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Diary

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Received the following Letter

To the Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Board of Trade Reports that the Sheba Commerce and Amboyna had been surveyed and found fit for the Public Service

The Sheba Commerce, having been regularly surveyed, and found in all respects adapted for the public service and to possess the several qualifications required by your Lordships orders as explained in the Reports, Copies whereof we have the honor to forward herewith, we requested to be honored with the final determination of Government for our

The Amboyna is represented to require some trifling repairs which can be speedily effected if your Lordship think proper to engage her, in which case we consider it our duty to suggest that a proportionate deduction be made in the terms of freight, equal to the difference of the Tonnage at

which

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which both Ships are rated in the Report, and the amount for which they have been Entered, the latter being computed at 400 Tons in the respective Proposals.

We have the Honor &c.

(Signed) George Westcott

John Milford

M. Dent

To

George Taswell Esqre.

Master Attendant

Sir,

In obedience to the orders contained in your letter to me under date this 25th Instant, I have proceeded on Board, and carefully surveyed, the Ship Amboyna, I find her a Strong Country built Ship, Coppered found, and tight, measuring Carpenters measurement about 313 Tons she is well calculated for conveying Military Stores, but being Frigate built, her accommodations for Troops are small and uncomfortable, when

laden.

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taken to the depth of 16 feet she will be in a proper trim for sailing and capable of performing an advere Voyage. The Amboyne is pierced for 16 Guns 6ℓ 9ℓ Pounders, with which and a suitable complement of Men, She will be in a good State of Defence. The Ship requires to be caulked in her upper Works and Decks she is deficient in Sails and other Articles of small Stores. The Rigging fore and aft being of black mair rope and such as may not at all times be depended upon I would recommend its being replaced with new Europe..

Master Attendants office
26th. April 1805

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) Henry Hall Dy. Mr. Atn.

A True Copy
(Signed) Geo. Taswell. Master Attendant

A True Copy
(Signed) T. Daniel Dy. Secy

George Taswell Esqre

Master Attendant

Sir,

In obedience to the Orders

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contained in your Letter to me under date the 25th Instant, I have proceeded on Board and carefully Surveyed the Ship Commerce, I find her Pegue built Coppered Sound and tight properly found in Stores measures. Carpenters measurement about 370 Tons, She is well Calculated for conveying Military Stores and Troops, when laden to the depth of 16½ feet She will be in a good Trim for Sailing, and in all respects Capable of performing an adverse Voyage, the Commerce is Fitted for 12 Guns 6ℓ Pounders with which and a Suitable Complement of men, She will be in a good State of Defence

Master Attendants office

26th April 1805

I have the honor &c

(Signed) Henry Hall

Deputy Master Attendant

A True Copy

Signed George Maxwell

Master Attendant

A True Copy

(Signed) L. Daniel

Deputy Secretary

C.S.P.C.

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Order of Council

Military Department

29th April 1805

Received the following Letter from the Deputy Military Auditor General.

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Deputy Military Auditor General. Reports on General Estimate for Cash for May

Having examined the General Estimate for May 1805, which accompanied a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department under date the 27th Instant, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Four Lacks forty three thousand and Ninety Nine Pagodas Thirty five Fanams and Twenty five Cash (Pags 443099. 35. 25/ is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due on the 1st of the ensuing Month and to be issued as follows.

From

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From the General Treasury ... 169502. 3. 67

By Bills on the Military —

Paymaster General ... 290.5.57. 21. 38

Pagt. 4,43091. 25. 25

2 I have deducted the Sum of

Pagodas 10,000 included in the Estimate of the —

Paymaster in Canara, on account of Subsistence —

to His Majestys 75th and 80th Regiments as the

acting Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings —

Troops, has Estimated for the Subsistence of those

Corps agreeably to the Regulations, I have also —

deducted Pagodas 5,000 being half the amount

included by the same Paymaster under the head

of Extraordinary Contingent Charges.

3 I have likewise considered

it expedient to deduct Pagodas 5,000 from the Sum

included by the Paymaster in Malabar under

the head Contingencies, as I conclude the

amount admitted Viz. Pagodas 5000 will be

sufficient to answer all Contingent Demands that

may

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may be made on his Office in the course of the ensuing Month.

Mily Aud.r Generals Office
Fort St. George
29.th April 1805

I have the honor &c.
Signed J. Bruce
Dy Military Auditor General in Charge

Expressing the sum of Pagodas 62552. 3. 67. be issued to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General Estimate for the ensuing Month.

In consequence of the foregoing report ordered that the Sum of one Lack Sixty Two Thousand five hundred and fifty Two Pagodas, Three Fanams and Sixty Seven Cash (Pagodas 162552. 3. 67) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General Estimate for the ensuing Month enclosed in his letter of the 24.th Instant.

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

Signed (R. Turing
Secy to Govt. M. D.

Sent the following letters.

&c

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To Captain Bruce

Deputy Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to desire that

To the Deputy Military Auditor General authorizing payment of sundry advances to the Contractor for the supply of Military Stores, as recommended by the Military Board.

you will authorize payment of the following sums to Mr. Maitland Contractor for Military Stores as recommended by the Military Board Vizt.

The Sum of Pagodas 515 - 58

being the Second advance of one Third of the Estimated Cost of Military Stores indented for on the 18th December 1799 -

The Sum of Pagodas 2122.2733

being the Second payment for Stores indented for on the 25th January last, and the further Sum of Pagodas 2530. 17. 23. being the Second advance for Stores required on Quarterly Indent dated the 21st February 1805.

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I am &c.

Signed R. Strong

Secy to Government M. D.

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To Mr. B. Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

Sir,

To the Military Paymaster General informing that under the Instructions of situation in which Lieut.t Colonel Chalmers was placed by the Capture of Combatore the claim against that Officer for the Sum of Pags 500 ₹ Rates to have been issued to him for the expence of the Garrison is to be relinquished

Your letter of the 20.th Instant with its enclosures has been submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and I am directed to inform you that in consideration of the particular circumstances of the situation in which Lieutenant Colonel Chalmers was placed by the Capture of Coembatore the Governor in Council considers it expedient, and accordingly directs that the claim against that officer for the Sum of Five Hundred Pagodas stated to have been issued to him for the expence of the Garrison may be relinquished.

I have the honor &c.

Sign'd R. Turing

Secy to Govt. M. D.

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Received and sent the following

Letters entered in M. D. Nos. 71. 72. 73. 74 75.

76. 77. 78. 79.

From

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From Colonel Leighton Reports

From the Officer commanding at Pegu &c. &c.

the Explosion of the Powder Magazine at Hessingharry and the Casualties occasioned by the accident.

From Mr. Roebuck. Trans-

From the Military Paymaster General

=mitting an additional Estimate for Pagodas 20,000.

From Lieutenant Colonel

From the Secretary to Government

Corner. Transmitting Tenders of the Ships Alexander, also letter from Captain Sparrow of the Grab Ship Anna Matilda.

To the Marine Board.

To the Marine Board

Transmitting a Tender of the Brig Alexander for the public service which they will immediately order to be surveyed.

To Mr. Woolf Informing

To the Accountant General

him that an advance of 2 Lacks of Rupees had been made by order of the Governor General in Council to Captain Montgomery on account of his Agency and desiring that the amount may be credited to the Bengal Transmitting Copies of Bills for Provisions Supplied by order of the Lieutenant Governor of Prince of

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of Wales's Island for the use of Troops belonging to this Establishment the value of which had been debited to this Presidency.

To the Deputy Military Auditor General

To Captain Bruce, Transmitting Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Mac Neile with sundry Original Bills for Medical Attendances on the Sick of certain Native Corps during their passage from the Moluccas. From the usual proportion of Sick in those Corps the Bills are to be passed for payment, altho' the charges are not in strict conformity to the established regulations

To D^o D^o

To Ditto Ditto Referring for examination an additional Estimate of Cash required for the Current month by the Paymaster in the Malabar Provinces.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Roebuck Transmitting Copy of the Deputy Military Auditor Generals report on the additional Estimate transmitted by him on the Instant.

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To Mr. Roebuck. Transmitting
To the Military Paymaster General Copy of the Deputy Military Auditor Generals report
on the General Estimate for the ensuing month -
transmitted in his Letter of the 25th Instant.

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Sent the following Letters

To The Honorable Colonel Wellesley

Sir,

To the Honble Colonel Wellesley. Informing him that a General order has been published directing him to resume the Command of Mysore; and enclosing Copy of it for his information. Honble Sir Thomas Munro's services have been required by his appointment to the Special Command of Canara and Malabar under this orders.

In consequence of your Communi-
=cation to the Right Honorable the Governor, of the
circumstances which had rendered it necessary for you
to relinquish your intention of proceeding on foreign
Service, I am directed to inform you that His Lordship
in Council has been pleased to direct in a General
order of which I enclose a Copy for your information
that you shall resume the Command of the
forces in Mysore and his Lordship in Council has
much satisfaction in availing himself of your
further services in a situation which you have
already filled in a manner so highly honorable
and with such distinguished advantage to the
nations

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national interests in India.

2 Colonel Stevenson having ~
conducted the important Command of the forces
in Mysore during your absence to the entire satisfaction
of the Governor in Council, and the arrangements
of that Officer in the Province of Malabar ~
having been distinguished by great energy, talents
and success, His Lordship in Council has resolved
to make his approbation of Colonel Stevenson's ~
meritorious Services, by appointing him to Special
Command of Canara, and Malabar, under your
orders, an arrangement which His Lordship in
Council considers calculated to promote the
efficiency of the measures which remain to be
adopted for the entire Establishment of the Company's
authority in that part of its Dominions ..

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) George. Buchan

Acting Chief Secy to Government

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To

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To Colonel James Stevenson

To Colonel James Stevenson informing him that circumstances having occurred to prevent the Honorable Colonel Wellesley from proceeding on a distant service he has been directed to resume the Command in Mysore and appointing him to Command in the provinces of Canara and Malabar under the orders of the officer commanding in Mysore with a Table allowance of 200 Pagodas a Month – acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 24th ult. and observing the measures he has taken to secure the ammunition now found in the Fort of Bednore such of the stores as are fitted to be conveyable should be sent to Tellicherry and the remainders sent to the nearest Military

Sir,

Para 1 Circumstances having occurred to prevent the Honorable Colonel Wellesley from proceeding on a distant service as has been intended I am Directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that Colonel Wellesley shall resume the Command of the forces in Mysore –

2 The repeated testimonies of approbation which have been expressed of your conduct while acting in that important Command can leave no doubt of the high opinion which the Governor in Council entertains of your character and talents. The whole of your arrangements – particularly in the successful execution of the service entrusted to you in the provinces of Malabar, have been completed to His Lordships entire satisfaction, and I am Directed to take this opportunity of repeating to you His Lordships

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Military Station, unless a different mode for the Disposal of them should occur to him. -

warmest acknowledgements for the energy, ability and success which has distinguished your operations.

3 As the Governor in Council considers that your presence in Malabar will add efficiency to the measures which remain to be adopted for the permanent re-establishment of the Company's authority in that province, I am directed to inform you that His Lordship has been pleased to appoint you to Command in the provinces of Canara, and Malabar, under the orders of the Officer Commanding in Mysore, and to grant you an allowance of Three hundred Pagodas P Month for the expences of your Table.

4 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 14th. Instant and am directed to inform you that the Governor in Council entirely approves the measures which you took to secure the ammunition and Stores found in the fort of Perumcotah.

5 His Lordship considers it

expedient

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Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have directed such of the Stores as are stated to be unserviceable should be entirely destroyed, and the remainder sent to the nearest Military Station, unless a different mode for the disposal of them should occur to you.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) G. Buchan

Actg. Chief Secy. to Govt.

To His Excellency

The Most Noble Marquis Wellesley K.P.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

To Bengal stating that in consequence of a communication from the Honble Colonel Wellesley of the circumstances of indisposition which has rendered it necessary for him to relinquish his intention of proceeding on foreign service, he has been directed to resume the Command of the forces in Oudypore Colonel Stevenson has been appointed to the Special Command of Cuttack and that clear under the orders of the officer commanding in Bengal

My Lord,

Para 1

In consequence of a communication from the Honorable Colonel Wellesley to Lord Clive, of the circumstances of indisposition which had rendered it necessary for him to relinquish his intention of proceeding on foreign Service, we have the honor to inform your Excellency in Council that we have directed Colonel Wellesley to resume the

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The Command of the forces on Mysore and we feel much satisfaction in the opportunity of awarding ourselves of Colonel Welleseys farther services in a Situation which he has already filled in a manner so highly honorable and with such distinguished advantage to the national Interests in India

2 Colonel James Stevenson having conducted the important Command of the forces on Mysore, during the absence of the Honorable Colonel Wellesley to our entire satisfaction, and the arrangements of that Officer in the province of Malabar having been distinguished by great energy, talents and success we have resolved to reward his services by appointing him to the Special Command of Canara, and Malabar, under the orders of the Officer Commanding on Mysore ~

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We have the honor &c
/Signed/ Clive Sec. Council

To

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To the Board of Revenue forwarding Extract from the Proceedings of the Medical Board shewing the result of the farther efforts of several Medical Gentlemen to overcome the prejudices of the Natives against the practice of inoculation and directing that the Collectors may be instructed to promote by every practicable means the success of that important object—

To

W. Petrie Esqr.

President &c. &c. Members of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Paras 1 You have already been apprized in the letter which was addressed to you by the Chief Secretary to Government of the 19th November 1804 that the attention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council had been particularly attracted to the means of obviating the destructive effects of the Small Pox in the Provinces which are subject to the Company's authority by a general introduction of the practice of inoculation; and the accompanying extract from the Proceedings of the Medical Board will make you acquainted with the result of the farther efforts of several Medical Gentlemen to over-come the prejudices of the Natives against this Salutary practice.

2 The nature of the correspondence which subsists between the Collectors of the Revenue and

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and the inhabitants of their respective Districts furnishes these gentlemen with the means of a more extensive influence over the minds of the Inhabitants than can possibly be derived from the casual intercourse of a Medical Man, whose insulated efforts in the cause of Science and humanity may reasonably be expected to prove too feeble to surmount the determined aversion to innovation which is the peculiar characteristic of the Hindoo race -

3 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council accordingly desires that you will direct the Zeal, and exertions of the Collectors to an object which is so materially connected with the population and consequent resources of their respective Districts -

4 His Lordship will be happy to sanction any reasonable expence, which may be incurred in the prosecution of this important object, and desires you to require from the Collectors

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To

Collectors for his Lordships consideration —
Specific reports of the means and consequent
expences which according to the local —
circumstances of their respective Districts
they may consider best calculated to —
promote the success of the measure And
in the mean time his Lordship will not
object to such moderate disbursements as may
be found absolutely necessary preparatory
to the execution of the Plans which
shall be submitted to your consider=
=ation —

I have been adopted at Madras of grant=
=ing a reward to the individuals
who may submit to be inoculated
however useful in surmounting the
first barrier of a rooted prejudices is
altogether unfit for general adoption.

because

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36 because by encouraging resistance to
the practice on any other terms it
is calculated to frustrate the permanent
establishment of the measure.—
I have prospects of
success will certainly be derived from
the conciliating address, and well —
directed zeal of the Collectors in re=
=conciling and encouraging a few
intelligent Bramin Doctors in
each District to become practitioners
of inoculation by applying to their
interests as well as their prejudices
And it is to an attention to
these principles that His Lordship
desires to direct your attention.—
The interests of the
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practising Bramins may be ensured
by bestowing a reward proportioned to

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the number of individuals on whom they may prevail to submit to the operation of inoculation, at first according to the practice of the Northern Bramins, and gradually according to the improvements which may be suggested by the Medical Gentlemen of the District. the removal of prejudice will demand the exercise of all the discretion of the Collectors in its varying application to local habits, but it is probable that much may be effected by additional encouragement and pecuniary aid in defraying, under all the circumstances that can be devised for increasing their influence, the religious ceremonials which may be deemed requisite to propitiate the Deity who is supposed to preside over this dreadful malady

I have

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I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed J. R. Fleming

Secretary to Government

Military Department

Received and sent the following

Letters in M. B. No. 80. 81. 82. 83.

From Captain Bruce.

From the Deputy Military Auditor General

Forwarding to be transmitted to Bengal Statement of Payments made to His Majesty's Forces serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George.

To Lieutenant Hook.

To the Military Secretary at Bengal

acquainting him with the arrival here of Mr. Surgeon Burgh of the Bengal Marine Battalion in charge of the Sick of the Native Details lately returned from the Moluccas, and he has been permitted to proceed to Bengal.

To

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To the Military Secretary at Bengal.

To Lieutenant Hook. Enclosing Statement in continuation of Payments made to His Majesty's Forces under this Presidency to be submitted to the Governor General in Council.

To the Deputy Military Auditor General.

To Captain Bruce. Enclosing different pay Certificates of Officers permitted to return to India.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

William Petrie

Ernst Willm Fallofielde

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.

The Secretary reports the death

of Captain Harry Smith of the 5th Regiment of Native

Infantry who was killed at Kistnagherry by the explosion

of the Powder Magazine on the 25th Ultimo and of

Lieutenant Robert Bell Quarter Master of the

3d Regiment of Native Cavalry who died at Hydrabad

on the 19th Ultimo, and Captain George Bong of the Corps of Engineers

died at the Presidency on the 31st March last.-

Death of Capts H. Smith &c. R. Bell and Capt. Bong

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,

Major General Braithwaite

Has

From the Deputy Adjutant

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Adjutant General of the Army recommend promotion in the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry

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 the 5th Regiment Native Infantry in consequence of the Decease on the 25th instant at Kistnagherry of Captain H. Smith of that Corps.

5th Regiment Native Infantry.

Captain Lieutenant J. S. Blofield to be Captain of a Company vice Smith Deceased. Date of Commission 26th April 1805

Eldest Lieutenant A. Malcomb to be Captain Lieutenant vice Blofield promoted. Date of Commission 26th April 1805

Adjt. Genls. Office
1st April 1805.

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

Resolutions thereon.

Resolved that the promotions recommended

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recommended by the Officer Commanding the Army-
in Chief to fill the vacancy in the 5th Regiment-
of Native Infantry occasioned by the death of Captain
Harry Smith, be made and published in General Orders
to the Army.-

Read the following Letter -

from the Military Board.-

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board Report- having enacted that freight be insured for the pattern Gun-Carriages prepared for General Lake accounts for the Indent for an Bengal for Boards alone not being complied with. Propose- Sending to Bengal articles of Stores remaining here for that Station & Brass Guns to be recast on the Caledonia. recommend an advance of 2000 Pagodas to the Agent for Cavalry Supplies to the Lt

1 We have received Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department- ment dated the 27th April, and have in consequence- Carriages &c. prepared at the request of His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India.

2d We have the honor to state to your Lordships in Council; in reply to that part of the Letter of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department which refers to the mode

of

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4th. Regiment of Native Cavalry and payment of a Bill to the Engineer at Seringapatam.

of compliance with the former Indent for Belts for the Governor Generals Body Guard, that the cause of Sword Belts being furnished on that Indent arose from the use of the general term "Cavalry Buff Belts" in the application from Bengal. It was to prevent any inconvenience being experienced from a mistake, which it was but too probable might result from the want of precision in the application, would have induced us at the time to have sent for Bandaliers in addition to the Sword Belts had there been any accounts of that Description in Store. We are sorry to be under the necessity of Reporting to Your Lordships that, as no Cavalry Accoutrements have been received from England this Season, the Deficiency of Bandaliers still continues and that it consequently is not in our power to comply with the Indent for that Article for the use of the Body Guard of the most Noble the Governor General.-

3d. Owing to want of room on

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on Board the Transports on which the Military Stores sent from England by the China Fleet of last season, were conveyed to Bengal a part of the Stores was necessarily left in the Arsenal of Fort St. George -- A considerable number of unserviceable Brass Guns which it has been determined by your Lordships in Council should be sent to Bengal for the purpose of being recast, are also remaining in the Arsenal, no opportunity of procuring freight for them having occurred. As freight for the whole of these Guns, and Stores, can be procured on the Caledonia, now about to sail for for Bengal, we are desirous of being informed whether it is the wish of your Lordships in Council that they should be embarked on that Vessel.

4th. We beg leave to recommend that orders be given for an advance of 2000 Pagodas being paid to the Agent for Cavalry Supplies to the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry on account of the current Disbursements of his Office.

5 We also recommend Payment

of

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of the enclosed Bill of the Engineer at Seringapatam for the construction of a Double Cook Room for two Regiments of Europeans at that Station - and for repairs executed by him to the Palace in the Dowlet Baugh, the balance due upon those works to the Engineer being Pagodas 317. 36. 2.

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We have the honor
Sir &c.
(Signed) Peter Braithwaite
John Richardson

Resolution thereon

Resolved that an extract of the 2d Paragraph of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Secretary in the Military Department in Bengal for the information of His Excellency the most noble the Governor General in Council.

Resolved that the Military Board be authorized to engage Tonnage on the Ship Caledonia for transporting to Bengal, that part of the Military Stores received from England for Bengal by the China fleet of last season which still remains on the

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the Arsenal, and the Brass Guns which it has been determined to send to Bengal for the purpose of being recast.

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the Bill, and advance of Cash recommended by the Military Board.

Lord Clive informs the Board that the fact of several of the Forts in the Southern Provinces being still in existence notwithstanding the positive orders which were issued for their entire Demolition is sufficiently established from the late events in that quarter, and is so extraordinary as to render it necessary that a Minute enquiry should be instituted into a circumstance which has the appearance of such criminal neglect. His Lordship accordingly proposes that this Enquiry should be entrusted to the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief, and lays before

e Minute of the President informs the Board that several Forts in the Southern Provinces still exist, notwithstanding the orders issued for their Demolition proposes that an enquiry of this circumstance should be entrusted to the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief and submits a draft of a letter for that purpose

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Before the Board the following Draft of a Letter for that purpose.-

To Major General Braithwaite

Commanding the Army in Chief

Sir,

Paras. A Copy of the instructions which were furnished to Major now Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman for his guidance in the execution of the Service entrusted to that Officer in the Province of Tinnevelly, having been communicated to you, you are acquainted with the great importance which was attached to the object of entirely disarming the Southern Polygars and of depriving them of the means of pursuing their habits of plunder and depredation, or of ever appearing again the authority of the British Government-

But the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has observed with concern the disappointment of His Lordships intentions on this important subject for the recent events in Tinnevelly have proved the

coherents

If the officer Commanding in Chief considering it right to institute an enquiry into the cause why the orders of the Government transmitted for terminating the polls in the Southern Polliams were not executed -

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adherents of the Polygars to have been in a state of warlike preparation and some of the forts in that province, particularly in the sequestered Pollams of Panjalamcoorchy and Cadelgoody to possess a degree of strength and consequence very different from His Lordships expectation, and irreconcileable with an exact execution of the orders of the Governor in Council, and as to that cause are to be ascribed the difficulties which have attended the operations of the British Troops in the Southern Provinces His Lordship in Council considers it incumbent that it shall be investigated with the utmost care and attention.

2 The whole of Lieutenant Colonel Baumermans correspondence at that period sufficiently evinces his conviction of the necessity of requiring an unlimited surrender of the arms and weapons of war, in the possession of the Polygars, and of entirely demolishing the Forts throughout the Pollams

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with the exception of the fort of Naglapore which were recommended to be preserved as convenient Military Posts for the Companys troops, and having progressively reported the measures adopted for the accomplishment of these objects that Officer previously to his quitting the Command of the Detachment in Tinnevelly transmitted to the Governor in Council a detailed account of the forts which had been actually destroyed -

3 In the course of these operations it had been deemed necessary to assume and to

Tangatumcurchy
Naglapore
Gellowrumpunnah
Colarpetty
Casulgoody
Colatore

finally sequester certain Pollams to the use of the Company, and in the proclamation published by Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman under date the 18th September 1799 announcing their assumption, it is stated that the forts in these Pollams had been ordered to be destroyed" But Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman does not appear to have made any report of their actual demolition -

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demolition of existing the fort of Panjalum courchy nor does any account appear to have been subsequently given of the progress made in that work — and the stand which the Rebels in the fort of Cabalgoody were lately enabled to oppose against a Detachment of the Company's Troops lead to a conclusion that the measure enjoined by that Officer was entirely neglected.

4 The events which have recently happened at that place and at the fort of Panjalum courchy can leave only one alternative, either the orders for destroying these posts were not executed or imperfectly so, or they must have been suffered to grow again into importance — under an extraordinary and criminal relaxation of vigilance in the superintending authority — for it is impossible to suppose that these forts could in the short interval of time which elapsed after the escape of the Polygar prisoners from Palamcottah have been sufficiently fortified

to

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to dispose with such success the bravery and ardour
displayed by the British Troops.

5 Having thus stated generally
the grounds on which the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council intends to consider this
question, I am directed to desire that your enquiry
may be particularly directed to ascertain, The
cause why the orders for destroying the Polygar
forts in the Province of Tinnevelly were not
carried into effect by their complete demolition;
or if those orders were executed to what cause
is the present existence of certain of those forts
to be imputed.

6 Major Robert Turing who
succeeds Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman in
the Command of the Detachment in Tinnevelly
having submitted to the Governor in Council
a Statement of circumstances connected with
the subject of the investigation which may
facilitate your enquiry, I am directed to
communicate

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Communicate to you the enclosed extract of Major Turing's Letter, and have also the honor to enclose for your further information a Copy of the List transmitted by Lieutenant Colonel Bannerman of the forts, which were reported to have been destroyed.—

Fort St. George
30th April 1805

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) George Buchan
Acting Chief Secretary to
Government.—

Lord Clive expresses himself entirely satisfied with the explanation given by the Collector of Poligar Pushcash as recorded in the Revenue Department of the nature of his interference with the custody of the Poligar prisoner at Palamcottah and considers it unnecessary to direct any further enquiry to be made on that subject, as their escape could evidently in no respect be imputed to the Collector.—

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The Board entirely approve the draft of the letter to Major General Braithwaite which is accordingly ordered to be dispatched.

A Clive

A Wm Petrie

A Ch. Pasley Field

W. J. Yeoman Esq.

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Diary

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

for Fort St. George

My Lord

1st We have had the honor to receive your Lordships in Council's Letter of the 28th Ultimo, and have issued the necessary orders for a due Compliance, in future, with the desire expressed in the 2d Paragraph, by Officers of the Bombay Establishment, serving under the authority of your Lordships Government.

From Bombay — acknowledge receipt of Letter of 21st ultimo — mention some instances in which officers had returned from Malabar and Canara without the previous sanction of this Government with some specific regulation to the determines on respecting — made application for Leave and removals of officers of the Bombay army serving under this Residency —

2d Meanwhile, it is proper to bring under your Lordships notice, a few instances that have incidentally occurred, of officers under the above mentioned discription, having returned from the Coast

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Coast, or been understood to be returning
hither, without the express Sanction of
your Government previously obtained — the
first of these, has happened in the instance
of Lieutenant Colonel Blackford of the
Engineer Establishment, who, having
obtained the Honorable Colonel Wellesley's
leave of absence, on account of his health, was
ordered on his arrival, to do duty here, by the
late Commanding Officer of the Forces, the pro-
priety of which, appearing doubtful to the
Governor, the Order has continued of no effect;
and Colonel Blackford remains here, in a
State, we believe, of ill health, but subject
of course to the orders of your Government —

And on similar princi-
ples, the orders we had lately passed, for —
appointing Captain Morby of the Infantry
to the Command of a Company of Invalids
at Bombay, and of Lieutenant Debenack
of

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of the Engineers, at present on the Coast, to succeed to the Vacant Adjutancy of this Corps, — which would have required his return to — Bombay and being relieved, as we had — intended, by another Officer have been superseded in their operation, until we learn from your Lordship in Council whether these — arrangements have your acquiescence, nor shall any more be made of a like nature that can possibly be avoided by us, and then, only, after previously advising your Government; But as cases may occur, wherein from promotion in the line of the Service, reliefs of officers between, this and the Coast may prove necessary, we take this opportunity to request to be favoured with — your Lordship's opinion whether these may be made by us as matter of course, or will require your Lordship's previous

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ous sanction—

We have the honor
&c &c
Signed Jonathan Duncan
" J. Carnac
" William Page

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

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th
Current, and to acquaint you that His-
Excellency the Governor has in Consequence
issued immediate Orders for Complying
with the request of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council of Fort St. George,
for a supply of rifle muskets, from
the arsenal at Columbo, as far as it is
practicable—

From the acting Secretary at Colombo—orders had been given by Lt. North for the supply of Rifle muskets for the use of the troops on this Coast—

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Ansd pro
14th April 1801

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I have the honor &c.a &c.a
(signed) Will. Boyd
Acting Secretary to Govern.t

To George Buchan Esq.r
Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

From Major General Braithwaite acknowledges receipt of letter of 22d Instant with Copy of Instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Marley —

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd Instant, with its enclosure, namely Copy of the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to Lieutenant Colonel Marley; I am very happy to hear such an account of this Officer, and have no doubt with such qualifications, and the Force now under his Command, amounting to considerably more than Four Thousand — native Troops, and about One hundred and twenty European Artillery and — Infantry, that he will be able to accomplish the thorough reduction of the

rebellious

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rebellious Spirits in the Ganjam and neighbouring Provinces—

And with such a strength so near, and reinforced as the Vizagapatam Provience has been, by the return to it of the Five Companies of the 2d Battalion of the 17th Native Regiment from Masulipatam I am led to hope and believe that Country will continue in perfect tranquility, more especially as the most perfect harmony of opinion exists between the four Collectors and Lieutenant Colonel Durand the present Commanding Officer in the District—

I have the Honor
&c. &c.

Madras
28th April 1801.

(Signed) John Braithwaite

To

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To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to Government in the

Military Department

Sir,

From Major Genl. Braithwaite - Transmits letter and papers from Captain Nuthall on the subject of the balance due by him to the Company also letter from Colonel Wahab on the subject of disturbances near Guntoor orders had been given for supplying the Battalion at Guntoor with Camp Equipage

I request you to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosed letter from Captain Nuthall, which with its enclosures I have received from that Officer, in consequence of the communication made to him of your letter to me of the 25th ultimo, you will observe that he requests the enclosed papers may be returned to him he has in obedience to the resolution of his Lordship in Council made the payment to the Paymaster General, but strongly insists that owing to a negligence in the Paymasters Office, he has been subjected to the answer of Government and to a second payment of money which he had before paid —

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I inclose a letter addressed to you by Colonel Wahab to be laid before His Lordship in Council, on the subject, however of this letter, his Lordship has better information from the Resident with the Venkatagherry Rajah, than any that can be obtained by Colonels Wahab, or Lieutenant Colonel Kinsey can obtain.

The Battalion at Guntoor has been ordered to be equipped with Camp Equipage and Carriage, and with provisions for thirty days, very little progress however has been yet made in Carrying that order into execution, as appears by a letter read yesterday at the Military Board, which states, though it does not explain the cause, that it is next to impracticable just now to collect more than Fifty Carriage Bullocks, for the transportation of either Tents or Provisions —

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Madras

1st May 1801.

I have the honor &c. &c.

(Signed) John Brathwaite

To Major General Brathwaite

commanding the Army in Chief

Fort St. George

Sir,

I request permission to lay the accompanying papers before the consideration of the Commander of the Army in Chief in consequence of a communication received from Captain G. Hadow Secretary enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Military Secretary to Government, on the subject of a Balance said to be against me in the Books of the Military Paymaster Generals Office, which he has thought proper to represent, as having in vain called upon me to Pay —

I beg leave to call the particular attention of the Commander in chief to the date of the Military Paymaster Generals

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letter

2724 Fort St. George — May 1801.

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1st May 1801.

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/Signed/ John Brathwaite

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letter

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letter to Mr. Savage Paymaster in the Ceded
Districts on this subject, which orders him
to recover the Balance in question, by —
No 2 stoppages agreeably to the regulations
to a Letter addressed to myself — with my
reply dated on 18th February desiring his —
referring this double payment for the Consi-
No 3 deration of Government with that my answer
x also a second Letter — covering a Persian Ma-
nuscript document † sent to him in proof of
No 4 my having before paid over this identical
Balance to Major Grant in 1796 as asserted
in that reply — which clearly points out that
the original receipt for the sum in question,
has been lost in the Office of the Military
Paymaster General —

I am therefore led to con-
clude from the date and Tenor of the —
Military Secretary's Letter (25 March)
that the Military Paymaster General
did

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did not transmit for the consideration of Government, either the Essential information of his having taken upon himself (upon what authority I am quite ignorant) to order such stoppages from my Military allowances which Mr Savages receipts† will ascertain has been the case, or that he forwarded my reply — Remonstrating on certain grounds against this forced double Payment of the Balance in question. —

† No 5 & 6

† No 7 That I respectfully trust, is sufficiently proved to have been formerly paid over in 1796 to Major Grant by the original Persian Letter† which I am now induced to transmit for the particular notice and consideration of the Commander in chief; and to submit these well grounded reasons, that Governed me on the occasion of not making a second and consequently Double Payment of this Balance, now asserted to have been called upon

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upon In vain to pay by the Military Paymaster General— As an officer - and in my
public Character I cannot but feel much hurt
at the latter part of the Letter signed by the
Military Secretary to Government which
conclusion on my conduct — I am willing to
hope, has originated from a misconstruction
of my Proceedings — and motive for delay,
in this case: by the Military Paymasters
Generals with holding and suppressing
from the Information of Government. my reply,
and certain other Documents on this subject;
that I requested might be forwarded by him
for the notice and consideration of his Lordship
in Council —

I respectfully submit to the
Commander in chief, whether it is probable
any officer of my rank and standing in
the Army would presume to bring forward
so serious an alledgement in this public
manner

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manner on uncertain grounds, which if false must endanger and merit the loss of his Commission in the service. In all public concerns and agency's of Government and in those particularly directed to be made over from one Officer to another, it ever has been, and is still a fixed and invariable rule, to give over to the successor or relieving Officer all Balances of Cash, at the same time with the specific charge, otherwise the orders of Government are not fulfilled. standing therefore as I do correct, and certain of this Payment to Major Grant in 1796 and having lodged his receipt for that sum together with sixty four horses (which I was ordered to make over to that officer by Government (or the Military Paymaster Generals office. I certainly must deem it hard that I am forced to pay Twice, at this distant period of time for any neglect or mislaying

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of Documents in the office of the Military Paymaster General, so much so, — that as the — receipts in question, Included those sixty four horses, now equally well founded, demand — might now be made upon me for a redelivery of them also, because such receipts is lost, — and it is a fact. that Major Grant in a conference on this subject — Three years subsequent to that delivery, said He did not recollect having ever received any horses from my — charge —

I request to notice to the — Commander in Chief, the great injury my — public character seems to have sustained in the opinion of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council by the representation made by the Military Paymaster General, and I refer to the date of his order to Mr. Savage and the date of such representation, whether the certain steps taken to stop my —

monthly

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monthly Pay, and Encroachments on my Milit-
tary allowances in the field, has been done —
under proper authority; because the measures
adopted by the Military Paymaster General
have not the sanction of Government at the
time or even of the Military Auditor General,
in whose office is a letter from me in Novem-
-ber 1796 certifying the Payment of this very
Balance, and delivery of the sixty four Horses,
of which voucher, the Military Paymaster
General was furnished with a Copy signed
by the Deputy Auditor General, about 15 Months
preceeding that Period —

I am led to hope the Indul-
-gence of the Commander in Chief for this
Intrusion on his time, but circumstanced
as I am, this minute explanation seems
necessary that my Conduct and the reasons
which guided me in this case, may be
laid in their proper Light for the information
of

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of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council,
also that I referred this uncommon occurrence
of being forced to Pay the Balance Twice,
thro the Military Paymaster General for the
requested consideration of his Lordship in Council
as an officer who has been employed, and —
bound to pay implicit obedience to the deter-
mination of the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council on points connected with such charge:
which decision I am still very anxious for,
and respectfully hope to be honored with, thro
the requested mediation of the Commander
of the Army in Chief —

I have &c

(Signed) Thomas Nuthall

Camp at Cummer
Kaliway 25th April 1801.

Captain Commanding 6th
Regiment Cavalry and
formerly Assistant and
Acting Agent for the
purchase of horses —

M.T.

2733 Fort St. George 6 May 1801.

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Mr. Savage

Paymaster to the Troops in the Districts

ceded by the Nizam

Sir

Annexed I send for your —
information Copy of my Letter of this days date
to Captain Nuthall and to request that you
will proceed accordingly in recovering the —
Amount Balance against him Pagodas 272—
32 — agreeably to the regulations and inform
me by the returning post —

I am &c &c

Fort St. George /Signed/ D. Roebuck

11th February Military Paymaster General

1801 /A True Copy./

/Signed/ F. A. Savage

Paymaster Ceded

Districts

Captain.

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Captain Thomas Nuthall

6th. Regiment Native Cavalry Districts

Ceded by the Nizam

Sir,

I have this day addressed Mr. Savage Paymaster in the Ceded Districts to call upon you for the immediate payment of the Balance standing to your debit on the Books of my Office Pagodas 272. 33. — and which still remains unadjusted —

I am &c.

Fort St. George

11th February 1801.

Signed D. Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.

Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have just received a Letter from your Office acquainting me that you had directed Mr. Savage Paymaster in the Ceded

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ceded Districts, to call upon me for the immediate payment of the Sum 272 38. being a Balance standing to my debit on the Books of your office, and which remains unadjusted —

Mr. Savage has accordingly obeyed your directions in communicating the same, but as the Balance in question now appearing against me in an account Current for May 1796 for subsisting supernumerary Horses Stationed at Pondamallee, in consequence of the loss of a written receipt in the Military Paymaster Generals Office, certifying that specific Sum — and including also sixty four horses, which were delivered by me to Major Grant Commanding the Body Guard at — that period, agreeably to an order of Government, and which receipt I personally gave into your own hands on, or about the 8th. of June when I lodged the account Current for May. by desire of Colonel Thomas Dallas then

principal

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principal Agent for horses (who transmitted the same to me from Arcot, and whose Letter I now have, desiring my sending to himself for that purpose Major Grants receipt) which was further given into your charge, as the voucher of my having duly made over the Balance of Mays account together with the sixty four horses, to the Payment of which sum 272.38 I have also a witness in the Serjeant of Cavalry who accompanied me, and was present at the delivery of the Money, and perfectly recollects this transaction as also the making over the Horses; which Major Grant some time ago said He did not recollect—

I am therefore obliged from necessity on a fair deliberation of these concurrent circumstances and with great reluctance of inclination to remonstrate against my being thus forced to make a Double payment of this Balance, now brought against me,

at

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at this distant period of time, owing to the loss of the original receipt and only vouchers lodged in your office and to the existance of which, I am ready to bring forward such proofs, which must further appear evident to the Military Paymaster General from an answer in November 1796 sent in reply to a Letter of the Military Auditor General (addressed to me on the subject of there being any further Agency accounts subsequent to April 1796) which particularly notices this Balance, and the Payment to Major Grant—

Having experienced great uneasiness of mind at the applications made to me on this subject from your office, and confident as I am of not being in Error which I am not merely certain of, but do vouch upon honor I am correct in. I therefore request, as the written receipt is lost, if you should entertain any further doubt regarding

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the Payment of Major Grant in 1796 that you will as Military Paymaster General submit this Letter with former replies, and Documents attested by the Military Auditor General; for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and that you be pleased to mention for the information of His Lordship, that I am willing to produce the Native Commissioned Officer, my private Books of account, and every concurrent proofs in my power, to Establish this point, if His Lordship should deem them requisite —

Camp at Poety
18th February 1801.

/Signed/ Thomas Nuthall
Captain Commanding
6th Regt Cavalry

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqre
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

In looking over my papers in Camp I have found a Letter and Perwana from

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Jemidar Fawjee Khan of the Cavalry, the — person who saw me pay the Money in Question to Major Grant in 1796 and remembers also — his given / me a written receipt for the amount

& Horses —

It is in reply to one from me, when the Jemidar was at Hydrabad in 1800 and on his returning to the Carnatic afterwards. I received the original at Arcot from his sons hands —

Several officers and Gentlemen have read and heard this Letter explained, which is fully corroborative of my assertions regarding the Payment to Major Grant, and I therefore request it may be sent in with my reference to Government —

Camp near Gooty
7th March 1801.

/Signed/ Thomas Nuthall
Captain Commanding Cavalry

To Major Turing
Military Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor for the — information

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information of His Lordship in Council to enclose you the accompanying information from Lieutenant Colonel William Kersey Commanding Innaconda who I have given directions to have a look out at Paulliapaudoo and to send me Intelligence of what they are doing there I likewise have Harrcarriers at the place for the same purpose I think its possible that Abdull Nabby will bring a Force as I observed in my address under date the 31st of March 1801 but I do not think myself authorized to send a Force, as I have mentioned it to His Lordship before. But a small force will not effect any thing if the man is determined to defend his Fort, which is very strong but very small, therefore I am of opinion that the Place can be made so hot, that he will soon find it necessary to quit it. if its thought proper to attack the Place, I will undertake the attack with pleasure with the Battalion

under

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under my Command, the raw recruits I can
get ordnance from Innacondah, – but as I am
but a Soldier His Lordship has only to determine
what Force he deems proper for the service
The Commander of the Army
in Chief I hope will recommend my services
on the occasion –

[Signed] G. Wahab
Colonel Commanding
Guntoor District

Guntoor
18th April 1801.

To Colonel Wahab
Commanding the Guntoor District.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you that I received intelligence this morning
from Achamah Naig, the person I informed
you in my last Letter I had sent as Spy –
for information &. respecting Nabby Saheb he
informs me, that he is at a Village called
Allamancoor in the Condapoure Country, assisted
by

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Fort St. George 7th May 1801.

and enclosing Cavalry Officers to the Governor General on the subject of Prize Claims at Seringapatam

Captain Barclay, to the most Noble the Governor General, on the subject of their claims on the Seringapatam Prize Funds.— Major General Braithwaite to whom these officers enclosed their representation has declined to transmit any representations on this subject, but directed me to forward them on the same manner as I formerly transmitted the claims of officers on this Funds to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council in consequence of the General order by Government of the 30th December 1799

I have the honor

&c. &c.

Adjutant Generals

Office Fort St. George

7th February 1801.

Signed P. A. Agnew

Adjutant General of the army

The Most Noble the Marquis Wellesley

Governor General in India

&c. &c.

My Lord

I do presume to inclose for

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your patience in the same connection that any representation founded in justice, from those under your Lordships Government and protection, cannot fail of being attended to, as far as circumstances will admit. Impressed with these sentiments, we take the liberty of stating to your Lordship that when the prize Committee were established at Seringapatam, it was published to the Army, as the basis on which a division would take place, "that all officers "should share agreeable to the rank they held "at the time of its fall." several instances in consequence occured, particularly in His Majestys Army of officers preferring their claims afterwards to share agreeable to their rank, when the place was taken, although from various causes such rank was not known at the time of distribution. These Claims were invariably attended to agreeable to the principle laid down by the Committee, an authenticated

Extract

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Fort St. George — May 1801.

Extract of whose proceedings, we beg leave to — forward. finding ourselves in this situation by the late Brevet granted by the Honorable — Company to their Military Servants of 15 years, we have been induced to intrude ourselves on your Lordships numerous and important avocations in the firm hope of receiving all indulgence that can with equity and propriety be accorded us —

We have the honor &c.

Arcot
20th January 1801

/Signed/ Wm. Macgregor
Captain of Cavalry

By authority for. John Doveton
Captain of Cavalry

& R. Barclay Captain
of Infantry

A True Copy —

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2d. Extract from the Proceedings of the Prize — Committee Published in General Orders under date Seringapatam 9th June 1799 —

That Officers who may have been serving on the day of the Capture of Seringapatam with inferior Rank to what it may appear afterwards they actually held (although not known to them at the time) shall share according to that superior Rank, Major Generals not appointed to the Staff, excepted because the number of Major Generals on the Staff — is fixed and limited, provided, however that the claims of such officers are proved before the final Division of Prize —

True Extract

Signed P. A. Agnew

Adjutant General

of the Army —

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government of

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Deputy Adjutant Generals of the Army - Transmitting Claim from Lieutenant Colonel Beatson to Seringapatam Prize money -

Under the General order of 30th December 1799 I do myself the honor to forward to you, to be submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a Claim received at the Adjutant Generals Office from the Attornies of Lieutenant Colonel Beatson for that officer to participate in the Division of Prize property captured at Seringapatam as a Lieutenant Colonel, in virtue of his appointment as Surveyor General to the Grand Army serving under the orders of the late Commander in chief, which appointment was promulgated in the General orders as follows —

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Fort St. George

8th January 1799

G. O. By Government

Major Alexander Beatson,

aid De Camp to the Right Honorable the

Governor General, is appointed Surveyor General

to the Army —

Major Beatson to draw the

"Pay of Lieutenant Colonel, and the difference

"between Majors, and Lieutenant Colonels, —

Batta, with the horse allowance of the General

Staff —

I have the honor &c &c &c

Adjutants Generals

Office 29th April

1801

Signed Fred. Pierce

Deputy Adjutant General

of the Army —

To the Adjutant General

of the Army. Fort St. George —

Sir

Having grounds for entertaining

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a belief, that the Letter, addressed by Lieutenant Colonel Beatson to the late Seringapatam Prize Committee of which the accompanying is a Copy has never been before Government we take the liberty of enclosing the same to you, and to request that if too late to be included with, it may be forwarded after other Individual claims for share of Prize submitted to the Consideration of Government—

In addition to what is urged in the Letter addressed to the Committee we are instructed in the event of feeling it necessary to trouble Government on behalf of Lieutenant Colonel Beatson's share of Prize Money to state, which we take leave to do, that during Lord Cornwallis's war Captain Kyd who was a step lower in Rank than Lieutenant Colonel Beatson, and who served in the same situation of Surveyor General with

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with Lieutenant Colonels Pay and Batta,
received Lieutenant Colonels Prize Money —
Lieutenant Colonel Beatson when appointed
Surveyor General to the Grand Army with
the Pay and Batta of Lieutenant Colonels
held the Rank of Major

We have the honor &c. &c.

Fort St. George
23d. April 1801.

(Signed) Colt. Baker & Co.
Attorneys to Lieutenant
Colonel Beatson —

To Major General Popham
President &c. &c. &c. Members of the
Prize Committee

Gentlemen

Uninformed of the Principal
which guided your Committee in the allot-
ment of shares to Staff Officers of the Army,
I awaited the arrival of Major General —
Floyd (your late President) at this place,
that I might confer with him before I addressed
your

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your Committee upon the subject of that part of your Proceedings which regards myself and others who have been deprived of those shares to which we conceived we had an — undoubted Claim, from Precident and the established usage of every former Campaign wherein we had served in India—

In-variably in all other cases have officers of the General Staff shared — according to the Batta of the Rank annexed to their appointments, and such, you will find, was the distribution allotted by the Marquis Cornwallis in the Campaigns of 1791—2—

This I have represented to General Floyd; and stated to him that upon this ground I had a just expectation and claim to share as a Lieutenant Colonel — having received the Pay and Batta of that Rank, according to an order of Government, dated the

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the 8th of January 1799—

General Floyd observed —

"that at the time the Committee made their —

"arrangements they found they could only —

"admit Staff officers to share according to their

Army Rank. In reply, I told him that if this

had appeared the invariable rule of distribution,

I certainly could not have cause to Complain —

but so far otherwise, the precedent and principle

abovementioned had been deviated from, only,

in a few instances. nay, I had the mortifi-

cation to find that officers, who neither receives

the pay nor Batta of Superior Rank, have —

been admitted into this Class and rewarded,

as it would seem, with Shares to which —

they could have no pretensions, you cannot

therefore Gentlemen, be surprized that I should

feel as every man, must naturally feel upon

such an occasion, not only a disappointment

but a kind of censure attached to it, because,

from

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from such distenctions, there is at least an appearance as if the Committee had taken upon themselves to pronounce their Estimate of my Services —

Had I been contented to confine myself solely to the duty of Surveyor General to the Army and to decline a task of great responsibility, I might perhaps at this time have less regarded the distenction the Committee were pleased to make, but confident that such a distenction towards myself is unmerited, — having voluntarily stepped beyond the line of my duty, and assisted to the utmost of my ability, and exertions in the most arduous and important Department of the Siege, of which as the Commander in Chief had been pleased to take notice in General orders, I confess that were dimilar, and lesser claims were admitted, I did not expect that mine to share as Lieutenant Colonel would have been set aside I therefore request you will be

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be so good to reconsider my claim, which I en-
treat for the reasons I have given, you will
neither find unreasonable nor unfounded —

I have the Honor
&c. &c.

Fort St. George
8th July 1799. /Signed/ A. Beatson
Late Surveyor-General to
the Army

A True Copy
/Signed/ Colt Baker & Co.

George Buchan Esqre
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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From the officer commanding in Tinnevelly — Reports having given the necessary orders in consequence of the 77th Regiment being expected at Anjengo —

I have the honor to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th —
Instant —

Previous to its receipt, in conse-
-quence of intimation from the Commercial —
Resident at Angengo, and from Colonel Stevenson
of

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of the orders for the embarkation of his Majesty's 77th Regiment from Calicut for Anjengo. I had given orders to meet the Regiment at the southern limits of the Tinnevelly Province with the necessary Cattle, and Provisions, and I had also urged His Highness the Rajah of Travancore to facilitate their progress through his Country which his Highness has promised to do—

I have the honor &c.

Camp before Pinjalumcourchy 27th April 1801.

Signed C. Macaulay
Major Commanding

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

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Lightfoot transmitting Report of the Committee of Survey on the damages done at Travancore by the explosion of the magazine

I inclose you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council report of the Proceedings of the Committee which was held here this morning on account of the blowing up of the Grand Magazine on

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on the Top of this Hill—

Kistnoggherry
27th April 1801.

/signed/ Thos. Leighton
Colonel.

Proceedings of a Committee for inspecting and reporting upon the damages sustained by the explosion of the Grand Magazine on the Hill of Kistnoggherry — 27th April 1801.

Colonel Leighton President
Lieut. Fotheringham Member

The grand Magazine Blown up

A small Terraced Magazine blown up

A Magazine containing a quantity of Powder, much damaged, The doors of which so much shattered that for its safety is ordered to be replaced immediately—

The Gateway and Main Guard room in ruins—

Granaries Nos 1. 2. 3. and 4 entirely laid in ruins—

Granary No 5 / exposed by the Engineer

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Engineer as it was ordered to be repaired but the work stopt / much injured by the explosion

The 3d Bastion on the west face Parapet completely Breached, and the curtains from the 3d to the 4th Bastion breached in many places The 4th Bastion on the west face a large Breach—

The retaining walls of the large Tank on the west face broke in many places and the Bottom much cracked, in consequence nearly empty—

A Large Breach in the north face from the Top to the Bottom and the whole of the Parapet much shook—

The Parapet of the south face breached in several places and very much shook throughout—

The Galahs unroofed and rendered useless—

The Temporary Guards Room

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Rooms in ruins —

The Gun Sheds and Store Rooms in the lower Fort much damaged in their roofs in consequence of large stones from the Rock falling through them —

The Hospital, Roofs broke by large stones falling through them —

The Large shed Do. Do. Do.

The Granary Roofs very much shook and the Tiles removed —

The sally port Gate of the lower Fort broke —

The Quarters of the Serjeants much damaged by pieces of the Rock falling through them —

Signed Thos. Leighton
Colo. and President
Fotheringham Lt. Engineers
and Member —

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N.B. The stores being completely buried in the ruins no distinct account at present can be ascertained of them—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
President in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord

From the special report depts the Nature of his Department to this date—

In conformity to the 10th Paragraph of Mr Secretary Webbes Letter of instructions to Mr. George Parry dated the 8. March 1801. I hasten to lay before your Lordship such information, and such details, as the nature of the duties I have been employed in, and the time I have had to perform them, has put me in possession of—

On the evening of the 6th instant I passed my receipt to Mr George Parry for what was considered the Honorable Company's property in the special Agency Department — The ships Anne, and Elizabeth which

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which had been taken up for the service of
Government, was at that time shipping her Cargo —

In consequence of an excess of
some Articles, and a necessity for increasing
others, in order to regulate a proportion, by which
the supply on the Ann and Elizabeth might
become an object in all its parts of the greatest
consequence to the Troops, some arrangements, and
some delay was occasioned on the 18th Instant
I had the honor of reporting to the Chief Secretary
to Government the ships Ann and Elizabeth ready
for dispatch The enclosure No 1 is a Return of
Articles of Provision composing the Cargo of the
Ann and Elizabeth —

In providing for, and hastening
the Departure of the ships Ann and Elizabeth,
I have not been unmindful of arrangements
for Completing the Cargo of the Ship Griffin, also
in the service of Government and at Trade Rate
the Honor to inform your Lordship, that the

Ship

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Ship Griffon is incapable of receiving any further
landing, and as far as depends on my Depart-
ment She is now ready for Sea. The enclosure No.
2. is a Return of Articles of Provision composing
the Cargo of the Ship Griffon—

I am well aware my Lord
of the importance of the duties entrusted to me
and that dispatch in performing them is of the
greatest consequence, my attention and exer-
tions, have therefore been chiefly directed to
that object, allow me at this time to inform
your Lordship, that the Articles of Provision
required for the Troops, and intended to compose
the Cargo of any Ship, cannot in every instance
be provided either with regards to quantity
or time, as would be desirable to complete
the proportions of supply, and hasten the de-
partures of any Ships. The Article of water
which has not only been impressed as an
object on which too much care cannot be
bestowed

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bestowed in providing the best means of securing it,
but the extent of the demand is so great, — I am —
apprehensive that delay in supplying that Article
must arise from a want of Casks —

The heavy demand for flour
and the slow process unavoidably necessary in
providing it will also occasion delay in for-
warding a supply of that article to any extent —

As water is usually the first
article sent off for the advantage of stowing,
I submit for your Lordship's consideration, whe-
ther I shall proceed to complete the loading of
any ship with such number of water Casks
as may be ready, or whether I shall wait till
any specific number may be forthcoming —

As the Completing the loading
of any ship with Provisions must be liable
to interruption from various and unforeseen
causes, I am unwilling to state any particu-
lar period for the dispatch of any ship. I o i
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my intention however to use my best exertions to forward the service, in this instance, and as far as I am capable of judging from the little experience I have had, I reckon on 15 days for the completing the landing of Ships from 400 to 450 Tons burthen on this principle, I expect that the Ships Lady Clive will be ready for dispatch by the 10th and the Earl of Mornington by the 15th of next month—

I have the honor &c &c

Fort St. George
26th April 1801

Sign'd C. Corner
Special Agent for Pensions

Sent the following Letter

To Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron
Commanding at Arnee

Sir,

It having been found expedient to withdraw the Two Companies of His Majesty's 7th Regiment from the Garrison of Vellore, the Governor in Council is desirous that that

To the officer commanding at Arnee Directing him to detach a small proportion of the Company of the Regiment De Meuron now with him at Arnee and to send the remainder to Vellore to

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to forma part 2d of that Garrison until further orders no necessity for making any provision of — Camp Equipage

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That Garrison should be reinforced by some other means to the greatest practicable extent I am therefore directed to desire that you will for the present detain a Corporals Guard of the Company of the Regement De Meuron now with you at Arnee and send the remainder of the Company on receipt of this Letter to Vellore to form part of that Garrison until further orders—

As the distance will — admit if the Companys Marching from — Arnie to Vellore in one march there will be no necessity for making a provision of Camp Equipage for its accommodation—

I am

Fort St. George

1st May 1801.—

Sir your Obt Servt

[Signed] Robert Turing

Secretary to Government

Milty. Deptt.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Dallas

Commanding at Vellore

Sir,

The Governor in Council being desirous that the inconvenience experienced from the necessity which has occurred for detaching a large portion of the European Troops from the Garrison of Fort St George should be lessened in as great a degree as circumstances will admit, I am directed to desire that on receipt of this Letter you will order the Two Companies of the 74th Regiment now at Vellore to be provided with such proportion of Camp Equipage, and Carriage as can be immediately procured, and to proceed to the Presidency with all practicable expedition —

You will be pleased to direct the Garrison Storekeeper to provide for the victualling of this party on the march —

As the Roads are and Tapes to

To the Officer Commanding at Vellore Desiring him to order the two Companies of the 74th Regiment now at Vellore to proceed to the Presidency with all practicable expedition and giving particular instructions for regulating their marches. Orders have been given to send the Company of the Regiment Detachment from arrear to do duty at Vellore

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to be met with at most of the halting places between this and Vellore afford very tolerable accommodation for so small a party, it is expected their march will not be long de-
layed by waiting for a full equipment of Tents and Carriages. Every exertion will be made to send off a proportion of Doo-
lies from hence to meet these Companies which precaution it is hoped will prevent much inconvenience being experienced from their not having been provided with Doolies at the commencement of their march —

Orders have been sent to Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron to send the weak Company of the Regiment De-
Meuron from Arnie to do duty at Vellore until further orders — The Doolies will —
proceed by the route of Trepassadore and Conjeveram —

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1st May 1801 —

I am &c —
(signed) R. Turing
Secy. to Govt. Mil. Dept.
A. Gen.

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Received and sent the follow-
-ing Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 —

From the Military Secretary at Bengal

From Lieutenant Hook. Trans-
-mitting Copy of G.O. published by His Excellen-
-cy the Governor General and requesting that it
might be published to the Army on the Coast —

From Captain Macleane.

From the Secretary to the Military Board

Transmitting packet to the Secretary to the
Military Board at Bombay —

From Messrs. Chase Chenney

From Messrs Chase Chenney and Macdonall

and Macdonall Transmitting claim of
Lieutenant Kett of His Majesty's 12th Regi-
-ment for 237 days allowance whilst on Board
the Braave frigate —

To Captain Bruce desiring

To the Military Auditor General

that authority may be given for the payment
to Colonel Stevenson of an Table allowance
of 300 Pagodas P Month in consequence of
his appointment to the special command
of

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of Malabar and Canara, from the date of his ceasing to draw the allowances attached to the situation of Commanding Officer of the Forces in Mysore —

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Sent the following Letter —

To E. W. Fallofield Esqre

President &c. Members of the

Marine Board

Gentlemen

L. the marine Board acknowledging receipt of their letter of the 29th ultimo and requesting them with the conditions on which the Board accepts the tenders of the Ships Amboyna and Commerce — In the event of the owners agreeing thereto, it will be necessary that the repairs required to the Ship Amboyna should be completed with all practicable expedition —

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th ultimo and am directed to inform you that the Governor in Council accepts the Tenders of the Ships Amboyna and Commerce, provided the owners of these Vessels shall consent to a reduction of the terms of freight in the proportion of their actual Tonnage according to the reports of the Surveying Officers —

2d. In that event it will be necessary that the repairs required to the

Ship

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Ship Amboyna should be completed with all practicable expedition

I have the honor &c &c

Fort St. George
3d. May 1801.

(Signed) G. Buchan
Acting Chief Secretary to Govt

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5. Received the following Letter

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

My Lord

From Bombay
In form that Mr. Surgeon Boxy had been removed from Malabar to another situation and wish to know whether his services can be dispensed with

Our Medical Board having recommended Mr. Surgeon Boxy who is now acting in the Province of Malabar to succeed in ordinary Course agreeably to his rank to the Medical duties of the Artillery Battalion on the Establishment, we have deferred confirming this recommendation in pursuance of our letter to your Lordship in Council of the 17th Instant until we know whether Mr. Boxys Services on the coast can

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can be dispensed with on his being relieved
by another Surgeon from this -

We have the honor
Dear Sir

Bombay Castle
22d April 1801

Signed Jonathan Duncan
" J. Cornac
" Wm Page

To Major Robert Turing
Secretary to Government on the
Military Department

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From Major General Braithwaite -- acknowledges receipt of letters of 10th and 15th ultimo - has transmitted to General Bridges the sentiments of the Governor in Council on the conduct of the Troops employed in Travancore - Encloses reports from that quarter and reports the orders which he had given in consequence.

Enclosed

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo with its enclosures, containing the resolution of Government in regard to the future provision of Horses, for the Right Honorable the Governors Body Guard in consequence of which I shall not in future allot any of the remount Horses to that Corps -

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Encloses application from Major Gillum for leave to proceed to Sea on account of bad health—

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Ultimo, and have in consequence transmitted to Major General Bridges, the sentiments of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council in regard to the Troops employed on the assault of Pangalum conchy, directing that what is so honorable to them, shall be communicated by Major Macaulay to the Officers and more employed on that Service—

I am sorry to add after having felt it necessary to lay before His Lordship reports from the same quarter of a very different nature, and I request you to inform his Lordship that in consequence of these Reports, Copies of which I now enclose, I have thought it necessary to send to Major General Bridges an warrant to enable him to assemble General Courts Martial, in the Division under his Command, and to bring the parties to trial, and as I think in cases of

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of this kind, prompt examples are necessary, I shall authorize him to approve and carry into immediate execution, the sentences which may be the result of these trials without reference to me—

I mentioned to you verbally an application made to his Lordship, by Major Gillum whose Letter I had mislaid, and his Lordship has, I see been so good as to grant the leave solicited in General Orders on the 20th of April I have now the honor to enclose the Letter containing the application—

I have the honor &c.

Madras
4th May 1801.

(Signed) John Brathwaite
Captain Cosby
Major of Brigade Southern Division

Sir,

I forward to be laid before Major General Bridges Copy of a Detachment order which I found it necessary to issue—

I &c

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The Jemidars name is Ra-
mah Sidamy, he and the whole of the party,
belong to the 1st. Battalion 4th Regement,
and notwithstanding Captain Smiths report of
the former good conduct of the Jemidar his —
behaviour and that of his party, this morning, was
so shameful that I am induced anxiously to
hope he may be found deserving of dismission
without the benefit of a Court Martial such
an example appears to me at this time very
necessary —

The Jemidar commanded
an advanced party from the Picquet, he had
with him one Havildar, Two Naigues and
Thirty Sepoys. The Poligars that fired a few
shots at his party did not exceed fifty —

At the first shot fired the Jema-
dar and the whole party, ran off in disorder —

His crime may be regarded
as more deserving of death than dismissal,

last

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but it appears that when he recovered a little recollection he ~~exerted~~ himself to rally the fugitives in which he partially succeeded he had a Sepoy killed—

/ Signed / C. Macaulay

Major Commanding

Camp before
Panjalamcoorchy
17th April 1801.

/ A true Copy /
/ Signed / Montague Cosby
Major Brigade.

/ A true Copy /
/ Signed / Fred. Pierce
Depy. Adjt. General.

D. M. O.rs By Major Macaulay

The disgraceful retreat this morning of a Jemadars party before a trifling body of Poligars, from a post under the support of the Piquett, and in view of the whole Line, was observed by Major Macaulay with the deepest concern for the honor of the Native Infantry on this Establishment; he directs that the Jemadar with his party be paraded in front of

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of the Line which will be under arms at Gobloch for that purpose and there ordered into arrest, the non-Commissioned to be reduced, and a mark to be placed opposite the name of each Deserter in the Books of the Battalion to which he may belong

/Signed/ Joseph Knowles
Major of Brigade

Camp before Tanjavalamcourchy 7th. March 1801.

/A True Copy/

/Signed/ Jos. Knowles Mr. Brigade

/A True Copy/

/Signed/ Montague Cosby
Major Brigade

/A True Copy/

/Signed/ Fred. Price
Depy. Adjt. Genl.

To Captain Cosby
Major of Brigade
Southern Division

Sir

Be pleased to inform Major General Bridges that on the approach of the Enemy to the Picquet during the night of the 22d. Instant the Picquet

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on duty there very generally deserted their Post,
the Roll which I now enclose contains the
Names of those who were deiged in their flight
they are in close confinement—

Two European Invalid Artil.
ery men shamefully quitted their Gun at
the same time, and are also in confinement—

(Signed) C. Macaulay
Major Commanding

Camp before
Pennjalamcoorchy (A True Copy)
25th April 1801. (Signed) Montague Bisby
Major Brigade

(A True Copy)
(Signed) Fredk. Pierce
Deputy Adjutant General

Roll

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4 Roll of the Men who deserted their Post on the advance Piquet on the night of the 22d. Instant.

Names	Rank	Corps	Remarks
Narrinah	Private		
Shaik Rufsol	"	1st Bn 3d Regt	
Ramasawmy	"		Runaway Sailor
Veeraputh	"	1st Bn 6th Regt	Deserted
Chinnia Mootoo	"		
Nagalingam	"		
Comerandie	"		
Pariah Ruspah	"	1st Bn 9th Regt	
Vencatachellum	"		
Chinny Mootoo	"		
Rungiah	"		
Ramah	"		
Narrapah	"	1st Bn 11th Regt	

Sworn before
Panjalamcourchy
24th April 1801

/ Signed / Co. Macaulay
Major Commanding

/ A True Copy /
/ Signed / A. Lesley M Bde

/ A True Copy /
/ Signed / Fred. Price
Depty Mjr Genl

Price

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4 The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

Extreme ill health having rendered it necessary for me to go to sea, I have the honor to enclose the necessary Certificate and to request a permission for leave of absence for Three — Months —

Fort St. George
27th April 1801.

Signed Thos. Gillum
Major 1st Regt N. I.

Fort St. George
27th April 1801.

I do hereby certify that Major Gillum of the 1st. Native Regiment on this Establishment has been for several Months extremely unwell and is at present so debelitated that I recommend a voyage to sea as necessary for his recovery —

Signed Andrew Berry
Surgeon —

To

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To the Right Honorable E. Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Marine Board transmit Survey Report on the Brig Alexander —

We have the Honor to transmit herewith, Report Survey held on Board the Brig Alexander, which from the description of her qualifications, appears well adapted for the public Service, and to request the further instructions of your Lordship in Council regarding that Vessel —

We have the Honor &c.

Fort St. George

4th. May 1801

John Midford

M. Dicks.

George Taswell Esqre.

Master Attendant

Sir.

In obedience to the orders contained in

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in your Letter to me of yesterdays date, I —
have proceeded on Board, and carefully surveyed
the Brig Alexander which is Bombay built,
remarkably strong, sound and tight, has two
good Decks, and is well calculated to —
carry Military Stores, and can accommodate
a small number of Troops when Laden to
the depth of 12 feet, she will be in good —
trim for sailing, and very capable in all
respects of performing an adverse Voyage —

The Alexander mounts 14 —
Guns four Pounders, which may if necessary,
be augmented to Eight, and with the Swivels now
on Board, she will be in a good state of —
defence. The Alexander is complete in her
compliment of men for a Trading Voyage, is
coppered to the Bends, sails and works —
well, the Rigging in good order and
perfectly well found in all kind of —
Stores —

I have

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Master Attendant's
Office 1st. May 1801.

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) H. Hall
Deputy Master Attendant

(A true Copy)
(Signed) George Lascelles
Master Attendant

(A True Copy)
(Signed) T. Daniel
Deputy Secretary

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

From the marine Board — Report having engaged the Ship Commerce and objected to the Ambuyna

My Lord,

We have the honour to report to your Lordships in Council, that we have engaged the Ship Commerce upon the reduced terms of 5500 Rupees P Month, for the public service, agreeably to the enclosed assent of the owners of that Vessel, who have been directed to put the Commander under the orders of the Special Agent —

The

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The Proprietors of the Amboyna having objected to admit any deduction what. ever from their original Proposal, we have declined acceptance of their offer upon the terms insisted on—

We have the honor &c &c—

Fort St. George
4th. May 1801.

/signed/ E. Wm. Falloofield

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M. Dick
Ernst William Falloofield Esqrs.
President &co. Members of the
Board of Trade

Gentlemen

In reply to your Secretary's Letter of this date, we beg leave to acquaint you that the ship Commerce / by the nett of sale which we are ready to produce if required / is computed Equal to 4000 Tons and that the sum for which she is tendered on freight to the

Special

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Special Agent but barely reimbursed us the necessary Expence, being however, at all times, desirous of meeting the wishes of your Board and that of Government we will consent, if agreeable, to Engage the abovementioned Ships in the Companys Employ at the rate of 5500 Rupees pr Month The proportionate advance as stipulated in our Origenal offer to be made on signing the Charter Party—

Fort St. George
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We have the Honor &c. &c.
(signed) J. Lautour & Co.

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

My Lord,

2 From the Deputy Military auditor General Recommends that the Military Paymaster Pondicherry may be directed to call upon the Paymaster on Malabar for a detailed statement of the several charges of his additional estimate for Coolies

In reply to a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department under date the 29th Ultimo, enclosing an additional Estimate of the Paymaster in Malabar for last Month, amounting to Twenty Thousand

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Thousand Pagodas, / Pagodas 20,000 / I have

the Honor to report, that as no particular Explan-

-nation is forwarded of the purposes to which

the above Sum is to be applied, as is indispen-

-sably necessary in all cases, where Paymasters

require advances to a greater amount than

has been passed on their Monthly Estimates, I —

cannot take upon me to recommend the propriet

-ety of admitting the amount of the Estimate in

question; more particularly as Mr. Richardsons

Estimate for April / which was passed without

deduction / included a considerable Sum on

account of Contingent charges, exclusive of the

Pay, and allowances, of the Troops, I beg leave

therefore to suggest, that the Military Paymaster General

be instructed, to call upon him for a detailed State-

-ment of the several charges, which the Sum Estimated

for, is required to defray, previous to passing the Indent—

I have the Honor &c.

/ Signed P. Bruce,

Dy. Mily. Audr. Genl.

Sent

Mily. Audr. Genl. Office
Fort St. George 4th May 1801.

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Sent the following Letters

To Lieutenant Hook

Secretary to Government in the

Military Department

Fort William

Sir,

To the Military Secretary at Bengal His letters of the 19th March and 9th Ultimo with their enclosures acknowledged. The orders of the Court of Directors directing that members of the Medical Board and Head Surgeons of General Hospitals should resume their situations on their return to India from furlough had been published in G.O. in the month of August last but in consequence of the communication contained in his letter of the 19th March the publication of that G.O. has been suspended. Transmitting for the information of the Governor General in Council extract of

Para 1. Your Letters of the 19th March and 9th Ultimo with their several enclosures have been submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council—

2. The orders of the Honorable Court of Directors directing that Members of the Medical Board and Head Surgeons of General Hospital should resume those situations on their returning to India from furlough had been published in General orders to the Army on this Establishment in the Month of August last but the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has in consequence of the communication of the orders of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council contained

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of a letter from the Military Board at this Presidency — explaining the cause which had prevented the supply of the particular Stores required for the use of His Excellency's Body Guard and reporting the impracticability on comply-ing with Indent transmitted in his letter of the 9th ultimo

in your letter of the 19th March directed that the operation of that General order shall be suspended —

I have the Honor to transmit

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to you for the information of His Excellency-in Council the extract of a letter from the — Military Board at this Presidency explain-ing the cause which has prevented the supply of the particular Stores required from this — Presidency for the use of His Excellencys Body Guard and reporting that the state of the Stores will prevent a compliance with the Indent transmitted in your letter of the 9th Ultimo —

I have the Honor &c &c

Fort St. George
4th May 1801.

Signed Robert Fanning
Secy. to Govt. Milty. Dept.

To Major General Braithwaite

President &c. &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen

To the Military Board — The Payment

Para 1st

I am directed by the Right Honble

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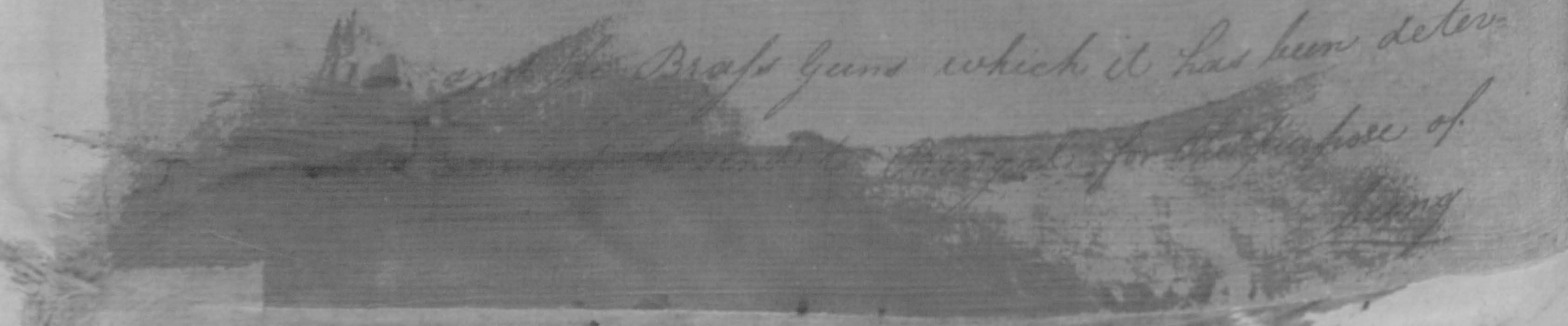
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Payment of the 4 Bills and advances recommended by them in their letter of the 25th Ultimo and 1st Instant has been authorized. The Board of Revenue have been directed to give the Subject of their letter of the 21st Ultimo their particular consideration and to state their opinion the most effectual means of establishing uniformity and precision in the weights and measures — approves their intention to send to Bengal on the Ship Caledonia the usual articles of ordnance stores intended for that Presidency —

Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 25th Ultimo and 1st Instant and to inform you that authority has been given for the payment of the Bills and advances which you have recommended —

The Board of Revenue have been directed to give the Subject of your letter of the 25th Ultimo their serious consideration, and to suggest to His Lordship in Council what they conceive will be the most effectual means of Establishing uniformity and precision in the weights and measures to be fixed by public authority —

The Governor in Council approves your sending to Bengal on the Ship Caledonia that part of the Military Stores received from England by the China fleet of last season which still remains in the Arsenal and the Brass Guns which it has been deter-



mined to send to Bengal for the purpose of being

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being recast and desires that you will make the necessary arrangements accordingly—

I have the honor &c.a &c.a

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(Signed) Robert Turing

Secretary to Government M.D.

To Lieutenant Colonel Corner

Special Agent.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 26th Ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the Governor in Council entirely approves the arrangements which you have made for the conduct of your Department, and is satisfied that your best exertions will be exerted to promote the important objects of your appointment—

To the special agent, the Board entirely approve the arrangements which he has made for the conduct of his department and are satisfied that his best exertions will be used to promote the important objects of his appointment—requesting some further instructions for his guidance—

His Lordship in Council trusts that the orders which have been issued to the Garrison Storekeeper for the supply

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supply of water Casks will ensure the supply of that material Article to the utmost practicable extent. But if any delay should occur it would be inexpedient to postpone the stowage of the rest of any particular Ships Cargo, until the requisite number of Casks for each vessel can be procured as an additional proportion of water may in such case be sent by the following opportunity —

I am &c.

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Signed George Buchan
Acting Chief Secretary
to Government

Received and sent the following Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos.
5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

From Mr. Roebuck - Encls.
From the Military Paymaster Genl. -ving Copy of letter from Mr. Paymaster Richardson accounting for the late transmission of his accounts —

From

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From the Barrack Master at the Presidency—

From Captain Wilks. Reports a Contract which had been made for cleaning the Sewers of the Colonels Quarters in the Fort—

To the Board of Revenue.

To the Board of Revenue—

Transmitting extract of a Letter from the Military Board stating the inconvenience arising from the difference which exists in the weights and measures now in use and desiring them to take the subject into their consideration, and suggest what they conceive will be the most effectual means of establishing uniformity and precision in the weights, and measures to be fixed by public authority—

To Captain Bruce. to authorize payment of an advance of 200 Pagodas to the Agent for supplies to the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry and of the enclosed Bill of the Engineer at Seringapatam for Pagodas 317: 36: 2 —

To the Deputy Military Auditor General—

To

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To the Military Paymaster Genl

To Mr. Roebuck Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Military Auditor General and desiring that Mr. Richardson may be informed that his Indent cannot be complied with until he shall have furnished the explanations therein required — The Board are disposed to admit the explanations stated in his Letter respecting the delay of Mr. Paymaster Richardson in the transmission of his account to the period of official year, but he will apprize that Gentleman of the weighty consideration attached to the early preparation of the Military accounts and warn him to be punctual in his attention to that part of his duty —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Tuesday
5th May 1801

Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation —

read and approved —

The Board proceed to read

and pass resolutions on the following Proceedings

of the Medical Board —

Resolutions of the Governor
in Council Dated 5th May
1801

Medical Board
4th May 1801

The Head Surgeon
of Vellore has represented
that Mr Toger assistant
Surgeon at Kistnaghierry
is so much reduced by
sickness as to render him
incapable of performing
the

From the Medical Board Reports an arrangement for the relief of Mr Toger assistant Surgeon Toger at Kistnaghierry Enclos an account of charges for Europe and Country medicines supplied to the Veterinary Surgeon of His Majesty's 25th Dragoons — Recommends — Francis Dias to be a duba Assistant Surgeon —

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Approved and ordered—

the duties of his charge and forwarded an application that he may in consequence be permitted to proceed to the Coast for the recovery of his health we therefore recommend that this indulgence may be granted, that Mr. Assistant Jameson be ordered from the General Hospital at Vellore to do duty at Kistnagherry during Mr. Sayers absence and that the Head Surgeon at Vellore be ordered to take Medical charge of the Native details in that Garrison at present attended by Mr. Jameson—

By

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2 We have the
honor to lay before Govern-
ment an account of the
Charges for Europe and
Country Medicines —
supplied by the Medical
Storekeeper to the Veterinary
Surgeon of His Majes.
-ty's 25th Regiment —
Light Dragoons in Con-
formity to what we an-
-nounced regarding this
Subject in our Proceedings
of the 16th of March —
last —

3. A vacancy among
the Sub assistants having
been occasioned by the
resignation of Thomas
Fry. we recommend
that

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That Francis Dias of whom the Head Surgeon of Mysore has given a very favorable character be admitted a Sub Assistant in the Service, and Stationed at Serengapatam in the room of Fry resigned-

/ Signed James Anderson
Physician General

Nicol Mein
2d. Member Medical Board

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

/ Signed/ Robert Tytler
Secy to Government M.D.

List

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List of European Medicines &c. indented for by Mr. Gullies Veterenary Surgeon H. M. 25th Regt Light Dragoons for the care of 500 horses for one Month with the Invoice prices affixed -

	L.	S	D.	P.	F.	C.
To Ld. 1 Tartar Emetic	"	6	9			
Ld. 8 Terebenth Venet	"	6	0			
Ld. 8 Spt. Terebinth	"	8	8			
Ld. 1 Calomel Spt.	"	13	4			
Ld. 2 Flor Sulphur	"	1	6			
Ld. 1 Gum ammoniac	"	7	4			
Ld. 2 Cort pereu pulv	1	4	0			
Ld. 1/2 Ungo Oris	"	4	3			
Ld. 4 Acid Sulphur	"	3	0			
Ld. 3 Lethergyr	"	1	8			
Ld. 2 Sacch Saturn	"	5	6			
Ld. 3 Argent Vev	"	13	9			
Z. 5 mere precipt rebr	"	3	4			
Ld. 1/2 " Conosiv Sublt	"	4	4			
Ld. 4 Ol. Olivar	"	9	4			
Ld. 4 Cerat flav	"	6	8			
Ld. 3 Zinc Vitriolat	"	2	6			
Z. 12 Canthaorids	"	16	0			
Ld. 1 Empl. Lethargyr Cum resin	"	1	2			
Ld. 3 Cupri Vitriolat	"	3	6			
Z. 1 Caustic Lunar	"	6	9			
Ld. 2 Spt. Vini rectificat	"	5	0			
3 Lancets	"	5	6			
Ld. 3 Lemon Cortic	"	1	3			
1 Brass mortar and Pestle	1	16	0			
2 Marble Do. Do.	1	15	2			
2 Slabs	"	3	8			
2 Boles Knives	"	1	8			
Carried over L.	12	2	3			

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	Brought over £	12	2 2
2	Pair of Scissors		5 6.
1	Case Pocket Instrument		1 7 8.
1	" Needles		" 7 9.
2	Dozen Phyals		" 2 4
2	D° Gally Pots		" 1 6.
1	Glyster Syringe		" 7 9.
½	Dozen of Phyals & 1 Jar		" " 9
	£	14	5 5.
	Advance at 10 ℔ Cent	1	8 6½
	£	15	13 11½

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21st April 1801.

E. E.

(signed) N. Berry

Medical Storekeeper.

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List of Country and Bazar Medicines indented for by Mr. M'Kie Veterinary Surgeon for the Care of 500 Horses of H. M. 25th Regt. L. D. for one Month with the charges affixed.

Country and Bazar Articles	P.	F.	C.
Lb. 5 Nitre		30	
Lb. 5 Cera flav		13	
Lb. 2 Rhubarb		42	
Lb. 6 Camphor		3	9
Lb 1½ opium		3	31 40
Lb. 2 Alum		3	
Lb. 1 Gum myrh		1	
Lb 3 Gengelee Oil		15	
Lb 2 Lb. Resin		12	
Lb. 6 Aloes		4	18
2 Piece Bandage Cloth		6	
2 Subs 2½ feet long 1 feet broad and 1 feet high to each		6	
Lb. 12 Soft Sope		4	26
Lb. 6 Pegue oil		1	
3 Baskets Straw wax Cloth Bottles and Casks &c.		2	2 40
		37	12
Commission on above 15 ₱ Cent		4	4 4
Pagodas		31	16 4

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E. E.

Signed A. Berry
Medl. Storekeeper

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Military Board -

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord

From the Military Board containing abstract of correspondence with the Garrison Storekeeper of Trichinopoly and Tanjore - with opinion on the charges in some of his Bills -

Para. 1st. We have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council Copy of a correspondence which has passed between our Board, and Mr. Hawkins Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly, relative to his charges for certain quantities of Grain, and Provision Stores which he was directed to lay in at that Station, and at Tanjore. In order to obviate the necessity of a reference to the Separate Papers, we have judged it expedient to abstract the whole, for the information of your Lordship in Council on a subject which from the nature and variety of the communications which have taken place respecting it, is at length become intricate and perplexing -

or

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1st. on the 13th. July 1798. Our Board instructed the Secretary to address circular Letters to the several Garrison Storekeepers, directing them to lay up Grain &c. at the principal Stations, according to a List furnished to them for that purpose, reporting to the Commanding Officer of each Station when any part of such Grain &c. was ready to be surveyed and submitting to him their Bills for the same to the end that he might certify thereon that the rates charged were to the best of his knowledge and belief the actual rates of the Station, and the lowest that could be obtained.

2d. The Garrison Storekeeper at Tanjore and Trichinopoly was ordered to provide the following Quantities.

		Grain	Measure	Years
Tanjore	Paddy	— 425	264	3/4
	Salt	— 10	"	9 5/8
	Firewood Billets	54,75,000	—	on the 1st. Sept. 1798. Limitation 6 years
				Trichinopoly

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		£	As	P
Trichinopoly Paddy	—	669	59	11
Salt	—	21	284	4

Forwarded Bills to 61,65000 } on the 17th September
1798. Remitted £ 59700

3. On the 25th August 1798 / No. /
a Tender was made by Messieurs Call, Barker
Day & Co. on the part of their Constituent, of delivering
700 Garce of Paddy at Trichinopoly at the rate of
24 ⅔ Star Pagodas ₱ Madras Garce, subject
to the inspection of whomsoever our Board might
appoint to examine it—

4th In consequence of this offer
our Secretary in Letter of the 29th August / No. /
communicated it to Mr. Hawkins with our instruc-
tions that he should avail himself of it unless
he should already have made arrangements for
supplying the Grain ordered the 13th July upon
terms equally or more advantageous to the Com-
pany—

5th In answer to this communica-
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a Letter was received from the Garrison Storekeeper dated the 3d. September 1798 (No.) stating that he had received Tenders from Mr. Darke (generally understood to be the Agent of Messieurs Colt, Baker, and Day) at Trichinopoly of Paddy of the Sesamum Crop and of the best quality at the rate of 25 Star Pagodas P Madras Garce, but that upon sending for Musters of the Grain he had found it mixed and defective in quality and that he therefore rejected the offer, that he firmly believed this to be the same Grain that was proposed to be delivered by Messieurs Colt, Baker, and Day, that the present selling price of the best Paddy was 28 Star Pagodas P Madras Garce, and that he had laid in about 400 Garce at that rate—

6th. Major General Floyd the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army on the 15th November 1798. (No.) acquainted our Board that having received information

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information by our Orders of the 18th. July preceeding, that the Garrison Storekeeper had been instructed to lose no time in laying up a considerable Quantity of Paddy, Salt and Firewood, and being impressed with the importance of the measure he had after waiting 6 Months, requested the Garrison Storekeeper to inform him if any part of these Articles were ready to be Surveyed as directed by our Board, and that he had been told in answer that he / the Garrison Storekeeper / had procured part of the Paddy and Firewood, but wished to have the whole quantity ready previous to inspection, as one trouble would answer for all, a delay which Major General Floyd thought it necessary to report to us.

7th. In consequence of the foregoing information our Secretary in a letter to the Garrison Storekeeper under date the 23d. November 1798. (No. 1) signified the direction of our Board for his reporting without loss of time

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to the Officer Commanding at Trichinopoly any proportion either of Paddy, Salt or Firewood which he might have provided in part of the Quantities ordered to be laid in at that Station, to the end that such Articles might be immediately surveyed as from the time that had elapsed since he was furnished with that order [Dept. 18th July 1798] and the positive Instructions which it conveyed to that effect, we could not but be surprized at not having yet received any report on the subject. It was at the same time intimated to the Garrison Storekeeper in answer to his Letter of the 16th November [to us] that as the Bill for Gunnies provided by him at Trichinopoly was without date, and otherwise defective from the want of the Commanding Officers countersignature and Certificate that the rates charged for the Gunnies were to the best of his knowledge and belief, the actual rates of the Station, and the lowest that could

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be obtained, as particularly directed in the order under which that Article was provided, our Board had ordered the Bill to be returned to him for the purpose of having the requisite additions made to it —

8th. In consequence of the first part of the above order to the Garrison Storekeeper having been communicated on the same date to Major General Floyd that officer in a Letter to our Secretary under date the 17th. December 1798. (No.) took occasion to observe that the Garrison Storekeeper had not at that time made any report of Paddy, Salt, and Firewood ordered to be laid in so many Months before —

9th. No further information was received respecting the Grain &c. ordered to be laid in at Tonchinopoly until the Garrison-Storekeepers Letter to our Secretary of the 11th. January 1799 (No.) accompanying his returns for the month of December 1798 in which he states

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States for the information of our Board that six hundred and forty Garce of Paddy and four Lacks and seventy Thousand Billets of firewood were lodged in the Fort of Trichinopoly, which were not borne on the Returns, wanting rented the whole quantity should have been complected

10 On the 19th March 1799 — (No.) a Committee of Survey was held at — Trichinopoly of which Colonel Brown was President on 5 Lacks of Firewood and 669 Garce, 59 Mercals and 9 Seers of Paddy, the quantity of which by Cubic measurement was found correct and the Committee reported from the information of some of the principal Merchants called before them, that the Paddy was of the best quality of the Pesanum and dumbar Crops of 1798. The Committee also reported the quantity of Firewood upon average measurement to be correct — having ascertained by ocular proof that 7 of

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These Billets being cut into small ones were
sufficient to serve 6 Men for one Day, upon which
principle the Quantity provided was calculated
at 5,00,000 Billets

12th In the month of March 1799
the above quantity of Paddy and Firewood was
exhibited on the Returns of the Garrison Store-
keeper at Trichinopoly

12th The salt (Fo. 284. 4th orders
on the 18th July 1798 to be laid in at Trichinopoly
was surveyed by a Committee of which Major —
Kenny was President on the 25th July 1799 (No. 1
and reported to be well conditioned and of an
excellent quality. —

Tanjore

13th on the 10th February 1799 (No.
1 a Letter was addressed to our Secretary by
Major Innes Commanding at Tanjore, stating
that in consequence of the orders of our Board to
the Garrison Storekeeper dated 18th July 1798 —
directing

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directing him to lose no time in laying up at that station 425 Garce 264 Mercalls and 3/4 Seers of Paddy, (he) Major Innes considered it his duty to acquaint us that only 50 Garces had then been received of that Quantity, and to remark on the necessity of the whole being immediately completed, as in case of the approach of an Enemy his Garrison was not able to afford protection to the Country, and he also observed that the price of Grain had risen 25 P Cent above the price of that Article at the time the orders for the above supply were issued -

14th. On the 19th. February 1799 (No.) the Secretary called on the Garrison Store keeper to state without delay for the information of our Board the reason why so very small a proportion of the Grain ordered on the 18th. July 1798 had been at that time Stored at Tanjore -

15th. A Letter under date the 28th. February (No.) was received from the Garrison

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Garrison Storekeeper in answer to the above, stating that at the time he received the order for an advance of Cash for the Provisions to be laid in at Tanjore the price of Paddy had risen considerably above what had been estimated; and from the difficultly even on procuring a small quantity, he had judged it more for the advantage of the Service to secure the remainder from the new Crops, which had been done, was then bringing in daily, and would soon be completed, which he the Garrison Storekeeper really believed was as expeditious as any other way he could have suggested.

16 On the 8th May 1799 [No. 1] a Committee of Survey of which Major Innes the Commanding Officer was President was held at Tanjore on Paddy of the year 1798 50 " "

of the year 1799 375 264 3/4 —

Total 425 264 3/4

Sall of the year 1799 10 9 8/8 —

and the Committee reported that having carefully examined

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examined the quantity and quality of the Stores above stated, they found the Articles new and of a proper quality to be stored, and to the best of their judgement and belief that the quantity was exact as stated, for it could not be measured owing to the want of room to shift it, and it would be hazarding the Grain to expose so large a quantity to the weather—

17th The quantity of Paddy and Salt before Stated was exhibited on the Returns of the Garrison Storekeeper at Tanjore in the month of May 1799—

18th Five Lack, Eighty Thousand five hundred and Ten (5,80610) Billets of Fire-wood were brought on the Returns of the Garrison Storekeeper at Tanjore in the month of December 1799 but no regular survey was taken of any part of it, although it appears from a correspondence between the Garrison Storekeeper and Major Innes, that the latter knew

that

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that Jeremiah was coming in daily and believed that the Quantity ordered was nearly completed when he left Tanjore on the 27th October 1799.

9th It appears by a letter from the Secretary of our Boards under date the 19th July 1793 (No. 1) that Mr Hawkins was directed to provide for the Stores at Trichinopoly and Tanjore respectively 2000 Gunny Bags of the best Materials that could be procured, each to contain 6 Mercalls of Rice on referring to the Storekeepers Returns at Trichinopoly, and Tanjore, it appears 1793 2000 Gunnys are brought to account on each, and on the Returns of Tanjore for March 2000 Gunny Bags are entered in consequence of orders to supply them, as they were surveyed by a Committee on the 3d March 1799 (No 10) and three rates on the Bill certified by Major Innes to be correct, The Bill for 2000 Pieces of Gunny provided in September 1793 is certified to be correct by Captain Fennel who also would seem

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was at that time in the temporary Command of the Station, and was President of the Committee by whom they were surveyed and reported to be new and fit for the Service—

20th. It appears from the correspondence transmitted to our Board by the Garrison Storekeeper on the 13th. April 1800 / No. / that Major General Floyd declined certifying the rates to the Bill for the 2000 Gunny Pieces dated 31st. August 1798 (No. / in consequence of information which he had received from some Merchants that they would have furnished them at 3¾ Pieces ℔ Pagoda instead of 3 ℔ Pagoda charged by the Garrison Storekeeper. On the other hand, the Garrison Storekeeper asserts that the latter rate was conformable to the price current of the Station at the time the Gunnies were purchased — It also appears by the Garrison Storekeepers accounts forwarded to our Board on the 15th. June last that a Bill is inserted

dated

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dated 27th January 1799 for 2030 Gunny Pieces, &c
and the rates Viz.t 3 ℔ Pagoda certified by Colonel
Brown to be the cheapest for which Gunny could
be procured at that period—

2d. Among those accounts is a Bill
dated 19th June 1799 (No.) for 500 Gunny Pieces
the rates at which they are charged are certified
by the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly to
be the cheapest at which Gunny could there
be purchased at that Station, and they are
brought to account in Mr. Hawkins's Return
for the month of May 1799 as received from the
Garrison Storekeeper but the authority under
they were provided was not forwarded—

22d. It appears from Major, now
Lieutenant Colonel Innes's Letter to our Board
dated the 19th May last (No.) and from the
correspondence between that Officer and Mr.
Hawkins which accompanied it, that he object-
ed to certify the rates charged for the Paddy
and

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and salt laid in at Tanjore, as no such certificate was required of him at the time these Articles were reported, and as he was not in any shape consulted respecting the prices, and because, from the information he had before him, Paddy could have been purchased in neighbouring Districts from 21 ½ to 22 ½ Pagodas P Garce between the months of January and May, the periods within which the 375 ½ Garces of Paddy last purchased were stored, and when the price ought to have been settled reckoning 10 P Cent for the transportation of the Grain from the Country to the Granaries — And also because a charge of 2000 Pagodas for Sayer & Duties on the Rice purchased had been made by the Resident at Tanjore, on the part of the Rajah, and included in the Storekeepers Bill, a charge which Major Innes conceived it to be his duty to resist, it not having, he states, been ever permitted in the Countries of the Nabab and Rajah of Tanjore to pay customs for

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for Grain or other Articles brought into the Honorable Companys Stores, and consequently could not be admitted in this case unless the President would certify that it was proper and according to practice, which certificate was not granted—

2d It appears from the Garrison Storekeepers Memorandum dated 16th October 1799 that for Cash to be advanced for the purchase of the Paddy and Salt at Tanjore that 24 Pd. 6 Pd. 15. 26 Pd. Grace was stated to be the selling price as certified by the principal Merchants at that place, but on this Bill for the Quantity purchased at 20 Pd. 6 Pd. 36 Pd. Grace the Prices at 24 Pd. 6 Pd. 36 Pd. Grace

The prices current transmitted by Lieutenant Colonel Innes to our Board were as follows—

		Rate per Ps. Grace	Rate per Ps. Current
Average price of Paddy at Tanjore and in the Neighbouring Districts	March 1799	28. 32. 20	20. 42
	April 1799	28. 30. 40	28. 42
	May 1799	28. 23. 28	22. 14

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The salt and firewood were charged at the prices Stated in the Estimate, the former at 23 38. ℔ Garce and the latter at 5 Pagodas 1,000 large Billets —

24th. The paddy purchased at Trichinopoly was charged for at the price Stated in the Garrison Storekeepers letter to our Secretary dated 3d. September 1798 / No / to be the selling price at that time of the best Paddy viz.t 28 Pagodas ℔ Garce, but the Bill has not been certified by the Commanding Officer as directed by us, in our orders of the 18th. July 1798

25th. The Firewood purchased at Trichinopoly was charged for at the rate of 5 Pagodas ℔ 1,000 Billets, 7 of which are stated by the Committee of Survey of which Colonel Brown was President, to be sufficient to supply 6 Men for one day, and the charge is therefore made agreeably to the Company's allowance of 20 Cash ℔ Man each day when money is paid in lieu of

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of firewood. on this Subject Colonel Brown States on the Face of the Bills that there is no settled price for this Article, the Inhabitants bringing in only what is fit for immediate consumption, but that he believes the charge to be just — from which it may be inferred, that the Garrison Storekeeper contracted with people to supply it on the above Terms —

26th. The Garrison Storekeeper in his Bills for Gunnys at Tanjore Exchanged at Commission of 10 P Cent which is not allowed — either by the Regulations or practice of the Service —

27th. In consequence of the above mentioned circumstances, I was judged it necessary before any final decision took place regarding the Garrison Storekeepers accounts to call upon him for information on the following points —

Viz. —

First The actual cost of the 425 Garce

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Garce 264 Mercals 3/4 of Paddy provided at Tanjore
150 Garces of which was of the year 1798. the —
remainder of the year 1799 when purchased in
the Country, stating distinctly the carriage, and
Juncums paid to the Resident on account of
the Rajah of Tanjore, with an Abstract of the
total amount under the separate heads of prime
cost & Garce in the Country Carriage to the
Stores Juncums paid to the Resident at
Tanjore —

second To state the authority under
which the 500 Gunny Pieces were provided, for
which a Bill is forwarded dated the 19th June
1799, and the price that Gunnies bore at Trin-
chinopoly in January 1799, when those Gunnies
were surveyed. These prices it was observed
ought to be certified by Colonel Brown who
then Commanded that Garrison and who —
from enquiry could best ascertain the rates
at that period —

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Third — As the Bill for the 2000 —
Pieces of Gunny provided at Trichinopoly is dated
27th January 1799, and the rates certified by the
Commanding Officer to be the lowest at that time,
the Garrison Storekeeper should shew the actual
prices of Gunny in August 1798. when they were
purchased, in consequence of the orders of the Board
dated 19th July, as the Bill presented to Major
General Floyd for these Gunnies is dated the 31st
of that Month, at which, ---------- time the
General stated that from the enquiry he had
made on the subject, the price of Gunnies at
Trichinopoly was 3 3/4 pieces Fo Pagoda —

Fourth — The Surwood provided at —
Sanjore, not having been reported to the Comman-
ding Officer, in time to have a Committee of —
Survey ordered to inspect it, the Garrison Storekeep-
er should produce proofs of the Quantity being
as stated in the Bill — He mentions to
have forwarded an affidavit of a Conicopoly to the

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this point with his Letter of the 13th April, but the Board could not consider this as a sufficient & Voucher for passing the Charge —

28th In answer to these Queries, the Garrison Storekeeper in a Letter under date the 15th October (No) forwarded an account particular of the Grain provided at Tanjore, and a Certificate of the price of Gunnies at Trichinopoly in the month of July 1798, and asserted that the 500 Gunnies for which a Bill had been sent were furnished and surveyed during the period he was in the Field — He also forwarded a Certified Duplicate of the attestation of the Conicopoly who had charge of the Firewood at Tanjore and — stated that, that Article was reported to Lieutenant Colonel Innes by his own Sepoys as it was brought in daily, and was remarked on at the Bottom of the Monthly Returns of Grain and Provisions —

29th Considering these explanations and

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and documents as unsatisfactory and insufficient
we informed the Garrison Storekeeper in a Letter
under date the 28th. October / N°. / that it appear-
ed on a comparison of the average retail prices
of Grain at Tanjore certified by the Commanding
officer with the rates charged in his Bill for
the purchase of 375 Ex 26 Ml 3 1/2 S of Paddy that the
latter exceeded the former by the Sum of Pagodas
3 4. 20. Fs Gares, that we could therefore admit
of his charging for the above quantity at the retail
prices only, that we were inclined to allow of his
charging at those prices although higher than the
rates at which Grain was usually purchased by
whole sale in consequence of the difficulties which
he stated to have experienced in providing the
large quantity which laid in at Tanjore and
that we desired he would accompany his Bill
made out at the above rate with a receipt from
the Resident for the Sums which were paid
for the above quantity, and for the 30 Gares
before

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before Moved —

We also informed the Garrison Storekeeper that his Bills for the Grain, Straw, Cadjan and Firewood purchased at Trichinopoly and for the Firewood and Salt provided at Tanjore would be recommended for payment when certified agreeably to the Regulations by his asseveration upon honor —

We further acquainted the Garrison Storekeeper that as he charged for the Grain purchased at Tanjore at the rate of four pieces ℔ Pagoda, while those provided during the same time at Trichinopoly were charged for at 3 pieces ℔ Pagoda, notwithstanding that Major General Floyd had objected to certify the Bill for the latter in consequence of a representation from Native Merchants that they would have furnished them at 3 and ¾ Pieces ℔ Pagoda, a price more in proportion to that which the same article bore

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bore at the same time at Tanjore, we could —
therefore admit of his charging for there only at
the rate last mentioned —

30th. The Garrison Storekeeper in
reply to the Letter abovementioned, forwarded
the receipts of the native authorized to receive
the Increases on the Paddy purchased in the
Tanjore Country, receipts for the amount of the Paddy
so purchased, and a certificate of the price of
that article at the time it was bought. The —
Garrison Storekeeper affirmed that the prices —
certified by the Commanding Officer were —
dated at a subsequent period, and ought to
have no effect. He stated that no regulation —
having existed at the time he was ordered to
lay in the Grain, Ghee, Salt and Firewood —
which required his observation upon Honor,
he begged leave to decline signing the certificate
as a retrospection could never have been the
intention of Government. He also stated that
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the prices charged for the Gunnies were such as he would prove to be right, and which every enquiry would justify, that the Merchant who gave his information to General Floyd & the only one out of four or five persons compelled to attend at the General's Garden house / offered to supply Gunnies at 3½ pieces ℔ Pagoda in the course of two months provided Money was advanced, and that hardly a piece of Gunny was to be purchased at that time at Trichinopoly—

31st. Being of opinion that the vouchers and Facts advanced by the Garrison Storekeeper in support of his charges were not of authority sufficient to enable us to recommend them for payment, we informed Mr. Hawkins in a letter dated the 3d. January / No. / that we were obliged to adhere to our last resolutions conveyed to him in our Letter under date the 28th. October, that we accordingly desired that the receipt

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receipt of the President for the Sumcums on account of the Grain Stored at Tanjore or his certificate that they were demanded and paid might be transmitted to us that we could allow the retail price only for the 375 Garces of Paddy provided at that Station, that we considered it as an indulgence to allow that price, as it appeared on examination that the date of the certified notes of the commanding officer of Tanjore exactly corresponded with the period when the above quantity was stored, and as the Garrison Storekeepers situation, and command of Money should have enabled him to purchase Grain for the public at a rate lower even than the current wholesale price of the Country: we stated to Mr. Hawkins, that in our Letter of the 17th. July 1798 ordering him to provide certain quantities of Grain and Provision Stores at Tanjore and Trichinopoly, he was directed to procure the certificates of the Commanding Officers to

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his Bills, that we admitted his Bills which
we supported in this manner, but required his
declaration upon honor to those for which he had
failed to obtain the Commanding Officers Certifi-
cates; that it was not our wish to give an re-
order a retrospect to a period when it did not
exist, but that we judged it indispensable that
his Bills before they could be passed should be
certified either by the Commanding Officer as
originally ordered, or by his own declaration re-
upon honor agreeably to the present Regulations-

2nd Mr. Hawkins in a Letter
under date the 8th February / 1801 / replying
to the above, transmitted a copy of his Letter to
the Resident at Tanjore with his answer re-
which the Garrison Storekeeper trusted would
be sufficient authority for the price of the Paddy
with respect to the Bill for Firewood, he re-
stated that it would appear on the face of
the Bill that there was no selling price for

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that Article, but that he charged for it at the rate established by Government Viz. 20 Cash/ Man Fr. Duem. Mr. Hawkins also forwarded in this letter a Copy of a declaration which was made to him, and which he stated would disclose a Scene that nothing but necessity could have driven him to bring forwards to prove that part of his Letter of the 9th. December 1800 Viz. that "the Merchant who gave his information "to General Floyd / the only one out of four or five "persons compelled to attend at the Generals Gar- "den house / offered to supply Gunnies at 3 3/4 "pieces Fr. Mans Pagoda's in the course of two "months provided money was advanced."- This Mans Certificate, Mr. Hawkins affirmed had been sent to General Floyd, who chose to disbelieve it, and had been forwarded to the Military Board. From a consideration of these circumstances, the Garrison Storekeeper asserted, that he was induced to adhere to his former

opinion

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opinion of declining making the aforesaid
required by this Board—

Para 2d. Having concluded the abstract
of the above correspondence, we beg leave to state
to your Lordship in Council, that on consideration
of the certificates forwarded in the Garrison
Storekeepers Last Letter, in support of his charges
for the purchase of the Grain Stored at Tanjore,
we should have been disposed to admit of
those rates had Mr. Hawkins complied with
our requisition of giving his declaration upon
honor that they were bona fide paid, — but as
Mr. Hawkins uniformly declined to support
his charges by this aforesaid we could not
deem ourselves warranted to recommend
payment of a charge exceeding the retail
prices of the day, in positive opposition to the
opinion of the Officer Commanding Tanjore, who
had declined to sanction the Bill by his coun-
tersignature when required to do so agreeably

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to the existing Regulations at the time of pur-
chase —

3d. With respect to Mr. Hawkins's charge for Gunnies at Trichinopoly, the Bill for which we have objected to, we cannot consider it as proper to admit a declaration brought forward, to do away the refusal of General Floyd to countersign the Bills so long as the Garrison Storekeeper continues to decline the asseveration which we required, especially as the Gunnies could have been procured so much cheaper by purchase at Tanjore including carriage, and as we conceive it to be the Duty of an Officer of supply to obtain the articles which he is required to furnish at the lowest rates at which they can be purchased within the limits of his Employ —

4th. We consider it as indispensibly necessary that Mr. Hawkins's declaration upon honor should be given that the sum charged for the

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the Firewood purchased at Tanjore and Trichinopoly was actually paid, as he states himself that there was no selling price for that Article; and we are further of opinion that in every case where he has not obtained the certificate of the Commanding officer of the Station to the rates charged as required in the original order given to him for the purchase of the Articles in question, he should be obliged to affix a declaration on Honor, to the actual cost, as the only alternative upon which his Bills can with propriety be passed for payment—

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
24th February
1801.

&c &c

/Signed/ John Braithwaite

William Sydenham

John Richardson

To

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same rank—

3d. As it appears from the represe
sentation of the Honorable Colonel Wellesley that
Hullial is a place of considerable importance, we
are of opinion that the Buildings recommended
by the Commanding Officer should be erected, and
we therefore request that we may be authorized
to call for the necessary Plans and Estimates of
the new Buildings proposed by Major Kerr and
Estimates for sinking the well, which he states
to be requisite—

4th. The advanced period of the season
has induced us, without waiting the issue of a
reference on the subject to your Lordship in
Council, to authorize Major Kerr to execute the
trifling repairs which he has reported to be indis-
pensable necessary previous to the commencement
of the Monsoon and we have directed that the
Bill for the same shall be supported by the ne
cessary observations upon them—

We

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5th. We enclose Copy of a Letter and its Enclosures, from the officer Commanding at Malabar, and beg leave to suppose that orders may be sent to that officer for the sale of the Naval Hospital by public auction, we have noticed to Lieutenant Colonel Taylor his departure from the regulated forms of the service, in forwarding this application to us in place of transmitting it direct to your Lordship in Council, and we are persuaded that a similar irregularity will not again occur—

6th. We recommend that authority be given to the Officer Commanding in Malabar to direct two Godowns to be hired at Mangalore, at the monthly Rent of 15 Pagodas each, for the purpose of containing Arrack and Provision Stores—

7th. The Superintendent of the Roads having represented to us that to enable him to complete before the commencement of the

Monsoon

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord.

From the Military Board — Opinion of the necessity of erecting a shed for the field train at Hydrabad. Request permission to call for the necessary plans and Estimates for erecting new buildings at Nellore. have authorized trifling repairs to be made at that place — Enclose Copy of letter from the Officer Comm.g at Malacca and recommend that the naval Hospital at that place should be sold Recommend that authority may be given for having two Godowns at Mangalore for storing arrack and Provisions. propose additional Establishment for repairing the great road — Recommend Bills for payment. Have ordered grain to be laid in at Palamcotah

1st We have had the honor to receive the Letter of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department under date the 20th Instant and have taken the necessary measures for a compliance with the orders it conveyed to us —

2d We have also received the Letter of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department dated the 21st April in reply to — which we think it incumbent upon us to state to your Lordship in Council, that we are fully convinced of the necessity for the erection of a shed for the field Train of the Subsidiary Force — and considering it a measure of public importance not only as it regards the saving which will accrue from the preservation of the Gun Carriages but more especially so from the certainty it will

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afford of keeping the Field Train constantly in a
state fit for active service, a circumstance which
under the present System is at all times doubtfull,
we recommend that orders be given for the erection
of a shed of the largest dimensions proposed by
the Commissary of Stores — who we are of opinion
should be required to enter into engagements
to keep in perfect repair for three years from
the period of its completion the Building to be
by him erected, giving in his Bill for the expence
of the Building supported by an asseveration
upon honor or, if required, upon Oath, that the
sum charged has been bona fide disbursed for
the purpose expressed in his Bill and that
he has not derived, nor will not hereafter derive,
directly, or indirectly, any advantage or emolu-
ment from the execution of the work, over and
above the Percentage allowed him by Govern-
ment which we propose should be that which
is allowed to officers of Engineers of the

same

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monsoon, the repairs required to the public Road to St Thomas's Mount, a great number of Carts — &c than are now employed will be required; and having also stated that the early completion of these repairs will be productive of an eventual saving to the public we request that we may receive permission from your Lordship in Council to employ such additional number of Carts — and workmen as may be found absolutely necessary and that we may be empowered from time to time to encrease, or diminish the numbers of workmen and Carts employed on the public Roads, in such proportions as circumstances may require, and as may be most consistent with real economy

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We enclose two Bills of the — Commissary of supplies at Masulipatam, for Camp Equipage provided by him at that station — amounting to Pagodas 4,737: 10: 7. Payment of which we request may be authorized —

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The orders of your Lordship

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in Council for the provision of a store of Grain at Palamcottah have been communicated to the Garrison Storekeeper at that station who had been enjoined to lose no time in carrying the same into execution.

We have the honor &c &c

(Signed) John Braithwaite
" John Richardson

28th April 1801

To Captain John Macleane
Secretary to the
Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

The ruinous condition of the Navy Hospital at this place having been represented to me by Captain Lieutenant Farquhar of the Engineers in a letter which comes enclosed I ordered a Committee of officers to examine, and report the state of the Building — The Proceedings of which I have the honor to transmit with this, and request you will lay it together with

Captain

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Captain Farquhars Letter before the Military Board and favor me with their Commands respecting the Buildings —

Signed/ A. Taylor.
Lieutenant Colo. Comg—

/A True Copy/

/Signed/ John Macleane
Secretary Military Board—

To Lieutenant Colonel Taylor.
Commanding
Malacca

Sir,

I beg leave to state to you, that the Hospital which was erected here by order of His Excellency vice Admiral Rainier in the year 1796. for the accommodation of the Sick of the Navy, is now in so ruinous a condition as to be perfectly useless and as I apprehend it is not your intention to have it repaired, I should think advisable — /in order to save something, however little, for His Majesty or the Honorable Company/ either to remove the

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the materials into the public Stores or to dispose of the Building as it now stands, by public sale—

/ Signed/ Wm. Farquhar.
Captain Lieutenant
of Engineers.

Malacca
28th February 1801.

True Copy.

/Signed/ John Macleane
Secy. Mily. Board

Report of a Committee ordered to assemble by order of Lieutenant Colonel Taylor Commanding at Malacca to examine into the state of the Navy Hospital, Malacca 2d. March 1801.

Captain Lieutenant Sinclair President
Lieutenant Stamper and Shute Members

The Committee having met to examine into the state of the Navy Hospital, find it in a very ruinous condition and perfectly unfit for the reception of sick seamen, the Timbers being upon the decay and Kagahns on the roof, and sides being in a very bad condition, and in many parts fallen in, which renders it totally —

unserviceable

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unserviceable—

/ Signed / J. Sinclair

Captain Lieutenant / President

" Hen. Stamper Lieut.t
" Thomas Skuse Lieut.t
} Members.

/ A True Copy /

/ Signed / John Macleane

Secy. Milty. Board.

Resolutions the foregoing

After an attentive consideration of the Subjects referred to in the correspondence between the Military Board and the Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly, and Tanjore, the Board observe with such surprize that Mr. Hawkins after having failed to obtain the vouchers to the correctness of his accounts prescribed by the regulations of the Service and by the original order given to him for the purchase of the articles, should have persevered in his refusal to affix a declaration upon honor of the actual cost of the Articles charged—

As it appears that the Garrison Storekeeper

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Storekeeper could have no good plea for objecting
to a condition so reasonable—

Resolved that the Military
Board be directed not to recommend Mr. Haw-
kins's Bills for payment at a higher rate than
what they have ascertained to have been the
retail prices of the day until that Gentleman
shall have affixed his declaration upon honor to
the actual cost of those articles charged in his
accounts, for the price of which he has not obtained
the certificate of the Officer Commanding the
Station at which it was directed that the
Articles should be Stored—

Ordered that the correspondence
between the Military Board and Mr. Hawkins
be lodged in the Office—

Resolved that orders be given
to the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary
force to authorize the erection of a shed at
Hydrabad for the preservation of the ordnance

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attached to the subsidiary force, by the Commissary of Stores upon the terms, and under the restrictions recommended by the Military Board.

Ordered that a Copy of the orders given to Colonel Vegors on the foregoing subject be communicated to the Resident at Hyderabad—

The Board approve the orders which have been given to Major Ker to execute the repairs represented to be necessary at Hulliah previously to the commencement of the monsoon, and it is further resolved that the Military Board be authorized to call for the necessary plans and Estimates of the new Buildings proposed by Major Ker and for Estimates for sinking the wells which he states to be necessary at that station—

Resolved to postpone any orders relative to the disposal of the Naval Hospital at Malacca until there is an opportunity of consulting

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consulting the wishes on the subject of His Excel-
lency Admiral Rainier —

Resolved that authority be-
given for the hire of Two Godowns at Mangalore
at the monthly rent of 15 Pagodas each for-
the purpose of containing arrack and provision
Stores —

Resolved that the Military
Board be authorized to employ such additional
number of Carts and workmen as may be
found absolutely necessary for finishing the-
repairs of the public road between this & St. Tho-
mas's mount before the commencement of
the monsoon, and to encrease or diminish
their numbers occasionally in such proportions
as circumstances may require —

Resolved that payment of
the Bill recommended by the Military
Board be authorized —

The President proposes
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repairs of the public roads between this & St. Tho-
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the Monsoon, and to encrease or diminish
their numbers occasionally, in such proportions
as circumstances may require —

Resolved that payment of
the Bill recommended by the Military
Board be authorized —

The President proposes
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in consequence of the distruction of most of the works and public Buildings at Kistnagherry by the explosion of the Magazine at that place, that Kistnagherry should be abandoned as a Military Post. and as the maintenance of a Garrison and Establishments at Darampoory appears unnecessary His Lordship also suggests the expediency of abandoning that place as a Military Station.

The Board entirely concur in the opinion of the Right Honorable the President and it is accordingly Resolved that the Commander in Chief be directed to make the necessary arrangements for evacuating these places, and for ordering the details at present forming the Garrisons to join the Head Quarters of their respective Corps.

Resolved also that Instructions be given to the Board of Revenue to order the Collector to provide for the safety of the

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the publick Buildings at Kistnagherry and Dorampoory by appropriating some peons for the security after the Garrisons shall have been withdrawn.

The Secretary lays before the Board the Certificates required by the Regulations for the admission of the widows of the late Captain Bong of the Corps of Engineers to be a pensioner on Lord Clives Fund—

Town of Madraspatam, } To wit . . . }

A. B. Bong widow of the late Captain George Bong of the Corps of Engineers, on the Madras Establishment of the Honorable united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, came before me this day, and made oath upon the Holy Evangelests and saith, that being at London in the Kingdom of

Certificates of Mrs Bongs marriage, and of her husbands dying worth Pagoda £2000.

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of Great Britain on the 25th Day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven she was then and there lawfully married to the said George Bong in the Parish church of St. Thomas but did not receive any certificate of such marriage the necessity that there was for such a Document not occurring to her, or her said Husband at that time—

/Signed/ A. B. Bong

Sworn before me in the Town of Madras Fort St. George aforesaid the 4th day of April 1801.

/Signed/ Thos. Strange

Town of Madras Fort St. George.

To wit

A. B. Bong widow of the late Captain George Bong of the Corps of Engineers on the Madras Establishment of the Honorable united Company of Merchants

of

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of England trading to the East Indies came before me this
Day and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists and saith, that
according to the best of her knowledge and belief, her said
Husband did not die possessed of or entitled to property of
any Kind Amounting in Value together to the Sum of
Two Thousand Pounds Sterling—

Sworn before me in the Town of
Madras Fortam aforesaid
the 14th. Day of April 1801—

Signed/ A.B. Bong

Signed/ Thomas Strange

Resolved that the Widow of the
late Captain Bong be admitted on the Military
Fund accordingly, and that she be furnished
with the usual Certificate of admission.—

solution thereon—

Ordered that the necessary Com-
munications be made on the subject to the
Office of Audit.—

The Board proceed to read and pass
orders on the letter from the Honorable the Court of
Directors in the Military Department Dated

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Board's Resolution on the Letter from England dated the 2d October 1800 r.

2d. October 1800 and received Fort Caledonia.—

Letter dated 2nd October 1800.

Para 1 Date of advices } Requires no Answer.

2. Lieutenant General Lake appointed Commander in Chief in India } The Board has already advised Lieutenant General Lake having assumed the Chief Command of the Forces in India, and his seat in the Supreme Council of Bengal.—

3 General Nixon permitted to return to India—

4 Captain Hemming permitted to retire—

5 Cornet Shannon permitted to return— } These paragraphs require no particular answer—

" Blair

" Wm. Petrie

" C. H. Caulfield

W. J. Gerrard
Esq.

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Diary

6th

Received the following letters -

To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to the Government in the

Military Department

at

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Military Secretary at Bengal Encloses Copy of a letter to the Collector at Ganjam and requests that he may be directed to provide for the payment of the Bengal Troops on their march to that province -

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter, which has been transmitted to the Collector of Ganjam, and to Express His Excellency's Request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will give such further Orders to the Collector for Supplying Cash for the payment of the 6th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry as His Lordship shall think proper. -

Fort William
the 23rd April
1801 -

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) L. Hook Secry
to the Govern.t to Mil.y Dept.

To

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To Thomas Snodgrass Esq.r

Collector of

Ganjam

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to acquaint you that the 6th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry is now on its march towards Ganjam, and as a supply of Cash will probably be required by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment for the pay of the Officers, and Men under his Command His Excellency in Council (as time will not admit of a reference to the Government of Fort St. George) desires that you will take measures for providing Cash for the pay of the Regiment during its Continuance at Ganjam.—

2 The above Orders of the Governor General in Council will be immediately Communicated to the Right Honorable the

Governor

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Governor of Fort Saint George, from whom you will Receive such further Orders on the Subject as His Lordship shall think proper —

Fort William
the 23rd April
1805.

Iam &c.a &c.a
(Signed) L Hook Secry to the Govt in the Military Dept.

A true Copy
(Signed) L. Hook Secry to the Govermt.
Military Department

P.S. The pay &c.a of the Regiment for One Month will Amount to about £9,000 Rupees

(Signed) L. Hook Secretary

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

From the Deputy Military Auditor General - Enclosing a letter from Mr. Assistant Surgeon James and reporting that his claim to an additional allowance for Medical attendance on the native Corps to which he is attached is entirely inadmissible as formerly decided in a similar case -

My Lord,

I The accompanying Letter from Mr. John James, lately Assistant Surgeon to the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment of Native Infantry, to the Chief Secretary of Government, having been forwarded to me thro' the Channel of Mr. Hughes late Paymaster at Madura, from whose

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whose Disbursements, the Retrenchment — alluded to had been made, I have therefore in Compliance with his Request, as directed by the Regulations for the Military Audi= =tor General's Department laid the same — before your Lordship in Council.—

2 Were I circumstantially, to animad= =vert on Mr. James's Letter, it might with justice be deemed an unnecessary encroachment up= =on your Lordship's time; I do therefore merely — state for your Lordship's Information, that the Retrenchment of which that Gentleman has Requested a Reference to Government, is of a Monthly Charge from October 1799 to Sep= =tember 1800 inclusive, of one Pagoda for every hundred Men of the abovementioned Batta= =lion, then in the Field in the Tinnevelly Dis= =trict, in addition to the established Month= =ly allowance for Medical Expenditure of four Pagodas, and which was on Audit of —

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the Paymaster's Disbursements for that period remarked upon in the following terms. "The "General Order of the 2nd. of January 1799 granting "the additional monthly allowance of One "Pagoda for every hundred Men to Surgeons "or Assistant Surgeons with Native Corps, was "only applicable to those with the Grand Army "in the Field, it therefore cannot be admitted "for the above Battalion and is Retrenched."

3 The Decision of Government under date the 14th of June last, on a precisely similar Charge made by Mr. Surgeon Norman, for attending a Detachment of Native Troops in the Field in the Vizagapatam District, having rejected that claim, the Retrenchment against Mr. James was in Conformity therewith, not admitted on Re-audit. And According to that Decision, I imagine your Lordship may think it proper to confirm this Retrenchment.

4 Respecting the Retrenchment of the Charges

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Charges for Medical Expenditure &c. &c. on Ac=
=count of several details of Corps in the Tinne=
=nevelly District, which Mr. James has ex=
=traneously introduced in his Letter, it is
only to be observed, that the Charge was ob=
=jected to until the prescribed Authority
to sanction it was produced, upon the Re=
=ceipt of which it was of course admitted.=

Military Auditor Have the honor &c. &c.
General's Office (Signed) P. Bruce
Fort St. George 5th May 1805. Deputy Mily Aud. General
in Charge

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Sir,

I am under the necessity of addressing
you, respecting Retrenchments of my accounts,
with Mr. Paymaster Hughes of Madura, by
General Sydenham the late Military Auditor
General, and have to request you will be so good,
as lay this Letter, before the Right Honorable
the

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the Governor in Council, of Fort Saint George,
for their Information.—

The Orders of Government expreſs,
that Surgeons and Aſsistant Surgeons, of
Native Corps shall draw upon the Paymaster,
on account of Medicine and Medical Expen=
=diture, the Sum of four Star Pagodas per month,
for every hundred Men in the Corps, in which
they may be doing Duty; And in the Field, they
are allowed to draw One Pagoda, in addition,
for every Hundred Men in the Corps, on Ac=
=count of Medicine and Medical Expenditure.

When Major Bannerman had the
Command of the Southern Detachment in the
year 1799. I was doing the Duty of an Aſsiſt=
=ant Surgeon, with the 1st. Battalion 3d. Regi=
=ment Native Infantry, Employed in that
Detachment, and drew on account of Medicines
and Medical Expenditure, the Regulated
allowance of five Star Pagodas pr month,

for

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for every Hundred Men in the Corps.—

The additional Pagoda, of Field al=
=lowances for every Hundred Men in the Corps,
has been Retrenched every month from my
Allowances by General Sydenham the late
Military Auditor General, since the month
of October 1799. until June 1800. At which time
Major Macaulay who Succeeded Major Ban=
=nerman in the Command of the Southern De=
=tachment, Ordered me to take charge of the
Sick, in the Details of the different Corps under
his Command, and he applied to General Brath=
=waite, to have it put in Orders, that I might
draw upon Mr. Paymaster Hughes at Ma=
=dura for the allowances Accordingly.—

In Consequence of which the follow=
=ing is a Copy of the Order issued.—

Under Date June 8th 1800.—

General Brathwaite authorizes
Mr. James Assistant Surgeon with the 1st
Battalion

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Battalion 3rd Regiment Native Infantry to draw the allowance for the charge of the several Details of European Artillery, Native Pio=neers, and 1st Battalion 13th Regiment Native Infantry as numerated in your Letter, in the Proportion fixed by the Regulations, for that number of Individual Europeans, and Na=tives agreeable to the number of each Certe=fied to be under his medical Charge. Gene=ral Sydenham the late Military Auditor General, had Retrenched these allowances for my doing duty with the Several Details of Corps, under the Command of Major Macau=lay, as also the Field allowance of one Pago=da per month, for Every hundred men in the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry for the month of July 1800, but upon Reau=dit, the Charges We Readmitted by Colo=nel Brunton the present Auditor Ge=neral.—

I have

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Camp at Montana with Col.ᵗ Stevenson's Army April 6.ᵗʰ 1805.—

I have the honor &c.ᵃ &c.ᵃ
(Signed) John James Asst. Surgeon
1.ˢᵗ Batt.ⁿ 8.ᵗʰ Regiment N. I.

Sent the following Letters—

To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding the Army in Chief

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having Resolved that Kistnagherry and Darampoory shall no longer be Considered Military Posts, I am directed to desire that you will, in your Capacity of Presidᵗ of the Military Board make the necessary Arrangements for removing the Stores from those Stations to the nearest convenient Post.—

As Soon as the Stores shall have been Removed, you will Order the Details forming the Garrisons of Kistnagherry and Darampoory to join the Head Quarters of their

To the officer Commanding the army in Chief to make the necessary arrangements for removing the Stores from Kistnagherry and Darampoory. those Stations being no longer considered Military Posts and conveying instructions for the disposal of the details stationed at those places. the public buildings will be put in charge of the Collector

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their Corps or dispose of them in such other manner as the Public Service may require.

Orders will be given to the Collector to place a sufficient number of Peons at Kistnagherry and Darampoory, after the Removal of the Garrison, for the purpose of taking care of the Public buildings at those Places.—

I have the honor &c. &c.

Fort St. George
5th May 1805.—

(Signed) Robert Turing
Secry to Govermt. Mil. Dept.

To Captain Bruce
Deputy Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honora-ble the Governor in Council to acquaint you that a Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry has arrived at Ganjam for the service of this Presidency and to enclose for your information a Copy of the Orders which have been issued to the Paymaster at Vizagapatam,

Relative

To the Deputy Military Auditor General - Enclosing Copy of the orders which had been issued to the Paymaster at Vizagapatam relative to the payment of the Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry arrived at Ganjam for the Service of this Presidency

and

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and conveying further instructions for his guidance relative to the accounts of that Corps.

Relative to the payment of that Corps and Authorizes him to Comply with all Requisitions which he shall Receive from Lieutenant Colonel Marley for the advancement of the Service in which that Officer has been employed in the Province of Ganjam.—

2 All advances of Money to this Regiment on account of Regimental allowances will be paid on account in the mode formerly Observed in the care of the Marine Battalion, leaving the accounts of the Corps to be Audited and Adjusted at Fort William.—

3 The Sum Required Monthly for the payment of the 6th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry will amount to about 40,000 Rupees.—

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6th May 1805.—

Sam Ga. Ge.

(Signed) Robert Saring

Secy to Govt in the Milty Dept

Received

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Received and sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 10. 11 12. 13. 14. 15. 16.—

From the Military Paymaster General.— From Mr. Roebuck Forwards a Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster at Vizagapatam relative to the Means and mode of providing for the payment of the Bengal Troops in the District of Ganjam.—

From the Offic Commanding a Detachment of the Bengal Native Infantry in the Ganjam District. From Lieutenant Colonel Marley reporting the arrival of the 6th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry at Manicapatam and transmitting a Return of the Strength of the Corps.—

From the Owners of the Ship Lady Clive From Messrs. Abbott and Maitland applying for a Letter of Marque for the Ship Lady Clive.—

Order thereon Ordered that the above Letter of Marque be granted.—

To the Secretary at Bombay To Mr. Rickards Transmitting Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board

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Board at this Presidency to the Secretary to the Military Board at Bombay.—

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board.—Enclosing for their information Copy of the Proceedings of a Committee assembled to inspect and report on the damage occasioned by the explosion of the Powder Magazine at Kistnagherry.

To the Deputy Military Auditor General.

To Captain Bruce.—Enclosing for his information Copy of a Certificate entitling the Widow of the late Captain Bong to Lord Clive's pension.—

To the Barrack Master at the Presidency.

To Captain Wilks.—Authorizing him to incur the expense of Pagodas 40.—for the purpose of cleaning the Sewer of the Quarters described in his Letter and desiring him to Receive in Charge and appropriate to the purposes of his Department, the Office lately made use of by the Town Mayor.—

Recd.

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8th Received the following Letters -

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board Reporting the quantity of Bengal Rice landed from the Donny Shreeramaloo for the use of this Presidency - Inclose Copy of a letter from the Superintendant of the Stud stating the inexpediency of his at present leaving the Stud to Receive charge of the Mares recently arrived, Recommend that they may be placed under the Superintendance of the Officer Commanding the Body Guard. Forward Copy of the Survey Report on the Cargo of the Ship Superb received from Malacca for transmission to Bengal - Transmit Copy of

5th In Obedience to the Orders contained in Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, under date the 31st March We have the honor to Report that the exact quantity of Rice landed from the Donny Shreeramaloo, stated to have been plundered by the Enemy on her passage from Bengal, is One thousand Seven hundred and twenty Nine Double Bags, Weighing nett three thousand, three hundred, and twenty three Bazar Maunds, and Sixty nine Pounds, of Moogy Rice in good Condition for which quantity a Receipt has been granted by the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort Saint George to the Syrang of the Vessel -

2nd We have the honor to enclose Co=

=pry

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of a letter and Statement from the Garrison Store Keeper at Kistnaghurry relative to the Damage occasioned by the late explosion of the Magazine.

Copy of a Letter from the Superintendent of the Stud, stating the circumstances which [redacted] opinion will render it improper for him to quit the Stud for the present, to take charge of the Mares recently purchased for the Stud.

3d The first Lot of the Mares above alluded to, have arrived at the Presidency, and as the Native in whose charge they were placed, is unprovided with the means of subsisting them any longer — We Request permission from your Lordship in Council to place them under the Care and Superintendence of the Officer commanding your Lordships Body Guard, until Arrangements can be made for their being forwarded to Captain Evans —

4th Having received from Kalacca the Report of a Committee of Survey which inspected the Cargo of the Ship Superb —

We

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We have judged it necessary to forward a Copy of the same to your Lordship in Council, in order that if thought expedient it may be transmit=ted to Bengal, from whence the Superb was despatched.-

5th We have also the honor to enclose Copy of a letter and Statement Received from the Gar=rison Storekeeper at Kistnagherry, and Copy of the Report of a Committee held at that Sta=tion, forwarded to us by the Deputy Adjutant General by order of the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief.-

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6. May 1805.-

We have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) John Braithwaite
" John Richardson

To the Secretary of the
Military Board
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
your

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your Letter of the 10th Instant covering the Orders of the Board for my going to take Charge of a String of Mares expected for the Stud.—

I am extremely anxious to proceed to Madras agreeable to the de=sire of the Board, but the State of the District of which they are informed, with the want of Accommodation for so considerable a part of the Stud, as brought from Atchapour here, and ex=posed to the weather at the worst of Season of the Year, are obstacles I cant at present get over, and would I appre=hend, Subject the Establishment to many difficulties in My absence, which I Request you Submit to the

Consideration

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consideration of the Board, at the same time assure them, that I am particular=ly desirous of setting out for the Presi=dency in the event of any occurrence which may obviate these difficulties, and that the Board should desire it.—

(Signed) H: Evans
Captain Superintendant
of the Stud

Chatterpore
no
22. April 1805.—

A true Copy

(Signed) John Macleane
Secretary to Military Board

At

A Committee assembled by order of Lieutenant Colonel Taylor Commanding Malacca the 8th September 1800 for the purpose of Examening the State & Condition of Provisions landed from the Ship Superb Captain John Wright on account of the Honorable Company

Captain Lieutenant Sinclair — President
Lieutenant Lorani and
Lieutenant Mc Donald — Members

Mr. John Byng Commissary of Provisions Attending.

The Committee proceed to the Examination of the following Articles which appear to them in the State herein Specifyed.—

Quality	Quantity	Remarks
Rice	650 Bags said to Contain 1300 Mds	Very good but Mixed with a great deal of Dust
Flour	150 Casks Do Do each 200 lbs	All good for nothing, being quite decayed

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Split Peas	75 Casks	Do	Do	each 200 lbs	Good except one Cask a little damaged.—
Raisins	17 Casks	Do	Do	each 200 lbs	Good, one Cask sufficent of the number inserted in the Invoice.—
Country Salt	144 Casks	Do	Do	each 360 lbs	Good excepting 10 which are Damaged.—
Provisions	1 Do	Do	Do	180 lb	
Europe Salt= =Provisions	134 Casks	Do	Do	each 336 "	Good= found two Casks Surplus of the Num= ber inserted in the Invoice.—
	14 Do	Do	Do	308 "	
	7 Do	Do	Do	300 "	
	39 Do	Do		200 "	
	2 Do	Do			
Rum	41 Liguers	Do	Do	6230 Gallons	From not having a guaging Rod the Quantity not ascertained the Bung Diameter of Each Cask has been taken out and the Number of Dry Inches taken down which being added to= =gether 168¼ Inches.—
Vinegar	14 Casks	Do	Do	662 Gallons	Good but found one Cask sufficent of the number inserted in the Invoice for which 47 Gallons are deducted being the average Quantity said to be Contained in 15 Casks.—

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From a comparison of the foregoing Statement with the Invoice the following Deficiency appear Viz:t:

Quality	Quantity as per Invoice	Quantity found by the Committee	Deficiency	Surplus
Rice	650 Bags 1300 Maunds	650 Bags 1230 Mds 9 5/8 lbs	66 Mds 7 2/8 lbs	
Flour	150 Casks 30,000 lbs	150 Casks		
Split Peas	75 Casks 15,000 lbs	75 Casks		
Raisins	18 Casks 3,600 lbs	17 Casks 3300 lbs	299 7/8 lbs	
Country Salt Provision	145 Casks 52020 lbs	145 Casks		
Rum	45 Leguers 6230 Galls	45 Leaguers		2 Casks
Venegar	15 Casks 709 Galls	14 Casks	One Cask.—	

A True Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Secretary Milty Board

(Signed) { John Sinclair Captain Lieutenant and President
John Lorane Lieutenant
John Macdonald Lieutenant

A True Copy
(Signed) John Byng Commissary of Provisions

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Major General J. Brathwaite

President &c.a Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to annex you a Report of the Ruinous State of the Godowns under my charge on the Hill fort of Kistnagherry occasioned by the Explosion of the Grand Ma= gazines on the 25th Instant.—

I have the honor to be Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servant

Kistnagherry 29th April 1805.— (Signed) C. Witherell Storekeeper

Report

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Report of the Godowns on the Hill Fort of Kistnagherry destroyed by the Explosion of the Grand Magazines on the 25th April 1805.—

No 1	Empty	partly	destroyed
3	Ditto	entirely	destroyed
4	Do	Do	Do
8	Do	Do	Do
9	Salt Godown	almost entirely	destroyed
10	Do	Entirely destroyed with the Pots and Chattues it contained.—	
11	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
12	Do	Do	Do
13	Do	Do	Do

Kistnagherry 26th April 1805

(Signed) C. Wakerell
Storekeeper

True Copies
(Signed) John Macleane
Secry Mily. Board
Proceedings

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Proceedings of a Committee for inspect-
-ing and Reporting upon the damage sustained
by the explosion of the Grand Magazine on
the Hill of Histnagherry 27th April 1805.

Colonel Leighton President
Lieutenant Tolhering ham Member

The Grand Magazine blown up

A Small Terraced Magazine blown up

A Magazine containing a Quantity
of Powder, much damaged - The Doors of which
are so much shattered that for its safety are
ordered to be replaced immediately.

The Gateway and Main Guard Room
in Ruins -

The Gun Shed and Store Rooms
in Ruins -

Granaries Nos 1. 2. 3. and 4 entirely
laid in Ruins -

Granary No 5 unroofed by the Engi-
-neer

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Engineer as it was ordered to be Repaired, but the work stopt much injured by the explo=
=sion.-

The 3rd Bastion on the West face, Pa=
=rapet completely Breached and the Curtain from the 3rd to the 4th Bastion breached in ma=
=ny places, the 4th Bastion on the West face a large Breach.-

The Retaining Walls of the large Tank on the West face broke in many places and the bottom much cracked, in consequence nearly empty.

A large Breach in the north face from top to bottom and the whole of the pa=
=rapet much shook.

The parapet of the South face breach=
=ed in several places and very much shook throughout.

The Golaks unroofed and rendered useless.-

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The temporary Guard Rooms in Ruins.—

The Gun Shed and Store Rooms, in the lower Fort, much damaged in their Roofs, in consequence of large Stones from the Rock falling through them.—

The Sepoy Barracks and Hospital, the Roof broke by large Stones falling through them.—

The large Shed do.—do.—do.—do.—do.—

The Granary Roof very much shook and the Tiles Removed.—

The Sally port Gate of the lower Fort broke.—

The Quarters of the Serjeants much damaged by pieces of the Rock falling through them.—

(Signd) Tho.s Seighton
Colonel and President
" J. Fotheringham
Lieut.t Engr.s and Member
N.B.

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N.B. The Stores being completely buried in the Ruins no distinct account at present can be ascertained of them.—

A true Copy

(Signed) John Macleane

Secretary Military Board

To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Pay master in the Ceded Districts Acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Military Pay-master General together with the extract of a letter to the Military Auditor General approving his establishment of Servants. In consequence of the extra expence which he incurs by attending the detachment in

I have the Military Paymaster General favoured me on the 5th last Month with Extract of a Letter from you to the Military Auditor General under date 27th March, setting forth the approval of the Right Honorable the Governor of my proposed Establishment of Servants as Pay master and Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts and for Victualling the Troops in the Field; at the same time his Lordship has been pleased to sanction such further increase to

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in the field requests to be allowed batta

to the Establishments as may be found necessary whilst the Troops shall remain in a state of Preparation for Field Service.—

It is to be inferred from the nature of my Situation as attached to and attendant on the Division of the Army, and Subject to its repeated movements that not only myself, but my Servants are at very Considerable Extra Expence, and I had hopes that in Common with the Officers &c.a I should have been allowed to draw the Batta usually annexed to such additional Exertion, whence accrues much anxiety, and Responsibility, in the purchase and Transportation of Supplies for a large Body of Europeans without any Remuneration, but the Salary, authorized in Garrison.—

I beg leave to submit the foregoing to the Consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

I have

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Camp Ceded Districts 2nd May 1805

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) F. A. Savage
Paymaster C.D.

Received and Sent the following Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 17. 18. 19. 20.—

From the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief

From Major General Braithwaite acknowledging a letter from the Secret Department of the 3rd Instant with its enclosures

From the Paymaster at Vizagapatam

From Mr. Murray acknowledging the receipt of the letter to him dated 27th Instant

In consequence of a letter which he had received from Mr. Collector Brown he has dispatched to Ganjam the Sum of 30,000 Rupees for the payment of the Bengal Detachment and it is his intention shortly to proceed to that District.—

From Messrs. Abbott and Maitland

From Messrs. Abbott and Maitland

The Collector of Government customs having refused to pass the Arms &c. Required for their Ships employed in the public Service they

Request

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Request an order for that purpose.—

To the special Agent. To Lieutenant Colonel Conner Enclo=
=sing copy of the Survey Report on the Ship Com=
=merce engaged for the purposes of the Special
Agency.—

I have &c
(Signed) Arthur Wellesley

Received the following Letter.—

To G. Buchan Esq.r
Acting Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding the Detachment on the Southern Provence - he has detached the flanks of the Regiment de Meuron, a troop of Cavalry and one Company of Sepoys to Trichinopoly to receive the orders of General Bridges.—

This Morning, when on the March from Trichinopoly, I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 1.st of May, conveying to me the Commands of the Right Honorable the Gov=
=vernor in Council to detach a certain propor=
=tion of the force under my Command for a par=
=ticular Service.—

Judging the force still left at my disposal amply sufficient for the purposes of the Service entrusted to my direction, I have Or=
=dered the Flank Companies of the Regiment

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Dec Meuron, One Troop of the 1st. Regiment of Na-
-tive Cavalry, and One Company of the 1st Batta-
-lion of the 13th. Native Regiment, to march to-
-morrow Morning to Tritchinopoly, under the
Command of Captain Bernard of the Regiment
Dec Meuron; he will there receive the Instruc-
-tions of Major General Bridges for his march
to Nagore. This Arrangement I beg you will
Report to the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council.-

Camp at
Allandoor
4th
May 5: 1805.-

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Lieut Colonel Comm.g a Detachmt.

Received the following Letters en-
-tered in M. B. Nos 21. 22.-

From the Deputy
Military Auditor General

From Captain Bruce Reporting
the Net advances for January together with
the Amount admitted upon the disbursements
of the different Paymasters on Reaudit for
that Month. States in Abstract the Advan-
-ces

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Advances to the Military Department and the amount admitted on the Paymasters disburse=ments for nine Months ending 31st January 1805.-

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

From Major General Bridges.- He will immediately order the forces detached by Lieutenant Colonel Agnew to proceed to Nagore.-

Sent the following letters.-

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

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board. the receipt of their letters of the 24th February last and 28th ultimo.- Ac=knowledged. The Conduct of the Paymas=ter at Tri=chinopoly deemed highly irregular and the doubtful Charges in his Accounts are

Para 1st I am directed by the Right Hono=rable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letters of the 24th February last and of the 28th Ultimo with their Seve=ral enclosures.-

2nd After an attentive Consideration of the Subjects Referred to in the correspondence between

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Des Meurons, One Troop of the 1st. Regiment of Na-
-tive Cavalry, and One Company of the 1st Batta-
-lion of the 13th. Native Regiment, to march to-
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Commands of Captain Bernard of the Regiment
Des Meurons, he will there receive the Instruc-
tions of Major General Bridges for his march
to Nagore. This Arrangement I beg you will
Report to the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council.—

Camp at
Allandoor
4th
May 5: 1805.—

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Lieut. Colonel Comm.g Detachm.t

Received the following Letters en-
-tered in M. B. Nos. 25. 22.—

From the Deputy
Military Audi-
-tor General

From Captain Bruce Reporting
the Net Advances for January together with
the Amount admitted upon the disbursements
of the different Paymasters on Reaudit for
that Month. States in abstract the Advan-
-ces

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

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board. The receipt of their letters of the 24th February last and 28th ultimo. Acknowledged. The Conduct of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly deemed highly irregular and the doubtful Charges in his Accounts are

Para 1st I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letters of the 24th February last and of the 28th Ultimo with their Seven=-nal enclosures. -

2nd After an attentive Consideration of the Subjects Referred to in the correspondence between

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are not on any account to be admitted until they shall have been explained in a satisfactory manner or supported upon honorable authority has been given for creating a Shed for the preservation of the Ordnance attached to the subsidiary Force at Hyderabad. The Orders which they had given to execute some repairs at Hutchinson approved and authorizing them to call for the usual Plans and Estimates of further Works stated to be requisite at that Station with postponing any Orders to the Commandant at Madura for disposing of the Naval Hospital at

between your Board and the Garrison Store-
-keeper at Trichinopoly and Tanjore, his Lordship
observes with much Surprise that Mr. Hawkins,
after having failed to obtain so essential a
Voucher to the Correctness of his accounts as the
countersignatures prescribed by the Regula-
-tions of the Service and by the original Order
given to him for the purchase of the Articles
should have persevered in his Refusal to
affix a declaration upon honor to the Ac-
-tual cost of the Articles charged although
it was intimated to him that this was the
only condition upon which his Bills could
now be passed.—

3d. It appears that the Garrison
Storekeeper could have no good plea for
objecting to a condition so Reasonable; I
am therefore directed to inform you that
the Governor in Council entirely Concurs
in the opinion which you have given on
the

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that Station until his Excellency the Admiral can be Consulted. To instruct the Officer Commanding in Malabar to hire two Godowns at Mangalore for the purpose recommended by them. Conveying instructions for Completing and Keeping in Repair the Public road leading to the Mount. Payment of the Bill recommended in their letter of the 28th ultimo has been Authorized.

the Subject of Mr Hawkins's Bills, and to desire that they may not be recommended by your Board for payment at a higher Rate than what you have ascertained to have been the Retail prices of the day until that Gentleman shall have affixed his declaration upon honor to the actual Cost of those Articles charged in his Accounts, for the price of which he has not obtained the Certificate of the Officer Commanding the Station at which it was directed that the Articles should be stored. His Lordship in Council has further directed me to desire that the decision now passed on this Subject may be considered final.-

4th Orders have been given to the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary force to Authorize a Shed being erected at Hyderabad for the preservation of the Ordnance attached to the Subsidiary force upon the

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the terms and under the Restrictions Recom=
=mended in your Letter of the 28th Ultimo=

5th The Governor in Council approves the Orders which you have given to Major Ker to execute the trifling Repairs which he has Reported to be indispensibly necessary at Moulmein previously to the commencement of the Monsoon, and you are Authorized to call for the necessary plans and Estimates of the new Buildings proposed by Major Ker, and estimates for sinking the Wells which he states to be Requisite at that Station.

6th His Lordship in Council will post=
=pone sending any Orders to the Officer Com=
=manding at Malacca Authorizing him to dispose of the Naval Hospital by public Auction, till he shall have had an Opportunity of Communicating on the Subject with His Excellency Admiral Rainier.

7th You are Authorized to instruct the Officer

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Officer Commanding in Malabar to direct two Godowns to be hired at Mangalore at the monthly Rent of 15 Pagodas each for the purpose of Containing Arrack and Provision Stores accordingly to your Recommendation.—

8th To The Governor in Council is well disposed to incur any Reasonable expense to Complete the Repairs Required to the public Road between this and St. Thomas's Mount and you are accordingly authorized to Employ such additional Number of Carts and Workmen as may be found absolutely necessary for the accomplishment of this object, and to encrease and diminish their Number occasionally in such proportions as circumstances may require and as may be most consistent with real œconomy, It will however be necessary to keep a check over the Superintendant of the Roads, that the means allowed may be faithfully employed in the accomplishment of

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the object intended, and it will be further ne=
=cessary to caution the Peons employed to be
more attentive to their duty in Obliging all
Carts to move on the side of the Roads, as it
has been observed of late that Carts are fre=
=quently permitted to travel without Re=
=straint on the Center of the Road to its very
material injury, Payment of the Bill Recom=
=mended in your Letter of the 28th Ultimo has
been Authorized.—

Fort St George
11th May 1805.—

I have the honor &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Robert Luring
Secy to Govern.t Milly Dept.

To Colonel Vigors
Commanding the Subsidiary Force
Hyderabad

Sir,

To the Offic.r Commanding the Subsidiary Force at Hyderabad. Trans=mitting extract

The Resident at Hyderabad having forwarded your Representation of the neces=
=sity of erecting a Shed for the Field Ordnance

of

and

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of a letter from the Military Board to whom the Subject of his Representation had been Referred and desiring him to Authorize the Commissary of Stores to erect a Shed upon the plan and under the Restrictions Recommended by that Board The Resident to whom a Copy of this Letter has been transmitted will obtain the necessary permission for erecting the Shed.

and Carriages attached to the Subsidiary Force; and having at the same time given his decided opinion of the necessity of taking measures for the preservation of the Field Train from the bad effects of constant exposure to the Weather, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you Extract of a Letter from the Military Board under date the 28th Ultimo to whom the Subject had been Referred, and to desire that you will immediately Authorize the Commissary of Stores to erect a Shed upon the plan and under the Restrictions Recommended by the Military Board.-

A Copy of this Letter has been transmitted for the information of the Resident, who will obtain from the Minister of His Highness the Nizam the necessary permission for erecting the Shed which is hereby Authorized for the preservation of the field train attached to the Subsidiary force.-

I am

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Fort St. George
the
11 May 1805.—

Sam.l Ed.a &c.a
(Signed) Robert Turing
Secry to Govern.t Mily Dep.t

To Major James A. Kirkpatrick
Resident at
Hyderabad

Sir,

To the Resident at Hydrabad. The Board entirely concur in his opinion of the expediency of erecting a Shed at Hydrabad for the preservation of the field train &c.a attached to the Subsidiary force and the necessary Authority has in consequence been given to the Offic.g Com.g manding for Carrying this Measure into effect. Transmitting Copy of the orders to Colonel Vigors on the Subject.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having taken into consideration the Subject referred to in your Letter of the 7th Ultimo entirely concurs in your opinion of the expediency of erecting a Shed at Hyderabad for the purpose of preserving the field train with the subsidiary force and Wheel Carriages attached thereto from the destructive effects of the Weather. The Governor in Council has in consequence directed the necessary Authority to be given to the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary force for carrying this measure into effect,

and

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and I am desired to transmit for your in=
=formation Copy of his Lordships Orders, of
this date, on the Subject to Colonel 4
Vigors.—

The Right Honorable the Go=
=vernor in Council concludes that you will
make the proper application to the Minis=
=ter of His Highness the Nizam for per=
=mission to erect these buildings.—

Fort St George
11th May 1805.

I am &c.a &c.a
(Signed) Robert Turing
Secry to Govern.t Mily Dept.

Received the following Letters
entered in M. B. Nos 23 24 25.—

From the Offic Commanding the Army in Chief

From Major General Braithe=
=waite acknowledging letter of 30th Ultimo
with its enclosures which he intends com=
=municating to Lieutenant Colonel Agnew
with

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with the necessary instructions for his guidance in the enquiry therein Ordered.—

From the Officer Commanding in Mysoor.

From Colonel Stevenson — Expressing his acknowledgement for the Appointment of Colonel Sartorius to be Second in Command of the Troops in Malabar, and of the Support which he had uniformly received from that Officer.—

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.

From Major General Bridges — Reports the march of the Detachment from Trichinopoly to Nagore and the measures he has taken for Collecting the Requisite Supplies at that Port.—

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Tuesday Governor and President

the 12th May William Petrie and .....

1801.- Ernst Wm. Tallofield } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved.-

Read the following letter

from Major General Brathwaite.-

To Major Robert Turing

Secretary to Government in the

Military Department

Sir,

From the Offrs Commanding the Army in Chief acknowledging Letter of the 28 ultimo with Copies of the Letters sent to the Comman= =ding Officers at Arnee and Vellore. He has dispatched orders to the Officer Com= =manding the detachment of

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo and request you to inform The Right Hono= =rable the Governor in Council, that the Ne= =cessary Communications have been made in Conformity to his Lordships Commands therein

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of Hes ma=
jesty's 74th
Regiment to
proceed to
Pondamalee
and put
himself under
the Orders of
Lieutenant
Colonel St John
who has been
ordered to
receive that
detachment
on the Strength
of that garri=
son and to
send the De=
tails of His
Majestys
Scotch Bri=
gade now
at Ponda=
malee to
Fort St. George
which Lieut.
Colonel Munro
has been in=
formed is
to be the
Head Quar=
ters of that
Corps. Reports
the arrival
of the detach
of Artillery
and flank
Companies
of the Regi=
ment de
Meuron at
Trichinopoly
on the 3d
Instant and
of the three
Companies
of the 1st Bat=
talion Regiment
of Hompesch
on the 7th Regi=
ment had
arrived at
Anjengo and
the Malay
Corps

therein Specified.—

I have also received the Copies of the Letters, sent by you, in obedience to his Lordships Orders, to the Officers Command=ing at Arnee, and Vellore, and in Consequence of the Verbal Communication which you since made to me, I have sent Orders to meet the Officer Commanding the Detachment of his Majesty's 74th Regiment, to proceed to Ponda=malee, notwithstanding any order he had received from the Officer Commanding at Vellore, and on his arrival there, to put him=self and party, under the orders of Lieute=nant Colonel St John, and to the latter, I have sent Orders to receive this party on the Strength of the Garrison of Ponda=malee, and to send to Fort Saint George, with the least delay the details of His Majestys Scotch Brigade, now at Ponda=malee, and have Signified to Lieut.t Colonel Munro

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Corps had marched for Tinnevelly- Lieutenant Colonel Ag= =new expected to march from Trichi= =nopoly on the 5 Instant- Recommends Mr Anstruther to Officiate as Judge Advocate in the absence of Captain Leith- Re= =commends Serjeant Rose to be appoint= =ed a Conduc= =tor of Ord= =nance - For= =wards Copy of a Letter from Colonel Stevenson- Captain Monrie f= =ppearan= =ttest to the allowance of Captain of Guides while employed in the field- transmits a letter from Colonel Sar= =dorius claim= =ing an al= =lowance as second in Command also letter from the Of= =ficer Com= =manding the Regiment De

Munro, that the head Quarters of the Scotch Brigade is to be at Fort Saint George.-

I request you Sir, to inform his Lordship, that I have had the Satisfaction to Receive a Report of the arrival at Trichi= =nopoly, on the 3. Instant, in perfect good health, the Detail of Artillery, the Flank Companies of the Regiment De Meuron, and the three Companies of the 7th Native Regiment, this arrival, and that of His Majestys 77th Regiment at Anjengo, and the march of the Malay Corps for the Tin= =nevelly Province which has also been Re= =ported to me, have happened very Opportune= =ly to fall in with the Secret Orders of Government, dispatched on the 1st Instant.

Lieutenant Colonel Agnew expected to marchon, from Trichinopoly on the 5th Inst.-

I request you Sir, to inform his Lordship in Council, that having frequent

occasion

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De Meuron respecting the payment to him of the usual allowance for a horse which had been in=terrupted by a mistake

occasion to refer myself to the Judge Advo=cate General, who has been permitted to proceed to Bengal, I recommend Mr. Anstruther of the Honorable Recorders Court, to officiate as such during the absence of Captain Leith.—

I also request you to lay be=fore his Lordship in Council, my recom=mendation of Sergeant Rose of the Mad=ras European Regiment, to be a Conduc=tor of Ordnance in the room of Mr. Con=ductor Willoughby deceased.—

I request you to lay before his Lordship in Council, Copies of a Commu=nication, made to me by Colonel Ste=venson it has been by accident mis=laid, or would have been submitted sooner to his Lordships Consideration—as you will see, it is dated in February—my intention in the first instance was to

have

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have Communicated with the Honorable Colonel Wellesley on the Subject of the letter addressed to him by Colonel Sartorius on the 29th. October, but on recollection, as I had no certainty of a letter from me reaching him, I dropped that idea - and the letter was al= =together for a time forgotten - as the various Appointments appear to be approved by Colo= =nel Stevenson, I do not hesitate to recom= =mend their being confirmed for so long as they are deemed by him, to be necessary, and it appeard to me that Captain Monerief is entitled to receive his Allowances as Cap= =tain of the Guides, from the time that the Troops Reassembled in the Field on Colonel Stevenson Certifying that he was em= =ployed as such. -

I forward also, Sir, to be laid before his Lordship in Council, a letter addressed to his Lordship by Colonel Sartorius

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Sartorius, regarding an allowance to him, as Second in Command, for which I know of no Precedent.—

I also enclose a letter addressed to his Lordship in Council, by the Officer Commanding the Regiment De Meuron, I have made enquiry at the Office of Audit on the Subject of this application, and am Satisfied that the allowance for an Horse should have been drawn, and that its not having been drawn, was owing to a want of information in the Pay master, which mistake would have been Rectified in the Office of Audit, if much more than three Months had not elapsed before it was discovered, which under the existing Regulations, renders an application to his Lordship in Council necessary.

I have the honor &c.

Madras
8th May 1801.

(Signed) John Braithwaite

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To the Adjutant General of the Army

Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg leave to Submit the Subjects mentioned in the enclosed Letter from Colonel Sartorius to the opinion and decision of the Commander in Chief and to Request that he will recommend such of them as he may approve of to the notice and Confirmation of Government.—

The Arrangement for the Convenience of the Sick seems absolutely necessary as the Troops are so much devided in Posts and Columns that it would be difficult to afford them Medical Assistance to the best advantage without the Superintendance of a Surgeon of good abilities.—

As Colonel Sartorius represents the appointments of Commissaries and Deputy Commissaries of Provisions and Stores

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Stores as absolutely necessary for carrying on the Service on account of the devided State of the Troops I am persuaded he must have found that to be the Case.—

The Zeal and abilities of Captain Monerief are universally admitted and on receipt of Colonel Sartorius's Letter of the 26th December I directed the Deputy Adjutant General (in Mysore) to reply that I thought some Specific Application necessary from Captain Monerief but it now appeared that he only Requests to have the time fixed when his allowances should Re=commence, and I beg leave to recommend that he may be permitted to draw them from the day that the Campaign opened in Malabar and he began again to act as Captain of Guides.—

As the Brigading the Troops on my marching from Seringapatam

was

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was honored with the approbation of the Commander in Chief, and as Colonel Sartorius Recommend that the Considerable Detachment Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Cunnine in Coliote, should be called a Brigade, I authorized him to do so and also to appoint a Quarter Master of Brigade to it.—

Major Bairds Division being Composed of Troops from Several Corps— I consider the appointment of an Officer to be Adjutant to it as really necessary.—

Camp at Pachery Colah
21st February 1801.

(Signed) J. Stevenson
Colonel

(A True Copy)
(Signed) G. Fadow
Secretary

To Colonel James Stevenson
Commanding the forces in Mysore
&c &c

Sir,

In Consequence of the vast
Increase

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encrease of the Sick of the Troops serving in Coliate and observing a want of arrangement for the comfort and convenience of the Sick, owing principally to the inexperience of some very Young men Assistant Surgeons, in charge of Hospitals, I have found it necessary to ap=pointe the Superintending Surgeon of the North=ern Division (Mr. Wheilance) to inspect and controul the Hospitals in the Field, and to arrange the Department, for the preserva=tion and Comfort of the Sick. which ap=pointment I trust will meet with your approbation and of Government.—

On the 29th of October last by desire of the Honorable Colonel Wellesley, I addres=sed him particularly on the Subject of the appointment, I had made of the Field Commissary of Provisions and Stores, and Deputy of which Letter I now beg leave to send you a Copy the necessity for these ap=pointments

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Appointments appeared so evident to me that the Service could not have been Carried on without them, as also the Deputy Commissary lately Recommended to you in Lieutenant Greenwood - It is perhaps proper to observe that good Conductors might have occupied the Situations of the Deputies but from the great deficiency of this discription of People and having only one (Mr. Sheals) who I could confide in, to put in such a Situation the appointing Officers was unavoidable and as I have not yet received any Answer Respecting these Appointments the Gentlemen have not drawn any thing on account of them. —

In my address of the 26th Decemmber last to your Deputy Adjutant Generral I mentioned particularly Captain Monerieffs Situation with Respect to his appointment of Captain of Guides

that

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that when the last Detachment was formed in the Month of March last for the Service in Coliote, Captain Monerieff was appointed Captain of Guides, which met the entire approbation of the Bombay Government, and Colonel Wellesley, but on the breaking up of that Detachment, it was ordered to be discontinued, until the army should be reassembled for the Field; and an allowance in the interim given to Captain Monerieff for procuring Intelligence. a Detachment has been in the field and Acting in Coliote, since the Month of July, and Captain Monriff is desirous to ascertain from what date his appointment of Captain of Guides will recommence and Hope that the Zealous Services of that Officer in this Department, will meet with the favorable

Consideration

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Consideration of Government.—

Since the Flank Companies of the Bombay European Regiment have been joined by Two Companies of H. M. 77th Regiment acting together with Major Baird's Division it has been necessary (at the request of Major Baird) to appoint an adjutant to this Detachment and Lieutenant Edwards of the Bombay Regiment has been nominated to it, Subject to your approval and Confirmation of Government and I have also in consequence of the approval contained in your letter of the 10th Instant under the same Restriction nominated Lieutenant Brown of H. M. 75th Regiment, Brigade Quarter Master to Lieutenant Colonel Cumine.—

I have the honor &c— &c—

(Signed) J. Sartorius Colonel

Cotapuramboo
13th February 1805.—

A true Copy
(Signed) G. Hadow Secretary To

2904

Fort St. George 12th May 1801.

To the Honorable Colonel Wellesley

Commanding the forces in Mysore

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

Sir,

From the representations of the Officer Commanding the Field Detachment in Cotiote, and finding that it was become absolutely necessary to appoint an Officer to Conduct the Provision and Store Departments of that Detachment on the 5th Instant, I appointed Captain Howden to those Duties from whose Zeal for the Service, and Known integrity, the greatest public advantage will arise.—

The Provincial Commissary of Supplies did not so much Object to forward the Provisions, but rather Represented the impracticability of his doing it, and at the same time attend

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to the before extensive Duties of his Office - By
the Bombay Regulations for Military expendi=
ture, neither of the Commissaries in either De=
partment can be called from their immme=
=diate Duties for Field Service, as in the
instance of Captain Dufty when the last
Detachment was formed -

After the Detachment began to
advance beyond Canote, it was necessary
that the Commissary should be with it in
establishing, and provisioning the posts,
and always carrying on to the most advan=
=ced, as much as possible of the Provisions
intended for Mentano, Mr Conellis sends
out the whole of the Provisions as far as
Cotapurambo where it was also necessary
to place a Person to the important Charge
of this Depot to receive from Mr Conellis
and forward to Captain Howden - a Con=
=ductor might have been employed on this

Duty

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Duty but as I had not any Person of this description to place therein whom I could put this Trust, at the particular desire of Captain Howden I appointed Lieutenant Eldridge in a former Letter recommended for your Approval.-

The exertions of Captain Howden has already been such as to evince the propriety of my Choice, and the necessity of the appointment, which I beg strongly to recommend for your Con=
=firmation.-

Cotapurambo
12th
29th October 1800.-

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Sartorius
Colonel Commanding

(A True Copy)
(Signed) A. Spens
Secry to Colonel Sartorius

(A True Copy)
(Signed) G. Hadow
Secretary To

2907

Fort St George 12th May 1801.—

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

You have done me the honor on the 18th January last to appoint me second in Command to the Army in the Field under Colonel Stevenson on the present Service, before which period I had entirely the direction of the operations in Cotiote and have since been constantly there, except when some business of the Province rendered it necessary to repair to the Coast for a few days as I imagine it was your Lordships intention to attach some Emoluments to the person you have thus been pleased to appoint, permit me to solicit your Lordships pleasure on this head in Orders.—

I am &c. &c.

Cotapurambo
27th April 1801.—

(Signed) J. Sartorius
Colonel

To

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Fort St. George 12th May 1801

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I take the liberty of addressing to your Lordship the enclosed letter which has been addressed to me by Lieutenant and Adjutant De Meuron D'Orbe, whereby this Officer requests that he may be allowed to draw the arrears of the usual allowance of Six Pagodas Pr. Month for a Horse, since the time the allowance has been discon=tinued to be drawn on his account, and which was entirely owing to a mistake of the late Paymaster of the Regiment.

I therefore beg leave to recommend the Case of Lieutenant De Meuron D'Orbe to the favourable Consideration of your Lordship in Council, and have the honour

to

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to be with great Respect &c. &c.

May 2nd 1805.— (Signed) I. P. DeMeuron Bullot

Lieut. Col. Com.g H. M. Reg.t DeMeuron

Lieutenant Colonel I. P. DeMeuron Bullot

Commanding H. M. Regiment DeMeuron

Sir,

Having lately observed in the abstracts of the late Captain and Paymaster De Meuron du Rochat, that he discontinued Drawing my Allowance for a Horse, as Adjutant as soon as the Regiment De Meuron, Arrived in the Garrison of Arnee from the Field, in the Month of November 1799, I request that you have the goodness, to Represent this Circumstance To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and to support my application, That His Lordship in Council may be pleased to authorize my drawing the Arrears of this allowance, from the time

it

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it has been discontinued to be drawn in the Regiments abstracts.-

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1st May 1805.-

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) H. De Meuron D'Orbe
Adjutant Regiment De Meuron

Mentor Meuron

Ordered that Mr. Anstruther be Appointed in General Orders to Officiate as Judge Advocate General during the absence of Captain Leith in Bengal -

Ordered that Serjeant Rose be promoted to the rank of a Conductor in Conformity to the recommendation of Major General Brathwaite.

Resolved to inform General Brathwaite that it is inconsistent with the usage of the Service under this Presidency to make any additional allowance to an Officer serving as Second in Command, and that Colonel Stevensons own experience should have suggested to

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to him the impropriety of forwarding an ap-
=plication of that nature from Colonel Sar=
=torius.—

Resolved that authority be given
to the Office of Audit for admitting the claim
of Captain Mencrief to the allowance of
Captain of Guides during the late Cam=
=paign in Malabar; that Lieutenant Brown
be permitted to draw the allowance of Quar=
=ter Master of Brigade to Lieutenant Co=
=lonel Cumine and that Lieutenant Edwards
be permitted to draw the allowances of
Adjutant to Corps Composed of different
European Details under the Command
of Major Baird.—

As the period when the Ap=
=pointments of Lieutenants Edwards and
Brown took place, has not been Speci=
=fied, Ordered that Colonel Sartorius be
directed to Certify the dates when those
Officers

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Officers were Appointed to their Respective Situations; and that the Appointments be at the Earliest practicable period discontinued.

With regard to the Appointments of Mr. Macnalance, to inspect and control the hospitals in the field of Captain Bowden to be field Commissary of Provisions and Stores, and of Lieutenants Eldridge, and Greenwood to be Deputy Commissaries of Stores, the Board do not possess sufficient information of the nature of those Appointments and of the duties performed respecting by those Officers; Resolved therefore to call upon the Officer Commanding in Chief for proper specific information on those points.—

Resolved that authority be given for discharging the arrears of Horse allowance due to the Adjutant of the Regiment Deer Hounson.—

So

2913 Fort St George 12th May 1805.

To Mayor Robert Turing

Secretary to Government in the

Military Department

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief acknowledging letter of the 5th Instant to which he shall pay immediate attention. Forwards a letter from Lieutenant Gibson of the Artillery who appears entitled to the Allowance which he solicits. Recommends Lieutenant Ormsby to be Quarter Master of the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry. Lieutenant James Limond to be adjutant to the 1st Battalion of Artillery. Lieutenant G. I. Nixon to be adjutant of the Madras European Regiment and Lieutenant R. W. Davis to

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant and shall pay immediate Attention to the Commands of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council therein Contained, both as President of the Military Board, and Commander of the Army in Chief.

I request you to lay before his Lordship in Council, the enclosed letter Addressed to his Lordship by Lieutenant Gibson of the Corps of Artillery, with the Papers to which it alludes, it has been brought before me, through the Regular Channel, and Lieutenant Gibson appears to be entitled to the allowance he solicits.

I request you also Sir, to lay before

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to be Adjutant to the 19 Native Regiment—transmits Copy of a letter from Captain Ashton of His Majesty's 12 Regiment and states at his opinion the men of that Detachment should be exempted from Stoppages for Provisions while serving on board of Ship.—

before his Lordship in Council my Recommendation for appointments as follows—

Lieutenant Ormsby to be Quarter Master of the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry Vice Bree Deceased.—

Lieutenant James Lennox to be Adjutant to the 1st Battalion of Artillery vice Bathurst promoted.—

Lieutenant G. S. Nixon to be Adjutant to the Madras European Regiment Vice Cruttence promoted.—

Lieutenant R. W. Davis to be Adjutant to the 1st Battalions of the 5th Native Regiment Vice Storey promoted.—

I have also the honor to submit to the Consideration of his Lordship in Council, the Enclosed Copy of a Letter, from Captain Ashton of His Majestys 12th Regiment of Foot, to Lieutenant Colonel Robertson, Deputy Adjutant General to the Forces

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Kings Troops, and to state my opinion that, under the Circumstances mentioned by Captain Ashton, the Detachment of His Ma=jestys 12th Regiment, ought to be exempted from any Stoppages on account of Provisions, during the period of time they were employed as Marines, on board His Majestys Ships.—

I have the honor &c &c

Madras
12th
4. May 1801.— (Signed) John Brathwaite

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

My Lords,

I have the honor of stating to your Lordships in Council, that while on leave to Calcutta, I was appointed to take Charge of the Cadets for this Presidency then there, by a General Order of His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Alured Clarke K.B. Com=mander in Chief &c which appointment af=terwards met the approbation of the Most

Noble

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Noble the Governor General in Council as Com-
municated to Colonel Gerrard, Adjutant
General of the Army by letter bearing date
5th February 1805 a Copy of which and of the
G. O. Therewith I have the honor of Sub-
-mitting to your Lordship in Council I en-
treating you will authorize me to draw
the allowances usual on such duties.—
St Thomas's Mount I have the honor &c &c
4th May 1805.— (Signed) Hurcdon Gibson
Lieut and Quarter master 2d Batt Artillery

To Lieutenant Colonel John Gerrard
Adjutant General

Sir,

I am directed by the Most Noble
the Governor General in Council to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th
Ultimo and to request you will inform His
Excellency the Commander in Chief that His
Lordship approves of the Cadets of the Ma-
-dras

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Madras Establishment proceeding to that
Presidency on board of the Castle Eden being
put in Charge of Lieutenant Gibson.-

An Order has been issued to the
Commander of the Castle Eden to furnish
Lieutenant Gibson with a Passage to Ma-
dras at the public expense according to
the regulated Sums for Passage Money.

Councilchamber Sam &c &c
the 5th February 1805 (Signed) L. Hook Secry to the Govt
in the Military Department

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. Serrard
Adjutant General

Extract General Orders by the Commander
in Chief under date the 7th January 1805.-

Captain Boyce having pro-
-ceeded to the Coast, the Cadets for the
Presidency of Fort Saint George who have
arrived here are put under the Charge
of

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Lieutenant Gibson of the Madras Establishment

Fort William
1st January 1805.—

(Signed) J. Gerrard
Adjutant General

Adjutant General's Office

Lieutenant Colonel Robertson

Deputy Adjutant General

Sir,

In Consequence of an Application made to me from the Men of the Detachment of His Majesty's 12th Regiment under my Orders, desiring me to Represent to you that they Conceived it a hardship to be Charged for their Provissions, whilst acting and doing Duty in every Respect as Marines in His Majesty's Ships, lately employed in the Blockade of Batavia.—

I have only to say that they were actually Employed as Marines during the time they were on board, the most part of which time, they were

living

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living upon two thirds Allowance in a sickly climate, the effects of which you are already sufficiently acquainted with.

I have therefore to request you will lay their grievance before Government and hope it will meet with Redress.—

Pondaundallie 8th May 1805.—

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) R. Ashton
Captain 12th Regiment

(A True Copy)
(Signed) G. Hadow
Secretary

Resolutions on the foregoing letter.

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the difference between half and full batta, to Lieutenant Gibson of the Corps of Artillery from the period of his being directed to take under his charge the Gentlemen Cadets who have recently arrived from Fort William at this Presidency.—

Resolved

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Resolved that the several appointments recommended by the Officer Commanding in Chief be ordered to take place.

In Consideration of the particular hardship to which the Detachment of His Majesty's 12th Regiment was subjected during the late Cruize off the port of Batavia from the unfavorable climate, it is Resolved to exempt the Troops from any Stoppages on account of the Provisions Supplied to them on board of Ship.—

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

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

My Lord,

At the Request of Captain Young

From the Deputy Military Auditor General

Forwarded

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Forwards Copy of a letter from the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops Relative to the Stoppages to be made from the pay of the Non Commissioned and Privates of His Majesty's troops when Supplied with provisions on board Ship &c. on the principle laid down in His Majesty's Warrant of the 6th February 1799. He entirely concurs with Captain Young in the expediency of Carrying this Warrant into effect and recommends an uniform Rate of Stoppage for provisions from all Ranks conformably thereto. States the necessity of publishing a

Young Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops in India, I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, Copy of a Letter which he has addressed to me on the Subject of Stoppages, to be made from the Pay of the Non Commissioned and Privates of His Majesty's Troops when Supplied with Provisions on Board Ship at the expence of the Honorable Company, also Copy of His Majesty's Warrant Relative thereto, bearing date the 6th of February 1799 which I am more particularly induced to bring under your Lordship's Consideration, from having observed that the Honorable Court of Directors in their General Letter in the Military Department, under date the 7th of May 1800 (Paragraph 243) + pointedly take notice of the above mentioned Warrant and Suppose that it may be in force by having been published in

Your

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a G.O to carry it into effect and submits the draft of one for that pur=pose.—

Sir

Captain Young having stated in his Letter the Circumstances immediate=ly Connected with the Subject, and the advantages to be derived from Carrying the purport of the Warrant into effect, so far as regards the Non Commissioned and Privates of His Majesty's, and the Honorable Company's European Troops serving under this Presidency; it now only Remains for me to add, that I entirely concur in his Opinion Respecting the beneficial effect, in simplifying the adjustment of accounts, that would result from its being adopted, having often personally experienced when Auditing the accounts Disbursement of Pay=masters, the inconvenience arising from the Various Rates of Stoppages required to be made from the different Ranks and having at the same time been sensible of the Hardship to which

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which the men must be liable, in being call-
-led upon to Refund Money, which proba-
-bly they had before expended, and thus occa-
-sioned by the inattentions of others, not ad-
-verting to the deductions directed to be
made from the Subsistence of the men ac-
-cording as they might happen to be situa-
-ted. These of Course must be obviated by
Establishing one uniform Rate of Stoppage
for Provisions from all Ranks Viz.t 3d/ a Day
from each Man's Pay when on board Ship,
as already directed when Victualled in
the Field, Conformably to his Majesty's
Warrant before mentioned, which will
be following up, indeed Completing the
Regulation Published in the General
Order of the 23d of February last.—

3d Should your Lordship be
pleased to acquiesce in this Suggestion,
it will then be expedient to Publish a
Genral

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General Order to carry it into effect,—I have upon that Supposition taken the liberty of forwarding a Draft of one by way of Memorandum, which I hope may meet with your Lordships Approbation—

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l Office I have the honor &c.a &c.a

Fort St. George (Signed) P. Bruce

4th May 1801.— Deputy mil.y Aud.r General in charge

To Captain P. Bruce

Deputy Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

His Majesty's Warrant bearing date the 6th February 1799. a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose, Regulating the Stoppages to be made from the Pay of the Non Commissioned Officers, and Men when Supplied with Provisions at the Public Charge, having been transmitted from the Office of the Adjutant General

of

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of His Majesty's Forces in Great Britain to all
the King's Regiments Serving under this Presi=
=dency, I think it incumbent on me in consse=
=quence of the Several applications which
I have received from the Paymasters to bring
this Subject under your notice, in order if
you approve that it may be Submitted
to the Consideration of Government.—

You are aware that much confu=
=sion and inconvenience have arisen from
the present Complicated System of making
deductions from the Pay of the Troops in lieu
of Batta when Serving in the Field and
Provisions when at Sea, but the Warrant
of the 6th February 1799 is calculated to
obviate all difficulties by establishing
only one Rate of Stoppages (instead of
the different Rates now in use) from
all Ranks and Denominations of the
Troops when Victualled at the Public
expence

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expience, by which uniformity and Simplici=
=ty in the accompts as far as Relates to
these Stoppages would be obtained agree=
=ably to the declared Object of His Ma=
=jesty's Warrant.—

By the existing orders at this
Presidency His Majesty's Troops while on
the Passage to and from India, are Sub=
=ject to a Deduction of 3d pr. Diem for
each Non Commissioned Officer, Trum=
=peter, and Private of Dragoons of 6 3/4
for each Non Commissioned and Drum=
=mer, and 6/2 for each Private of Infan=
=try, to which as by His Majesty's War=
=rant of the 6th February 1799 you will ob=
=serve that the deduction to be taken
under these circumstances is fixed at
3/2 pr. diem only to be taken from all
these descriptions both Dragoons and
Infantry, and by the accompts of the

Recruits

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Recruits that have been transmitted from England, it is clearly ascertained that no greater deduction than 3/ pr Diem is ever made from the three months Pay that is issued an advance when Troops embark for this Country; but upon their arrival at this Presidency the Old Rates of Deductions are still made for the remaining part of the Voyage which you will readily conceive has been a source of Confusion in the accounts and of Com= =plaint from the men, on finding them= =selves charged with a higher rate of Stoppages here than His Majesty's War= =rant Authorizes —

Upon the foregoing grounds and with a view to remove every cause of Complaint, as well as to render the Settlement of accounts more simple and easy I am in hopes that upon your Recy= =ystem

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Suggestion Government may deem it expedi=
=ent to issue an Order for Carrying into effect
the warrant of His Majesty of the 6th February
1799 as far as it Relates to this Country, es=
=pecially as I observe in the Government Or=
=ders of the 23 February last Regarding Stop=
=pages in cases where Dry Batta is Issued
to the Troops, that the rate of Deductions
has been Calculated and Established
upon the principle laid down in the
above mentioned Warrant.—

I am the rather inclined to hope
that the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council will be favorably disposed in
this Respect, as I am informed that the
Honorable Court of Directors in their
General Letter of the 7th May 1800 have
adverted particularly to this warrant,
concluding, even then, that it had been
Received and given out in Orders in this
Country.—

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Country.

Kings Pay Office I have the honor &c &c

Madras the (Signed) Keith Young

28th April 1801.- Acting Deputy Pay Master Genl Kings Troops

(A True Copy)

(Signed) P. Bruce

Deputy Military Auditor Generals

6th February 1799.-

Warrant

Declaring the

Deductions to be Taken

Under Various Circumstances of Service,

out of Great Britain, and in General

Hospitals, at Home and abroad;

From the full Pay of Non Comm=

=missioned Officers and Soldiers

of the

Life Guards, Royal Regiment of Horse Guards,

Dragoon Guards, Dragoons, Fencible Cavalry,

Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Militia,

Fencible Infantry, and Invalids.-

George

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George R.

Whereas We think it expedient, as well for the sake of uniformity, as with the View of simplifying the accounts of the Non Commissioned Officers and men of our Forces, and of facilitating the settlement thereof, to order, that the deductions to be taken in certain Cases, from the pay of our said Non Commissioned Officers and men, shall hereafter be the same for all Ranks, and in all Corps, under the like Circumstances of Service: Our Will and pleasure is, that instead of the several Deductions specified in the Schedule annexed to our Warrant of the fifth Day of July, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven, and in any Subsequent Regulations issued from the Office of our Commander in Chief, or Secretary at War, there shall be taken a deduction of Sixpence a Day from the full pay of every Serjeant

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Sergeant, Corporal, Trumpeter, Drummer,
Fifer, and Private man, of our Regiments
of Life Guards, Royal Regiment of Horse
Guards, Regiments of Dragoon Guards,
Dragoons, Fencible Cavalry, Foot Guards,
Infantry of the Line, Militia, and Fenci=
=ble Infantry, and Companies of Invalids,
when Serving out of Great Britain, on Sta=
=tions at which Provisions are supplied
by the Public, also, when embarked in Trans=
=ports, or other Vessels (except while serving
as Marines, or during their Passage to and
from India, at the expence of the East
India Company; also when Prisoners of War,
and Maintained at expence of Great Britain;
and likewise when in General Hospitals, ei=
=ther at home or Aboard: In which several
cases, a Stoppage from the Pay of our Troops,
on account of Provisions, has always been
made. —

And

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And it is our Will and Pleasure, that there shall be taken a Deduction of three pence half penny a day, from the full Pay of each Sergeant, Corporal, Trumpeter, Drummer, Fifer, and Private man of our said Corps, when Stationed in Jamaica, in New South Wales, at Gibraltar (the Less by exchange, at the latter place, Continuing as before) and while on their passage to and from India, at the expence of the East India Company; on which several Cases no Stoppage has heretofore been made on account of Provisions.—

It is our further will and Pleasure, that while any of the non Commissioned Officers and men shall serve as Marines, they shall not be liable to any deductions whatsoever from their full Pay on Account of Provisions.—

And it is our will and Pleasure

Pleasure, that the deductions aforementioned shall be Considered as Commencing in Regard to the Troops at Home, from the Twenty fifth day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine, inclusive; and in Regard to the Troops Abroad, from the Twenty fifth day of April, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine, inclusive, or as soon thereafter as this our Warrant shall have been Received by the Respective Officers Commanding on Foreign Stations, and shall have been given out, in General Orders, According to the Custom of our Service.—

Given at our Court at St James's this sixth day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety nine, in the Thirty Ninth year of our Reign.—

By His Majesty's Command,

(Signed) Wm Windham

(A True Copy)

(Signed) Keith Young
Act.g Deputy Pr.mr.G.l Fort

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Fort S. George.

G. O. By Government

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having been authorized by the Honorable Court of Directors to apply to His Majesty's and to the Honorable Company's European Troops Serving in this Country the principle of His Majesty's Warrant dated 6th. February 1799. which directs that the Stoppage to be made from the Troops where Supplied with Provisions at the public expence shall at those Stations where no Stoppages were formerly made on account of Provisions, be in future Regulated at the Rate of three pence half penny per Diem for each Non Commissioned Officer, Trumpeter Drummer Fifer Private Soldier of all European Corps indiscriminately and that the same Stoppage shall be made from all Troops while on their passage to and from the East

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East Indies: It is hereby Ordered and directed for the sake of uniformity and with the view of simplifying accounts as stated to be the Object of His Majesty's Warrant beforemen=tioned that the Deductions Specified there=in to be taken from the Non commissioned Officers, and Soldiers. Viz.t Three pence half penny per Diem each, without distinction, shall from and after the Publication of this Order, be applied to His Majesty's Troops, Dragoons, and Infantry, and to the Honorable Company's Effective European Troops, whether Cavalry, Artillery, or Infantry, under this Pre=sidency, when they shall be supplied with Provisions, at the Public expence, or be paid Dry batta, in lieu thereof According to the Regulations published in General Orders under date the 23. February 1805. and Sur=there that the like Deduction of three pence half penny, or one Fanam, forty two and half

each

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Cash per Diem, shall be made from the full pay of each Non Commissioned Officer and Men of His Majesty's Troops while on the Passage to, and from India, and likewise from the full pay of His Majesty's, and the Honorable Company's Troops when embarked on board Transports and not serving as Marines in India, instead of the Rates Specified in Hes Majesty's Warrant of the 5th July 1797.—

His Lordship in Council is also pleased to Notify, in Conformity to the Kings Warrant of the 6th February 1799, that while any of the Non Commissioned Officers and Men shall serve as Marines, they shall not be liable to any Deduction whatsoever from their Full Pay on account of Provisions.—

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

(Signed)

As

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Minute thereon

As it appears to have been the in=
=tention of the Honorable Court of Directors
that His Majesty's Warrant of the 6th Fe=
=bruary 1799 - should be carried into effect
at this Presidency, the Board deem it just
that the benefit intended by that Regu=
=lation should be immediately extended
to the Troops; Resolved Accordingly that
the Stoppages to be made from the Pay
of the Non=Commissioned Officers and Privates
of the European Corps on this Establish=
=ment who may be Supplied with provi=
=sions at the Public expense, shall be regu=
=lated According to the late Warrant, and
that the draft of a General Order which
the Deputy Military Auditor General has
submitted for that purpose, be published
to the Army -

The order which Assistant
Surgeon Same's has quoted in support
of

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of his claim to an Additional Allowance for Medical expenditure, having been only Ap=plicable to the native Corps attached to the Grand Army during the late War, is entirely irrelevant to his case; Ordered Accordingly that the Retrenchment against Mr James on this account be confirmed. —

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hyderabad. —

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

My Lord,

From the Resident at Hydrabad. His plans for supplying the Subsidiary force with grain by the means of a specific engage=ment with certain Bunjarahs has received the appro=bation of the

In my letter of the 4th March last, I had the honour of submitting, through your Chief Secretary, to your Lord=ship in Council a Plan for supplying, Regularly and Constantly, the Subsidiary Force with grain. I have since received a Letter from Mr Secretary Edmonstone, Signifying

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of the Governor Genrl, urging the necessity of carrying the arrangement into effect without delay Requests that orders may be issued to the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary force for granting the Bunjaries the exclusive supply of his bazars, and that an European Officer may be appointed to superintend the department Encloses Copy of a Letter from Colonel Vigors stating the necessity of cowries being provided for the Ordonnance of the Subsidiary force

Signifying to me the Governor Generals entire approbation of the Plan in question, in terms which lead me to conceive that his Lordship concludes that I have already made the requisite arrangements for giving effect to the same. The foregoing consideration, joined to a serious Apprehension that any further delay might altogether frustrate such Plan, by Compelling the Bunjaarahs, who have been waiting thus long for an answer, to seek a Subsistence elsewhere, will I trust be deemed sufficiently weighty to justify my proceeding to give effect, as far as depends on me, to the Governor Generals wishes, without waiting any longer for an answer to my Reference on the subject to your Lordship.

The points within my own immediate power to accomplish, are the

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the stipulated pecuniary advances to the Bunjarrahs and the obtaining from them in return the requisite written assurances for the due fulfilment of their engagements but the arrangement cannot be considered as compleat until Orders be issued to the Commanding Officer of the Subsidiary Force for granting to these Bunjarrahs the exclusive supply of his Bazars, and until an European Officer be appointed to the Superintendance of this useful and important Department.

In further exemplification of the urgent necessity of some cover being provided as soon as possible for the Ordnance of the Subsidiary Force, as recommended in my Letter to your Lordship in Council of the 7th Ultimo, I beg leave herewith to enclose Copy of a letter lately received on the subject from Colonel Vigors— I have the honor &c &c &c

Hyderabad
5th May 1803— (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

&c.

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To Major Ja.s Achilles Kirkpatrick
Resident at the Court of His
Highness the Nizam

Sir,

In consequence of a Report from
Lieutenant Colonel Haliburton, with the
enclosed Letter from Captain Crosdell, stat-
-ing that the whole of the Ordnance Carriages
with the Detachment, are now totally unser-
-viceable, notwithstanding the temporary
Repair they received lately, I shall be unw-
-der the necessity of exchanging them
all by sending off in a few days hence an
equal number from the Park.—

I have the honor &c. &c.

Camps near
Hyderabad
27th April 1801.

(Signed) Ur. Vigors
Col. Commanding Subsid.y Force

To Lieutenant Colonel Haliburton

Sir,

I It is the intention to send
Arcot

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new Carriages from Hyderabad, the Comple-
=ment will be required, for not a Carriage
on the Line is fit to travel any distance
with their present weight upon them &
without breaking down.

Camp
April 1801.

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) J. Crosdell
Captain Lieutenant

(A True Copy)
(Signed) Thomas Sydenham
Secretary

Letter dispatched in consequence to the Resident

The President lays before the Board the following draft of a letter which his Lordship proposes shall be despatched to the Resident at Hyderabad.—

To Major J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident at
Hyderabad

Sir,

To the Resident at Hyderabad explaining the grounds on which

Your letter dated the 4th
March

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which doubts are entertained regarding the expediency of adopting the plan Recommended by him for providing the supplies of the Subsidiary Troops by the means of Banjaries to be permanently attached to the Troops.

March to the Chief Secretary to Government proposing a plan for attaching permanently a body of Banjarries to the Subsidiary force has been submitted to the Considera-tion of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council but as his Lordship entertained considerable doubts with regard to the expediency of some of the conditions of the proposed engagements he directed that they should be referred for the Considera-tion and report of the Military Board.

2. While the Plan remained under reference to that Board your Letter dated the 1st Instant to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council communicated the approbation of the measure which had been notified to you by direction of His Excellency the most Noble the Governor General in Council, and the steps which you have taken for carrying the arrangement into

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securities by which you would propose to guard against the above of this extraordinary prevelege.

7 Perhaps the only real security against the above of a power so extensive would be the actual existence at all times of a Specific and Considerable Supply in Re=serve exclusive of the Current demand of the Market, but it may be doubted how far such an arrangement would be Compatible with a fair Retail price to the native Soldier, and you will doubtless be aware of the indispensable necessity of selling to the Depots every article of Ne=cessary Consumption at a price at least as moderate as that of the Neighbour=ing Markets -

8th A Regimental Bazar per=manently attached to the Battalion and Ready to attend all its movements is an Object of great public importance,

and

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and Officers of Zeal and experience are par-
-ticularly attentive to secure by every
possible means the attachment of this
useful Class as followers.—

9th It is to be presumed that a Con-
-siderable number of this discription of
dealers and of others more generally at-
tached to the body of the subsidiary
force have at this time their Capitals in-
vested in the supply of its bazars, and it
is known that in proportion to their
means their Capitals are employed well
in whole sale as Retail transactions.—

10th These Valuable men have
probably long followed the fortunes
of the Troops and have participated
in a certain degree in their fatigues and
their dangers, justice therefore demands
that their fair expectations should
not be sacrificed to an exclusive Monopoly
without

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without compensation: and prudence requires that so useful an establishment should not be subverted without the moral certainty of an adequate substitute.—

12th These are the principal objections against the proposed Plan which have suggested themselves to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, His Lordship is fully aware of the solid advantages to be derived from the permanent establishment of a large body of Bringaries with the subsidiary force: and as the exclusive privilege of supply appears to be indispensable to the success of the proposal in its present form his Lordship will be happy to receive any explanation which may remove from his mind the serious practical objections to that measure which I have been directed to communicate to you.—

12th His Lordship will also expect

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expect a communication of the Sentiments of the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary Force on the details of the Plan which you may ultimately Recommend for adoption.—

I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) R.o Turing

Secry to Govern.t m.t Dept.

Approved and Ordered to be despatched.—

Read the following letter from the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Dodalus—

Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Principal Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Madras

Sir,

I beg you will please to inform the Right Honorable Lord Clive Governor in Council of Fort Saint George Madras. that

From the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Dodalus stating his reason for discharging

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discharging from the Public Service the Ajax transport He has embarked fifty Men and an Officer on board His Majesty's Ship La Sybelle Encloses copy of the Certificate he gave the Master of the Ajax on her being discharged &c.—

Sir

That having found the Ship Ajax so bad a Sailing Vessel, having had her in tow from the Moment we left Madras to the 23d Instant, and having Consulted Lieutenant Colonel Shawe of His Majesty's 74th Regiment of which was embarked on board the above Ship with part of the Six Companies destined for the Expedition lately sailed from Calcutta and bound on the western Coast of India. That in Consequence of the State of the above mentioned Ship. I thought proper to take Lieutenant Colonel Shawe his Officers, Men, and Baggage on board His Majesty's Ship under my Command and that Prior to the above occurrence on the application of the Commanding Officer as above Stated, I ordered Captain Charles Adam of His Majesty's Ship La Sybelle, who joined me on the Southern Part of this Coast to take

Fifty

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Fifty men and an Officer out of the Ajax
for their immediate relief as they appeared
to me to be much Crouded —

I farther beg leave to observe to
His Lordship on the Ajax leaving His
Majestys Ship under my Command, I gave
the master a Certificate, a Copy of which
I beg herewith to transmit for his Lord=
=Ships Satisfaction —

His Majesty's Ship I have the honor &c. &c.
Dodalus Man= (Signed) H. L. Ball
=galore Roads
27th April 1801 —

These are to Certify whom it
may concern that the Ship Ajax, was
discharged by Captain Henry Sidgbird
Ball of His Majesty's Ship Dodalus to
proceed to the first port of Safety, after
having taken out Lieutenant Colonel
Shawe his Officers, men and Baggage
of His Majesty's 74 Regiment of Foot,
by reason of the above Ship sailing so
very

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very ill.—

And I do farther inform that the Right Honorable Governor in Council will be informed accordingly as well the Commander in Chief when I join him.—

Given under my hand on board His Majesty's Ship Dodalus at Sea this 28th April 1801.—

(Signed) H. L. Ball

To the Master of
The Ajax Transport

Memo to Purser.

The Ajax having arrived at this port is ordered to be discharged from the public Service.—

" Clare

" Jno Pike

" H Tattersfield

Mr Jno Gyerman Co
Offic

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And I do farther inform that the Right Honorable Governor in Council will be informed Accordingly as well the Commander in Chief when I join him.—

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To the Master of the Ajax Transport

Minute thereon.

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" Clive

" Wm Petrie

" A Tadcaster

Wm Gregson Esq
Cr
Offrs