battalion detached in the mofussil were not relieved—

Ishall use my endeavours to reach Ganjam before the 1st of the ensuing month, and Itrust the arrival of the corps will restore peace and Tranquility to the District, and that the refractory zemindars will meet that punishment their conduct merits.—

As there are only four Serjeants with the Regiment, few sheep will be wanted, the Officers are in general provided, but Coolies and Bearers will be required to a great extent, as those with the Detachment will not proceed further than Ganjam.—

The heavy expence the officers, and men of the Regiment are at in consequence

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consequence of the march and the high price of Grain &c. in the Mahratta Districts, as renders it desirable that they should receive one month's pay on their arrival at Ganjam, which I hope you will be able to provide.—

Campmen Ballasore April 7th 1801

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) B. Marley
Lieut. Colonel

(A true copy)
(Signed) Wm Brown
Collector

Resolved and ordered that the following Letters be dispatched—

To Lieutenant Colonel Marley commanding a Detachment of Bengal Native Infantry in the District of Ganjam

Sir

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The Right Honble the Governor

To the officer Commanding Detachment of Bengal Troops in the Ganjam District—

acquainting him that the forces under his command is immediately destined to suppress the rebellion in the District of Ganjam

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Ganjam the execution of which service having been confided to him he is furnished with instructions for his guidance and conduct.—

Governor in Council having received intelligence that the Detachment under your command has approached the frontier of the territories under this Presidency, I am directed to acquaint you that this force is immediately destined to suppress the rebellion which now exists in the District of Ganjam, and to restore order and tranquility in that Province; and the Governor in Council having been pleased to confide to you the execution of this important service, commands me to communicate to you the following instructions for your guidance and conduct.—

You will have already been informed of the general state of affairs in the District of Ganjam, and the extent of force now opposed in arms to the Company's authority— The principal insurgents are the Zemindar of Goomsur and of Vizianagur the former situated in the Northern and the latter in the

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the South western frontier of the District, and as
to their influence and intrigues may be chiefly
ascribed the troubles which now distract the Pro-
vince, the Governor in Council directs your
special and unremitting attention to the entire
annihilation of their power.—

3d His Lordship in Council con-
siders it probable that the extent of your
force will admit of your employing sepa-
rate detachments to act against these re-
bellious Zemindars, and in that event re-
leaves it to your judgement to make the
best disposition of your Troops for that
purpose you will of course give particu-
lar attention to the allotment of Troops for
the defence of the country against any de-
sultory attacks in the most convenient sta-
tions, and as the company have a valuable
property in the stud of horses in the vicinity
of Ganjam you will use every necessary pre-

precaution

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precaution to ensure it against the chance
of danger.

4. The Officer who at present
commands in the Districts of Ganjam will be
directed to place himself under your orders
and the Commanding Officer and the Pay-
master at Vizagapatam, will be directed to
comply with all requisitions which they shall
receive from you, for the advancement of the
public Service, and for whatever supplies
may be required in money or Provisions for
the use of your Detachment.—

5. As the season of the year
advances it is fast approaching when it
will be impracticable for the Detachment
to continue in the field the whole success of
your operations will depend on the prompti-
tude and celerity of your arrangements and
as it is of the utmost consequence that the
Service now confided to you, should be complet-
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- ed before that period the Governor in Council will
rely on your zeal, perseverance and activity, &
for accomplishing the important object —

6. The Governor in Council &
trusts that all inconvenience or embarra[ss]-
-ment in your movements arising from the
want of local information, will be effectu-
-ally prevented by the cordial cooperation
of the civil and military authorities. — It is
unnecessary for His Lordship in Council
to inculcate the indispensable necessity &
of preserving a temper of conciliation in
relations of public trust, and His
Lordship will rely on the zial of your-
-self and of the Collector in the District
of Ganjam, being mutually exerted for the
advancement of the public good, the early
exertion of the Company's authority, and
the reestablishment of the civil Government
in that district —

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21st April 1801.

I am &c &c
(signed) G. Buchan
acting Chief Sec. to Government

To Major General Braithwaite
Commanding the army in Chief.

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief requesting him with the arrival on the Northern frontier of the Ganjam District of a Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry and enclosing Copy of the orders which have been furnished to the Officer Commanding it for the suppression of the Rebellion in that Province. He will accordingly direct the Officer at present Commanding the Ganjam District to obey the orders of Lieut Col Macleay. Those orders however are not meant to preclude any further arrangement which the Officer commanding in Chief may think proper to recommend and if

Sir,

I have been already apprized of the expected arrival of a Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry for the service of this Presidency, and I am now directed to acquaint you, that the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council had received intelligence that the Detachment has reached the Northern frontier of the Ganjam District.—

2. The immediate object of operations for which this force is destined being to suppress the rebellion which exists in that Province, and to restore order and tranquility to that valuable part of the Company's possessions, the Governor in Council

is

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if he should think it necessary to withdraw any part of the force employed in the Ganjam District for the purpose of preserving tranquility in the Vizagapatam District, the Board will be happy to avail themselves of his sentiments on that Subject.

it could be considered expedient, that no time should be lost at this advanced period of the Season in communicating instructions to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, for adopting with the utmost vigor and dispatch the measures necessary for that purpose, and I have the honor to inclose for your information a copy of the orders which have been furnished to him.

3. In selecting Lieutenant Colonel Manley for the important service of conducting the operations in the Ganjam District, the Governor in Council was guided by the general character of that Officer, as well as by His Lordships confidence that any deficiency of local information will be amply supplied by the cordiality and union of sentiment which His Lordship relies will animate the civil and military powers for the advancement of

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the publick welfare.—

4 You will accordingly or-
der and direct the Officer who at present
Commands in the district of Gayam, to obey
the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Marley to
whose judgement the Governor in Council
has thought it advisable to refer
for such a disposition of the troops
Stationed in the district, as shall
best ensure the success of his operations,
and the early apprehension of the Company's
authority—

5 It is not however
His Lordship's intention by these orders
to preclude any further arrangement
which you shall judge conducive to this
end— and if you shall think it nec-
essary that any part of the force now
employed in the Gayam District should
be withdrawn for the purpose of preserving
tranquility

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tranquility in the District of Vizagapatam.

His Lordship in Council will be happy to avail himself of your sentiments on that subject.-

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I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) G. Buchan
Actg. Chief Sect. to Govt.

To the Honourable
Lt. G. B. Murray
Paymaster at
Vizagapatam

Sir,

To the Paymaster at Vizagapatam- Desiring him to provide for the payment of the Regt. of Bengal Native Infantry which has arrived in the District of Ganjam under the command of Lieut. Colonel Morley and to comply with all requisitions for supplies which he may receive from that Officer, without previous reference to the Presidency.-

1. A Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Morley having arrived in the District of Ganjam for the service of this Presidency, I am directed by the Governor in Council to desire that you will provide accordingly for the payment of these Troops.

2. The Governor in Council having appointed Lieutenant Colonel Morley,

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to the command of the field force to be assembled in that Province, His Lordship desires that you will with the utmost expedition, comply with all requisitions which you may receive from that officer for supplies whether of money, provisions or stores without a previous reference to the Presidency.—

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23d April 1801

Sam Gs Js
(Signed) G Buchan
act Chief Sec to Govt

" Clive
" Wm Petrie
" E H Townsend

H.S. Hutman
&
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Diary

Recd the following Letters

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To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to the Government on the

Military Department

at

Fort St. George

From the Mily Secretary at Bengal Enclosing Copy of a letter and Indent from Captain Montgomery and requesting that the Indent may be complied with

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Captain H. C. Montgomery Commanding His Excellency's Body Guard, with the Indent thereon referred to, and to desire you will express to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the wish of His Excellency that the Indent may be complied with from the Stores at Fort St. George

I am &c. &c.

Fort William

5th April 1805.

(Signed) L. Hook

Secretary to the Government

Military Department

Captain

S/No B.

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2d Captain Hooke

Military Secretary &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

In consequence of an Indent from the Governor Generals Body Guard having been forwarded sometime ago to Madras for Cavalry Belts, Sword Belts instead of Bandeliers were supplied, which of little or no use. I now therefore beg leave to send you an Indent for 500 Bandeliers or Cross Belts, and request application may be made for them to Madras as they cannot be supplied from the Arsenal at Fort William.

I have the honor &c.

Fort William
3d April 1805

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Capt. Comg. Gov. Genl. Bd. Guard

A True Copy

(Signed) L. C. Hooke
Secy to the Government
Mily Dept.

To

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To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to Government in the

Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army. Forwards application from Captain Morley to visit Bombay.

Major General Brathwaite having received by Express from Captain Morley of the 8th Battalion 2d Bombay Regiment Native Infantry at Tellecherry, the accompanying address to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and Extract from the Minutes of Council of the Government of Bombay, directs me to forward them for His Lordships information, and to request you will intimate the General's recommendation that, notwithstanding Captain Morley's mode of application, and stile of address, are some what defective in point of form, yet in consideration of the extreme urgency he has stated in regard to the setting in of the Monsoon, he may be permitted to proceed to the Station to which he has been nominated by the Government of Bombay.-

Have

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Adjt. Generals Office
25th April 1805

I have the honor &c
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Deputy Adjutant General of the Army

To The Honorable The President in Council
&c &c &c Madras

Honorable Gentlemen,

I take the liberty of represent-
=ing to you, that as I am appointed to the Post of
Mahim Fort at Bombay, and a Company of
Invalids stationed there. I request your permission
to proceed to my Station by the earliest opportunity
as the Monsoon is now on the eve of setting in &
Colonel Barbories will not
permit me to proceed to Bombay untill I
receive your answer to this.

I am &c
(Signed) Peter Morley
Capt. 1st Bn 2d Regt N.I

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Extract from the Minutes of Council Dated 25th March 1805

The 3d Company of Invalids being vacant by the Death of Captain Powney. Resolved that Captain Morley of the 2d Native Regiment be returned from the Coast to take charge of that Company and of the Post at Nellore Captain Morley to join his Station by the earliest opportunity.--

(Signed) Robert Gordon

Adjutant General

Sent the following Letters

To His Excellency

Vice Admiral Rainier

Commander in Chief of all His Majestys Ships and Vessels serving in the East Indies

Sir,

Paras

Your Excellency will have been acquainted with the extensive Supplies of Stores and Provisions which His Excellency the Most

To Admiral Rainier, Informing him that the extent of the Demands for Public Purposes on the Stores at this Presidency is disproportioned to the means of meeting it, and that the only means of deriving assistance is from His Majestys Stores, but that the Naval Agent considers himself restrained from

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making very
free without
his Excellencys
authority. Request-
ing His Excellency
therefore to
communicate
his orders for the
supply of Salt
Provision from
His Majestys
Stores to the
Vessels expected
consistently with
the Demands of
the Squadron.

Most Noble. the Governor General in Council has
agreed to be provided at the several Presidencies
in India for the purpose of a Secret Expedition.

2 The Article of Salt Provisions
Constitutes a principal part of the Indent on the
Stores of this Presidency, but the means which
we possess of meeting the Demand is so entirely
disproportioned to its extent, as to lead us to apprehend
very serious inconveniencies from the
Deficiency.

3 Under these circumstances
we have no means of deriving assistance but from
His Majestys Stores and as the Naval Officer
at this Presidency considers himself restrained
from making any issue of Salt Provisions
without the authority of your Excellency we
are induced to make our earnest request that
your Excellency will at the earliest period
communicate your Excellencys orders for our
being furnished with supplies of Salt Provisions

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to the utmost extent consistently with the actual demands of the Squadron ~

We trust that your Excellency will be sensible of the urgency of the occasion which has led to this Request, and if it should be necessary we shall have great pleasure in ordering the Supplies which may be issued to us from His Majestys Stores to be replaced from the earliest Supplies which we may receive from Europe ~

We have the honor &c

Fort St. George
22d April 1805

(Signed) Close &c Council

To His Excellency
The Honorable Fred North
Governor &c &c &c at Columbo

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Excellencys Letters of the 4th and 13th Instant, and are much gratified in observing a continuance of that obliging zealous and prompt concurrence

To the Governor of Ceylon acknowledging the receipt of His Excellencys Letters of the 4th and 13th Instant and expressing the Boards acknowledgements for His Excellencys Zealous attention to the publick Interests in offering

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on the part of your Excellency, in all measures which have for their object the general advancement of the public Interests.

2 Your Excellency must already know that it was deemed inexpedient to embarrass your Excellencys Government by depriving it of the services of the two Companies of His Majestys 51st Regiment, orders were accordingly transmitted for their eventual return to Ceylon.

3 The operations which your Excellency has made to collect the whole, or the greater part of the 2d Battalion 6th Regiment for the purpose of reinforcing the Troops under the command of Major Macaulay notwithstanding the Embarrassment which you state to experience from the absence of so great a portion of your Native Force; and your further offer to spare two Companies of His Majestys 19th Regiment of foot in the room of the detail of the 2d Battalion 6th Regiment at Point De Galle, merit our warmest acknowledgements

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the assistance of Troops for the service under this Presidency. The Board has been however unable to make an arrangement which precludes the necessity of availing themselves of the reinforcement of European Troops proposed by His Excellency and expect that the assistance of the 2d Battalion 6 Regiment from Ceylon will be a sufficient reinforcement. Will not fail to make as early an arrangement as may be practicable for detaching a Native force for the service of Ceylon from this Coast may meet his wishes and expectations ~

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4 We are happy however to
inform your Excellency that we have been enabled -
to make an arrangement which will increase the
force in Tinnevelly to such an extent as to preclude
the necessity of our availing ourselves of the reinforce-
-ment of European Troops which has been prepared -
by your Zealous exertions. and we feel confident that
with the assistance of the 2d. Battalion 6th. Regiment
or such part of that Corps as can be most readily and
conveniently detached to the Coast, the operations
against the Rebels in Tinnevelly will be conducted
in such a manner as will completely and effectually
restore the authority of Government in those -
Provinces

5 We shall not fail at the
earliest practicable period of time to make an
arrangement for returning to your Excellency -
such a Body of Native Troops as may meet -
your Excellencys Wishes and expectations -

We

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We have the honor Sir

Signed & Seal Fort Council.

To Major General Braithwaite

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board acknowledging receipt of Letters of the 15 and 20th Instant Payment of the Bills and advances recommended by them, has been ordered to give Orders to the Garrison Store-Keeper at Palamcotah to lay in Store at that Station two Months Grains of Barley - transmitting Copy of a letter and enclosures from the Resident at Hydrabad and directing them to Report their opinion as to the expediency of erecting a Shed for the preservation of the Gun Carriages &c. attached to the subsidiary force also copy of a letter from the Officer Comg at Hurlial transmitting a Report of the present State of the public Buildings at that Station -

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 15th & 17th and 20th Instant with their several enclosures, and to acquaint you that orders have been given to pay the Bills and advances which you have recommended.

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The Governor in Council desires that you will give orders to the Garrison Storekeeper at Palamcotah to provide with all practicable expedition and place in Store at that Station one hundred Grains of Barley of the best quality -

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I am directed to transmit for your information Copy of a Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad, giving Cover to a correspondence

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correspondence on the subject of the injury which the field train attached to the subsidiary force has sustained from constant exposure to the weather, and suggesting the expediency of erecting a ~ substantial shed for the purpose of giving cover to the field train and ordnance Stores at ~ Hydrabad.

15 The Governor in Council desires that you will take this subject into ~ consideration and report your opinion respecting the efficiency of incurring the expense of erecting a shed, or suggest any other less expensive plan which you think will provide for the preservation of the Gun Carriages and Tumbrils.

I have also the honor to enclose for your information Copy of a letter from Major ~ Robert Ker Commanding at Hullial transmitting a Report of the present State of the public Buildings at that Station.

I have

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25th April 1805

To Lieutenant Colonel Brunton
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have the honor to
transmit for your information
Bills and advances which have been recommend-
ed by the Military Board.

No 1 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in
Mysore for Gunny Bags for Pags 91. 19. 22

No 2 Bill of do. do. for public
Servants employed on the public account for Ps 29. 15. -

No 3. Bill of do. do. do. for Pags. 52. 42 -

No 4 Bill of do. do. do. for Pagodas. 56. 22. 40

No 5 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper
at Masulipatam for Madras Ps 5. 25. 46

No 6 Bill of do. do. do. for Mr. Pags. 15 41. -
An advance of Pags. 5000

to

To the Military Auditor General
To authorize payment of sundry Bills & advances as recommended by the Military Board to Capt. Macalister Commercial Resident at Vizagapatam for a further advance of Pags. 1975. 32. to be made on account of an additional number of tents that Gentleman has been authorized to make up. -

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to the Agent for the Supply of Spirituous Liquor

Mr. Maystone the Commerce

=al Resident at Ingeram having declined to make

up the proportion of Tents for which an advance

has been made to him of Pagodas 1975. 32.—

I am directed to desire that Mr. Maystone may

be called upon for a refund of this amount and that

it may be made to Mr. Malcolm the Commercial

Resident at Vizagapatam who has engaged to

provide the Tents. In addition to this you will

be pleased to authorize the advance of the further

sum of Pagodas 1975. 32.. to Mr. Malcolm on

account of an additional number of Tents which

that Gentleman has been authorized to make—

upon.

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25th April 1805

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) Robert Turing

Secy to Government M.D.

Recorded and sent the —

following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 41. 42. 43.

From

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From Messrs Roebuck Abbott & Co. apply for a Letter of Marque for the Ships Griffin

From the owners of the Ship Griffin

Ordered that a Letter of Marque

ordered to be granted

for the Ship Griffin be granted in the usual form

From Mr. Brough. Requests that his Bills for established allowances may be passed for payment.

From the Surgeon of the Bengal Establishment

To Lieutenant Colonel Brunton. Directing him to authorize the establishment allowances being paid to Mr. Surgeon Brough of the Bengal establishment / who has been placed in charge of different details of Native Troops returning from the Moluccas / according to the extent of medical aid he may have been required to afford together with the pay and Batta of his rank which he is to debit to Bengal Presidency

To the Secretary of the Military Board

To Mr. Buckarn. Major Hunter and Mr. Spencer. Enclosing a letter for Admiral Rainier and requesting that it may be forwarded to him with all practicable expedition

To the Secretary of Bombay, Officer Commanding at Tellicherry and Malabar Commissioner

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To Mr Richards. Transmitting

To the Secretary at Bombay. Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency for the Secretary to the Military Board at Bombay.

To Lieutenant Colonel

To the Military Auditor General Brunton. Enclosing Copies of Two Certificates entitling the Widows of the late Captain Mc Cully and Sergeant Cooper to Lord Clives pension and desiring him to authorize the pensions being paid to them respectively

To Mr Roebuck. Mr Paymaster

To the Military Paymaster General Wetherell permitted to visit the Presidency

To Mr Williams His Letter

To the Companys Solicitor. has been submitted to the Governor in Council who has concurred in the terms of the report of the Master in the Court of Recorder

Received the following letter.

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To The Right Honble Edward Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Marine Board. We have the honor to report for

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Docrs Reporting the Ships Lady Clive and Earl Mornington fit for the Service of Government. Inclosing Survey report of Committee on the Mornington. has given orders to the Commanders of the said Ships to place themselves under the authority of the Special Agent. Report the Grab Ships arrived at Madras not fit to be employed on the Service of Government.

for the information of your Lordship in Council
that the Ships Lady Clive and Earl Mornington
have undergone the inspection of the Surveying
Officer of this Port agreeably to the instructions
conveyed through Mr. Secretary Buchan of the
14th Instant and have been adjudged in every
respect well qualified to perform the Service for
which they are required, upon the principles defined
in the orders of your Lordship of the 24th Ult.

The intelligence furnished us
in the first instance regarding the State of the
Earl Mornington proving unsatisfactory, we instructed
the Master attendant to obtain more explicit
knowledge relative to the actual condition of that
Vessel which accounts for the Report Survey of
the Committee we have the honor to enclose.

We have sent the necessary
directions to the Commanders of the abovenamed
Ships to place themselves under the authority
of the Special Agent.

We

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We beg leave to add that the Grab Ship, Anna Matilda has been deemed incompetent to be employed in the Service of Government.-

We have the honor &c.

Fort St. George
23d April 1805

(Signed) George Westcott
" John Milford
" M. Dick

By the directions of the Master attendant I have this day proceeded on Board and carefully surveyed the Ship Lady Clive I find her to be perfectly sound Tight and Strong well calculated to carry Military Stores or Native Troops when laden to the depth of 16 feet and a half, I am of opinion she will be in a proper trim for sailing and capable of performing an adverse voyage the Lady Clive is pierced for 10 Guns Six Pounders, with which and a suitable compliment of Men, she will be in a good State of Defence given under my hand on Board the Ship Lady Clive in Madras Roads this 20th

Day

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23 day of April 1805 -

/Signd/ Henry Hall

Deputy Master Attendant

True Copy

/Signed/ George Haswell Master Attendant

True Copy

/Signed/ Garrow A DJ. Secy.

To George Haswell Esqr.

Master Attendant

Sir,

Agreeable to your request we the undersigned have been on Board the Ship Earl of Mornington and having examined into the State of the Ship generally but more particularly those points pointed out by you Sr. her having made water on her late voyage, We find that when under close reef't Topsails and courses, with a heavy Sea, they had occasion to pump twice in the 24 hours at 13 and 14 Inches however to ascertain exactly what quantity that would amount

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amount to in 24 hours — we had the Ship pumpt —
while on Board, and found the pumps sucked at
7 Inches consequently the Ship generally speaking
only made 13 Inches Water in 24 hours, or about —
half an Inch P hour, which we as professional
men considers as of no kind of consequence. But
we must observe that on one occasion it appears
she was pumpt 6 times in the 24 hours by
the above calculation having made in that time
27 Inches, but the weather then was extremely
boisterous with a great deal of rain, of course a
great part of that water was made through the
upper works which they are now caulking —

2.d The Iron work we found in good order as
also the Knees, Standards and Breast Hooks

3.d we are of opinion that she
is well calculated to carry either European or
Native Troops and that she may be safely loaded
to 16 Lons 6 and in that time will be eligible to
perform any Voyage.

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4 Ally

Should there be occasion to ~
augment her Force She can carry Twelve 9 Pounders
upon her Gun Deck. and Ten 6 Pounders brass/
which are on Board/ upon her upper Deck

We have the honor &c.

Signed/ Andrew Barclay
John Wedgbrough
Charles Leslie

A True Copy
/Signed/ G. Taswell Master Attendant

True Copy
/Signed/ W Garrow A. D. C. Secretary

Sent the following Letters

To Major General Braithwaite
Commanding the Army in Chief.

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief. Informing him that the Governor in Council has observed, in the report made by Lieut Colo Innes

Para 1 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having observed in the report made by Lieutenant Colonel Innes to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

to

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To the Officer ~
Commanding the
Southern Division,
Representation
of the bad quality
of the ammunition
supplied from
Trichinopoly ~
particularly in
the Article of
Shells and desiring
him to give orders
for an immediate
enquiry into the
circumstances. The
cause of the delay
in complying with
an Indent on the
Store Department
at Trichinopoly
for the use of
Lieutenant Colo
Innes's Detach-
ment to be
likewise investigated

On the Subject of the late Signal Success obtained ~
over the Rebels of Dilli and Veerapatchee, &
Representation of the very bad quality of the ~
ammunition particularly in the Article of Shells
which had been supplied from the Stores at
Trichinopoly for the use of the Detachment. His
Lordship in Council considers it necessary that a
circumstance of so serious a nature which might
have frustrated the whole operations of the ~
Detachment, should be investigated with particular
attention. I am therefore directed to desire ~
that you will give orders for an immediate
enquiry into this Subject, to which is ~
attached the appearance of the most flagrant
neglect, and that you will report the result
to His Lordship in Council ~

2. The Governor in Council
having also marked that considerable Delay ~
appears to have occurred in complying with an

Indent

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Extract on the Stores at Trichinopoly for the article of Hand Grenades, for the use of Lieutenant Colonel Innes's Detachment, His Lordship desires that you will likewise direct your Enquiry to this Subject.

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29th April 1805

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) G. Buchan
Acting Chief Secy to Government

To Lieutenant Colonel Braxton
Military Auditor General

Sir,

As it appears that the name of Mons.r Lefebvre Huissier of the Superior Council of Pondicherry was by mistake omitted in the List of Invalids to whom pensions are paid at Pondicherry transmitted to the Office of Audit by the Sub Treasurer for December 1799

To the Military Auditor General Desiring him that the mistake by which the name of Mr. Lefebvre was omitted in the List of Invalids to whom pensions were paid at Pondicherry may be rectified and instructions sent to the Paymaster to

pursue

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1799. I am erected to desire that this mistake may be rectified, and that Instructions may be immediately sent to the Paymaster at ~ Pondicherry to include the name of Mons.r Lefebvre in the List of pensioners and to pay him the arrears of his pension of Thirty three /33/ Rupees ℔ Month due from the Month of June 1800 inclusive, from which period of time payment of this pension has been refused in consequence of the mistake already noticed. ~

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient ~

humble Servant

(Signed) R. Turing

Secretary to Government

Mily Department

Fort St. George

23.d April 1805

To

Lieut Mr. ~
Lefebvre's name
the List and
pay him the
arrears of his
pension due from
the 1800 inclusive

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To
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Mr. Vincent Lefebvre

Late Huissier of the Superior Council

Pondicherry

Sir,

In consequence of your letter of the 30th ultimo to the Chief Secretary to Government enquiry has been made and it has been found that your name was by mistake omitted in the List of French Prisoners who were to receive their pensions at Pondicherry, which has occasioned the inconvenience which you have experienced. This mistake has now been rectified and Mr. Shardon the Paymaster at Pondicherry has been instructed to pay the arrears of your pension of Thirty Three (33) Rupees P Month from June 1800 inclusive, and to continue the Monthly payment of it in future.

To Mr. Vincent Lefebvre at Pondicherry Informing him that it has been found on Enquiry that his name has been omitted in the List of French Prisoners who were to receive their pensions at Pondicherry and that the Paymaster has been instructed to pay the arrears of his pension and continue the Monthly payment of it in future

I am

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23d April 1805

Sir

I am
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) R. Turing
Secy to Government M. D.

Sent a Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Brunton entered in M. D. N. 19. Enclosing an extract of the proceedings of the Medical Board and desiring him to authorize payment of the allowances therein recommended to be paid to two Natives as a compensation for their trouble in aiding the practice of inoculation for the Small Pox.

from the Military Auditor General

Received the following Letters entered in M. D. Nos 50. 51. 52.

From Mr. Roebuck ~

from the Military Paymaster General

Enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash amounting to Pagodas 95. 962. 16. 73.

From Lieutenant Colonel Conner Transmitting Tenders of the Ship Amboyna for the Service of Government.

from the Special Agent

From

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From Lieutenant Colonel

From the Special Agent

Conner. Transmitting Letter of the Ship Commerce for the Service of Government.

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At a Consultation

Present

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

William Petrie

Ernst William Falloofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read

& approved.

Read the following letters from

the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

To Major Robert Kerr

Secretary to Government in the

Military Department

Fort St. George

From the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army inclosing Affidavits of their appointment to be Cadets from Messrs Sax Elphinstone and Ricketts

Sir,

By direction of Major General Braithwaite I have the honor to forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council two Affidavits of the appointment by the Honorable Court of Directors of Messieurs Sax and Elphinstone to be Cadets of Infantry on this Establishment, and a

Certificate

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Certificate from the Town Major of Fort William —
that Mr. Charles Mitchell reported himself to have —
arrived as a Cadet at his Office.—

These Gentlemen are at Chinglepat,
although they have not yet been attested in orders
as received upon the Establishment, owing to their —
Ignorance of the forms necessary to that event.—

Adjutant Generals office
22d April 1805

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Deputy Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Copy of Affidavit made before J. Macleod —
Magistrate Bengal.—

Charles Elphinstone maketh
oath and saith that he this Deponent was in the
month of February last 1802 nominated by the Honble
William Elphinstone one of the Directors of the Honble
East India Company as a Cadet in the Service of the
United Company of merchants of England in the
Madras Establishments and this Deponent further
saith that he was at the same time in consequence
of

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of such nomination presented to and approved of by the Honorable the Court of Directors of the said United Company, and did in consequence thereof receive the usual Certificate or Commission, under the Signature of Mr. William Ramsay Secretary to the Court of Directors, and this Deponant further saith that on or about the 12th of March 1900 this Deponant Embarked as Passenger on Board the Honorable Companys Ship Queen for Madras this Deponant further saith that the said Ship Queen arrived at St. Salvador on the Coast of Brazil on the 2d Day of July last and on the 9th of the said month the said Ship was burnt when his Commission together with every other property belonging to this Deponant was burnt. This Deponent lastly saith that he together with the Survivors were put on Board the Honorable Companys Ship Kent, and on the said Ships arrival off the Land Heads she was captured by the La Confiance French Privateer.

Sworn before me this 19th Day of April 1805 Signed / Charles Wm Stirling

Signed / Chs Armstrong Commandery

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A Certificate to this Effect was made by the said Charles Elphinstone on his arrival at Calcutta, and was left at the Adjutant Generals Office there —

Fort William in Bengal. } I William Fair maketh oath and saith that he this Deponent was on the month of February last nominated by Mr. Manship one of the Directors of the Honorable East India Company as a Cadet in the Service of the United Company of Merchants of England, on the Madras Establishment — and this Deponent further saith, that he was at the same time in consequence of such nomination presented to and approved of by the Honorable the Court of Directors of the said United Company and in consequence thereof receive the usual Certificate or Commission under the Signature of Mr. William Ramsay, Secretary to the Court of Directors and this Deponent further saith that on the 26th day of April this Deponent Embarked as Passenger on Board the Honorable Companys Ship Queen for Madras

this

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This Deponent further saith that the said Ship Lascar arrived at St. Salvadore on the Coast of Brasil on the 2d day of July last, and on the 9th of the said Month, the said Ship was burnt when his Commission together with many other properly belonging to this Deponent was burnt This Deponent further saith that he together with the Officers were sent on Board the Honorable Companys Ship Kent, and on the said Ships arrival off the Said Heads, She was Captured by the Spanish French Privateer.

Sworn this Twentieth Day of October 1800 before me

(Signed) William Farr

(Signed) A. Macleod Magistrate

Certificate that Mr. Charles Mitchell Cadet for Madras Reported his arrival to me from Europe on the 17th of October 1800.

Fort William Town Majors office 29th January 1805

(Signed) Calcraft Town Major

To

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To. Major Robert Fairing

Secretary to Government in the Military Department

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army recommending for promotion in the room of Major Fenn

In consequence of the Transfer to the Invalid Establishment of Major Thomas Fenn of the 1st. Regiment Native Infantry, Major General Braithwaite has directed me to request you will submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council his recommendation that the annexed Promotion may be ordered in that Corps.

First Captain Thomas Gillum to be Major, vice Fenn Invalided, Date of Commission April 22d 1805

Captain Lieutenant Joseph Hasleswood to be Captain of a Company vice Gillum promoted. Date of Commission April 22d 1805.

First Lieutenant Alexander Grant to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Hasleswood promoted. Date of Commission April 22d 1805

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Adjutant Generals Office
Fort St. George
23d. April 1805

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) Fred Pierce
D/ of Adjt. General of the Army

Resolutions on the foregoing

Resolved that Messrs Charles Fair and Charles Mitchell Lee admitted Gentlemen Cadets of Infantry on this Establish-ment, and directed to join the Company of Cadets at Chinglepet

Resolved that the promotion recommended by Major General Braithwaite to supply the vacancies in the 1st. Regiment of Native Infantry occasioned by the transfer of Major Thomas Penn to the Invalid List be made and published in General orders to the Army.-

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.-

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council

My Lord.

The extreme debilitated and

From the Military Auditor

enervated

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Auditor General applies for leave to proceed to Sea on account of ill health —

inveterate State of my health, after twenty four years Service in India without furlough, four years of which have been spent in executing the Duties of Chief Secretary, Military Auditor General, obliges me to request your Lordships permission, to proceed to Sea, for the benefit of my health, The Certificate of the Surgeon who has been in the habit of attending me I have the honor to enclose. —

It is my Lord a circumstance I have most sincerely to deplore that after experiencing such proofs of your Lordships partiality towards me in appointing me Military Auditor General that my services under your direction should compel me to leave your Lordships a situation I am so particularly attached to

Should it however fortunately so happen my Lord, that I shall have in any degree recovered my strength previous to the sailing of any Vessel from this Port, upon which it might have been in my power to obtain a passage I will have singular satisfaction in relinquishing the

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the leave now from necessity solicited.

I have the honor

St. Thome

18th April 1805

for Sir

Your

[Signed] J. Brunton

Military Auditor General

Madras 16th April 1805

These are to Certify that —

Lieutenant Colonel James Brunton, Military Auditor General under this Presidency has for a considerable time past suffered severely on his health, from repeated attacks of a Liver affection accompanied with nervous and Dyspeptic Symptoms evidencing the entire ruin of the State of the Functions of the Stomach and abdominal Viscera - Having considered with attention the effects of different remedies in the various Stages of the above Complaints, and having found the most appropriate Medicines inadequate towards restoring his lost Strength, I hereby recommend his proceeding without loss of time to Sea, having from experience, formed the most favorable expectations of the probable good

effects

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Each resulting from a total change of climate and
Scene at this period of the Season.

(Signed) M. Fitz Gerald.
Surgeon.

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel
Brunton be permitted to proceed to Sea for the recovery
of his health and that Captain Bruce the Deputy
Military Auditor General be ordered to conduct the
Duties of the Office of Military Auditor during the
absence of Lieutenant Colonel Brunton.

Resolved and ordered that
the following Letter be despatched to the
Officer Commanding the Troops on the
Ganjam Province.

To

Off.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Marley 317/281

Commanding a Detachment in the District of

Ganjam

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding a Detachment in the District of Ganjam.

Para 1 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council considering it material to the success of the service which has been entrusted to you by my Letter of the 21st Instant that your powers for a vigorous assertion of the authority of the British Government in the province of Ganjam, should be in all respects efficient and decisive, has resolved, that you shall be empowered and Directs you accordingly to bring to summary trial and to punish by death if necessary; all persons who shall be found acting in arms against the Company's Troops; and if you shall be enabled to apprehend any persons who shall have been aiding or abetting by any means the cause

of

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of the Rebellious Subjects you will bring them immediately to Trial, and report the result for the further consideration of the Governor in Council.

2 In order that the inhabitants of the District may be apprized of the powers now vested in you, and the necessity of exercising them thereby if possible prevented, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council desires that you will in communication with the Collector publish a proclamation throughout the province of Ganjam, warning all persons of the consequences of treason and rebellion and enjoining their obedience and submission to the authority of the Company's Government. But if this warning should not take its effect, you will be prepared by a prompt and decisive application of the powers vested in you, to enforce the restoration of order and tranquility.

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If you should in com-
-munication with the Collector, judge it
probable that the promise of a reward for-
securing and delivering up the persons of the
Zemendars of Goomsur, and Vizianagur, would
lead to that consequence, the Governor in-
Council authorizes you to publish and proclaim
a reward for apprehending the person of-
the Goomsur Zemindary not to exceed the
Sum of Ten Thousand Rupees; and for the
person of the Zemindar of Vizianagar a Sum
not exceeding Seven Thousand five hundred-
Rupees.-

4. The Governor in Council
has no doubt that the delegation of these-
extraordinary powers will be justified by your
discretion and strenuous endeavours to-
merit His Lordships confidence, and opinion,
and I am directed to desire that you will
be careful to make regular and explicit Reports

of

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of your proceedings to His Lordship in Council; or all points relating to the details of Military duty to the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief.

Fort St. George
24th April 1805

I am &c.
(Signed) George Buchan
Acting Chief Secy to Govt.

Clive

Jno Pater

Chs Fullerton

W. J. Yeoman
Esq.

Office Fee 60 Pagodas
by J. Vencatargoo

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Diary

25th Received the following letters.

To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to the Government

Military Department

at Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency

From the Military Secretary to Govt. Bengal transmitting Copy of letter from Captain Montgomery and informing that an advance of two Lacks of Rupees had been made to that Officer for the purchase of horses for their establishment.

the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Captain H. C. Montgomery for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

I am also directed to acquaint you for the information of His Lordship in Council that the advance of two Lacks of Rupees solicited by Captain Montgomery for the purchase of Horses for the Cavalry of the Establishment of Fort St George has been ordered on that account.

I have the honor &c &c

Council Chamber
9th April 1805

(Signed) J. Hook
Secretary to the Government Mily Dept

Captain

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25 Captain T. Cook

Secretary to Government

Military Department

Sir

Having completed the number of horses ordered by the Government of Fort St George for the remount of the Season of 1800. One Pag you will obtain the orders of His Excellency in Council on issue of Cash amounting to two Lacks of Rupees on account of my Agency.

I have the honor &c &c

Fort William (Signed) H C Montgomery

4th March 1805 Agent for horses to the Madras Government

A true Copy (Signed) J Hook Secretary to the Government Military Department

J Webbe Esqr

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward to be laid

The Inclosure in Mr Montgomery's Letter to the Address of the 4th and Copy of the reply of the 16th instant.

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Laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council Copy of a Letter to me from the Collector of Polygar Peshcush under date the 14th Instant and of my reply dated yesterday

I have the honor &c &c

Camp before Punjalumcourchy 17th April 1808

(Signed) C. Macaulay
Major Commanding

To Major Colin Macaulay
Commanding the Tinnevelly Detachment

Sir

I have the honor to annex copy of a letter from Government relative to the supplying of the Detachment with Grain, and Provisions — I request that you will transmit to me as correct a memorandum as can now be formed of the quantities necessary the periods when likely to be required and the places where you desire that they be assembled, and no exertion on my part shall be wanting to

Comply

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Comply with your wishes

Pallamcottah 14th April 1805

I have the honor &c &c

Signed J Lushington

Collector

A true copy

Signed C. Macaulay Major

Commandg

J. R. Lushington

Collector Polygar Peshcush

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant with the copy annexed of a letter from Government to the Board of Revenue

So soon as I receive intelligence of the probable arrival within the District of the Troops ordered to reinforce this Detachment it shall be communicated to you, it seems probable however that Lieutenant Colonel Agnew who has been appointed by Government to the Chief Command here, will himself apprize

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your of their approach.

With respect to the most desira-
-able situation for collecting Grain and provisions
for the eventual use of the Detachment, I would
recommend Cteapore and its vicinity preparations
might be made by your Servants for driving
thither flocks of Sheep, whenever they may be
required, and there they might be delivered over
to the Servants of the Commissary of Provisions.

The Detachment has hitherto
been and still continues to be abundantly sup-
-plied with every description of Grain, and
Provisions, through the activity and zeal of the
Foujdar of H.s Highness the Nabob —
Finnivelly, who has invariably since the
commencement of these disturbances exerted
himself to meet my wishes upon this im-
portant subject, with a cordiality that —
well entitles him to public approbation his
creditable exertions have chiefly enabled me

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to maintain that advanced position without in-
convenience of any kind to the Troops; and
followers, and with great advantage to the public
Service

An attack having been expe-
-ditiously made upon the Post of Nagalapore by
the insurgents from Caralgoody I have reinforced
it by a Native Officer and forty Sepoys — The
Polygar of Etiapore with the attention to the
Company's Interest by which he is distin-
-guished had on the first rumour of the attack
detached thither 300 of his Peons — I have
directed his leaving there 50 of them for the
present, but as the Etiapore Peons are of great
use in protecting the Polygars Country from
depredations and in keeping open my
communications it seems very desirable that
you authorize the Levy in Nagalapore of some
Peons to replace the fifty men belonging to
Etiapore left there as well as to protect the

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Cultivations and Collections of that District

Camp before
Punyalumcourchy
April 16th 1805.

I have the honor &c &c
Signed / C. Macaulay
Major Commanding

/ A true copy / Signed / C. Macaulay
Major Commanding

To Major Robert Turing
Secretary to Government in the
Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that I have received a letter from Colonel Stevenson on which he states that as Captain Stuart of His majesty's 75th Regiment stationed in the Canara Country who was Brigade Major to the Troops employed in that Province has obtained leave to go to Europe he is very desirous that Lieutenant Brietton of the same Regiment who has been acting

From Major General Wrathwate Recommends Lieutenant Britton of the 75th Regiment to be Major of Brigade to the Troops doing duty on Canara - Has sent 2 Bungaes of 6 Pounders from the Arsenal to the Gangam District &

Encloses Report from the Officer commanding on Gangam District suggests arrangements for conducting the duty in the Gangam District after the arrival of the Bengal Regiment - Gives his opinion of the application forwarded by the Medical Board from Certain Surgeons &c for enemain of allowances

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acting as Brigade Major since the absence of Captain Stuart may be appointed to that Office and in consequence of this application from Colonel Stevenson. I recommend that Lieutenant Button of His Majesty's 75. Regiment may be appointed Brigade Major to the Troops doing duty in the province of Canara.

I have the honor to inclose the last Report from the Officer commanding the Troops in the District of Ganjam and will add that I have reason to be pleased with the Zeal and activity exerted by Lieutenant Colonel Smith.

In consequence of the information given to me by Mr. Secretary Webbe that a Bengal Regiment might be soon expected to arrive on the Ganjam ------- District Two Brigade of six Pounders with Tumbrils complete have been sent to that District from the Arsenal of Fort St George with supplies of other

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Three Moors under the advantage of convoy from
His majesty's Sloop of War going to Bengal
A proportional detail of Artillery
has also been ordered to proceed to that distrct
from Captain Bells Company at Masulipatam
but under a total deficiency of Gun Lascars
all that we have now at command, being
Recruits just arrived from Bengal / none could
be sent, and the Officer Commanding the Troops
in the Ganjam District has been directed to supply
this deficiency as well as he can.

As the Officer who command
the Bengal Regiment may be Senior to Lieutenant
Colonel Smith and must be totally unacquaint-
-ed with the Country and in some degree
with the mode of Warfare it may perhaps be
better if such is the case that untill he has had
time to acquire some information that he should
remain to cover Ganjam and that the operations
in the Field should still be intrusted by him

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to Lieutenant Colonel Smith to whose assistance
I think it would be well for him to detach a
Brigade of Guns and eight companies of Sepoys
— and that he should detach two companies
under a Subaltern Officer to act under the immed-
-iate orders of Captain Evans for the important
duty of protecting the Stud and as Lieutenant
Colonel Smith will there have three six Pound-
-ers with him and two three Pounders he may
be ordered to send one of the three Pounders also to
Captain Evans.

Among the papers connected
with the Proceedings of the medical Board which
I have forwarded to you this day I send one
which although supported by the medical Board
I cannot but observe to introduce a claim
which I cannot think to be well founded
as the medical Board have considered it to
be

I alluded to the memorial
of

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of the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons attached to His Majestys and the Honorable Companys — Regiments of Cavalry under this Presidency the Principle if acceded to goes to establish a fixed rule that Surgeons are entitled to draw precisely the same pay that is drawn by Officers — holding the same actual Rank in the Corps to which they are attached as is nominally allotted to the Medical Gentlemen of the same Corps

This however has not been admitted that I know of as an established — General regulation in any service — probably on the idea that the medical Officers derive some emoluments, or allowances from their professional situations that other Officers do not — By referring to His Majesty's Regulations published 1799 I find that although the pay of Surgeons on the Infantry line is the same as that of a Captain in the —

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same line it is not so in the Cavalry in which the established pay of the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons is much less than that of the Captains, and Subalterns, and I conceive those Regulations to be binding as far as relative to His Majesty's Corps whereso-ever employed.

It appears that the Surgeons in the Honorable Company's Service attached to Regiments of Cavalry do not draw as much pay as is drawn by the Surgeons attached to His Majesty's Regiments of Dragoons this difference I have no hesitation in recommending to his Lordships consideration — as also whether Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons attached to the Cavalry should not on this Country, where Cavalry are so frequently and so actively employed be allowed to draw for two horses seeing that in the most rapid marches that may be, to be

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be made, it is necessary that the Medical Officers should keep up with the other Officers of the Corps.

Madras
21st April 1805

I have the honor &c &c
/Signed/ John Brathwaite

To Lieutenant Colonel F. A. Agnew
Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

Having in my last address stated the Return of the Subedar and his party to Soomulah, I have now the satisfaction to inform you that information is received from thence which confirms the circumstance of their safety in that Country and that not more than four Sepoys were wounded and none killed, in their contest with the Goomsee-rah and Dameedhah Peons three of whom are already nearly fit for duty.

I am now encamped with my Detachment a short distance south of Berhampore

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Berhampore having been called to the defence of
the place on the urgent intreaties of Majr —
Gepp in consequence of information he had received
of a projected attack / meditated by a large body
of Peons under mommadoo / against the Canton-
ment — On my arrival five miles to the —
Eastward of the place yesterday Captain Hawes
was with his two Companies enabled to make
a march at night against a part of these
Peons tho' assisted by very good intelligence of
their movements he was not fortunate enough
to surprize them. He came to the spot just
as he found the party retiring

As Major Dallas with the
two Companies of the 10th under his Command —
and one Gun is this morning arrived at —
Berhampore I shall have it in my power
to march a cross the Country immediately —
and endeavour to fall in with the main body
of Mommadoo's Peons Failing of this object

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I may make the necessary disposition to bring off the Subedar and his party from Soondah the result of which proceedings I shall have the honor to report.

In my last Instructs the disabled condition of one of the six Pounders — which owing to the exertions of Captain Hall was quickly put into a serviceable state again, and is now with me — The Howitzer was returned into Garrison again and a Brigade of three Pounders brought out as I had the honor to mention was my intention, one of these three Pounders I have left with major Jeppe at Berhampore and as — Major Dallas's arrival in the District has — induced me to diminish the force under Captain Coghlan I have returned to the Head Quarters of the 19th. all but 1 Subidar, 1 Jemidar, 3 Havildars, 3 Naiques, and 50 Sepoys, which will enable the Corps in the opinion of Major Jeppe to get forward — in forming for actual Service whilst supported with

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a Gun there, will be nothing further to apprehend from the threats of confederate Peons assembled in this neighbourhood.

Under present circumstances I have ordered Major Dallas with two companies and one Gun to move in a northerly direction between Berhampore and Pullapore keeping in view the protection of the company's Stud and the Town of Goryam, and the Country about it, and Captain Coghlan with his small force (in addition to a party of Peons to be furnished by the Collector) will proceed as heretofore in a southerly direction between Berhampore and Ichapore for the protection of that part of the District during which operation I move forward with the main body towards Aska

Camp near Nemma Condah 9th April 1805

(Signed) G. Smith
Lieutenant Colonel

A true Copy

(Signed) Fred Pierce
Deputy Adjutant General

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

My Lord

In consequence of the Indis-
position of the Military Auditor General it becomes
my duty as superintending in his absence the
Muster Masters Department to state to your
Lordship in Council that Official information
has been received from Captain Broughton Dodd
Muster Master in the Baramahal commun-
icating his having been ordered this the Channel
of the Adjutant General to join the 1st Battalion
of the 11th Regiment of Native Infantry doing
duty in the District of Tinnevelly, and that he
had in obedience to these orders, set out to join
that Corps — The mustering the Troops in the
Baramahall, being consequently interrupted,
altho probably only for a short time, I beg leave
with submission to suggest that as your
Lordship

From the Deputy Military Auditor General Richards that Captain Dodd the Muster Master in Baramahal had been ordered to join his Corps on full Service and suggests an arrangement for taking the musters during his absence — Recommends that although the Guntoor Circar has been annexed to the Ceded Division of the Army that the Troops in it should continue to be mustered by the Muster Master of the Masulipatam Division.

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Lordship may not judge it necessary to appoint any particular person to Officiate for Captain Dodd during his temporary Absence who might claim the allowances of a muster master not-withstanding the same are continued by the General Orders of the 11th Instant to Captain Dodd but as it may be requisite that the Troops and Departments at the different Stations in the Baramahall should be mustered in the course of ensuing month it may be proper to issue an order directing the commanding Officer or where there may be Fort Adjutants, to take the periodical muster and afterwards to transmit the Rolls to this Office until the regular muster-ing Officer shall return to his station.

2. Availing myself of this occa-sion and as connected with the subject of the mustering Department I have the honor to report to your Lordship that by the General Orders of Government of the 18th of February last the

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Guntoor Circar was directed to be annexed to the — Center Division — as the Troops however in the Guntoor Circar have been always heretofore — mustered by the muster master of the Masulipatam Distrct and as the range and mustering Duties in the Center Division are extensive, it would be attended with some — difficulty the completing the musters at all the different Stations in this range, should the muster masters of the Center Division be ordered to muster also the Troops in the Guntoor Circar your Lordship may perhaps for these reasons not deem it necessary to order any alteration to take place in the Established ranges of these two muster masters

I have the honor &c &c

Military Auditor
General Office
Fort St George
21st April 1805

[Signed] E Bruce
Deputy Military Auditor Genl

Major

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Major Robert Turing

Secretary to Government

Military Department

Fort St George

Sir,

Having in the Adjustment of Mr. Corbetts accounts called upon Lieutenant Colonel Chalmers to adjust a sum advanced to him by that Gentlemen when in the command of Coimbatore I have received his reply of which the accompanying is a copy and which I have to request that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and have his Lordships commands thereon.

From the Military Paymaster General forwarding the from Lieutenant Colonel Chalmers on account to be charged made upon him for balance of Cash advanced to him by Mr. Paymaster Corbett when he was in command of Coimbatore

I have &c. &c.

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21st April 1805

(Signed) B Roebuck Mty Pr G

Benjamin Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt

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of your letter dated the 31st March requesting that
I would account for the sum of five hundred —
Star Pagodas that I received from Mr Corbett
in October 1795. at Coimbatore for the use of the
Troops.

I beg leave to inform you —
that on the 11th of October 1795. the Fort of Coimbetore
which I commanded was invested by the —
Enemy and besieged, which seige lasted 59 days,
during which, and on the march to Seringapa-
-tam I issued the 500 Pagodas to the Troops at
different times of which I kept a regular account
all my papers, as well as other property being
taken from me, on my Arrival at Seringapa-
-tam and never restored, put it out of my power
to account for the particulars of the Disburse-
-ments number of the Garrison having been
killed many died in prison and several —
missing.

From the above facts I trust
and

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and hope that the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council will not require my paying the 500
Pagodas which I issued and from unforseen —
circumstances cannot give an account particular
this matter well known that
I lost at the same time near three thousand —
Pagodas.

Madras
20th April 1805.

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) J H Chalmers.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) A Brooke
Assistant A G G

Sent the following Letter.

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane
Agent for Victualling His Majesty's
Ships in India

Sir,

As the demand on the Company's
Stores at this Presidency for said Provisions required
for an important purpose greatly exceeds the means
of

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been made to His Excellency Admiral Rainier on that subject in consequence of the delay which must otherwise elapse.

of supply the Governor is bound under the appre-
hension that consequences of the most incon-
venient nature may be occasioned from the
deficiency has considered it expedient to explain
the difficulty to His Excellency Admiral Rainier
and to request that His Excellency will give
authority for the deficiency being supplied from
His Majesty's Stores to the utmost extent which
shall be consistent with the actual demands of
provisions for the use of His Majesty's —
Squadron.

But as a long interval —
must elapse before the communication of His
Excellency's Answer can be received the Governor
in Council is induced in a case of so great
importance to anticipate His Excellency's —
concurrence of which his Lordship can entertain no doubt, and I am directed to express
to you His Lordships confidence that under
the urgency of the occasion you will consider
yourself

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yourself at liberty to use a descretionary latitude
in affording a supply of Salt Provisions to the
extent immediately required to complete the lading
of the transports now about to be dispatched.

It is unnecessary to suggest
to your consideration that the circumstances of
the present case could not have been anticipated
by His Excellency Admiral Rainier in the —
restrictive orders which you may have received
for regulating the Issues of Salt Provisions from
His Majestys Stores, and His Excellency's Orders
could consequently not provide for the necessity of
the present application —

I am &c &c

Fort St George
8th April 1805

(Signed) J. Cruickshank acting
Chief Secretary to Government

Received and Sent the —
following Letters entered on Mr. No. 53. 54.
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From Mr. Hallet Transmitting
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From the Assistant to the Secretary at Bombay

a Packet for the Secretary to the Military Board.

From Mr. Roebuck — Transmit

From the Military Paymaster General.

statement of the expense of the Madras Army for may

1805.

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

From the Commandant at Pondicherry.

Reports that he had Borrowed and advanced 600 Pagodas to Captain Godfrey as there was no Cash in the Paymasters Chest.

From Lieutenant Colonel —

From Lieutenant Colo. MacNeile.

MacNeile Encloses Bills of Mr. Surgeon Burghi for medical attendance on the sick of the Troops Arrived from the Moluccas —

From Messrs. Roebuck —

From the owners of the ship Lady Clive

Abbott & Co. enclosing a Bill and requesting payment of 11 days freight for the Lady Clive

Ordered that the Bill be

Ordered.

passed for payment.

From Messrs. Roebuck Abbott

From Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co.

& Co. enclosing a Bill and requesting payment of 20 days freight for the Mannington.

Ordered

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Ordered.

Ordered that the Bill be passed.

for payment.

From Mr. Williams acknowledges receipt of letter of 22nd Instant conveying acquiescence of Government in the masters Report in the cause of the Bullock masters.

From the Company's Solicitor.

To Major General Braithwaite

To the Officer commanding the Tranquebar Chief

Desiring that Colonel Cullen might be relieved from all military duties in consequence of his appointment to be British Resident at Tranquebar.

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue

Forwarding extract from the Instructions given to Lieutenant Colonel Agnew whom it has been found expedient to appoint to command in Tinnevelly and desiring that copy of the same may be transmitted to Mr Collector Lushington.

To the Marine Board

To the Marine Board

Transmitting original Tenders for the Ships Aboyne

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Antonyna and commerce which they will accordingly order to be immediately surveyed in the manner already directed.

To Lieutenant Colonel Conner — Enclosing an Extract of the Report of the Marine Board and of the Survey Reports on the Ships Lady Clive and Earl Mornington engaged as Transports by Government.

To Captain Bruce — Referring to his examination an additional estimate from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Special Agent.

To the Deputy — Military Auditor General.

Received the following letter.

J. Webbe Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward to be laid before the Right Honorable the — Governor in Council copy of a letter to me from the Collector of Polygar Peshcush under date the

From the Officer commanding in Tinnevelly — Enclosing copy of letter to him from the Collector Lushington & of his with copy of his answer of 18th Instant.

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the 17th Instant and copy of my reply dated yes-
terday.

I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) C. Macaulay
Major Commanding

Camp before
Punjalumcourchy
25th April 1805.

To Major Macaulay
Commanding the Tinnevelly
Detachment.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the recipt of your letter of the 16th Instant
the Sheep as they are received from the Inha-
bitants makes it desirable that you direct the
Commissary of the Detachment to receive all
I may collect for your use, for if after they have
been assembled no requisition be made for them
it will be attended with considerable inconve-
-nience, for the present I shall if you approve
assemble two thousand Sheep in the vicinity of
Comery

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Comery and one hundred Slaughter Bullocks —
Grain of every description my Districts abounds
with.

I am very happy to find
that the Fouzdar of His Highness the Nabob seems
willing to atone for the obstructions he has con=
-stantly thrown in the way of my duties by
his endeavours to facilitate yours and heartly
hope this disposition may continue. It will
however be very gratifying to you to know —
that under any disappointment from that
quarter I wait only the timely expression of
your wish to supply you to the full extent
of your wants the Judicious and spirited —
conduct of Lieutenant Miller in reporting —
peace to Ramnad and the perfect Tranqui=
-lity of the Western Pollams enable me to —
give you this assurance.

I have ordered a part of
Peons raised for the protection of Palemcotta to

proceed

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proceed without delay to the Fort of Naglepoor to relieve those from Ettiapoor but the incursions made by the badulgoody Rebels into the villages of Naglepoor are too formidable I fear to be check-ed by any number of Peons who can be raised there for daily or monthly pay — I enclose several letters from my Tasildars upon this subject if you can adopt any mea-sures to disipate the alarms of the Inha-bitants without interfering with other more important movements it will greatly assist my collections there, which are now at a stand.

As I have little prospect of procuring arms for the Peons I shall en-deavour to raise for Naglepoor, I request that you may give me all the assistance in your power from the Stores at Pallam-cottah.

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Pallamcottah

17t April 1805.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) S Lushington

collector.

A true copy,

(Signed) C. Macaulay

Mayor Commanding.

S. R Lushington Esqr

collector of the Polygar Peshcush.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and inclosures of the 17th Instant.

I have not the authority to issue to the Commissary of Provisions with this Detachment the directions suggested in your letter. The Commissary or his Servants are usually permitted to select from the Flocks of sheep assembled by order of the collector on occasions of emergency such sheep as may appear fit for the use of an Army or Detachment those that are of no use are returned. — Whether Convey

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be a convenient situation for the Assembling of Flocks must depend upon Mr Thursby's means of receiving charge at that place and driving them thither — I have to day made communication to him of your Offer and requested him to correspond with you on the subject. It does not appear to me that many slaughter Cattle will be required.

Of your inclination and readiness to forward the Public Service I have had Ample proofs but it may occur to you for obvious reasons arising chiefly from the difference in the nature of the respective Governments of his Highness the Nabob and the Company's that so long as the Nabobs Fouzdar continues willing to collect and forward to me supplies of Sheep, and Grain — this important business becomes infinitely more simplified and from the vicinity of Circar Countries some what more certain probably than

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than if referred to you — I have no reason —
whatever to doubt the Fouzdars continuance
in the same creditable line of exertion which
has gained for him my entire approbation
and notwithstanding his former improper
and unwarrantable conduct towards myself
and notwithstanding the obstructions he has
thrown in the way of your duties nevertheless
the moment that the Tranquility of the
Country suffered serious interruption I felt
it to be of the highest importance to concili-
-ate the Nabobs representative in his Govern-
-ment of this Province and to engage by —
every consistent means his willing exertions
in the furtherance of the public Service.

With respect to the protection
of the Distruct of Naglepore against the —
Cadulgoody insurgents it seems too probable
that its vicinity to Cadulgoody may render it
impossible by means of Peons hastily raised —

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and badly armed to dissipate the fears of the Inhabitants or prevent in any manner predatory excursions and perhaps it may be more advisable at present to consider only of preventing the Fort of Nagulpore from falling into the hands of the Rebels — In its present state of defence and Garrison I consider it necessary impregnable against any number of Peons — If therefore one hundred Peons raised by you were placed in the Fort subject to the Orders of Lieutenant Randall apprehensions for its security would be removed.

It appears that the whole of the disposeable Arms in Pallamcotta have been issued there remain only about fifty Pikes which can be delivered to your order at Hyder.

I have the honor &c &c

/Signed/ C. Macaulay Mayor Comm.g

Camp before Tunjalumcourchy 18th April 1805

A true Copy Signed C. Macaulay

Mayor Commanding

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Sent the following Letters.

To Major General Braithwaite

Commanding the Army in Chief

Sir

Para 1. Your letters of the 14th and 17th Instant with their inclosures and a letter from the Deputy Adjutant General of the 16th Instant have been submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. His Lordship in Council has received with much satisfaction your report of the promptness and expedition with which the details destined for the reinforcement of the Troops in Tinnevelly were put in motion and in consideration of the reasons stated by you approves the addition which you made to the detail of Artillery ordered to proceed to the Southern Division of the Army from this Presidency

3. The Governor in Council considers this

To the Officer commanding the Army in Chief

His letters of the 11th and 15th instant with their enclosures and letter from Deputy Adjutant General of the 16th inst have been submitted to the Governor in Council who has entirely approved the alacrity with which the orders for reinforcing the detachment in Tinnevelly have been carried into effect as likewise the measures which were adopted for strengthening the force on the Poolout of Tanjore and for sending a supply of Ordnance to Tanjore

General Lydenham's claim to the staff allowance of Commandant of Artillery — during general Goddard's suspension being considered just orders have been given for the payment of the arrears in consequence due to that Officer and it has been resolved that the share of Effects coming for the year 1798 due to the Colonel

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Colonel of the 1st Battn of Artillery should be found by General Smith appointed the place suggested by Colonel Santhouse for the temporary accommodation of any European Regiment which it may be found necessary to land on the Malabar Coast under a communication to be made to the officer commanding such a Regiment on that subject Mr Surgeon Mackay's claim to an extra allowance to ably made out & the claim of Ensign Arthur of the Corps of Engineers to advanced rank not being founded on sufficient grounds as regards, but the date of rank of Ensign Brodby of that Corps to be regulated according to the principle recommended by him in addition to the correspondence between Mr Colebrooke Harris and Lieutenant Crompton stand over till the complaint of Mr Harris shall have been received - conveying instructions as to the disposal of the Native troops lately arrived from the Molucas.

1 the disposition which you made of the Troops on the Northern Division of the Army to have been the best calculated under the circumstances which then existed to reinforce to the greatest possible extent the Detachment employed in the Tanjore District and to preserve order in the more Southern Districts of the Circars His Lordship however trusts that the Regiment of Bengal Sepoys of whose arrival you have been apprized will ensure the speedy and permanent restoration of tranquillity in that part of the Company's dominions

4. The Governor in Council entirely approves the measures taken by you for sending a supply of Ordnance and Stores to Tanjore.

5 The Governor in Council being satisfied of the justice of the claim preferred by Major General Sydenham to the staff allowance of Commandant of Artillery the duties of which Station

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Station General Lydenham conducted to his Lord-
=ships entire satisfaction during the suspension
of Major General Peile the necessary orders have been
given for the payment of the arrears in consequence
due to that Officer.

6. It has been farther resolved
that the share of the off Reckonings for the year
1798. due to the Colonel of the 1st. Battalion of
Artillery during the period of time that Major
General Peile was under suspension shall be
paid to Major General Smith in conformity
to your recommendation.

7. In the event of its being
found necessary to land any Regiments of
Europeans on the Malabar Coast the Governor
in Council approves the plan suggested by Colonel
Sartorius for their temporary accommodation
and desires that the necessary communication
may be made on the subject to the Officer
commanding the forces in Mysore.

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8 Mr. Surgeon Mackay's claim to an extra allowance of 25 Pagodas per month for occasional attendance on Sick Officers who may pass Bangalore is deemed totally inadmissible and has been rejected accordingly.

9 The desired investigation of the claim preferred by Ensign Arthur of the Corps of Engineers to advanced rank having sufficiently evinced that the claim of that Officer is not founded on sufficient grounds, it is of course to be rejected. But as it appears that Ensign Bradley of the Engineers has sustained an injury in his Rank which it is expedient should be rectified the Governor in Council has ordered his date of Rank in that Corps to be regulated according to the principle which you have recommended.

10 The Governor in Council deems it unnecessary to come to any decision on the correspondence between Mr. Collector Harris and

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and Lieutenant Crump until the complaint of Mr. Harris shall have been received

11th You will have been apprized by the General Orders lately published of the Resolutions of the Governor in Council on the several other applications and recommendations forwarded in the letters to which I am now replying

12th The Governor in Council desires that after a sufficient time shall have been allowed for refreshment to the Native Troops lately arrived from the Molucca Islands you will order the party belonging to the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment to join and do duty with the Detachment of that Corps now at Poonamalee the drafts composing the Madras Volunteer Battalion to join the Corps from which they were originally taken and that the native Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers be retained as supernumeraries of their Rank on

those

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those Corps till vacancies shall occur for bringing them on the strength of the Corps: But as the greatest consideration is due to the merits and services of those deserving Troops the Govern-ment desires that every practicable degree of in-dulgence may be shewn towards them in the ex-ecution of this order.

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I have the honor &c &c.
(Signed) Robert Turing
Secretary to Government

To Captain Bruce

Deputy Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant with its inclosures and to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council does not find himself at liberty to comply with the application from Lieutenant Colonel Robertson further than to direct the difference between Rings and Ampains subsis-tence

To the Deputy Military Auditor General acknowledging receipt of this letter of the 16th instant and informing him that Lieutenant Colonel Robertsons applic-ation for the diff-erence between Rings and Ampains subsistence if he took rank cannot be complied with

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-tenee as by the established usage of the service
this difference is only paid to Officers of His —
Majesty's service where Corps are actually serving
in India.

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I am &c &c
(Signed) Robert Turing
Secretary to Government MD

27th Received the following letter.

To Major R Turing
Secretary to the Government in the
Military Department
at Fort St George

Sir,

I am directed by His Exc-
-cellency the most Noble the Governor General in
Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy
of a list of Cadets of the Establishment of
Fort St George who arrived at this Presidency
from England shewing the names of the ships
on which they arrived and the dates of their
respective

From the Military Secretary at Bengal transmitting List of Cadets for Madras arrived on Bengal Ships

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Respective arrivals at Fort William

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Signed J. Hook

Secretary to the Government

&c &c

List of cadets of this Season for the Presidency of Fort St. George who have arrived at Bengal.

	Names	On what Ships arrived in Bengal	For what Presidency and when arrived	
	Mr. Lewis Scott Smith	Kent	Madras	17th October 1804
	" John Moore	ditto	ditto	ditto
	" Chas. Graham	ditto	ditto	ditto
	" Hugh Purvis	ditto	ditto	ditto
5	" Chas. Mitchel	ditto	ditto	ditto
	" John Wright	ditto	ditto	ditto
	" William Fair	ditto	ditto	ditto
	" Edward Jipp	ditto	ditto	ditto
	" Alexander Grant	ditto	ditto	ditto
10	" Chas. Elphinstone	ditto	ditto	ditto
	" Alexander Pentland	ditto	ditto	ditto
	" Chas. Howes	Phoenix	ditto	1st December

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	Names	On what Ships Arrived in Bengal	For what Presidency and when arrived	
	Mr. L. H. Reynolds	Castle Eden	Ditto	8th December 1804
	" H. J. Waters	City of London	Ditto	9th Ditto
15	" Samuel Lewis	Shelton Castle	Ditto	5th January 1805
	" James Hampton	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
	" Henry Hatherly	Melville Castle	Ditto	7th Ditto
	" Thos. Vincent	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
	" William Harris	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
20	" Franc. Palmer	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
	" John Weir	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
	" Arthur Wood	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
	" Thos. Hicks	Earl Spencer	Ditto	12th Do.
	" Danl. Russel	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
25	" Chas. Bowen	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
	" Henry Agar	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
	" Jas. Barclay Clarke	Watsingham	Ditto	Ditto
	James Wacket	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto

Fort William
Town Majors Office
30th January 1805.

(Signed) H Calcraft
Town Major

Attested by

(Signed) S Hook
Secretary to the Government
M.D.

Sent

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Sent the following letter.

To Major General Braithwaite

President &c. &c. &c. of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

Para 1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that the pattern Gun Carriages &c. which have been prepared at the requisition of His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India and in consequence of an application from Bombay and which you have reported to be ready, may be forwarded by the first sea conveyance which offers for the Presidencies of Bengal, and Bombay — and that you will report by which Ships the Gun Carriages in question are to be sent.

To the Military Board Desiring that the Gun Carriages &c prepared for Bengal and Bombay may be forwarded to those Presidencies by the first sea conveyance Transmitting copy of a letter and enclosures from the Secretary at Bengal and desiring the Captains may be made acquainted with. To direct an enquiry to be made into the cause of the mistake by which two Field instead of howitzers were supplied on that Officers former indent. The articles to be furnished on the present Indent to be forwarded at the same time with the Gun Carriages &c. to Bengal.

2. I am further directed to transmit to you copy of a letter and enclosures from the Secretary in the Military Department in Bengal and to desire that Captains Montgomerie

Indent

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Indent on the Commissary of Stores may be complied with and that you will direct enquiry to be made into the cause of the mistake by which sword belts instead of Bandiliers were supplied on that Officers former indent.

The articles to be furnished on the present Indent from Captain Montgomerys are to be sent by the same conveyance by which the pattern Gun Carriages &c are forwarded.

I have the honor &c &c

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/Signed/ Robert Turing
Secretary to Government M.D.

Received and sent the following
Letters entered in Mss. Nos. 65. 66. 67. 68.—

From Mr. Cronmelin — Forwards a Letter for the Officer commanding at Malacca.

From the Public Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Leith — Forwards Returns of sick left on Prince of Wales's Island who embarked for the Coast on the Ramier Captain

From Lieutenant Governor with the Prince of Wales's Islands

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Captain Court with sundry papers respecting — their Pay and Provisions

From Ditto Ditto Informs

From Dr Dr that he had sent 2 European Soldiers of this Establishment Invalided from His Majesty's Ship the Braave on the Passage to Madras.

From Lieutenant Colonel

To the Board Corner Enclosing Invoices and Bills of Lading in Triplicate of Articles shipped on Board the Griffin and reporting that Vessel incapable of receiving further loading

From Messrs Roebuck Abbott

From the owners of the ship Albion Enclosing Bill for freight for the Ship Albion for one month.

Ordered that the Bill be passed for payment.

To Captain Bruce Referring

To the Deputy Military auditor General to his examination the General estimate for the ensuing month.

Received

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Received the following

Letter

To George Buchan Esqr

Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 23d and 25th Instant.

From the Officer commanding the army. The Chief acknowledges the receipt of letters of 23d & 25th Instant had desired an enquiry to be made into the causes of the badness of the Shoes sent to Lieutenant Colonel James.

In reply to the former I request you to inform the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the very day I received the communication from Major General Budges of Lieutenant Colonel James's report to him namely on the 22nd Instant I sent an Order to Major General Bridges to cause a strict investigation into the causes of the apparent great neglect in the ordnance Department at Tuticorin and to report the result to me and that so soon as I receive the

Report

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report of the General I shall have the honor to
communicate to his Lordship. —

I am able to the 2nd Inquest
you to inform his Lordship that Lieutenant Colonel
Cullen in consequence of your notification to
me was immediately relieved from his —
professional duties and informed that he
might proceed forthwith to his destination.

I have the honor &c &c

Madras
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(Signed) John Brathwaite

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President.

Tuesday 28th. April 1805. William Petrie Esqrs
Ernst William Tallofield

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The Secretary reports the death of Captain John Duff Gordon at Dindigul on the 19th. Instant.

The Board proceed to read and pass Resolutions on the following Proceedings of the Medical Board

Board

Resolutions of the Governor in Council Dated 28th April 1805

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Medical Board 20th April 1805.

1st. We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Secretary to Government on the Public Department

From the Medical Board with an obedience to the Orders which they have received on the Certificates of Ill health given into the Trustees of the Orphan fund. Recommending Mr. Surgeon Keerney to take charge of the

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The Penal Hospital and Garrison of Manufacturers in the absence of Mr Bowie sick &c made other arrangements in consequence. For ... under a warrant from Cadamus, Surgeons and assts. and Surgeons attached to the Cavalry asking an increase of Pay Recommend that Deputy medical Storekeepers Cowley & Gow be allowed to draw the usual allowance - For ... order a letter from Mr Surgeon Thomson.

Requires no Observation

Department under date the 12th instant and in compliance with the desire of Her Lordship in Council one of the Members of this Board shall revise all Certificates of ill health produced before the Trustees of the Civil Fund and declare on Oath his belief of the necessity which may compel persons applying for the benefit of the fund to proceed to Europe when such Certificates and the party whose it may concern are referred to him by the Trustees

2nd Mr Head Surgeon Bowie having found it absolutely

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Approved and Ordered

Absolutely necessary to
Leave Masulipatam and
come to Madras for the
recovery of his health —
We recommend that Mr.
Fleming the Senior —
Surgeon in the Northern
Division shall be ap-
-pointed to Superintend
the Medical Department
in that Division and
also to take charge of the
General Hospital and
Garrison of Masulipatam
during the absence of Mr.
Bowie — as Mr. Fleming
has not yet arrived from
Ganjam we recommend
that Mr. Surgeon White
of the 8th Regiment —

Native

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Native Infantry now sta-
tioned at Masulipatam
shall do duty with the
Garrison and General Hos-
pital until his arrival.

3. We have the honor
to forward a memorial —
Addressed to the Governor
in Council by some of the
Surgeons and Assistant —
Surgeons of His Majesty's
Regiments of Light Dra-
goons and the Honorable
Company's Native Cavalry —
requesting an increase to
their pay and allowances
as we think they have
a well founded claim to
the same allowances as
are drawn by Officers of
Corresponding

The allowances of —
Surgeons and Assistant
Surgeons attached to Corps
of Cavalry having been
fixed after a deliberate con-
sideration of the Subject the
Governor in Council consi-
ders it inexpedient to
adopt the recommendation soliciting an increase to
of the Medical Board for their pay and allowances
any augmentation of the and as we think they have
present rates of Medical
allowance and as the duties
to be performed by the —
Medical

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Medical Staff of Regiments (Correspondency) (rank in
of Cavalry do not appear to be the Cavalry as will further
of a nature to render necessary appear from their letter
any addition to the Establish- to us Copy of which is
-ment of horses already issued transmitted herewith
the Governor in Council deem we recommend their
it also necessary to reject the memorial to the favour-
able application on the subject. -ble attention of Govern-
-ment

4. Having received,

The Governor in an address from Mr. William
Council is not sufficiently Gourlay Deputy Medical
satisfied of the necessity of Storekeeper at Goa a Copy
the appointment of a — of which we have the —
Deputy medical Storekeeper home to enclose we recom-
at Goa to determine on the — mend that he shall be
expediency of attaching — permitted to draw the same
allowances and Office — allowances and Office
Establishment to that establishment as are
Officers.

granted to the other Deputy

Medical

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Medical Storekeepers under this Presidency; — and as it does not appear from the lists transmitted to us that he is now under the control of any Superior Surgeon we further recommend that Mr. Gourlay shall be directed to put himself under the Orders of the superintending Surgeon on the Province of Canara

5 After the Reso- Mr. Surgeon Thompson we

letters which have been have the honor of forwarding

passed on that part of the accompanying address

Mr. Thompsons conduct from him to the Right Hon.

which subjected him Honorable the Governor in

to the displeasure of Council.

Government His Lordship I have signed James Anderson
Physician General

" Nicol Mein
2nd member of the Medical Bd.

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in Council is surprised
that the Medical Board
should again have
attempted to bring the
Subject under his
Lordships consideration
and desires that the
letter from Thomson
be returned to the Medical
Board with injunctions
not again to Obtrude
upon his Lordships notice
Subjects which have
been Already discussed
and determined

By Order of the Right Honble
the Governor in Council

(Signed) Robert Twining
Secretary to Government

To

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To the Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive

President and Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

We the undersigned on behalf of Ourselves and the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of His Majesty's Regiments of Light Dragoons and Honorable Company's Native Cavalry serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George impressed with the highest sense of your Lordships Justice and Liberality beg leave with the utmost respect and deference to submit to the consideration of your Lordships in Council certain points materially affecting our present Interests and future prospects in our respective lines of service

We have reason to believe that in all Military Establishments it has been laid down as a ruling principle to preserve as the greatest possible equality in regard to pay

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and allowances amongst individuals holding equal degrees of Rank particular attention has been paid to this principle in every branch of Hes Majestys and the Honorable Company's Service as is evinced by the especial allowances granted to Officers of Infantry, or Artillery, when called upon to act as Engineers, or serving with Pnrs attached to Regiments of Cavalry, a Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon of a Regiment of European, or Native Infantry, receives precisely the same monthly sum with the Officers of his Corps holding corresponding Rank Viz Captain and Lieutenant with us it is different, and a Surgeon of Cavalry after Ten years Service finds himself in point of allowances scarcely equal to his inferiors in Rank the Lieutenants and far below his equals the Captains

The situation of the Assistants is in this respect if possible more degrading they are said to rank with Lieutenants

and

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and receive considerably less than the pay of Corps.

We feel it incumbent on us to

acknowledge that the Hon.ble grievance had long ex-

-isted & never has been represented to your Lord-

-ships, it was not so severely felt until the

publication of the Orders appointing Surgeons

to the Regiments of Native Cavalry because a

stipend that might be considered as liberal —

and competent during the first few years of

Service in India is but a sorry Pension

for a professional man after passing many

of the most valuable years of his life in —

attaining the Rank of Surgeon of Cavalry.

We look up to your Lordships

on Council with the confidence your Character

inspires for the relief our situation may appear

to require to enable us to live on a Footing of

equality with those with whom the duties

of our station renders it necessary for us

to associate, and trust that both our past —

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and future conduct in our professional Capacity has been and will continue to be such as may induce upon Your Lordships to deem us worthy of the Indulgence we presume to crave Viz.t to be permitted to draw the Pay and Horse allowance of Captains and Lieutenants of Cavalry

We have the honor &c &c

(Signed) Franc.s Edwards Surgeon
25th Dragoons

Jno. Anderson Surgeon
6th Regiment Native Cavalry

William Orde Surgeon
7th Regiment Native Cavalry

Wm. Brown Assistant
Surgeon 25th Dragoons

Camp near Rooky
21st March 1805

To James Anderson Esqr.
President and Members of the Medical Board
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

We the undersigned on being

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of ourselves and the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of His Majesty's Regiments of Light Dragoons and Honorable Company's Native Cavalry serving under the Presidency of Fort St George request you Board to lay before His Lordship in Council the accompanying address with such observations as the Nature of the Subject may induce your Board to make upon it. The distinguished and salutary attention to the Interests and respectability of the Department committed to your superintendance which has ever marked the conduct of your Board encourages us to hope that this mode of endeavouring with your aid to improve our respective situations on the Service will meet with your favorable notice and we trust we may be permitted to add,

Respectfully

It may be proper to observe to your Board that all the Surgeons and Assistant

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Assistants Surgeons of Cavalry are said to hold the Rank and be in every particular on a footing with Captains and Subaltern yet in the essential point of pay and allowances the disproportion is very considerable

Few of us have attained the Rank of Surgeons under a period of Service bordering nearly on Seven years and must be consequently discouraged at finding ourselves by no means on a footing in point of Emolument with many of our Brother Officers whose length of Service bears no ratio of proportion to ours

We deem it necessary to impress upon your Board that altho circumstances put it out of our power to pay the same systematic attention to the numerous Class of Native followers attached to Corps of Cavalry as it is our duty to do to the Europeans and Sepoys those people who

are [illegible]

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Accidents or uncommon Diseases induce them
to apply to us never fail to be treated with the
utmost humanity and care

To the Article of Horse allo-
wance we beg leave to call your particular
attention Captains Lieutenants and Cornets are
paid for keeping two Horses each - Surgeons and
Their Assistants are allowed for one only. Our
Attendance is expected and of course given on
all occasions of Regimental duty and ex-
cuses; and it will be found that after the
longest and most rapid marches made by
Cavalry during the late arduous Campaigns
the Medical Staff of the different Regiments
were always at their Posts and ready for
the performance of their professional duties
Under all these Circum-
stances we trust it will not be deemed
unreasonable or us to hope that your Board
will consider us entitled to the same pay

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and House allowance as Captains and Lieutenants of Cavalry, the disproportion now subsisting tho' small in its actual and individual Amount is to us of importance.

As the decision of Your Lordship in Council will be much influenced by your sentiments on the subject we earnestly intreat and ardently hope that they may be favourable to our cause.

We have the honor &c &c

Camp near Poody
26th March 1805

(Signed) Fras. Edwards
Surgeon 25th Dragoons

" Jos. Anderson
Surgeon 6th Regiment N.I.

" Willm Orde
Surgeon 4th Regiment N.I.

" Wm Brown
Assistant Surgeon 95th Regt

(True Copy)
(Signed) John Gordon
Acting Secretary Medical Bd

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To the Secretary to the

Medical Board

at Madras

Sir

When the Bombay Troops on this Coast were put on Madras allowances the Deputy Medical Storekeepers were directed to continue to draw their Salary & allowed by the Bombay Government & that the Auditor General has objected to the payment of these charges till they have the sanction of Government I have to request you will be so good as acquaint the Board with this, hoping they will see that those charges are absolutely necessary

and

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and therefore recommend the case to Government

Goa 5th April 1804

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(Signed) W Gourlay

Deputy Medical Storekeeper

(True Copy Signed) John Gordon

Acting Secretary Medical Board

Lord Clive informs the Board that

His Lordship has received a private letter from the

Honorable Colonel Wellesley stating that he had been

prevented by indisposition from proceeding on the

expedition which sailed from Bombay and His

Lordship proposes that this Government shall again

avail itself of the Services of that Officer in the command

of the forces in Mysore while he has already conducted

with such distinguished credit and lays before

the Board the following draft of a General Order for

that purpose.

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(G.O.) By Government.

Circumstances having occurred

(G.O. By Government
Secretary Chief
Engineer to Corps
to Survey part
and returns the
Plan)

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Extract of the Proceedings of Consultation under the Orders of the Hon.ble the Governor in Council

which enable the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to avail himself again of the Services of the Honorable Colonel Wellesley His Lordship in Council is pleased to direct that Colonel Wellesley shall return to Seringapatam and resume the Command of the forces in Mysoor.

The Governor in Council takes this opportunity of expressing His Lordships high sense and approbation of the conduct of Colonel Stevenson in the command of the forces in Mysoor during the absence of the Honorable Colonel Wellesley and the eminent success which has attended the operations entrusted to that Officer in Malabar having entitled him to a distinguished mark of his Lordships approbation the Governor in Council has resolved to appoint Colonel Stevenson to the special Command of the Presidency Troops and Canara under the orders of the Officer commanding in Mysoor.

By order of the Right Honorable the

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The Governor in Council

(Signed) J. Buchan

Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Approved and Ordered to be published.

Ordered that the above Resolution be communicated to the Honorable Colonel Wellesley and that Colonel Stevenson be informed of his appointment to the Special command of Canara and Malabar under the Officer commanding in Mysoor with a table allowance of 300 Pagodas per month.

Read the following letter from the Military Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

1. We have the honour to report to your Lordship in Council that in consequence of a representation from the Garrison Storekeeper stating the loss sustained by receiving Gram into Store

From the Military Board Minutes and Suggestions on the subject of the difference which prevails in the weights and measures used at this Presidency

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How by weight and bringing it to account by measurement according to the new Mercal established by the Committee of Police. We referred the subject to the enquiry of the late Military Auditor General which has produced the following result.

1st. That as the alteration in the mercal took place in consequence of a regulation of the Committee of Police it was judged necessary to apply to that Committee to be informed of the principle upon which that alteration had been made and circular letters were at the same time addressed to the several Houses of Agency at Madras for the purpose of ascertaining what was formerly the standard observed in selling Grain imported from Bengal to the Merchants of this place both by weight and measurement.

2nd. That the answers received from those Houses confirm that the Parra of

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100 mercals was invariably understood to be
equal to 9256/12 lbs or about 23/4 lbs per mercal
and according to the standard the mercal was
as nearly as possible made, and stamped by
each successive Clerk of the Market as that which
was to regulate the purchase and sale of Grain in
this settlement

3rd. That the cause of the alte-
=ration of this standard by the Committee
of Police appears to have been as follows. Imm-
=mediately after the Office of Clerks of the Market
was put under the Committee an application
was made to the Mayors Court for the stan-
=dard weights and measures then in use
to be sent to the Committee but as the Corpo-
=ration did not comply the Committee had
no alternative but to act upon the best enfor-
=mation they could obtain and finding from
the concurrent testimony of Merchants and others
whom they consulted that no fixed standard

had

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had been established but that mercals of different contents had been stamped by the clerks of the Market in different years and even on the same year to the great detriment of the dealers on Rice

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&c of those purchasing that article in the Market the Committee therefore determined to fix a standard that should be the medium between the two extremes and upon this principle the new mercal containing 24 lbs Avoir dupois was established

4th That in consequence of this information from the Committee of Police two Mercals were obtained which had been stamped by Mr Richard Chase the last clerk of the Market before the introduction of the Committee of Police abolished that Office, and when those mercals were compared with the new Mercal it was found as stated by the Committee that one of the former was nearly in the same proportion larger as the other was smaller than

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the present standard.

2nd. It appearing evident that by the new Mercal being made to contain exactly 24 lbs avoirdupoise making the Garce of 400 Mercals 9600 lbs the difference between this and the old Standard of 23 7/8 lbs or 9256 1/2 per Garce will cause an immediate defalcation of the whole of the Company's Store of Grain of about 3 3/4 per cent. We considered it necessary to prosecute our enquiries on a subject affecting the public Interests as well as That of the importers of Grain, who still deliver 9256 1/2 by weighing as a Garce of Rice without attending to the alteration of the Mercal while the merchants knowing that the above weight will not measure 400 mercals of the present Standard calculates his price in proportion and offers from 5 to 10 Pagodas less per Garce according as the Rice may be new or old.

3rd. With this view we procured

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Are old Standard Measures marked by Mr. George Savage when Clerk of the Market with 4 others of different dimensions the whole distinguished as follows.

No. 1. 2. 3. A B

No. 1 Regulating Measure of the new Standard established by the Committee of Police

No. 2. A Measure stamped last year by the Committee of Police for the Garrison Storekeeper

No. 3 The Old Standard Measure of Madras stamped by Mr. Savage and kept for many years in the Office Clerk of the Market A and B. Measures of two different sizes stamped by Mr. Richard those whose Clerks of the Market are referred to in Paragraph 4 With the above Measures we caused the following experiments to be made

4 A Man was procured who had been long employed in the business of measuring Rice he was directed to fill the Measures as exactly as like as possible and in the presence

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presence of the Military Board three drafts of each Meal were made with an accurate pair of Scales and each draft was noted in the following orders with new and old Rice

	New Rice		Old Rice
No 1	25. 4. 4		24. 8. 0
	25. 1. 0		24. 10. "
	25. 0. 8.		24. 15. "
	3 / 75. 5. 12.		3 / 73. 13. 0.
	25. 1 14⅔.		24. 9 10⅔.
No 2.	25. 11. 12		23. 14. 12.
	25. 11. 12		25. 7. 8
	25. 11. 8.		25. 7. 8.
	3 / 77. 3. 0		3 / 76. 10. 12.
	25. 11. 10⅔		25. 8. 14⅔
No 3	24. 1. 8		23. 14. 0
	24. 1. 12.		23. 13. 8
	23. 15. 8.		23. 12. 8.
	3 / 72. 2. 12.		3 / 71. 9. 0
	24. 0. 14⅔.		23. 13. 10⅔.
A	24. 1. 0		23. 15. 8.
	24. 1. 0		24. 0. 0.
	24. 1. 8		25. 15. 8
	3 / 72. 2. 8.		3 / 73. 15. 0
	24. 0. 13⅔		24. 10. 5⅓.
B	25. 4. 4.		24. 0. 5.
	25. 5. 8.		24. 1. 12.
	25. 6. 4.		24. 4. 12.
	3 / 76. 0. 0		3 / 72. 9. 13
	25. 5. 5¾		24. 3. 4⅓

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To establish the difference between new and old Rice the foregoing mediums are calculated.

	New Rice	Old Rice
1.	25 ℔. 14 2/3	24. 9. 10 2/3
2.	25 11. 10 2/3	25 3. 14 2/3
3.	24. 0. 14 2/3	24. 13. 10 2/3
A	24. 0 13 2/3	24. 10 5 2/3
B	25. 5. 5 2/3	24. 3. 4 2/3
	5/ 124. 4. 10 2/3	5/ 122. 12. 13 1/3
	24 13. 11 2/3 nearly	24. 9. 2 3/4 nearly

5. It will readily be conceived that the foregoing method of settling the difference in weight between new, and old Rice, must be extremely near the truth. It shews that new Rice is heavier than old by 407 grains or 24 or 25 ℔ which is about 1 ℔ 20 5/8 633 drams or 1/16 ℔ for 6 ounces nearly.

6. Hereof Nº3 was found to contain by weight of fine wild swan 28 ℔ 107

and

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and of new Rice 24 oz 14 2/3 hence it will appear that Rice is to water as 100 to 118½ nearly, and this proportion is probably as near as it is possible to reduce it by experiment and much nearer than can be arrived at in practice

1st According to old and invariable usage the weight of a Grain of Rice was established at 925 6/7 lb and a mund is allowed to be the four hundredth part of a Grain which by weight must be lb 23. 14125 exactly or lb 23. 2oz 4 75 drams; the foregoing experiments therefore prove that there is not one true mercal amongst the whole of those which have been examined and it is impossible a true mercal has never yet been made

2d From what has been done and from the variable nature of Rice it appears impossible to make a measure which in all cases shall contain 100 grains of a Grain. All therefore that can be expected is the construction of

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a measure which shall contain as nearly as possible 100th part of a Pint, and the following method of constructing such a vessel will perhaps be as little liable to objections as any that could be suggested.

If it has been found that Rain bears the same proportion to water as 100 does to 113½. A vessel therefore that would contain 100th part of a Pint of Rain would contain of well water 27.432282125 cubic Inches or 27 16/03 1/2 — drams nearly. If therefore a copper hydrometer of a common Pint measure were constructed but about an Inch higher and the above quantity of water accurately weighed and put therein, and when it had taken its level the exact height it stood at marked on the four quarters of the Cylinder and the Cylinder afterwards accurately cut to those marks the Cylinder or Vessel so made would contain as nearly as possible 100 part of a Pint

Gauge

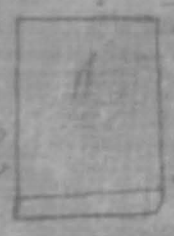
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Gauge of Rice or an exact measure

10 The measures heretofore and now in use are made of copper which is easily bulged and their bottoms are so ill defined that it is not possible to describe their exact figure consequently their cubic or solid contents cannot be accurately found This quality of bending may also give rise to a two fold species of fraud If the bottom be bent up into the cavity of the measure it will hold less if bulged outwards or downwards it will hold more and there can be little doubt that advantage of this difference has been taken in either case as it may answer the purposes of buyer or seller To remedy this evil which it is probable falls with the greatest weight on those who are least able to bear it the following method is proposed as being in our opinion the most effectual that can be devised — Let the measures and measures —, all be made with wooden bottoms and the

Let the

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Copper nailed firmly thereto thus  the ..... measures would be there as manageable as ..... they are at present, and all possibility of fraud by bending the bottom be entirely prevented.

11th. As however we have reason to believe notwithstanding the particular attention which we have given to the arrangements before mentioned that it is in the power of expert measuring men by a species of Legerdemain known only to themselves to make a difference of from 5 to 8 and even 10 per cent in the measurement of Rice so as to escape the notice of a common observer We beg leave to submit to your Lordship in Council whether it should not be made a regulation of the Service that all Rice received by weight into the Company's Stores should be issued by weight and that all Rice received by measurement should be issued in the same manner by which means no loss could be fairly

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fairly stated in any case against the public nor
would the purchaser have any cause to complain
since the relation between weight and mea-
-surement would be thus clearly defined fixing
the weight of a Parcel of Rice at 9256/16 that of
the meral 20.2.4 dr/20 and that of a madras
measure and seer on a relative proportion

12 We also beg leave to suggest
the expediency of a communication of the forego-
-ing Abstract being made to the Committee of
Police and to the Board of Revenue for the pur-
-pose of their respectively stating the most effec-
-tual means for restoring the old established
weights and measures on principles fixing a
just proportion between them that shall be
equitable both for Individuals and the public
and that shall entirely defeat the attempts which
will otherwise continue to be made to apply the
late alteration in the meral to purposes of
private advantage.

&c

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P.S. We have further the honour to propose that orders may be given for the following sums being paid to Mr. Maitland Contractor for Military Stores.

The sum of Pagodas 515 . . 5B.
being the second advance of one third of the estimated cost of Military Stores indented for on the 18th December 1800

The sum of Pagodas 2[illegible]B. 27 . 3B.
being the second payment for Stores indented for on the 25th January last and the sum of Pagodas 2330 . 17. 2B. being the second advance for Stores required on Quarterly Indent dated the 25th February 1806

We have the honor &c &c
[Signed] John Braithwaite
" W. Sydenham
" J. Richardson

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Resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Board of Revenue

[illegible] on the [illegible]

and

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and that they be directed to take the subject into their consideration and suggest what they conceive will be the most effectual means of establishing a uniform standard for the weights and measures at this Presidency

Read the following letter from the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army

To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to Government in the Military Department

Fort St George

Sir,

I have it in command from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council his Excellency Major General Braithwaite to request you will submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council his recommendation that the undermentioned Promotion may be ordered in the 19th Regiment Native Infantry in consequence of the decease at Dindigul on the 19th instant of Captain J. D. Jordan of that Corps.

From the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army - Recommendation for promotion in the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry

19th Regiment Native Infantry

Lieutenant

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Captain Lieutenant Thomas
Coghlan to be Captain of a Company vice Gordon
Deceased date of Commission 20th April 1805

Eldest Lieutenant Joseph Storey
to be Captain Lieutenant Vice Coghlan promoted date
of Commission 20th April 1805

Have the honor &c &c
Signed Fred Pierce
Deputy Adjutant General
of the Army

Adjutant Generals Office
27th April 1805

Resolved that the foregoing pro-
motions thereon motions be accordingly ordered to take place agree-
ably to the recommendation of the Officer Com-
manding the Army in Chief

Read the following Letter
from the Secretary at Bengal
To Major R Turing
Secretary to Government Military Department
at Fort St George

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency
the

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Medical Board
to be being allowed
to resume on
their return to
India the situa-
tions which
they formerly held
and desiring that
the same may
be done on this
Establishment.

The most noble the Governor General in Council
to transmit to you the inclosed Copy of a Minute
by His Excellency of this date suspending the
operation of the late Orders of the Honorable the
Court of Directors respecting Members of the
Medical Boards and Head Surgeons of General
Hospitals being allowed to resume those situ-
ations on their returning to India from fur-
lough, and to desire that you will inform the
Right Honorable the Governor in Council that
it is His Excellency's wish that the operation of
the orders of the Honorable Court to the same
effect which have been received at Fort St George
may also be suspended until the further pleasure
of the Honorable Court shall be known on the
subject.

2 I enclose a Copy of the Orders
received at this Presidency from the Honorable Court
above alluded to

I have

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Fort William
the 19th. March 1805

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) L. Hook
Secretary to Government &c &c

The Governor General

The Governor General has fully considered the consequences which would result from adopting as a permanent general Rule the Regulations contained in the 5th. Paragraph of the General letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors of the 18th. April last which directs that Medical Gentlemen who have been members of the Medical Board or Head Surgeons of General Hospitals shall upon their return to India from Europe resume the situations which they respectively held at the time of their departure from India.

His Lordship deems it to be his duty to submit to the Judgement of the Honorable Court the inconveniences to the public Service and the injury to individuals which an adherence to this Regulation must produce.

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The Honorable Court has ex-
pressed the grounds upon which it proceeded in
framing the Regulations in the following terms
"as all Military Officers when they return from
Furlough either resume the ranks they held in
the Regiments or Battalion when they left India
or Occupy such higher rank as they may have
become entitled to by Promotion during their
absence on Furlough." On this statement the
Governor General Observes that the Regulation
by which Military Officers are permitted to
resume the Rank they held at the time of
their departure from India or to occupy such
higher rank as they may have attained during
their absence is already applied according to
similar principles to the Medical Department.
The establishment of Military Officers is fixed
and defined and if any of these Officers shall
return to India from Furlough by permission
of the Court of Directors they will of course

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return either with the rank which they held on
departing from India or with such higher rank
as they may have attained during the absence, but
Military Officers either upon the General Staff of
the Army or upon the Staff of stations or of Corps
which confer no fixed or permanent rank upon
the Individuals holding such staff appointments
and are considered to be held only during plea-
-sure of are compelled by the Orders of the Honou-
-rable Court to relinquish such staff appoint-
-ments upon departing from India for Europe
nor are such appointments resumable of right
upon the return of the respective parties to India.

The Medical Establishment of
this Presidency is also fixed and defined by the
Orders of Government of the 21.st October 1788 which
have been confirmed by the Court of Directors
it is expressly declared and directed that all
medical Gentlemen employed in the Company's
Service under this Presidency shall be continued

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on one general List and shall be furnished
with commissions conformably to their proper
Ranks either as Full Surgeons or Assistant
Surgeons. The number of full Surgeons is
expressly fixed, and that number of Full Surgeons
which will vary according to the increase or
decrease of the Military Establishment, includes
the prescribed number of Members of the Medical
Board and of Head Surgeons of General Hos-
-pitals — It is evident therefore that no fixed or
permanent Rank exists in the Medical De-
-partment above that of Full Surgeons and
that the Situations of a member of the Medical
Board and that of Head Surgeons of a General
Hospital have been considered to be of the
nature of Staff appointments in the Medical
Department and not as situations which conferred
any additional fixed and permanent rank upon
the persons holding such appointments. This con-
-clusion is further confirmed by adverting to the

Principle

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principle prescribed for appointing the Members of the Medical Board and the Head Surgeons of Hospitals who are required to be selected from the ablest practitioners on the list of Full Surgeons not by Seniority alone but according to merit giving however the preference to those who may combine the claims of Seniority with those of equal merit

Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons returning to India from Furlough are entitled by the public Regulations resume the Rank which they held at the time of departure from India or to occupy such higher ranks as they may have attained during their absence

It appears from the tenor of the Paragraph in question that the Honorable Court had not this rule under its consideration at the time of passing the new Regulation as the principal object of the new Regulation is apparently to extend the benefit of this Rule to the Medical Gentlemen

attached

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attached to the Military Establishment

The benefit of this rule as —
however now actually enjoyed by all Medical
Gentlemen attached to the Military Establish=
-ment under these circumstances the Govern=
General would be reduced to the painful diffi=
-culty of making an option between his anx=
-ious wish to manifest on all occasions a
prompt obedience to the orders of the Honorable
Court and the duty of maintaining without
deviation a principle essentially connected with
the prosperity of an important branch of the
Company's Service, if the accidental departure of
Mr. Laird for Europe had not opened a mode
of accommodating the particular arrangement
proposed by the Courts orders to the general —
rules already established for the constitution
of the Medical Department.

By the departure of Mr.
Laird for Europe the Orders of the Honorable Court

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can be carried into effect with respect to Doctor Balfour without any difficulty. If Mr. Laird had remained in the country it would have been necessary in order to carry the Regulation into effect as far as it regards Doctor Balfour either to displace a member of the medical Board or the Head Surgeon of one of the General Hospitals In either case the Individual thus deprived of a situation to which he had been duly appointed and in which he had served for some years with advantage to the public and credit to himself during the absence of Doctor Balfour in Europe would have complained of the injurious operation of the new Regulation.

If the new Regulation should be adopted as a permanent rule and if Mr. Laird should return to India at a time when the Medical Board may be complete it would be necessary in order to enable Government to comply with the Regulation to displace

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Displace again a Member of the Medical Board before Mr Laird could resume his Seat The displaced Member of the Medical Board must either remain unemployed or must take charge of one of the General Hospitals to the exclusion of the Surgeon who might then hold that situation The continued operation of the new Regulation for a few years would encourage members of the medical Board and Head Surgeons of Hospitals to proceed on Furlough to Europe with the intention of returning to India The frequent return of these Gentlemen to India would impede the progress of the younger branches of the Medical Department and the Service would be burthened by a multitude of unemployed Surgeons displaced from the medical Board or from the General Hospitals

The Arguments of the Governor General in Council in 1796 which have been fully approved

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approved and confirmed by the Honorable Court against the return of military Officers to Europe without relinquishing their respective Staff appointments apply with additional force to the case of Medical Gentlemen holding Staff appointments The public Service requires that such situations particularly those of members of the Medical Board and of Surgeons of the Hospitals shall be efficient and occupied by persons who might expect to retain them for a reasonable period of time. The nomination of persons to fill these situations for a short time during the absence of others on Furlough would be contrary to the established practice of the Service would on its consequences be attended with great inconveniences and would certainly give great dissatisfaction to the Medical Service A General Officer on the Staff may proceed to Europe on Furlough but the Staff situation held by such General Officer would be

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be permanently filled by an Officer remaining in India. The General Officer returning from Europe would have no right to resume his former situation on the Staff. The Adjutant General and Quarter master General of the Army who are officially members of the Military Board are subject to the same Regulation and consequently could not claim either their staff appointments or their seat at the Military Board upon their return to India from Furlough. The same principle is also observed with regard to the members of the Boards of Revenue and of Trade Medical Gentlemen who have occupied seats at the Medical Board or the charge of General Hospitals cannot justly complain of the operation of a General rule observed in every branch of the Companys Service in India and founded in principles of a wise and cautious policy intimately blended with the General nature of these Establishments

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The Governor General in Council therefore proposes to postpone the adoption as a General Rule of the Regulation contained in the 5th Paragraph of the General Letter of the 8th April last so far as it applies to members of the Medical Board and Head Surgeons of Hospitals, and to recommend respectfully to the Honorable Court that their several Governments in India be permitted to fill the Staff appointments in the Medical Department including those of Members of the Medical Board and Head Surgeons of Hospitals in the same manner as other Staff situations in the Military Department are now filled and in the same manner as all Employments in the Civil Department are also filled leaving the respective Governments to judge of the qualifications of those Gentlemen who may be eligible to occupy the vacant situations from their Rank and Seniority in the Service as well as from

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from their professional merits.

/ A true copy /

/ Signed / L. Hook

Secretary to the Government. 112

Extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in the Military Department dated the 18th. of April 1804.

Para 6. We advised you in our Military Letter of the 29th. May last that we had permitted Doctor Thomas Balfour of your Medical Establishment to retire from the Service on the Pension granted to Head Surgeons by the Regulations of 3d. January 1796. but as that Gentleman declined accepting this allowance he has since applied for and obtained our leave to return to his Duty without prejudice to his Rank.

5. Having taken into consideration an application made to us by Doctor Balfour respecting the situation of the Medical

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Medical Officers allowed to come home on furlough

We have resolved that as all military Officers
when they return from furlough either resume the
Ranks they held in the Regiment or Battalion
where they left India or occupy such higher
ranks as they may have become entitled to by
Promotion during their absence on Furlough that
a similar Rule shall take place in Respect to
the Medical Servants attached to the Military
including Surgeons of General Hospitals and
also members of the Medical Board provided
they shall have been members of that Board
previous to their leaving India

to Doctor Balfour is of course
to benefit by this Regulation on his arrival in
Bengal to which also he appears to be entitled
from his Abilities and high Character in the
line of his profession.

A true Extract
Signed S. Hooke
Secretary to Government &c.

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The Resolutions of the Honorable

Resolution thereon Court of Directors alluded to in the foregoing —
dispatch having been already published to the
Army under this Presidency on the 29.th August
last it is Resolved that an order be now published
suspending for the present the operation of that part
of the Commands of the Court of Directors dated the
3.d of April 1800 which relates to the Medical —
Establishment

Ordered that this Resolution
be stated for the information of His Excellency the
Governor General in Council

Read the following letter from
the Officer commanding the Moluccas Islands
To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort S.t George

Sir

From the Officer commanding the Moluccas &c. &c. &c. Requests that Government will direct some particular mark of Distinction to be worn by the Officers & Volunteers

Part 1 The men of the Volunteer Battalion and 2.nd Battalion 1.st Native Regiment who have

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Volunteer Battalion and 2d Battalion 1st Regiment to have the status to have volunteered very readily to remain at the stations and form a model which he wishes to be presented to them Reports that Sepoy Lall has bought of the Pygmaney of the more favoured life than the value and recommends that he be obliged to make good the difference to them

Reports on the state of the Provisions at Amboyna Capt. Hall brought L.d Powerscourt from

have volunteered to continue to serve at Amboyna having complied so readily with my Request not-withstanding their unprecedent long absence from their families and the many hardships this situation unavoidably exposes them to, induces me to wish that some gracious mark of Government approbation may be conferred on them which will not only prove gratifying to them on the present instance but at the same time inspire others on similar occasions with a Spirit of emulation that may prove beneficial to the Service. With this object in view I take the liberty of sending by this Conveyance musters of a medal for the inspection of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council requesting that each of the Sepoys who have so handsomely come forward to continue to serve at the Province as may have one presented him by the Government as a mark of the sense that is entertained of their Military Spirit and their

Reports that Lt Bought has embarked on board the Ship Ann for Bengal

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Ordered him to attend to the sick in the passages - has used every dispatch to send off the Transports.

distinguished fidelity to their Honorable Masters
Should this request meet the approbation of
the Right Honorable the Governor in Council
I beg that the medals may be struck at
Fort St George for which purpose the Brigade
Major will transmit a List of the names of
the Volunteers to the Adjutant General as -
from the want of handy - crafts men it
will not be practicable to have them done
here. Should the Right Honorable the Gover-
nor in Council think proper to express his
approbation of the conduct of the men in
this particular instance in any other -
manner he may think more suitable it
will afford me particular pleasure and
satisfaction in publishing the sentiments of
Government to those meritorious Soldiers.

2. I send it my duty to
apprize you for the information of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council that

Sergeant

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Sergeant Lee whose Term of servitude expired some time ago previous to his departure on the Swallow East Indies Packet prevailed on 60 of the Europeans entitled to Moluccas Prize money to dispose of their claims at Madras Amounting to 79 Star Pagodas each for 40 ready money which he advanced them here as I conceive this negociation illegal and very injurious to the men under my command I hope the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to take notice of such improper usage on the part of Sergeant Lee and that he may be obliged to refund at least what he has so wrongfully deprived the men of

3. The Troops having complained of the state of the Grain offered to be served to them from the public Store I ordered a Board of Officers to survey and report upon the state and quantity of Grain and Provisions on the Garrison the Proceedings of which I now

have

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I have the honor to forward as also musters of the diffe-
rent kinds of Rice and Jars lately concerned to observe
the most extraordinary loss that Government —"
sustains by trusting to a Contract for providing —"
these Troops on a foreign and distant service
from the total want of Rice and several other —"
small Articles now and for several months past
the Troops have suffered much inconvenience
and may eventually feel great distress

I beg leave to call your
attention to the very uncommon mode of —
packing Flour, in Single Gunny Bags from
which method there must be a great wastage and
the most part of the remainder damaged

I cannot omit to mention
that Captain Medbrough agent of transports
has given me much satisfaction by the exertions
and zeal he has evinced in the discharge of
his Office

As it may possibly be incon-

to

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to make it appear at Madras that many of the
orders I have been under the painful necessity of
issuing here have been harsh and vexatious I
trust you will do me the justice to assure
the Right Honorable the Governor in Council
that nothing short of the most pointed and
positive orders could stem the many difficul-
ties and obstacles apparently thrown purposely
in the way to thwart my exertions for the
good and honor of the Service and which I am
sorry to say have been but too successful
In consequence of the total
want of Ghee and other articles of Provision in
the public Store and the inconvenience and
distress the native Troops have suffered on
that account I have promised the Volunteers
in case of a Deficiency of any articles they
are allowed to give them money in lieu at a
fair valuation to enable them to purchase a
substitute I shall therefore appoint a Committee
of

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of Two Officers and the Commissary of Grain and
Provisions to fix the rates of each article which
I hope will meet the approbation of Government.

6 Medical Assistance being requi-
site for the Troops returning to India I have
directed Mr. Brough Surgeon of the Bengal
Marine Battalion to proceed in charge of the whole
of the Sick and as the crowded state of the part
of his own Battalion at these Islands renders
his attentions the less necessary I had great
pleasure in being able to comply with his
wishes to take this opportunity of returning
to Bengal on some urgent private business —
And I beg leave to recommend his obtaining
permission to proceed to that Presidency after
he has delivered over his charge at Madras

Mr. Sanguhar and myself
9
have used our utmost exertions in dispatching
the transports with all possible expedition but
the relief of the native Troops of the Garrison

at

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At Bantam has unavoidably occasioned some delay it being difficult for ships at this season of the year to return from that Island against the winds and current The Native Troops will embark this day at noon, and the Transports Lady Clive, Earl of Mornington and Albion will sail this day under Convoy of His Majesty's Frigate La Virginie and the Vulcan Bomb Captain Astle will see the Transports clear of Pemon and will then leave them to prosecute their Voyage to Madras under Convoy of the Vulcan I hope they will arrive safe and that every thing will prove satisfactory to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

10th I have endeavoured to communicate to you every thing that has hitherto occurred to me as worthy of remark in doing which If I have not been sufficiently explicit, or my details to Government on the different

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different subjects connected with my new command
I respectfully hope that some allowances will be
made for the extraordinary pressure of business
I have had to encounter during the short
time I have been here in taking over charge
providing for the different reliefs and in
short making those General arrangements for the
benefit of the Garrisons and Troops which it
appeared to me they required. My attention
has hitherto been and will be invariably
and incessantly directed to make myself
thoroughly acquainted with the extensive duties
of the important Command that Government
have done me the honor to entrust to my
charge and I confidently hope that my
future Services will manifest how sin-
cerely and solely my efforts and endeav-
ours are dedicated to preserve their interest
and honor in these Islands in concert with
the Resident Mr Farquhar with whom

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I beg leave to assure the Right Honorable the Governor in Council I shall uniformly co-operate in all public measures under these assurances I rely on the support of Government in the discharge of my public Duty and that the measures I have found or may hereafter find it necessary to adopt from local circumstances for the advancement of Public good in so remote a situation will meet with their countenance and approbation

I have the honor &c &c

Lieut. D. Burr, Colonel
Commanding the Moluccas

Ordered to lie on the table for future consideration

Read the following letter from the Deputy Military Auditor General

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

My Lord,

Having examined the accounts

From the Deputy Military Auditor General Respecting the allowance to be made for the Current month on

Fort Victoria
Amboyna
28th December 1800.

on the Table

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amounting to Pagodas 95962.16.73

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Estimate for the current month which accompanied a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department under date the 25.th Inst.

I have the honor to report that the amount thereof Viz.t namely five thousand nine hundred and sixty two Pagodas Sixteen fanams and seventy three Cash / Pagodas 95962.16.73 is admissible and to be issued from the General Treasury being required by the Military Paymaster General for the purpose of making an advance of Pagodas 50,000 to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors agreeably to the directions of Government and for discharging Bills drawn on his Office by the Paymasters above the Limits and at Amboyna.

I have the honor &c &c

/Signed/ P. Bruce Deputy
Military Auditor General

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort S.t George
27.th April 1805

In consequence of the foregoing Report ordered that the sum of ninety five thousand

ordering that the Sum of Pag.s 95962.16.73 be issued from the Treasury to the Mil.y Paym.r Genl on account of the additional estimate

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Thousand nine hundred and sixty two Pagodas —
Sixteen fanams and seventy three Cash Pagodas
9962.16.73 be issued from the Treasury to the
Madras Paymaster General on account of the
Additional estimate enclosed in his letter of the
23d Instant —

I have
the Honor
to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
C. Thackeray
Secy

To J. Gowan
Esq.

Recd at Bengal the 28th April 1805. Pagoda 102
thereby 7 fanams