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Diary

No. 24

Sent the following Letters

To Robert Arbuthnot Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government at

Colombo

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, and am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will inform His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon that His Lordship in Council has in conformity to His Excellencys request directed Captain Ryan to proceed to Columbo and to conform to such orders as may be furnished to him at that Presidency, for proceeding to the Moluccca Islands

I am directed to transmit to you for His Excellencys information the enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board at this Presidency and to state the request of the Governor in Council that directions may be given for the measurement of

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To the Chief Secretary to Govt. Sir I am directed to comply with the request of the Governor in Council that Captain Ryan has been directed to proceed to Columbo and to conform to such orders as may be furnished to him for proceeding to the Moluccas Islands. I am to transmit herewith an extract of a letter from the Military Board, with a request that directions may be given for the measurement of the Elephants which may in future be exported from the Island of Ceylon, in the manner recommended by the Board for the measurement of Elephants under this Presidency.

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of the Elephants which may in future be supplied for the use of this Presidency from Ceylone, or the manner recommended by the Agent for the care of Elephants under this Presidency.—

I have the honor to be

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23d April 1802

Sir,
Your most obedt Servt
/Signed/ Geo. Buchan
Secretary to Government

To the Officer Commanding the forces in the Ceded Districts

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding the forces in the Ceded Districts. The field allowances of the troops in the Ceded Districts ordered to be immediately discontinued

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant—

It was the intention of His Lordship in Council that the field allowances of the troops employed in the Ceded Districts should have been discontinued according to the usual practice on similar Cessions, so soon as the distribution of the troops into quarters had taken place. The Governor in

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in Council therefore regrets that any misconceptions regarding this intention should have occurred, and I am directed to desire that all field allowances to the troops or field charges of whatever discription in the Ceded Districts, may cease from the periods of time to which those disbursements have been paid as stated in your Letter —

I am &c.

Fort St George
9th April 1802

(signed) George Buchan
Secretary to Government

Sent the following Letters entered in Mil Sd Nos 34 - 35 - 36 - 37 - 38 -

To the Secretary at Bombay —

To Mr Richards — Transmitting extract of a letter from the Military Board at this Presidency, stating that a Considerable proportion of the Flints lately supplied from the Stores at Bombay, having been found unserviceable, will be returned to Bombay —

To the Military Auditor General —

To the Military Auditor General

The sum of 50 Rupees to be advanced to Syed Bahaudeen brother

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brother of the late Syed Ibrahim, on account of his pension.—

To the accountant General.

To the Accountant General — Desiring that the Military Paymaster General, may be authorized, under the explanation stated by him, to debit to the head of Account Current London the sum of 20.000 Pagodas paid on account of the Regiment De Meuron — previously to the employment of that Corps in the Company's service.—

To the officer Commanding the Northern Division of the army.—

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army — The arrangements reported in his several letters, approved — He will hereafter be furnished with the determination of Government on the subject of his suggestion regarding the future government of the Polygar Zemindary.—

To the Town Mayor.—

To the Town Mayor — authorizing the Town Mayor of Fort St. George, in cases of emergency to give orders for the admission of Patients into the Lunatic Hospital.—

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Received and sent the following

letters entered in M.S. Nos 39-40-41-42-43-

From Lieutenant Colonel Brunton -

From the Military Auditor General -

Reports the nett advances to the Military Depart-

ment for the month of January 1802, together with

the sums admitted on recredit - annex / an abstract

of the advances to the Military Department for

nine months of the Current year ending the 31st -

January 1802 -

From the Collector in Tinnevelly -

- Ledges letter of the 8th Instant - relative to the trial

of Milapen, states that the reward of 1000 Chuckrums

will be paid on the application of Lieutenant

Colonel A Lindsay - He will Communicate to

Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay his opinion of the -

Charges which ought to be brought against the

Rebel -

From the Owners of the Ship Earl of Mornington -

From Messrs Abbott and Maitland

forward a demand for one months freight of their

Ship and request payment of the same -

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To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General—

To report the authority given to the Paymaster at Seringapatam for presenting an improper Commission to Lieutenant Colonel Macalister—

To the Surgeon of the Lunatic Hospital—

To the Surgeon of the Lunatic Hospital— Enclosing for his information Coby of a letter to the Town Major of Fort St. George and desiring that Syed Audeen recently sent to the Lunatic Hospital may be admitted— from the date of the order issued for that purpose by the Town Major

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Sent the following Letter—

To the President & the Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

To the Board of Revenue— Requesting for the information of the different Collectors extract of a Minute recorded by the Commander in Chief respecting the mode to be observed in bringing to account the disbursements for grain for the use of the Regiments of Cavalry— Directions to be issued to the

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the inclosed extract of a Minute recorded by the Commander in Chief, and as the adjustment of the charges of the Collectors for the

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Superintendant of the Manufacture of Salt petre for the refinement of that article by the process of double boiling, previously to embarking it for the Presidency for reasons stated in enclosed papers—

supply of grain for the use of the Regiments of Cavalry in Conformity to the arrangement which has been adopted, will be facilitated by the transmission of the receipts of the General agent to the office of the Civil auditor in the mode proposed by the Commander in Chief. His Lordship in Council desires that the Collectors who may have occasion to furnish supplies of grain may be instructed to observe that mode, in order that the amount of the disbursements for Grain may be brought to account in the Military Books.

I have the honor to transmit to you the extract of a letter from the Military Board together with an extract of the proceedings of a Committee appointed for the purpose of ascertaining by proof, the quality of Coast Saltpetre for the purposes of manufacturing gun powder and am directed by the Governor in Council to desire for the reasons therein stated, that direction may be issued to the Superintendant of the manufac-

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of Saltpetre for the refinement of that article by the process of double boiling previously to the embarkation of the Saltpetre for the Presidency—

I have the honor to be

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26th April 1802

Dear Sir &c.

/signed/ George Buchan
Secretary to Government

To the President &c. Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

Para 1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 9th and 13th Instant—

2 His Lordship in Council has issued instructions to the Revenue Department for the refinement of the Saltpetre manufactured on this Coast by the process of double boiling previously to its being embarked for this Presidency, according to your recommendation — But as that process will necessarily enhance the expenses of the manufacture

To the Military Board—
Instructions have been issued to the Revenue Department for the refinement of the Coast Saltpetre by the process of double boiling previously to its being embarked for the Presidency. Directed to report whether the advantages expected from this method may be found to be realized — A requisition has been stated to the Governor of Ceylon that the measurement of the Elephant Vessels for this Presidency may in future be regulated by the Standard recommended by the Military Board — The unserviceable Fleets

manufacture, His Lordship in Council desires that you will report so soon as it shall be practicable to do so with accuracy whether the Coast Salt Petre may be found on farther trial to be attended with the advantages of superior quality and cheapness in the manufacture of gun powder, which are at present expected by the Military Board.

3 The Governor in Council has stated to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon, His Lordships request, that the measurement of the Elephants which may be in future supplied for the service of this Presidency from Ceylon, may be regulated by the Standard recommended by you.

4 His Lordship in Council desires that the unserviceable Plants received from Bombay, may be returned to that Presidency agreeably to your recommendation.

5 His Lordship in Council thinks

Plants received from Bombay to be returned - Elephants sent from Ceylon, to be employed in working on the public roads to St. Thomas's Mount - Authority has been given for the payment of the bills and indulgences of money recommended by them - Desiring that the Senior Engineer in the Ceded Districts may be called upon to furnish an estimate of the expence of the repairs at Ballary proposed in an enclosed Letter from General Campbell Enclosing an account of provisions shipped at the Cape of Good Hope on board the Ajax, for the use of Recruits embarked on that Ship - The Commander will be called on to account for the unexpended supplies on his arrival in Bengal - Enclosing extract of a Letter from the Company's Agent at the Cape stating the mode in which the Value of those supplies has been adjusted in his books - Transmitting extract of a Letter from the Auditor General accompanied by Copy of a Letter from the Agent for public Cattle in Mysoor, and directing the Military Board to make a report to Government on those Cases where the number of Cattle detached may be sufficient cause to render expedient the appointment of a European Officer for the Care of them - Their suggestion of Captain Mackay for the Provision Agency for the ceded Districts

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use of the public Cattle by the Collectors according to the mode to be observed in proceeding gram for the Cavalry will be adopted—

thinks it expedient that the offenders who have been sent from Amboor, should be employed in working on the public Roads at St. Thom Mount and desires, that a list of their name may be communicated to the officer Comman that Cantonment who has been instructed to receive charge of them—

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Authority has been given the payment of the bills and advances of mo recommended by the Military Board—

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I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts, and am directed by Lordship in Council to desire that the Engineer in those Districts may be called up to furnish an Estimate of the expence of the repairs at Ballary proposed by him—

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I am directed by the Governo Council to transmit to you the enclosed accou of provisions shipped at the

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on board the Ajax by the Honorable Company's agent at that place, for the use of details of Recruits embarked on that Ship for His Majesty's Regiments serving under this Presidency — Inorder to prevent the detention of the Ajax at this place, the Governor in Council has stated his requests to the Honorable the Vice President in Council at Fort William that the Commander may be called on to account for the unexpended supplies on his arrival in Bengal —

9 I have the honor to enclose the extract of a Letter from the Honorable Company's Agent, stating the mode in which the value of those supplies has been adjusted in his books —

10 I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General accompanied by the Copy of a letter from the Agent for the care of the establishment of public

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that in those Cases where it may be necessary to purchase grain for the Cattle, the purchases may be regulated under similar checks, as have been established, in respect to the purchase of supplies for the Cavalry, in those situations where the supplies may not be provided by the Collector and I am directed to desire that you will prepare a draft of the regulations which may appear to you proper for carrying these intentions into effect.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) George Buchan
Secretary to Government

Fort St George
25th April 1802

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Tuesday 27th April 1802

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

Mungo Duck } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

We enclose for the information of your Lordship in Council, Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Malacca in reply to a reference made to him under date the 5th

from the Military Board Enclose Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Malacca on the subject of supplies Provisions &c. &c. &c.

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may be required for the Consumption of the Troops with the Exception of Ghee and Salt Provisions which should be forwarded from hence. Enclose and recommend payment of a Bill of the Engineer of Masulipatam and of a Bill of the Engineer at Pyacollah.—

June 1801 on the Subject of Supplies of Provisions for the Troops under his Command.—As it appears from his Letter that every article is procurable at Malacca except Salt Provisions and Ghee, We recommend that the Commissary may be authorized to purchase what may be required for the Consumption of the Troops, and that a quantity of Ghee equal to four Months consumption and Salt Provisions for three Months may be forwarded from hence by the first Indiaman which may leave this Port bound to China.—

2d. We enclose and recommend Payment of a bill of the Engineer at Masulipatam amounting to Pagodas 1652.33.40 for expences incurred for the reestablishment of the Carnidic Dike No1, at that Station.—

3 We recommend Payment of Pagodas 35. to the Engineer at Pyacollah being the second advance on account of Repairs executing by him to the Gateway of the upper Fort—

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We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
D. Smith
In. Richardson
E. Trapaud.
P. A. Agnew.
I. Brunton.

Fort St George
16th April 1802.

To the Secretary to the Military Board.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In obedience to the orders of the Military Board communicated by your letter of the 1st of June last, I have consulted with Mr. Byng Paymaster of this Garrison on the subject of Mr. Charles Wallis Young's Memorandum to the Board, and I now offer the following as our joint opinion thereon.

At the time Mr. Byng addressed the Military Board, abundance of Rice, Tamarind, Onions, Garlic &c. was regularly

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imported here from Java, and we could then lay our account as certain to receive at a moderate price a sufficient supply of these articles as may be required annually for the use of this Garrison — under the idea that these supplies would regularly be continued, (which was a very probable Conjecture) Mr. Byng addressed his Letter to the Military Board, but since that time the export of Grain from Java has been prohibited, a circumstance not foreseen or thought of by Mr. Byng —

This prohibition still continues to be enforced in a rigid manner by the Government of Batavia, so that Grain of every description which we formerly received from that quarter is now become very scarce and dear in this neighbourhood —

Mr. Young's five hundred Bags of Malay rice which he speaks of in his Memorandums was the first of the Kind offered to

to the Troops and their objection to it I believe proceeded more from their having knowledge of a quantity of Bengal Rice being then in the Stores than from any particular dislike they had to the Quedah Rice. — The opinion of several Commissioned & Native officers upon this occasion taken, and they made an objection to Mr Young's Rice under this pretence, that the Malay Rice will not hold to the same advantage or resemble the Bengal Rice, on consequence of this objection and knowing Mr Young was under engagement to supply the Garrison with Bengal Rice, I directed the Commissary to reject and return the Quedah Rice upon Mr Young's hands — This prejudice seems to be entirely removed, and the Sepoys now appear to have not the smallest objection to the Quedah Rice which is the only Grain we have had in the Garrison for a considerable time past, and which the Commissary purchased when the Contractor Mr Young's Rice

was expended.—

The Dundah Rice as far as I can judge is equally wholesome and nourishing as that from Bengal, and in appearance it is equally white and fine.—

Ghee is at all times scarce on Malacca and seldom or never to be purchased in large quantities.— When the Contractors Ghee was expended, the Commissary was obliged to send to Penang for a supply, but it is not at all times to be had there, it being generally imported to that Island from Bengal and therefore bears a high price.—

Our supplies of Arrack from Batavia have not been so certain as formerly since His Majesty's Frigates under Captain Ball's Command visited Batavia last year we have had but little of that article imported from thence, but I do not find the export of it from Batavia is prohibited, we may therefore reasonably expect a

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sufficient supply annually for this Garrison — I have never known this liquor to sell at a higher Price in Malacca than sixty three Spanish Dollars per Leaguer, at present the price of the finest sort sells at fifty eight and sixty Dollars —

The Pindah Rice has usually sold in Malacca till within these last Eighteen Months at five and three quarters and three Dollars per bag, but of late owing to bad Crops the last two seasons, Rice has risen as high to four and four and a quarter Dollars per Bag, and at many other places on the Straits it sells for five and five and a half Dollars per bag — however this high price is not to be looked for when the seasons are more favourable and Crops more plenty — In the west of Java with Holland the present prohibition on the exportation of Grain from Java we may presume will be removed, in which case we shall doubtless be abundantly supplied with that article

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and at a cheap rate so that we shall not then require supplies of this article nor of arrack from Bengal, and I am of opinion it will be advantageous to Government to purchase these two articles in Malacca in preference to Contracting for supplies from Bengal or the Coast, - Salt Provisions and Ghee are the only articles we find a difficulty in procuring here and I recommend that Government order these articles from Bengal or the Coast to be supplied on Indent from the Commissary of Supplies here or furnished by Contract as may seem most advisable -

(Signed) Ald. Taylor

Lieut. Coll. Commanding

Malacca

1st September 1801.

A True Copy

(Signed) John Macleane

Secretary Mily Board

Resolved to desire that the articles of provision recommended by the Military Board to be supplied from this place for

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the use of the garrison of Malacca may be held in readiness to be embarked by the opportunity of one of the Honorable Company's ships which may be selected to occasion in the course of the present season

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lords,

We have the honour to forward for the consideration of your Lordships in Council, Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army, and Copies of Letters from the acting Engineer on the Southern Division, on the subject of the repairs of the Fort of Trichinopoly, and beg leave to recommend that the execution of the works to which the Plan and accompanying Estimates refer, may be authorized — and that in the Event of this proposal being approved, your Lordships in Council, orders may be given for Payment to the Engineer of one third of the Amount

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Forwards Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army, on the subject of the repairs of the Fort of Trichinopoly, and recommends that the execution of the Works to which the Plan and accompanying Estimates refer, may be authorized on the Event of this proposal being approved; — recommends that the usual Advance of Cash may be made.

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of his Estimates.

We have the honour to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
20th April 1802.

Signed D. Smith
Jn. Richardson
E. Trapaud
P. A. Agnew
J. Brunton.

The Secretary to the Military Board.

Sir.

According to the Communication contained in my letter of the 20th Ultimo having directed Lieutenant and Engineer Bradley to examine and report for the Board's Command relative to repairs of the Breaches in the Fortifications may be executed with the best effect; I request you will lay before the Board his letter upon the subject dated the 26th Ultimo which I have deferred to forward until it could be accompanied with Estimates of the Expence

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Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

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of his Estimates.

We have the honour to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
20th April 1802.

[Signed] D. Smith
Jn. Richardson
E. Trapaud
P. A. Agnew
J. Brunton

The Secretary to the Military Board.

Sir

According to the Communication contained in my letter of the 20th Ultimo having directed Lieutenant and Engineer Bradley to examine and report how the Board's Commands relative to repairs of the Breaches in the Fortifications may be executed with the best effect; I request you will lay before the Board his letter upon the subject dated the 26th Ultimo which I have deferred to forward untill it could be accompanied with Estimates of the Expence

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of the Repairs required at the South and North Gates, and of opening the Tanjore Gateway, which I shall receive Orders to transmit with the Letter of the 2d. Current which I beg you will lay before the Board.—

Besides the great Convenience to the numerous Inhabitants living in that part of the Town, and the means of keeping the place much cleaner, which would result from opening the Tanjore Gate, as stated in Major General Bridges Report to His Excellency the Commander in Chief under date the 9th of February last, and now before the Board, there is very reason to expect that the Cause of the Sickness which frequently visits that part of the Fort will be remedied.

By General Bridges's Report a new Draw Bridge is stated to be wanting to the Maidura or South Gate — Owing to this defect in the carriages and Cattle of every description have by order of General Bridges, been prohibited from passing

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passing out or in that way, which with the necessity of shutting up the Gentoomy or North Gate, / as appears by the Engineers letter of the 30th Ultimo which I request you will lay before the Board / leaves a passage in and out of the Fort to wheeld Carriages and Cattle open only by the West Gate, which causes general and Considerable Inconvenience.

Under which Circumstances I have to request that Sanction may be obtained for the Expence required to open the Tanjoure Gate, for a new Draw Bridge to the Madura or South Gate, and for a new Barrier Gate for the Gentoomy or North Gate; and that the Officer Commanding here may be authorized to order the immediate Removal of the Turrets, and ornamental work of the Gentoomy Gateway, for the reason mentioned in the Engineers Letter of the 30th Ultimo, and that he may be further authorized to order the Issue from the Stores, of Tools Baskets and Ropes and to direct the Engineer to hire Eight Bricklayers for the purpose

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of repairing the Breaches in the Fortifications as stated
in the Engineers letter of the 26th Ultimo

Signed/ A. Browne Colonel in
Trichinopoly
4th April 1802

charge of the Southn Divn

/Signed/ John Macleane
Secretary Military Board

Colonel Brown

Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have examined the Northern or Gunlormiroy Gateway and find that the fatal Accident which happened last night* was occasd by the falling of one of the old Turrets which were built at the same

* Thomas Phipps Matross of Invalids and John Newman Private Pensioners with a Native Woman the Wife of the former were killed by the Fall of one of the Turrets

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same time with the Gateway on all the Traverses of it, and as far as I can learn have been inhabited for several years past by some invalid and pensioned Europeans—

These buildings have very heavy arches besides a vast quantity of Ornamental work, on the top of them,—and the parts of the Walls that are standing are so thin and worn away that it is only surprizing they have so long supported the great weight they have upon them; in some of them two of the four Walls have entirely fallen away and the arch has no other support on those sides than a thin mudwall built up by the inhabitants to keep out the weather—

About 12 Months since one of the smallest, inhabited by two Europeans fell but fortunately without any lives being lost, and I then represented the very dangerous State of the whole of them to Major General Bridges and was ordered to take down the

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most dangerous with about 100 people sent by the Circar and 50 Lascars, but the people were taken away for other services as soon as they had taken down a single gun which stood immediately over the Gate and more could be shared to take down the others.—

I therefore beg leave to recommend that the North Gate may be immediately closed and not only the Turrets but the whole of the Ornamental work of the Gateway, be completely taken away, as the whole of it is in a very dangerous state and if it should fall to fall in the day time would inevitably kill a number of

as many Lascars as can be spared from the Stores may be employed on this Service

Trichinopoly
30th March 1802

Signed G. Braillon Lieut Engr

A true Copy

Actg Engr for Dire

Signed John Macleane
Secy Mily Board

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Colonel Brown

Commanding the Southern Division

of the Army

Sir,

In obedience to your orders I have made out the following Estimates, which I have the honor to enclose — No. 1 an Estimate for a new Teak wood Draw Bridge, for the Madras or South Gateway — No. 2 an Estimate for a Gateway — No. 3 an Estimate of the Expence of building a new Pont-dormant, and draw-Bridge for the Tanjour or East Gateway, according to the Plan No. 4 —

Should this plan be approved of, I do not propose opening the Gate in the same manner as it formerly was, but throwing the bridge, across the Ditch, on the North side of the projection of the Gateway, for the following reasons —

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The Bridge will be perfectly well flanked and defended on both sides if placed where I propose, which it would not be, in the situation of the old one—

A great expence will be saved in the foundations the rock approaching much nearer the surface of the ground on the North side, and the Ditch is not so broad—

No new gates will be required except the Banxsier gate, I have included in the Estimate; and no other expence but merely building the Bridge; is necessary; except the Assistance of 20 Lascars for two or three days to level the ground and take down a small part of the wall—

I beg leave to observe that the State of the Madras Gate-Bridge is so bad that it will be necessary to shut that Gate shortly; which will be a serious inconvenience to the inhabitants of the Fort—

(Signed)

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/Signed/ G. Bradley
Lieut. Engr.
Actg. Engr. Sr. Dr.

Trichinopoly
2d. April 1802.

A True Copy
/Signed/ John Macleane
Secy. Mily Board.

Colonel Brown
Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have in obedience to your orders examined the State of the Fortifications here, and am of opinion, that with the Assistance of 60 or 100 Lascars with a proportionate number of Syrangs and Tindals daily, The outward breaches may be built up, and the Ramparts made passable, which at present they are not in many places. There is a Considerable quantity of old materials laying upon, and under the Ramparts fully sufficient I imagine to build up all the Breaches — should there

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there not be enough, I recommend using the Battlements for that purpose, many of which have already fallen down, and the rest incline so much that they are very dangerous, and it is absolutely necessary to take them down, especially as they are totally useless.

I beg leave to state that the only assistance I could derive from any department (the Lascars excepted) is one Serjeant and two Bricklayer Mastries of my own Establishment. it will therefore be absolutely necessary to employ a small number of Bricklayers to do such part of the work as the Lascars cannot do, as well as to shew them at first how to work, there will likewise be some small expence for Pots and Chatties &c.

I shall also require Tools, Baskets and Ropes from the Stores.

The expence of the Bricklayers which is the only one that will be incurred, will

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be but trifling, though there is no possibility of ascertaining exactly what it will be, and Imagine that if the number of Lascars I have mentioned, can be spared daily, the Outward Breaches in the main Rampart and Tanjore Bray may be built up in the Course of 3 or 4 Months and the people might then be set about Repairing the inner Revetment of the Rampart.

The opening of the Tanjore Gateway would be of infinite Convenience and utility to the inhabitants of the Fort but would involve Some a paid a very Considerable expence as besides the repair of the Gateway a new Draw and Standing bridge will be required and new Gates.

I think it necessary to inform you that the Madurah Gate draw bridge is in a very dangerous state and a new one is absolutely necessary. The Basoul and Wing Beams of the present one have been gone a long time and the Bridge itself will certainly give way shortly.

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The Barrier Gate at the Gentoo-
way Gateway is so perfectly rotten and decayed that
it is quite useless and cannot be moved without
danger of its falling to pieces the four sets of Gates
to this Gateway are also very bad but I do not
think any repairs that could be given to them
would be of any use as the principal parts of
them are very old and rotten.

Signed J. Bradley Lieut.
Engr. & Actg. Engr. in the Dr.

Fort St. George
26th March 1802.

A True Copy
Signed John Macleane
Secy. Mily. Board.

Examined

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Estimate for a New Draw Bridge with a Bascul, wing Beams and new Iron work &c. excepting new Chains complete for the South or Madanak Gate of Trichinopoly – At the Current prices of the Station –

Draw Bridge 13 feet Long by 12¾ Broad.

Measurement Length	Breadth	Square or Cubic Feet	Superficial Square Feet	Lbs		Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
	F.	I.						
27	9	1 40½			2 Wing Beams			
12	9	1 18			2 Beams one Trunnion Beam & 1 End Beam, for Bascul			
15	6	9 1½			2 Cross Beams, for the Bascul			
13	6	7 7½			2 Beams one Runner & one Head Beam for the Bridge			
					Teakwood Beams	30	4	55
12	6	6 3			One Joist for the Bascul			
8	6	6 8			4 Joists for the Bascul			
13	8	6 32½			10 Joists for the Draw Bridge			
Total		4 32½			Teak wood Joists	1	0	70
12½	13			162	Sawn Teakwood Planking 2½ Inches thick with Diamond Headed Nails &c.	1	12	43
					Iron wrought and the Hinges fixed in with Lead	2	0	47
					Stone wrought and the Hinges fixed in with Lead into Stones	2	0	8
3	4	1		170	8 Strong Europe Iron Hinges Run with Lead into Stones			
				2	Europe Iron for Trunnions &c of the Bascul Bolts for the Bridge & Bascul Clamps &c. 8	1	0	0
		Total		414	Europe Iron wrought & put up	1	0	0
						33	35	43
						Total Star Pagodas		

Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
187	29	43

Signed J. G. Bradley
Lieut Actg
Engineer Southern Division

Trichinopoly
2d April 1802

A True Copy
Signed John Macleane
Secy Mily Board

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Estimate for a New Barrier Gate with new Iron work for the North or Penlonony Gate of Trichinopoly. At the Current prices of the Station

Measurements											
Length	Breadth	Height	Solid feet	Superfl.	feet	Dec.		Pagodas	Fanams	Cash	
10	9½	9½					New Gate and Frame of best Country wood		4	9	25
							150 Europe Iron for 4 New Hinges each 6 feet long two Bolts Nails	1	15	11	22
							1 Europe Iron Padlock	2		Cash	2
							Total abt. Pagodas				23

Trichinopoly
2nd April 1802

A True Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Deputy Military Board

(Signed) G. Bradley Lieut. Colony
Engineer Southern Division

Fanams 1 Cash 49

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Estimate of the Expence of building a new Pont dormant and Teak wood Draw Bridge for the Eastern Tanjour Gateway of the Fort of Trichinopoly At the Current prices of the Station—

Measurement Long	Broad	Height	Cubic feet	Superficial Feet	Inch		Rupees	Fanams	Cash
						Pont dormant 83 feet long 12 feet Broad inside the Parapet Walls			
5	5	19½	975	"	"	Lower part including the foundation of the large Pillars on which the Wings of the Bascul Turn—			
3	3	12	216	"	"	Upper Part of the two large Pillars			
37½	5	2½	1331¼	"	"	Lower Part } Foundation of 6 Piers			
37½	4	2½	1035	"	"	Upper Part }			
16½	3	3½	2524½	"	"	6 Piers			
13½	3½	1	189	"	"	Pillings up the 4 Spandles of the Arches			
2	2½	1	56	"	"	2 Pillars at the Eastern End of the Bridge for the Barrier Gate to turn on			
106	9	3½	3307½	"	"	2 Parapet Walls 3½ feet high One on each Side the Standing Bridge	"	2	10
Total			6583½	"	"	Plain Brick in Chinam—			
18¾	13½	1¼	1893¾	"	"	6 Arches			
Total			1893¾	"	"	arch work	"	3	15
						Total of Masonry			
						Draw Bridge 12 feet Square			
24	1	1	48	"	"	2 Beams for the wings of the Bascul			
14	1	1	14	"	"	1 Beam fixed a Cross the Pillars for the Bascul to turn on			
12	12	9	18	"	"	1 Trunnion and one end Beam for the Bascul			
14	6	9	1016½	"	"	2 Cross Beams for the Bascul			
12	6	7	7	"	"	2 Beams one Head beam and one Trunnion beam for the Bridge	"	30	"
Total			1103½	"	"	Teak wood Beams			
	9	9							
12	6	6	24	"	"	2 Joists for the Bridge			
3	6	6	10	"	"	5 Joists for the Bascul	1	"	"
Total			34	"	"	Teak wood Joists			

Rupees	Fanams	Cash
2	10	Pagodas 343 10 72
8	144	2 53 492 13 45

Measurement Length	Breadth	Height	Solid Feet	Superficial Square Feet	Inches	Lbs		Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
							Brought over Pagodas	103	27	-
12	12	-	-	144	-		Teak Wood Planking 2½ Inches thick with diamond headed Nails &c.a &c.a	2	12	-
-	9	9	-	-	1	-	4 Large Stones wrought and the Hinges fixed in with Lead	2	-	-
3	4	1	-	-	-	170	4 Strong Europe Iron Hinges run with Lead into Stones			
						270	Europe Iron for the Traversion of the Bascul, bolts for the Bridge and Bascul Lumps &c.a &c.a			
						120	6 Gate Chains for the Draw Bridge			
						240	2 Large Strong Chains from the wings of the Bascul to the Bridge and 2 Smaller hand Chains within	1	-	-
	Total					300	Europe Iron wrought & put up	1	21	-
							2 Europe Iron Padlocks for the Bascul			
							Total to the Draw Bridge			
							Barrier Gate 12 feet Broad by 7 feet High			
-	12	7	-	84	-		New Country wood Barrier Gate	-	4	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	150	Europe Iron for Hinges bolts and Nails	1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	Europe Iron Padlock	1	21	-
								25	1	49
							Total to the Barrier Gate	25	1	49
							Total Star Pagd.	730	28	63

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2d. April 1802

A True Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Sec. Mil. Board

(Signed) G. Bradley Lieutenant
Actg Engineer Southern Division

Star Pagodas
Fanams
Cash
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Resolved to authorize the execution of the repairs required to the fort of Trichinopoly &c according to the foregoing Estimates, with the exception of the Pont Dormant and Draw Bridge of the East Gateway of the Fort; the Construction of which, it is Resolved to post pone.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Board Recommend the payment of Bills and an advance of Cash—

1st. We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Letter of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department dated the 16th Instant and have accordingly issued the Orders therein directed—

2d. We beg leave to recommend payment of the following Bills and advance of Cash—

No. 1 Bill of the Garrison store-keeper in the Ceded Provinces for expences incurred

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incurred in the measurement and removal of Grain in Store at Pooly by our Order amounting to Pagodas 43. 34. — —

No. 2 — Bill of the Civil Engineer for work executed at the Military Board Office amounting to Pagodas 137: 5: 70.

No. 3 — Bill of the Civil Engineer for two blue Stones for the Machinery of the Southern Sea Gate amounting to Pagodas 51. 33. 60.

No. 4 — Bill of the Civil Engineer for a Door and frame &c. for an opening into the Rampart of the North Curtain amounting to Pagodas 15: 19 31.

An advance of 600 Pagodas to the Agent of Cavalry Supplies to His Majesty's 25th Regiment Light Dragoons a balance to that amount being due to him.

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We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
23d April 1802.

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) D. Smith
I. Richardson
E. Trapaud
P. A. Agnew
I. Brunton

Resolved to authorize the pay-

-ment of the bills and advances of money —

Read the following letter from

the Military Auditor General —

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General Forwards Copy of a letter from the acting Deputy Paymaster General of the King's Troops in consequence of a Notification he had received from the Military Paymaster General Copy of which is also enclosed & that no Bills would

I do myself the honor to lay

before your Lordship Copy of a letter addressed

to me by Major Keith young acting Deputy

Paymaster General of His Majesty's Troops —

under date 17th instant in consequence of a —

Notification

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would in future be allowed to be drawn on his office on account of Individuals of His Majesty's Service.—

Notification he has received from the Military Paymaster General (a Copy of which I have also the honor to forward) that no Bills would in future be allowed to be drawn on him on account of Individuals.—

2 Major Young has stated my Lord the strong necessity, which exists for a part of the Kings Subsistence Loans made payable in Fort St. George, the arguments which he has made use of in favor of this measure are stated with great perspicuity, but it remains with your Lordship to decide how far such arguments ought to induce a deviation from Rules laid down, and framed, for the express purpose of relieving the publick from inconvenience felt in a particular manner from the accumulation of Cash at certain Ports, which the abolition of Bills drawn has been considered calculated to prevent in a material degree.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Mily. Audr. Genls. Office
Fort St. George 30th April 1802.—

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brunton

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have received a Letter, Copy of which I enclose, from the Military Paymaster General, informing me that no further drafts are to be made on the Presidency on account of the Troops stationed at the out Garrisons, and that it will therefore be requisite for the Paymasters of Regiments to take up the whole of their Cash from the Station Paymasters.

As my situation has afforded me the means of Judging how materially at all times it has contributed to the Comfort and Convenience of His Majesty's Regiments at the distant Stations being permitted to draw a proportion of their Corps's subsistence at the Presidency, and how difficult it might prove to supply some of the indispensible wants of the Officers and

Men

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men of Corps entirely Composed of Europeans, should an indulgence of so much Consequence to them, and which they have now so long enjoyed, be at once wholly, withdrawn. — I have therefore deemed it necessary to submit the following Circumstances to your notice on the Spot, if they should appear to you of sufficient weight, that you will be pleased to recommend the subject to the Consideration of Government.

His Majesty's [illegible] general have considerable Numbers of absentees both Officers and Soldiers — such as the Numerous Sick absent and convalescents, the absent on leave and on duty, Invalids, Recruits not joined, Men Sergeants, many Families &c. the Pay of whom it must be evident cannot with propriety be taken up in Cash from the Provincial Paymasters, as it is procurable direct from the Kings Pay Office at the Presidency. —

Various necessary Stores and indispensible articles of Cloathing to Officers as well

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well as Men are frequently required from hence which hitherto have been paid for by Means of Bills drawn by the Regimental Paymasters on the Kings Pay office here; and if now deprived of this Channel I see no possible means they have of substituting any other, the inconvenience in consequance would be severely felt by all ranks in those Regiments—

The uniform disposition evinced by this Government to promote the welfare of His Majestys Troops affords them a well grounded hope, that if the measure in question will admit of any qualification in their favor, without injury to the Public, it will be extended to the Regiments concerned by continuing to them under certain restrictions, an indulgence so conducive to their Comfort and I trust it may be found not less so to the good of the Service—

If such indulgence can be granted each Regiment at an out Station may be permitted to draw on the Kings Pay

Office

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Office at the Presidency to the amount of not more than one fourth of the Balance of the Monthly Distribution of subsistence, or little more than Eight hundred Pagodas which I am satisfied would effectually obviate every inconvenience, so that for the whole of His Majesty's Regiments (Eight in number) now at those Stations, the amount thus payable at the Kings Pay Office, here would on a general Average not exceed 6,500 Pagodas Monthly, with the exception of the eventual Arrival of extraordinary Reinforcements of officers and Recruits from England, which would unavoidably swell the demand. The remainder due to the Regimental Paymasters may be drawn by Estimate from the Provincial Paymasters as at present, subject to the effectual Checks established by the Arrangement contained in your Letter under date 30th January last, addressed to the Military Paymaster General.

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I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Kings Pay Office
Madras 27th April 1802.

/Signed/ Keith Young
actg. Depy. Paymr. Genl.

A True Copy

/Signed/ I Brunton
M. A. G.

Major Keith Young
Acting Deputy Paymaster General.
Kings Troops

Sir,

I have to inform you that by directions from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council no further drafts are to be made upon the Presidency on account of the Military Stationed at the out Garrisons, it will therefore be requisite for the Paymasters of Regiments to take up the whole of their Cash from the Station Paymasters and you will be pleased only to Estimate for such Men belonging to the respective Regiments as

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we are actually at the Presidency —

Sam & Co. &c.

Fort St. George
16th April 1802.

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Military Paymr. General.

A True Copy

(Signed) Keith young

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Brunton

Mily. Audr. Genle

Resolved, to inform the Auditor General that it is not the intention of the Board that the order for discontinuing the issues of Bills of exchange by the Paymasters at the subordinate Stations shall affect those payments, on account of His Majesty's troops, described in the letter of the Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's forces, which must from the nature of the payments be disbursed at the Presidency; and to desire that the Deputy Paymaster General may continue to include all disbursements of this

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that description in a monthly estimate agreeably to the established regulations, in order that the amount may be issued from the treasury.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Minute—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

The Commander in Chief reports to Government the death of Lieutenant Dugald Masterton of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment of Native Infantry, which occurred at Polaveram on the 14th Instant, and recommends that the following Promotion be made on consequence.—

" 1st Regiment of N. Infantry

" Ensign Edward Blackerman to be Lieutenant date of Rank to be settled hereafter.—

The officer Commanding in the Tinnevelly district having addressed a Letter to the Adjutant General regarding the state of the Fort of Panjalamcourchy, and others ordered by Lieutenant Colonel Agnew to be destroyed,—

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Minute of the Commander in Chief reports the Death of Lieut.t D.l Masterton of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment and recommends the necessary promotion in consequence. Extracts & an Extract from a Letter from the Officer Commanding Tinnevelly regarding the state of the Fort of Panjalamcourchy and the other forts ordered to be destroyed and recommends that the necessary Labourers may be employed to remove the Guns Ammunition &c. Reports the arrangements of the Officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts for laying open the various Forts in the Districts under his Command—States that a portion of the Subsidiary Force had been ordered to be in readiness to march & service on the requisition of the Resident—

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the Commander in Chief lays before the Board
an Extract from that Letter, and recommends,
that orders may be given for the employment of
Labourers to complete the Work, which, from the
recent removal of the Pioneers from the Southern
Districts, has been left unfinished —

The Officer Commanding in the
Ceded Districts having lately made a Tour —
through the Northern and western Parts of the
Adoni District, deems it necessary to lay —
open certain strong Holds occupied by the Poligars
East, sufficiently to render them accessible —
without difficulty to our Infantry, while they
still possessed the Capability of resisting the
depredations of Cavalry, marauders, and affording
protection to the Inhabitants against such —
inroads — In communication with the Collector,
whose Ideas on this subject coincided with
those of Major General Campbell, this has been
done, under the inspection of Major Meachan,

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with a Detachment consisting of two Troops of Native Cavalry and four Companies of Native Infantry, who has laid open the Forts of Kaitsagur = Bellagull, Sikhar-gaddas, Hutsolie, Rowdoor, Naputhall, Naguldenna, Kornoor, Ruddymetta, and Nunkull. The detachment has returned to Quarters, with exception of one Troop of Native Cavalry, and two Companies of Infantry which, under Captain Crane, remain in the vicinity of Gootty, to Escort from thence to Bellary certain Poligars, required by the Chief Collector to be confined at that Station. This the Commander in Chief, reports for the information of Government.

The Commander in Chief further reports that in consequence of a requisition from the Resident at Hyderabad, the officer Commanding the subsidiary force serving with His Highness the Nizam has ordered the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry, the 1st Battalion of the 6th and the two Battalions of the 11th Regiment of Native Infantry,

two

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two twelve Pounders, two Howitzers, and Eight six Pounders, with the Proportion of Stores, and requisite Detachment from the Artillery Corps for the equipment of this train together with a Company of Pioneers, to be in readiness to march on service.

25th April 1802.

Signed J. Stuart

Extract of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Tinnevelly District to the Adjutant General of the Army under date Palamcottah 19th April 1802.

When the three Companies of Pioneers Commanded by Captain Bagshaw marched from Panjaulum Courchy for the Presidency, I received from that Officer a report of the Condition of the works of that place of which the following is a literal Copy — I have the honor to inform you that of the works of Panjaulumcourchy the north and East faces are destroyed, of the South as much remains about the Center as 200 Men may level

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in four days, and of the West one fourth is nearly down—
The truth of this Statement I found confirmed by my
own observation, from which I can add, that the
part remaining undistroyed is from the nature
of the earth of which it is Composed, the most
difficult to be levelled. In the Center of the Fort,
and nearest to the West face, is a mound of
considerable height and extent, the removal of
which I consider as necessary as the total demolition
of the works, and to accomplish both objects the
labor of many Hands will be required— The
removal of the Pioneer Corps deprives me of the
means of putting into execution the instructions
which I received from Lieutenant Colonel Agnew
"to see levelled with the surrounding Country the
"works of Punjaulum Coundy, Neglepoor Yella-
"rampunny, Cadulgoody, and as much as the
Collector wishes of Colarpetty"—

A true Extract

[signed] P. A. Agnew
Adjt. Genl of the Army—

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Resolved that the promotion of Ensign Blackman to the rank of Lieutenant be ordered to take place

Read the following letter from the Secretary at Fort William

To John Cramer Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you by Command of his Excellency the most Noble the Governor General the accompanying Copies of an address from Lieutenant Colonel Bell of the artillery on the Establishment of Fort St. George under date the 11th Ultimo and of its enclosures

His Excellency desires that those Documents may be submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in order that the question referred to His Excellency by Lieutenant Colonel Bell may be decided by his

From the Secret
al Consul Forwards
a List of Letters which
have been addressed
by Lieutenant Colonel
Bell of the artillery
to the Governor Gene
al Consul Soliciting
the allowances
for Brigadier
for the period he
commanded the
artillery serving
with the Indian
army in Egypt

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Lordships in Council in conformity to the usages of the Service.

His Excellency is of opinion that the peculiar circumstances stated by Lieutenant Colonel Bell may be considered to justify his Departure upon the present occasion from the established rules of the Military Service by making a direct application to his Excellency.

It has however appeared to his Excellency to be proper to refer the case to the decision of the Governor in Council of Fort St. George by the consideration that Lieutenant Colonel Bell is attached to the establishment of that Presidency.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) A. D. Edmonstone
Secy to Government

Moorshedabad
27th April 1802.

To

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To His Excellency The Most Noble
Marquis Wellesley K.P.
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

As an introduction to the subject on which I now take the freedom to address you I have to announce to your Lordship my arrival from Egypt, and tho' my return before the recall of the Corps which I had the honor to command may not appear to your Lordship a dereliction from my duty I must trespass on your time by an explanation of the circumstances under which my operations commenced.

The detachment of Artillery from hence, destined for the Secret expedition was to Command for a Captain, which I was appointed to, and tho' my promotion from Brevet to Regimental Major had actually taken place the promulgation was kept back to allow of my going on Command of the Detachment.

Genl

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being unwilling to relinquish the hope of an additional
Laurel to that acquired in the happy prosecution of
your Lordships Councils at Seringapatam —

I was happy in being allowed to
pursue my Voyage, as I conceived under the —
Auspices of the Honorable Colonel Wellesley —
General Baird having afterwards assumed the
Command, the whole of the Artillery of the Indian
Army was formed into a Brigade with Staff —
attached of my recommendation; and I was
appointed to the Command as Senior Officer — To the
allowance of this Situation I considered myself
entitled, and therefore did not think it required
any confirmation till the eve of my Departure
from Camp near Alexandria, when I found de-
my Command, not having being specifically deno-
-minated a Brigade — The usual allowance would
not pass audit. I then made application to —
General Baird on that subject which I have
the honor to enclose — together with his answer —

General

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Genl Baird allowing me to return
on ascertaining that the service of the Corps would
not be actively required, I consider a mark of his
favor and his acquiescence to my application to
your Lordship on the subject of allowances, by whom
alone they could be granted, as expressive of his
sense of the justice of my claim. These letters
I have submitted privately to the Honorable
Colonel Wellesley for an opinion of the propriety
of my claim, and I take the liberty to quote his
reply. Vizt. that "he recommended me to address
"your Lordship on the subject, and he had no objec-
"tion to my making known to your Lordships
"his sentiments regarding my situation as Com-
"mandant of Artillery, & that if he had remained
"in Command of the Troops he would have considered
"me accordingly entitled to the allowance of a
"Brigadier by the Custom of the Service, and would
"have recommended to your Lordship, that this
"allowance should be given from the time of my

joining

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Joining at Trincomale—

The impression I have of his correct judgement on such points, emboldens me to hope that his conceurience with propriety of my expectations will meet your Lordships liberal construction and that you will be pleased to sanction my receiving the allowance I have stated to be customary. With respect to the Numbers and magnitude of my Command there exists no objection to establish the right, as the Artillery of the Indian Army in Egypt, exceeds considerably the usual proportion, having detachments from all the Presidencies in India, and two Detachments from the Cape of Good Hope—

I have the honor to be

Mount near Madras

11th March 1802.

For &c.

Signed R. Bell

Lieut Colonel Madras Artly

A true Copy

Signed A.B. Edmonstone

Secy to Govt

Major

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Major General Baird

Commanding in Chief of the

Indian Army in Egypt

Sir,

Equally impressed with the sense of any claim, as convinced of your readiness to have it's decide on reasonable representations, I intreat your consideration of my situation as Commanding officer of artillery of your Army with confident hope of my receiving the sanction to the Second Brigade allowance, or that, on the Madras Establishment called table money.

To you Sir, under whose immediate eye and direction I act, it is not necessary to enumerate the variety or extent of duties that my situation embraces; or the complicated number of Corps and Casts, of which the artillery of the Army is composed; but I trust it will not be considered relative to state precedents, as the only objection is that "the artillery have not been demanded

at

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a Brigade — with the army formed for the invasion of the Mysore Country under Lieutenant General Harris, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, Senior officer of artillery, received Brigade or Table allowance though the artillery was not denominated a Brigade —

With the Army from Bombay under Lieutenant General Stewart, Major Thomson of artillery received the same allowance, even after the junction of the two armies — Captain Tompkins of the Bengal artillery Senior officer with the army under the Honorable Colonel Wellesley in Mysore, when employed against Doondea Waugh, though commanding a small Detachment, received the same allowance —

I shall not Sir, intrude further on your time with instances that rest in my pretensions on these, and the decision on your candor — I have only to add that although the allowance is certainly an object of consequence to

to

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me, particularly as I solemnly declare, that since my being with the army, it has been appropriated agreeably to the original intention, yet my chief object is that which is the bounden duty of every military man, to prevent or remove the imputation of misconduct or unworthiness.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Obt. Hble

Servt

Robt Bell

Major Comdg. Artillery

Camp at Attamed

25th September 1801

A true Copy.

(Signed) W.B. Edmonstone

Secretary to Government

To Major Bell

Commandant of Artillery

Head quarters Bowilla

Sir 25th September 1801.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date to Major General

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David on the subject of allowances.

The General desires me to acquaint you that he does not think himself authorized to sanction your drawing Brigadiers Allowances, as Commandant of Artillery, But as Commandant of a Corps you are authorized to draw the Batta of the rank above that which you hold, the batta of Lieutenant Colonel.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) G. B Tucker

Mo. B.

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Edmonstone

Secretary to Govt.

Resolved to inform Lieutenant Colonel Bell that as his application for Brigadiers allowances is unsupported by the recommendation of the Officer Commanding the Indian army in Egypt, the Board deems it to be inexpedient to admit his claim.

Read

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To the Officer Commanding at Tranquebar

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

I have the honor to lay before you for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a request from His Excel. Lieut. Major General Anker that the Madras Government may be pleased in the event of the expected restoration of this place, to furnish him with arms ammunition and a supply of Money on account of His Danish Majesty, till the arrival of the regular Ships from Europe.

I beg leave to observe on this request that all the serviceable small arms in the Danish Stores have been sent at different times to the Collector of Tanjore and Captain Blackburn's Detachment and also a great part of the ammunition.

I have the honorable &c.

Tranquebar
10th April 1802.

Signed William Kelly
Lieut Col. Comg

From the Commandant at Tranquebar requesting from the late Governor of Tranquebar for the supply of articles which will be required on the restoration of that place to the Danish Government states that general articles had been issued from the Danish Stores for the service in the Southern Provinces.

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To the Chief Secretary to the Government

Sir.

From Ditto — In addition to the late Request of the Governor of Tranquebar a supply of Grain will be also necessary —

you will be pleased to add to the Requisition of His Excellency Major General Arbuthnot as contained in my letter of 16th Instant, a supply of Grain for this Settlement —

Tranquebar
18th April 1802 —

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) William Cullen
Lieutenant Coll. Com.g

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Cullen be directed to inform His Excellency Major General Arbuthnot that the Board will have great satisfaction in affording the assistance of such supplies as may be necessary for the use of the Settlement of Tranquebar on the re establishment of the authority to the Danish Government at that Place —

Resolved that the Resident at Tanjore be directed to take measures for collecting the fire arms which were seized from the

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the Stores at Tranquebar, for the use of the detachment which was equipped under his Command in the province of Tanjour, in order that they may be returned into Store

Read the following letter from the Accountant General

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Accountant to the Military Board, the Paticulars of his Correspondence with the Accountant General at Bombay respecting an unadjusted account for deficiencies in Supplies landed from the Honorable Company's Ship Britannia on the Coast of Malabar

Upon receiving from the Secretary and Accountant to the Military Board the enclosed Accounts Short Delivery of Military Stores consigned from the Presidency of Bombay to the Malabar Coast upon the Honorable Company's Ship Britannia, According to the usual mode observed, in all similar cases forwarded them to the Accountant General at Bombay and debited that Presidency for the amount, which was before credited for the full amount of the Invoice in order that our accounts might agree — The Accountant General returned them

them, saying the Deficiency having arisen upon a Company's Ship it should be settled between this Government and the Court of Directors. I again sent them back pointing out the mode which had been observed for years past, and from which I was not at liberty to deviate — This Explanation did not appear satisfactory, and he has once more returned the accounts with a Letter, saying it is by order of his Government as he has thought fit to make an application to Government there, I thought it would be disrespectful on my part to make any further reply without a reference here. I beg therefore to request you will lay Copy of his Letter before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and to inform his Lordship that the Existing regulation is as I have before stated it, and that it appears to me to be the business of the Bombay Government to settle the deficiency at Home, for that we cannot

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gave them Credit for more than we have actually received from them.—

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Accountant Generals
Office 27th April 1802.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Accountant General.

Cecil Smith Esqr.
Accountant General
at
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having submitted your letter of 18th. Ultimo to the Honorable the Governor in Council, he is of opinion that the mode thereon proposed of facilitating the settlement of the short delivery of the Britania, is not so regular as that adopted on all occasions of short delivery of Comps. Ships at this Presidency. Viz. making out regular accounts thereof debiting the Owners of those Ships for the value and clearing the same on close of the Books by "account Current

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London!

The consignment of stores in question was made from this Presidency and it was the business of the Consignee to look after the delivery, to demand any thing that was short, and to obtain regular Vouchers, under which the Claim might be made against the Commander or Owners in England, if this has not been done, it is not the neglect of Servants acting under this Presidency nor can a credit be admitted on the Books thereof for a deficiency which in the regular course of business you ought to furnish an account of to the Honorable Court of Directors.

The above being the sentiments of this Government I have not obtained the requisite authority for crediting the amount of the enclosed accounts, which are consequently returned.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) H. Fawcett
Accountt General.

Bombay Castle
Accomptt Generals
Office 27th March 1802.

A true Copy
(signed) Geo. F. Travers
Dy. Sec.

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Resolved that a Copy of the above Letter be transmitted to the Military Board, and to desire the Military Board previously to a communication being made on the subject above stated to the Government of Bombay, to state whether the Officers to whom the supplies were delivered from the Britannia received an acknowledgement from the Commander for the amount of deficiencies which appear to have occurred, or any explanation relative to the Cause by which the loss might have been produced.

Read the following Letter from the Agent for purchasing Horses

To George Buchan Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir,

From the Agent for purchasing Horses Requests permission to resign his appointment of Agent for purchasing Horses

As the defensive Treaty of peace may be soon expected to arrive when I can with propriety solicit the permission of the Right Honble the

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&c. &c. &c.

the Governor in Council to visit my Native Country after a residence in India of Nineteen years. I obtained his Lordships permission to resign the appointment of Agent for purchasing Horses which I have held since May 1790. The amount of the salary annexed to the Station is so great an object to me, that I should have wished to hold it until the day of my departure did I not conceive that the Officer whom the Right Honorable the Governor shall fix upon to succeed me as his Agent should have an opportunity of making his arrangements for the remount for next season while the dealers are assembled at Mangalore, indeed at this period of every year as far as the remount can be ascertained, it is very advisable the order should be given for the ensuing season. His Lordship in Council is the best judge how to appreciate the merit that may be due to me for suggesting, executing, and bringing to perfection the present plan for supplying the Company with Horses

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Horses, from a source which if kept up on the present system, is capable of furnishing on an emergency 3000 Horses annually, and as I said in my report on my return from Cutch even at a time that we may be at war with all the great powers of India combined against us -

The resources which may be looked for from the Mud at Ganjam under the management of Captain Evans. which I understand from all quarters to be in a most prosperous way, may fairly be expected to contribute in a few years to the annual wants of Government for supplying the Cavalry with Horses in the time of peace; but as nothing of this kind is to be entirely depended on until the extent of its produce is completly ascertained, and all the there is every reasonable expectation a war in India to be a very distant event. I hope His Lordship will allow me to renew the suggestion which he did me the honor to approve on a former occasion

that

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"that a certain number of horses more than may be required
"for the annual remount should be commissioned every
"year, and in case they were not afterwards required
"they should be sold on the Company's account, and I
"have no doubt but they will bring a very great profit.
this mode will secure an additional supply in case
of emergency; will afford employment to the
dealers who have for so many years been retained
by me in the service of the Company and who are
very deserving of all due encouragement.

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

Sauleporc
6th. April 1802

(Signed) H.C. Montgomery
Agent for purchasing horses.

Resolved to inform Captain
Montgomery of the resolution adopted by the Board
for abolishing the office of Agent for purchasing horses,
and to transmit to that Officer an Extract of the
General Order published on this subject.

Resolved in communicating
this

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This resolution to respect to Captain Montgomery
the Boards entire approbation of the Zeal activity
and success with which the arrangements connected
with the army have been conducted by him

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the Officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

I have to request you will be
pleased to state to His Lordship in Council, that
there are several Persons now in Confinement in
the Ceded Districts on charges of Theft Robbery
and Murder, and that their numbers daily
increase — To put an end to these offences
against the Peace and security of the Inhabitants
it seems much to be wished, that full Power
and Authority could be granted me by Government,
to bring the Delinquents, Now in Custody, and all
others that might be thereafter accused of similar
Crimes. To summary Trial, & Punishment

From the Officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts
Reports that several Persons are confined in the Ceded Districts on Charges of Theft and Murder — suggests the — Expediency of being vested with Authority to bring Delinquents — charged with such Crimes to Trial and Punishment

Law, or otherwise; and to order The infliction of Capital Punishment, or such other as might, on Trial, be awarded against them: For I am persuaded that nothing Short of the most Serious Examples will have to check those Evils which seem of late to have gained Ground in these Provinces

I beg to observe, that the Authority formerly delegated to me by Government, can only apply to Cases of High Treason, Viz.t Insurrection and Rebellion against the Company's Authority, but does not appear to have reference to acts of Felony, amongst which Murder, Robbery and Theft are to be classed.—

Signed/ Dug.d Campbell

Ballare
18th. April 1802.

M. G.

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I have &c.

(Signed) Dug.l Campbell

Ballare
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M. G.

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

Madras

My Lord,

I do myself the honor of writing to your Lordship to inform you that a Detachment of Soldiers belonging to His Majesty's Regiments in India have this day embarked on board the Ship Ajax, all expences relative to this Detachment (which consists of such men as have been from time to time by the different Corps which have sailed from hence to India) having been paid and the men settled with to the 24th February inclusive, agreeable to the Lists and Certificates which have been given to Lieutenant Boffet of the Regiment de Meuron who being about to return to his Regiment at Madras has been directed by me to take charge of the Detachment on board the Ajax.

I have likewise to mention to your Lordship that the Deputy Adjutant General Major Crahame has in pursuance of my desire communicated to the Officers Commanding Corps to which the men composing this Detachment respectively belong the period to which they have

From the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope — Reports that details of Troops belonging to His Majesty's Regiments in India have been embarked on the Ship Ajax for Madras — States the period to which their expences had been paid — Mr Summers Assistant Surgeon has been directed to proceed in Medical charge of this Detachment — Requests that he may receive such Compensation as may be deemed proper and that he may be permitted to return by the earliest opportunity to the Cape —

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been severally subsisted, cloathed and received their other allowances while attached to and doing duty with Regiments on this Station.—

Judging it expedient that a Medical person should be on board the Ajax with a Detachment of Soldiers amounting to 160 Men I have directed Mr. Turner assistant Surgeon on the Hospital Staff of this Garrison to embark in charge of the said Recruits, having to request that your Lordship will be pleased to allow such Compensation for the extraordinary duty he is about to perform upon this Occasion as shall be judged proper or necessary.— requesting also that Mr. Turner may be permitted to return by an early opportunity to the Cape.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(signed) Fran.s Dundas
Lieutenant General

Cape of Good Hope
7th February 1802.

Return.—

Return of Detachments of the following Regiments left sick at the Cape and attached to the several Regiments to embark on board the Ship Ajax bound to Madras.

Regiments	Officers	Non Commiss'd Officers	Rank & File	Total		Period of Subsistance From		To	
12th Foot	"	"	71	71		17th June	1801	24th February	1802
51st "	"	"	2	2		17th June	1801	Do	
65th "	"	"	1	31	33	25th March	1801	Do	
65th "	"	"	"	1		9th April	1801	Do	
73d "	"	"	"	36	36	17th June	1801	Do	
78th "	"	"	"	1	1	25th Jany	1799	Do	
80th "	"	"	"	1	1	17th June	1801	Do	
1st Brigade	1	"	"	17		17th June	1801	Do	
Do	"	"	"	3		25th Jany	1799	Do	
Do	"	"	"	1	22	25th July	1801	Do	
Do	"	"	"	1		17th Septr	1801	Do	
Total	"	1	166	167					

(Signed) Frank Dundas
Lieut. General

Staff Corps
Madras
9th Sept.
Cape

Ajax

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Diary

Received the following letter

To the Chief Secretary to the Government

Sir,

In obedience to His Lordship's

From the Commandt at Tranquebar submits the sentiments of the late Governor at Tranquebar on the application of the Revd Mr. Gericke in behalf of the Danish Missionaries and forwards a Copies of Correspondence of the Head Missionary at Tranquebar on the Subject

Commands as signified in your letter of the 6th Instant relative to a Petition from the Revd Mr. Gericke in the name of the Danish Missionaries, I communicated the same to His Excellency General Archer and have now the honor to submit to you the results.

The address of the Revd Mr. Gericke might induce Government to suppose that the Danish Mission was a Royal institution, and the word salaries might lead to believe that they were actually paid by the King.

On the contrary, they are merely a Mission tolerated and protected as any other religious sect of the Moravians for

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example who have a house here, and they do not receive any direct support from the Crown, tho' in general, they get an annual donation of about four thousand rex Dollars; they receive besides this, a yearly present in Wine from Europe, to the amount of about £200 Sterling.

It is true they have a Royal Charter but it is simply a protecting one, and confers little more than the exclusive right of making Christians amongst the Savages.

The foregoing — result of my communication with General Arbuthnot; it is his opinion, that if His Lordship assists the Danish Mission with a loan to the amount of their annual supplies from Europe, they will, and ought to be satisfied with the liberality of the British Government

To ascertain these, I addressed a

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a letter, copy enclosed, to the Reverend Mr. John Head Missionary here; his answer with what I have had the honor to state will, I trust enable His Lordship to decide upon Mr. Genicke's Petition.

Tranquebar 21st April 1802.

I have the honor to be &c &c
Signed Will.m Cullen
Lieut.t Col.l Comm.g

To the Reverend C. John

Sir,

I have to request you will state to me in what consist the funds of the Danish Mission at this place, and the amount of the annual supplies you receive from Copenhagen distinguishing those you receive from His Danish Majesty from those you have from other sources.

You will please also to answer the following Questions.

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I. Have the Lines of the Mission in India been alienated, or have they fallen short owing to the English being in possession of the Settlement?

Answering your Lands in India to have been equally productive heretofore, do you want any further assistance from Government than a Loan to the Amount of your Annual Supplies from Europe?

The above is in consequence of an application from the Revd Mr. Gericke to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, your early answer will enable me to reply to the Madras Government

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April 1802

I am &c &c
(Signed) Wllm. Cullen
Lieut. Col Engr.

A true Copy
(Signed) L. M. C.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel William Cullen.

Commanding Trangubar

Sir,

I had the honor of receiving your

favor yesterday evening, to which I take the liberty

now to reply, having been prevented by official duties

from doing it sooner

The Mission has no standing fund

at Tranquebar more on India, except what the

annually receive from the Royal Mission College

at Copenhagen and the interest of a small fund at

Halle in Germany besides the accidental Benefactions

and profits from the Farms of the Mission, and of

the Missionaries. Of the annual remittances we

keep so much in cash, for several Months as for

a year as circumspection dictates, that we may

not fall short of the necessary expences at any

unforeseen event, and what we can spare we

lend out on small sums on Interest upon —

Security, only here at Tranquebar, out of this

Therefore

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therefore we have taken in the present former Salaries and expences for the Mission.

2. The Emoluments and Supplies we annually receive from Copenhagen London Germany &c. &c. consist in Provisions and necessaries for the private and public use of the Missionaries for a part of which we pay only the prime Cost and another part we receive as presents - For what this annually amounts to ascertained exactly, but may come to 500 Pag.s and some times more according to accidental benefactions.

3. Besides what is mentioned No 1. we have no other funds of the Mission in India, consequently nothing can be said property that has been alienated, but our subsistence has fallen short during this year owing in particular to the stoppage of the shipping and breaking off all connection

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with Denmark, Germany, and several
Countries. India where the Russian and Moravi-
-nies have friends and benefactors, who have
not been able to continue their assistance and
benefactions.

4 Having able men 4,000 Pago-
-as out standing small sums at Tranjenbar,
which we, now our cash being nearly exhausted
soon shall be obliged to call in, we cannot
properly say that we want for the present a
Loan or an advance from the Honorable
British Government; the taking of which
would be precarious and might cause us many
difficulties and responsibility when it must
be refunded in future by our Royal College.

We have therefore informed
the Reverend Mr. Gericke of our present cir-
-cumstances and have requested his advice,
if we might lay them before the Right
Honorable

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Honorable the Governor in Council on a humble Petition of W. would be acceptable if he dies at or near Manar.

We beg therefore humbly leave to decline a Loan and submit entirely what we have mentioned of our present Situation to the kind consideration and generous disposition of the Honorable & British Government

We have the honor to remain Sir

Your most obedient and humble Servant

(Signed) C. St. John

A true Copy.

(Signed) Hyde Cullen

Sec. to Govt.

Tranquebar 19th April 1802.

Sent.

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Sent the following letter.

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant.

2. His Lordship in Council entirely approves the measures taken by Captain Mackay for detecting the fraud committed by the Native Servants in charge of the public Cattle employed in the Southern Provinces, and though it would have been better as the guilt of the offenders had been established, that they had been subjected to public punishment, His Lordship in Council is satisfied that the mode observed by Captain Mackay was calculated to facilitate the recovery of the property of which the Company had been defrauded, and to afford the

means

To the Military Auditor General, acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 15th Inst. approving the measures taken by Captain Mackay for detecting the fraud committed by the native servants in charge of the public cattle employed in the Southern Provinces, and desiring that the sum recovered by that Officer may be appropriated to the disbursements of the department under his charge. Instructions will be given to the Military Board on the subject of the improvements proposed by Captain Mackay, for the care of detached details of public cattle. Satisfaction expressed that the enquiry into the conduct of the servant of the Pay Department at Masulipatam has terminated in his acquittal from blame. Authorizing the employment of a Conicoply and Interpreter at Tranquebar. Enclosing copy of a letter from Lieut. Colonel Deschamps of Engineers with directions to admit the establishment of Artificers which that Officer was authorized to employ on the expedition to Egypt. The commission

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means of detecting similar infractions in future.

3. The Governor in Council desires that the sum of Pagodas 562. recovered by Captain Mackay may be appropriated to the disbursements of the Department under his charge.

4 His Lordship in Council will give instructions to the Military Board on the subjects of the improvements proposed by Captain Mackay for the care of the details of public Cattle which may be occasionally detached in the public service.

5th. The Governor in Council observes with satisfaction that the enquiry into the conduct of the Servants of the Paymaster at Masulipatam has terminated in his acquittal from blame.

6th. His Lordship in Council authorizes according to your recommendation

admission of the allowance claimed by Lieut. Dickinson and his full Expences to be defrayed transmitting for his information a Memorandum of the Commander in Chief, relative to the movement of different Corps to give authority for the payment of certain Bills and advances of Money recommended by the Military Board.

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the employment of a Conveyancer and a Cashroff for the payment of the Garrison and establishments at Tranquebar, at an allowance of seven Pagodas per month.

Communicated by His Lordship in Council to inclose the Copy of a letter from Lieutenant De Havilland of the Corps of Engineers and to desire that the establishment of Artificers which that Officer was authorized to employ as stated in his letter on the expedition to Egypt may be admitted, at the rates of pay sanctioned under the authority of His Lordship in Council.

8th " The Governor in Council being unacquainted with the particular circumstances which may have led to the appointment of Lieutenant De Havilland to be Field Engineer does not consider it expedient at present to authorize the admission of the allowance claimed by him

on

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on that account.

9th I am directed by His Lordship in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Memorandum recorded by the Commander in Chief, relative to the movement of different Corps for your information and guidance.

10th His Lordship in Council desires that authority may be given for the payment of the bills and advances of Money recommended in the accompanying Extracts of letters from the Military Boards.

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23d April 1802.

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) G. Buchan
Secretary to Govt. Military Dept.

Received and Sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51

From the officer commanding in the Provinces of Malabar and D. Canara.

From Lieutenant Colonel Boles.

Reports that Mr. Stuart Hall had been permitted to proceed to Bombay, in order

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to procure a passage to Europe - States the
measures of precaution taken to prevent
his escape -

From Lieutenant Colonel

From the Senior Officer Commanding the Subsidiary Force

Halliburton - Forwards Copies of two letters -
from the Resident at Hyderabad desiring -
that a Detachment of troops should be -
ordered to be in readiness to proceed on Service
and reports that the necessary orders have
been issued in Consequence

From Do Do Reports -

From Do Do

the return from Ponah of the Flank Com-
-panies of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment.

From Lt Col Roebuck -

From the Military Paymaster Genl

Forwards an additional Estimate of Cash
required to answer demands on his Office in
the Current Month -

From Do Do Forwards

From Do Do

a Statement of the expences of the Madras
Army for May 1802 together with the -
necessary

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necessary vouchers.

From the Govt. to a Detachment of His Majesty's Regiments.

From Govt. in Fran. Regrets

Authority for an advance of money to a Detachment of His Majesty's 65th Regiment recently arrived in India.

To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General.

Enclosing for his information and guidance extract of a Minute recorded by the Commander in Chief explaining the mode in which the charges of the Collectors on account of the Provision of Gram for the Cavalry, are to be adjusted, together with extracts of a letter on that subject to the Board of Revenue.

Enclosing extract of a letter from the Honorable Company's agent at the Cape of Good Hope, communicating an account of payments made by him on account of this Presidency, with directions that the charges may be adjusted under the proper Heads.

For

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To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor Genl.

Repeating for examination an additional —

Estimate of Cash required for the current —

month.

29th Sent the following Letters.

To the President & Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right

To the Military Board the articles of provision recommended by them to be supplied from the Garrison of Malacca to be laid in Stores for consultation — Orders given respecting the execution of the repairs required to the fort of Trichinopoly — Authority has been given for payment of the bills and advances of money recommended in their letters. To state the quantity of grain remaining in the Stores at the Presidency, whether any portion of that received in the last season from Tanjore has been disposed of, and the rates at which it may have been sold.

Honorable the Governor in Council to —

acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated

the 16th, 20th & 23d Instant.

His Lordship in Council

desires that the articles of Provision which

you have recommended to be supplied from

this place for the use of the Garrison of

Malacca, may be laid in readiness to be

embarked by the 1st opportunity of one of the

Honorable Company's Ships which may be

expected to occur in the course of the present

Season

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Season.

The Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the execution of the Repairs required to the Fort of Trichinapoly according to the Estimates which have been prepared by the Engineer at that Station, with the exception of the Part denominated the draw Bridge of the East Gateway of the Fort, the construction of which His Lordship in Council desires may be postponed.

The Governor in Council has given authority for the payment of the Bills and Advances of Money recommended in your letters.

I am directed by His Lordship in Council to desire that you will state for His Lordship's information the present Quantity of Grain remaining in the Stores at the Presidency; whether any portion of the Grain received from the Provinces

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Province of Tanjaur in the last Season has been disposed of, and the Rates at which it may have been stored and disposed of-

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I have the honor to be &c &c
(signed) J. G Buchan
Secy to Govt Military Dept

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

Para 1st I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant, and to inform you that it is not the intention of His Lordship in Council that the order for discontinuing the issue of bills of exchange by the Paymasters at the Subordinate Stations shall affect those Payments on account of His Majesty's troops, described in the letter of the Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's forces, which must from the nature of the Payments be disbursed at the

To the Military Auditor General the reason for discontinuing the issue of Bills of Exchange by the Paymasters at the Subordinate Stations not intended to affect those payments on account of His Majesty's troops described in the letter of the Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's forces - transmitting extract of a letter from the officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts with extract of the reply relative to the discontinuance of field allowance to the troops serving in those Provinces - transmitting extracts of correspondence respecting the loss incurred in the exchange of Rupees issued to the Troops during the late Service in the Southern Provinces and directing that the Troops by whom the loss on Pondicherry Rupees was sustained may be reimbursed. transmitting extracts of

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Correspondence with the Military Board relative to arrangement to the fortifications of Trichinopaly; and desiring him to give authority for an advance of one third of the Amount of the estimates for repairs which have been authorized - Payment of other advances of Money and bills to be recommended by the Military Board to be authorized - The arrears of pay and allowances of Officers promoted in the Regiment De Meuron to be paid to them from the period of their promotion being published in the G.O. in India - & Enclosing extract of an order issued by Colonel Wellesley which has been confirmed.

Presidency - His Lordship in Council desires accordingly that the Deputy Paymaster General may continue to include all charges of that description in a Monthly estimate agreeably to the established regulations, in order that the amount may be issued from the Treasury -

2. I am directed by His Lordship in Council to enclose for your information and guidance the extract of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Ceded Districts, together with an extract of the reply transmitted to that Officer, relative to the discontinuance of Field allowances to the Troops serving in those Provinces.

3. I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of a letter to the Officer Commanding in Tinnevelly; together with an extract of the letter from Lieutenant Colonel

Agnew

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29th agreeable thereto referred to relative to the loss incurred in the exchange of Rupees issued to the troops during the late Service in the Southern Provinces.

4th His Lordship in Council desires that in conformity to the resolution stated in the letter to Major Shippard, authority may be given for reimbursing to the troops by whom the loss was sustained, the amount of the loss arising on the issue of Pondicherry Rupees agreeably to the enclosed Statements

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" 2 Str Pags 286 - 4. 50

" 3 Rupees - 798 - 1 - 34.

as the relative value of that Coin has not been fixed by the orders of the Governor in Council.

5 I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance the extract of a letter from the Military Board, relative to repairs required to the Forts of Tschenopoly, together

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together with an extract of the instructions which have been issued by His Lordship in Council on that subject; and to desire that authority may be given for an advance of one third of the amount of the Estimates for the Repairs which have been authorized:

6th This Lordship in Council desires that authority may be given for the payment of the said advances of money and bills recommended in the accompanying Extracts of letters from the Military Board.

7 I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief, and to inform you that in consideration of the Circumstances therein stated relative to the promotion of Officers in His Majesty's Regiment De Meuron, His Lordship in Council is pleased to desire that the advanced pay and allowances

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of Officers promoted in that Regiment may be paid to them from the period of their promotion being published in General Orders in India.

B. His Lordship in Council has approved and confirmed the accompanying Extract of an order issued by the Honorable Colonel Wellesley.

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/Signed/ G. Buchan
Secrety to Govt. Milty Dept.

Received and Sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57.

From the Milty Paymaster Genl.

From Mr. Rachuck. Forwards Copies of the Madura and Seringapatam Estimates for the ensuing month.

To the Military Auditor General. Referring for examination the General Estimate for the ensuing month.

To the Milty Auditor Genl. 29th.

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To the Resident at Tanjore.

To the Resident at Tanjore.

Enclosing extract of a letter from the Com=
=mandant at Tranquebar and desiring that
the fire Arms issued from the Stores at that
place for the use of the Detachment lately
under his Command may be returned into the
Stores.

To the Commandt at Tranquebar

To Lieutenant Colonel=
Cullen - Desiring him to inform General Ander=
=son that the assistance of such supplies as may
be necessary for the use of the settlement of
Tranquebar on the reestablishment of the
Danish Government will be afforded.

To Lieut.t Col.
Bell of the Artillery.

To Lieutenant Colonel Bell -
Independent at present to account his claim
to Brigadiers allowances while in Egypt.

To the agent for
furnishing Horses.

To Captain Montgomery -
acquainting him with the resolution which
has been adopted for abolishing the Office of
Agent for purchasing horses - expressing appro=
=bation of his conduct while employed in the agency

to

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President.

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief.

Friday the 30th. April 1802.

William Petrie and
Mungo Dick - - } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.

Read the following letter

from the Marine Board.

To the Right Honorable Edwd. Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Board of Trade. Report the result of the enquiry instituted by the Marine Board regarding the circumstances attending the Capture of the Ship Prince.

In obedience to the commands of your Lordship in Council under date 22d. Instant - We desired the attendance of Mr. Thomas Beyts fourth Officer of the Ship Prince

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Prince, the only person now at the Peninsula who was a witness to her having been forcibly taken possession of by the French Persons of War.

2d. The circumstances connected with the seizure of the Prince have been so very fully detailed in the Papers transmitted by your Lordship for our information that this report is necessarily confined chiefly to the point appeared to be imputable to any want of precaution calculated to ensure the safety of the Ship.

3. In conducting therefore the enquiry our examination of Mr Beyts a copy of which we have the honor to enclose was principally directed to ascertain the fact and from his Evidence it appears that every precaution in their power was taken by the Captain and Officers of the Prince as well as

Captain

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Captain Brown the Commissary in charge of the Provisions to prevent such an accident.

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We have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) H. Dick
Geo: Westcott
C.W. Fallofield
Jno. Mitford

Examination of Mr. Thomas Boyle late fourth Officer of the Ship Prince.

Q. Is this your Signature to Declaration made by you before a Majistrate?

A. It is.

Q. Are the contents of that Paper the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

A. Yes to the best of my recollection.

Q. Were you an eye witness of the whole transaction?

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A. I was upon Deck marking the Log, when the Prisoners seized and carried me below.

Q. Do you know if there was any Signal and what Signal to be made in the event of a Meeting or insurrection among the Prisoners?

A. I do not know of any Signal but I understood from Captain Suffolk that it was the intention of the Suffolk to make a private Signal every hour. These Signals to the best of my knowledge were never received or made.

Q. Did you understand that there was any Signal prepared in either of the Quarter Galleries.

A. I did not

Q. Were the Gatheways regularly guarded?

There

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A. Were sentries always on guard over the Hatches which were barricadoed.

2. What general precautions were taken to keep good order among the Prisoners on Board?

A. No Prisoner was allowed to come upon Deck but by the Express permission of Captain Brown, and in general only two at a time; the Non-Commissioned Officers were permitted to be on the Gun Deck during the Day without any restraint.

2. Are you of opinion that if other precautions had been taken the Meeting might have been prevented?

A. Every precaution appears to have been taken on the part of the Officers of the Prince - There were only two Cutlasses on board and no Firearms -

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a Ship Gun upon the 2nd Deck must
kept constantly loaded for the purpose
of making a Signal, as the rest having
been sent on Shore - If a party with
Musquetry had been on the Poop the
Prisoners might in my opinion have
been repulsed -

2 Q. Would it have been possible
to have made any Signal after the com-
=mencement began. ?

A. I do not think it was
possible from the sudden and instanta-
=neous manner in which the capture
was effected -

3 Q. Were you ever visited by
Officers sent from the Suffolk and
what other communications had you
by boat or otherwise ?

4 A. We had no communica-
=tion whatever after Quitting Cuddalore
Road

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Roads excepting one day after the Prince had shot
a head of her Captain Scott was hailed and desired
to come under the Suffolks Quarter.

2. Was the weather so violent as to
prevent any communication by Boats &c.

A. No we sent a Boat for the Gilwell a
little to the Northward of Ceylone.

2. What distance were you from the
Suffolk at the time of the insurrection?

A. About 3/4 of a Mile or thereabouts

2. What was the usual distance of sailing?

A. Three Quarters of a Mile or thereabouts.

2 Was there any Mutinous disposition observed
among the Prisoners previous to the insurrection.

A None that we observed.

A true Copy Signed A. Mackenzie Secy.

It appearing full consideration
of the papers connected with the loss of the Prince that
the event which produced the capture of that Ship did
not proceed from any remissness or want of vigilance
on the part of the persons entrusted with the immediate

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charge of the Ship, the Board is of opinion under the circumstances that no doubt exists regarding the validity of the claim of the late owners of the Prize to the value of the Ship insured to them by the Con-
-ditions of the Charter party: and it is Resolved accordingly to authorize the amount being Twenty thousand Star Pags to be issued from the Treasury in Treasury Bills.

The following Drafts of letters to the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Ceded Districts, and to the Officer Commanding the Troops in Canara respectively are read and approved

To Major General Campbell

Commanding the forces in the Ceded Districts

Sir, Para 1st I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Instant.

The Officer Comg the forces in the Ceded Districts. The powers with which he has been furnished for the punishment of Rebellion in the Ceded Districts extended to those Crimes which disturb the order and peace of the Country.

2d His Lordship in Council considers it to be entirely expedient that the powers with which you have been furnished for the punishment of Rebellion in the Ceded Districts, should render the present Circumstances of those Territories and until it may be " practicable to constitute regular " Courts

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Courts for the trial of offences, be extended to those Crimes which disturb the order and peace of the Country -

3. This Lordship in Council desires accordingly that you will consider yourself empowered to bring to trial by Summary process, before such Officers as you shall appoint for that purpose, all offenders charged with Murder, or with the Commission of acts of plunder, in order that the offenders may on conviction be punished by death or in such manner as may be determined -

4. The Governor in Council conceives it expedient that these powers should be made known to the Inhabitants in the ceded Districts, with a view of deterring persons from the Commission of the Crimes which you shall have been authorized to punish, and I am directed to desire that you will publish as

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Proclamation for that purpose, in communi-
=cation with the Principal Collector.

5th.

His Lordship in Council
desires that a copy of the proceedings relating
to the Trials which you may find it necessary
to institute under the above instructions may
be transmitted to the Presidency and that
in case where the Punishment of Death
is adjudged, the execution of the sentence
may await the confirmation of his Lordship
in Council.

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I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) G Buchan
Lieut.y to Gen.l Medley
Dep.t

To Major Shipperd
Commanding the Troops in
Tinnevelly

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in Tinnevelly
Instructions for carrying into execution the Sentence of Death on certain Criminals

No. 1st.

The Commander in Chief having communicated to the Right Honorable

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Precautions to be taken against the use of manufactured arms. The families of Different descriptions Regard and Charges on confinement at Palamcottah, to be sent to the Presidency. Answering a Continuance of the Establishment of Encarnahs &c. transmitted to him by Colo Agnew, but the appointment of a Mahratta Translator is considered unnecessary. The loss incurred by certain Corps of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew's late detachment on those Rupees of which the relative value has not been determined by the orders of Government will be reimbursed to the Troops.

The Governor in Council the information contained in your letter to the Adjutant General of the Army of the 14th Instant relative to the forts ordered to be destroyed in the Province of Tinnevelly, I am directed to inform you that from the importance attached to that object, His Lordship in Council considers it to be expedient that no time should be lost in carrying it into effect, and as it has been found necessary to remove the Pioneers who were employed on that duty, His Lordship in Council has directed that instructions shall be transmitted to the Collector in Tinnevelly for supplying on your application the number of labourers which may be required for that work.

2d The Governor in Council desires accordingly that you will inform Mr. Lushington of the number of workmen which you may consider to be requisite, and that they may be employed under such checks,

as

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into consideration the circumstances stated by Lieutenant Colonel Agnew relative to the Expences incurred by certain of his late detachment from the Army of Poonah not current on the Southern Presidencies on the pay of the Line has been pleased to resolve that the Loss incurred on the Rupees of which the Relative receipts has not been defrayed by the orders of the Government of Bengal shall be reimbursed to the Troops, and the necessary directions have been given for that purpose thereon

of the Office of Audit.

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29th April 1802.

Sam. Lyne &c.

[signed] G. Buchan
Secretary to Govt. Military Dept.

Ex.d Wm Strange

H. Stuart.

Wm Petrie

Th Dick

Official Letter dated 30th April 36 Rupees
Copied by Lieutenant

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Diary

Received the following Letter

John Shannier Esq.re

Chief Secretary to the Government

at Fort S.t George

Sir,

I am directed to request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Governor in Council has been induced to comply with the application, as per enclosed Copy of the Officers of His Majesty's Sloop Albatross dated the 23d instant, for the reason stated in support of the request - Viz.t that the allowance solicited was paid to them at the Presidency of Fort S.t George -

Bombay Castle
the 31.st March 1802.

I have the honor to be &c.&c.
(Signed) R. Richards
Secretary to Government

To

From the Secretary of Bombay. Calls the request which had been refused that Government should direct the Secretary to comply with on the application of the Officers of His Majesty's Sloop Albatross for an additional allowance of Batta

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To Charles Malcolm Esq.

Comm.rs of H.M. Ships & Vessels.

Sir,

The Officers of the Albatros have to represent to you, that in consideration of the Albatros having the same number of Officers a 28 Gun Ship, the same allowances of Batta - £125 p.r annum has been paid them at the Presidency of Madras.

At the Presidency of Bombay we have been paid Batta from September 1798, to October 1800, at the rate of £86 per annum only -

We have to request Sir, you will transmit this letter to the Governor in Council in hopes that he will be pleased to order the same Batta to be paid the Wardroom at this Presidency as at Madras, and that we may receive the difference on that which has been paid at this

Presidency

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Presidency as above States-

His Majesty's Sam. & Geo. &c.

Sloop Albatross /Signed/ T. Vine

Bombay March 23d 1802 A true Copy

/Signed/ J. Hallett

Asst. to the Secretary-

Received and Sent the following

Letters entered in Cons. No. 13 Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5.-

From Messrs. Abbott and

From the Owners of the Ship Griffin.

Maitland - Forward and request payment of their Bill for one months Freight of their Ship

Griffin -

To the Military Board - Transmitting Copy of a letter from the Accountant General relative to an irregularity in account of Stores and Supplies shipped at Bombay on the Britannia for the Coast of Malabar on account of this Presidency and requiring more particular information previously to a communication being made on the subject to the Government of Bombay-

To the Military Board

To

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To the Milty Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General

Referring for examination the estimates of the Paymasters at Madura and Dendigul for the ensuing Month.

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General

To gain authority for the payment of the subsistence of the Men of His Majesty's 61st Regiment at Poonamallee.

To the Officer Commanding at St. Thomas's Mount

To the Officer Commanding at St. Thomas's Mount

Referring for examination the estimates of the Paymasters at Madura and Dendigul for the ensuing Month.

From the officer 2d Commanding the Subsidiary Force

Received a letter from Colonel Stevenson intending to assume the Command of the Subsidiary Force

3d

Receives the following letters

From D. D.

From Colonel Stevenson

Forwards Copy of a letter from the Resident at Hydrabad, and reports that the Detachment of

Therein

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therein mentioned had marched under the charge of Lieutenant Colonel Kenny - States his intention of joining the Detachment in the course of a few days.

From Messrs. Chase Chenney and MacDonall.

From Messrs. Chase Chenney and MacDonall - Request payment of the amount of freight due to the owners of the Alexander Transport.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief -

William Petrie and
Mungo Dick } Esqrs.

Tuesday the 4th May 1802.

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved -

Read the following letter from the

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To the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor &c Council &c &c &c

My Lords,

From the Milty Board. Forward Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Gun Powder Manufactory and recommend that an allowance may be given for the support of the family of a person stated to have lost his life by an Explosion of Gun Powder and that the allowance of certain Dues of Pattamy for ascertaining annually performed by the Workmen employed at the Pandal Mills Recommend Payment of certain Bills and advance of Cash.

1st We have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Superintendant of the Gun Powder Manufacture, and beg leave to recommend to your Lordship in Council that the requests therein contained may be complied with.

2d We enclose and recommend Payment of the following Bills.

No 1 Bill of the Barrack Master in Canara and at Goa, for new Cotts made up by him, and approved upon Survey, by Committee of Officers amounting to Pagodas 3507 " " "

No 2 Bill of the Engineer at Seringapatam for repairs executed by him to the Onyder or Bridge at that Station, the

balance

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balance due to the Engineer being Pagodas 24.7.53.

No 3. Bill of the Engineer at Seringapatam for repairs to the roof of the Barrack of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment Native Infantry amounting to Pagodas 19.10.35.

3d We recommend that authority may be given for Payment of the following Accounts of Cost.

To the Engineer at Seringapatam, the Sum of Pagodas 343.8.25. being one third of the estimated Cost of repairs to the Gun Shed, Store Rooms, and Armoury, and the Sum of Pagodas 80.33.77. being one third of the estimated expence of repairs intended to the Medical General Hospital at that Station.—

To the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency on account of the executive

of

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of the works the Estimates for which have been transferred to him by the late Asst. to Engineer as hereafter detailed.

An Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Machinery of the Southern Sea Gate, an advance of Pagodas 59. 9. 19.

An Estimate of the Expence of making a Draw Bridge for the St. Thome Eastern Gate an advance of Pagodas 40. 13. 10.

An Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Hospital at Poonamallee an advance of Pagodas 111. 10. 7½.

An Estimate of the Expence of repairs to the fortifications of Fort St. George for January 1802. an advance of Pagodas 60. 15. 22 1/3.

An Estimate of expence of repairs to the fortifications of Fort St. George for February 1802. an advance of Pagodas 36. 11. 2/3.

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We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) D. Smith
" Jn. Richardson
" C. Trapaud
" P. A. Agnew
" J. Brunton

To the Secretary of the Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

Suffers by the accident on the 16th died of his wounds on the 18th Instant, it has been customary on similar occasions for Government to allow a pension of one Pagoda a month to the families of such as have been killed by explosions, at their powder works.

This being a necessary policy, and the Survivors being proper objects of such indulgence, I request you will state to the Board, that the family of the deceased

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may obtain the usual bounty of Government
He has left a wife, a Mother, and a Child. The
wifes name is Gasel, to whom it is recom-
=mended the pension may be granted.

I have experienced much
inconvenience from not being allowed any
power of indulging the people employed in
the Manufactures with certain Sums of
Money which was formerly given by the
Agents or Contractors, to enable them to perform
certain ceremonies Sacrifices of Sheep &c &c
an undue observance of which, the prejudices of
their cast induces them to believe their safety
is depending; and as I have been frequently
obliged to advance Money for this purpose,
and shall not be able to get them to go on
with the Manufacture without advancing
more, I trust on its being stated to the Board,
they will allow me to be reimbursed, and
a credit of my drawing at the foot of my

abstract

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abstract or an a contingent Bill, the sums that it may be necessary to advance on such occasions - Five Pagodas have usually been given for each sacrifice at the commencement of each years manufacture, immediately after an explosion and before they begin to work again, when an accident has happened -

Fort St. George
March 24th 1802

/ Signed / B. Bishop
Sub. to G. P. Mpe

A True Copy
/ Signed / John Macleane
Secy to Milly. Board

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of a Monthly allowance of one Pagoda to the family of the workman stated to have lost his life by an explosion at the powder Mills; and to inform the Military Board that authority will be given for the payment of the

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He has left a wife, a Brother, and a Child. The
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power of indulgeny the people employed in
the Manufactures, with certain Sums of
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more, I trust on its being stated to the Board,
they will allow me to be reimbursed, and
a credit of my drawing at the foot of my
abstract

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abstract or an a contingent Bill, the sums that it may be necessary to advance on such occasions - Five Pagodas have usually been given for each sacrifice at the commencement of each years manufacture, immediately after an explosion and before they begin to work again, when an accident has happened.

Fort St. George
April 24th 1802.

/Signed/ P. Bp. Bishop
Sub. G. P. Mce

A True Copy
/Signed/ John Macleane
Secretary Military Board

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of a Monthly allowance of one Pagoda to the family of the workman stated to have lost his life by an explosion at the powder Mills; and to inform the Military Board that authority will be given for the payment of the

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expence which may attend the ceremonies occasionally practiced by the workmen employed in the manufacture of Gunpowder, on the recommendation of the Military Board.

The Board being desirous of taking into Consideration the present state of the powder Mills, and of the powder Magazines at the Presidency; it is Resolved to desire the Military Board to report the condition of these buildings, and the expense which may be expected to attend their complete repair or reform, upon principles which may provide for the safety of the persons employed in the manufacture and for its efficiency.

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the Bills and advances of Money recommended in the foregoing letter.

Read

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Read the following letter

from the Military Auditor General.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Aud.r General. States that Lieutenant Col.o R. Bell, lately serving with the army in Egypt, has preferred a claim for Tent allowance. Submits a Copy of the orders upon which this claim is founded and requests instructions for his guidance

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship in Council Lieutenant Colonel Robert Bell of the 2d Battalion of Artillery who has lately returned from duty with the Indian Army in Egypt and furnished me with a Certificate of the period for which allowances were due to him in arrear; amongst the arrears in question, there is a charge for Tent allowance which I have not considered myself at liberty to pass without the sanction of your Lordship in Council, I do myself the honor to lay before you a Copy of the orders upon which Lieutenant Colonel Bell grounds his claim to this allowance and have to solicit your Lordship's decision thereon, and which if favorable for Lieutenant Colonel

Bell

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Bills it will be necessary for me to issue
drawing such allowance that he possesses
a Certificate of his having carried his own
Camp equipage at his own expense.

Military Secretary
General's Office
Fort St. George
29th. april 1802.

I have the honor to be &c &c
/Signed/ J. Brenton
Military Secretary
General.

Extract of General Orders Camp
at Ghennie 19th. July 1803.

The great convenience which the
public Service has experienced from the Officers
of the Army bringing to Fort Augustus with
them across the desert, has been particularly
pleasing to the Commander in Chief, who
desires they will accept of his best thanks - and
will in some measure recommend them
as well as the Service at large. He is pleased to
order that all Officers may receive the same
Monthly Allowance for carrying their Tents
as

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as is issued to the Bombay Detachments, this regulation to have effect from the 1st of July; any Officers not wishing to avail themselves of this offer, to send in their names to Major Harris, that conveyance for their Tents may be procured, if possible, previous to the march of the Army. It is to be understood that Camels will not be procured by the public for the conveyance of Officers Baggage from hence

A true Copy

(Signed) H. Clark Asst.
Artillery.

A true Copy

(Signed) J Brunton
Milty Auditor General

As the claim of Lieutenant Colonel Bell to this allowance is supported by the authority of the Officer Commanding the Indian Army in Egypt, Resolved to authorize the payment of the allowances claimed on that account by that Officer,

when

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when Lieutenant Colonel Bell shall have produced a Certificate of his having defrayed the expence of carrying his Camp Equipage during the period of Corps stated in his applic-cation.

Read the following Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

1 The Commander in Chief has reports for the information of Government the death of Mr. assistant Surgeon Peat of the 2d Battalion 19th Regiment of Native Infantry at Rajahmundry on the 18th of April 1802

2 As the number of Horses at present received from the Agents employed to purchase this Season, is insufficient to complete the Cavalry to their establishments, the Commander in Chief recommends that authority be given for the purchase of four Horses, which have been

Minute of the Commander in Chief Reports the death of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Peat — Recommends the purchase of Horses which have been indented for sale to His Majesty's 19th Dragoons. Recommends that each of the Men whose names the recent reduction of the Establishment, it has been determined to discharge and who are in Hospital may be continued to draw half pay of their rank until their recovery.

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been tendered for sale to His Majesty's 19th Regi-
-ment of Light Dragoons, have been examined
under orders from the Officer Commanding in
Mysoor, and are reported by the Committee, the
proceedings of which are now submitted to the
Board, "fit for the Service of that Corps."

3 It has been represented to the
Commander in Chief by the Officer Command-
-ing the Northern Division of the Army, that
many of the Sepoys whom on the recent
reduction of the establishment it has been
deemed expedient to discharge are now lying
in the Hospital in consequence of disorders
contracted in the course of Service, and this is
probably the case to a lesser extent in other
divisions of the Army. The Commander in
Chief therefore recommends to Government as
a measure of humanity and proper attention
to them in that predicament, to issue orders
for continuing to Pensions & Circumstances

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the pay of their former Rank, until the Surgeons shall report them cured, when that allowance shall cease, and they may be dismissed with the gratuity of one months pay already granted to bear their expences to their several places of abode.

4th May 1802 / Signed / J. Stuart

Proceedings of a Committee held by order of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell Commanding H. M. 19th Light Dragoons to Examine and Report on four / 4 / Horses offered for Sale, for the use of H. M. 19th Light Dragoons, at the regulated price of one hundred Pagodas for each Horse. Sera 21st April 1802.

President
Major Paterson

Members { Captain Kennedy
Captain Fortnom

Discription

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Description

No	Age Years	Height Hands	Inches	Colour	Particular Marks	Remarks
1	7	14	2¾	Grey	"	
2	3½	15	2½	Chesnut	Small Star near hind leg white	
3	7½	14	2½	Dun	four black legs black Mane & tail	
4	5	14	3	Grey	Piedan both Hipps.	

The Committee is of opinion that the above four (4) Horses are in every respect fit for the use of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

(Signed) Thos. Paterson
Major and President

" J. Kennedy Capt. &
& Arumber
(Signed) P. Maxwell " Jno. Fortnom
Lieut. Colonel Capt. & Do.
Commanding 19th Dragoons.

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to give authority for purchasing

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the pay of their former Rank, until the Surgeons shall report them cured, when that allowance shall cease, and they may be dismissed with the gratuity of one months pay already granted to bear their expences to their several places of abode.

4th May 1802 / Signed / I. Stuart

Proceedings of a Committee held by order of Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell Commanding H.M. 19th Light Dragoons, to Examine and Report on four th/ Horses offered for Sale, for the use of H.M. 19th Light Dragoons, at the regulated price of one hundred Pagodas for each Horse. Sera 21st April 1802.

President

Major Paterson

Members { Captain Hennedy / Captain Fortnom

Description

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Description

No	Age Years	Height Hands	Inches	Colour	Particular Marks	Remarks
1	7	14	2¾	Grey	"	
2	3½	15	2½	Chesnut	Small Star near hind leg white	
3	7½	14	2½	Dun	four black legs black Mane & tail	
4	5	14	3	Grey	Feridan both Hipsts.	

The Committee is of opinion that the above four (4) Horses are in every respect fit for the use of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

(Signed) Thos. Paterson
Major and President

" J. Kennedy Capt.
& Member

(Signed) P. Maxwell "
Lieut. Colonel
Commanding 19th Dragoons

" Jno. Fortnom
Capt. & Do.

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to give authority for purchasing

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purchasing the horses required for the use
of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Dragoons
at the price of 100 Pagodas each Horse.

Resolved that the Military
Auditor General be directed to give authority for
continuing the pay of the Supernumerary
Syces, whose health does not at present ad-
mit of their being discharged from the
Company's Service, until they

Memorandum

1. The Military Board are
employed in forming a new establishment
of Stove Lascars. Some delay must necessarily
occur before their arrangements can be com-
pleted, and be submitted to Government. But
as the services of a considerable Number of
Lascars of the Fort establishment, have
become unnecessary in consequence of the
adoption of the system of Fort allowance
The Commander in Chief recommends

Minute of the Commander in Chief states that the Military Board are forming a new establishment of Stove Lascars, but that some delay must occur before it can be completed and recommends in the mean while that those Lascars who can be dispensed with, may be immediately discharged. Submits an application from the Surgeon of that Regiment for leave of absence for the period of two Months.

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that in the mean time authority may be communicated to the Military Board to discharge without delay such Lascars as can be dispensed with.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board an application for a furlough of two Months to Bombay, from Mr. R. B. Perrin Assistant Surgeon of the 2d Battalion 5th Regiment of Bombay Native Infantry.

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/ Signed / I Stuart.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Fort St. George

Madras

My Lords.

The Business of the ultimat

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almost importance to my private concerns, and requiring my presence in Bombay, obliges me to solicit of your Lordship the indulgence of a Month's absence from the Coast to that Presidency, which I trust your Lordship will do me the honor to grant.

Calicut I have the honor to be.
20th April 1802. My Lord

Your Lordships most obedt.
& humble Servant
(Signed) R. B. Perrin
Asst. Surgeon 2d Batt.
5th Bombay
Native Regiment

Resolved according to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, to authorize the Military Board to take measures for reducing

the

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the Number of Store and Tent Lascars to the peace Establishment by progressive means so soon as it may be practicable to dispence with the Services of the Supernumerary Lascars, and to desire that the Military Board will report the period of time when the reduction shall have been completed.

Read the following letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to enclose

From the Military Paymaster General. Forwards abstract Statements of two Lascars standing against

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against the late Paymaster at Vizagapatam factually debarred by him and suggests the expediency of referring them to the Auditor General for his report.

enclose you abstract Statements of two Sums standing against Mr. Paymaster Wilson which have been bonafide disbursed as by the accompanying Vouchers and for which he ought to have credits the one amounting to Pagodas 900 - - 19. 20. the other to 319. 9. 10 - - In the adjustment of the abo accounts of some of the Paymasters from the System of debiting one another

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another; these Sums have been carried in the account Current without being entered in any Disbursements, at present, nothing of the sort can happen as Similar Payments are all made on duplicate Vouchers and transmitted immediately to my Office to be forwarded to the proper Office for insertion in his Disbursements.

I take the liberty of suggesting that these Statements may be sent to the Auditor General to compare them with his Vouchers in order that the late Mr. Wilson's accounts may have credit for the amounts.

I have also to report that the Sum of Pagodas 173.17.92. stands against him being the difference of Exchange between the amount received by him on account of the Voluntary Subscriptions at the rate of 365 the C. Pagodas the rate at which the Troops were paid on the Circars and Rupees issued and received and the Sum for which

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I gave my receipt to the Treasury the particulars of these are enclosed in N°3 the amount being Pagodas 173.17.32. ought to be wrote off to the head of "Batta" as the transaction in no ways related to Mr. Wilson, but as the Public Officer who was directed to receive the Voluntary Subscriptions and to remit them through the public Treasury, and he credited at the rate of Exchange at which his sums were made and allowed and I hope I shall have the sanction of Government for this measure.

Fort St. George
28th. April 1802.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
/signd/ Benj.n Roebuck
Mily. Pay.r Genl.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter be transmitted to the Auditor General with directions to state his opinion relative to the grounds of the recommendation for writing off the unadjusted balances thereon mentioned

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in the accounts of the late Paymaster at —
Vizzagapatam.

Read the following letter from
the Officer Commanding the Troops in the —
Maravar Province.

To the Military Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to state to you,
for the information of the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council that, by a letter received this
instant from the Officer Commanding Ramnad,
dated the 22d. Current, I am acquainted that the
Rebel, Melapen, as well as all the material —
Evidences in his case, are now at Palamcottah.

I make this representation as Govern-
ment, from a knowledge of these circumstances,
may perhaps judge more expedient to order the
Rebel Melapen's person and guilt, to be ascertained
by a Board of Officers at Palamcottah, than to

direct.

From the Officer Comg
in the Maravar
Province Reports
that Melapen together
with the Material
Evidences in his Case
are at Palamcottah,
and suggests, the
expediency of instituting
his trial at that Station

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direct his being sent for trial to this Station.

Piraumally
26th April 1802

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Adam Lindsay
Lieut. Col Comg. M.P.

Resolved under the circumstances above stated that instructions be issued to the Officer Commanding the troops in Tinnevelly for the trial of Mulapaw, and that a Copy of the letter to Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay on that subject be transmitted to Major Sheppard for his guidance

Received the following letter

from the Military Auditor General.

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General. Report on the General Estimate for the Current and on an additional Estimate for the last month.

I. Having examined the General Estimate for the Month of May 1802 together with the seperate Estimates of the Paymasters at Seringapatam and Masura, which accompanied letters from the Secretary to Government

in

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in the Military Department, dated 28th ult.o and 1st Instant, I have the honor to report, that the Sum of four Lacks seventy two Thousand, Nine hundred and fifty four Pagodas, Sixteen Fanams, and forty seven Cash, (Pagodas 4,72,954. 16. 47.) is required for the payment of such Military Charges, as became due on the first of the current Month, and to be issued as follows.

From the General Treasury	1,00,650. 13. 67.
By Bills on the Military Pay Master General	3,72,303. 39. 60.
Pagodas	4,72,954. 16. 47.

2. The Paymaster at Seringapatam having stated a Balance on hand on the 31st. March amounting to Pagodas 8,464. 18. 8. that sum has been deducted from his Estimate of Arrears for April.

3d. In Secundering the sum included by the Paymaster in Canara on account

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account of His Majesty's Troops, and for contingent charges as too high I have accordingly deducted Pagodas 5,000 from his Estimate

4 I have also the honor to report, that the additional Estimate for the last Month, which accompanied a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, under date the 28th ultimo is unobjectionable, and the amount Rupees Fifty Eight Thousand Nine hundred and seventy Pagodas, thirteen Fanams and nine Cash = (Pagodas 58,971. 13. 9.) is payable from the General Treasury being required by the Military Paymaster General to answer Bills drawn on his Office by different Station Paymasters, to make an advance indented for by the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency, and to discharge Bills of the Contractor for Gun Carriages and the freight of Transports, which have been audited for payment =

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Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
3d May 1802.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
My Lord
Your Lordships most
Obedt. humble Servant
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Milty Auditr. Genl.

In consequence of the foregoing report, ordered that the following Sums be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General. Pags. fl. C.

An account of Genl. Estimate for the current Month enclosed in his letter of the 28th & 29th Ultimo . . . . . 100,650.18.67.

An account of an additional estimate for last Month enclosed in his letter of the 27th Ultimo . . . . . 58,971.13.9.

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Resolved with a view of
opening the communication in
Fort St. George and of appropriating
the Materials of the building formerly
occupied by the Mayors Court to useful
purposes, that the Military Board be
directed to give instructions to the
Superintending Engineer for demolish-
-ing that building.

Resolved likewise to
desire that a Survey report may be
made of the present state of the
bridge in the vicinity of the Govern
Garden.

Lieut. Col. H.D. De Meuron to the command of Pondicherry.

Lord Clive proposes the
appointment of Lieutenant Colonel
H. D. De Meuron to the command
of Pondicherry:

Resolved and ordered
accordingly.

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The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Memorandum containing the rates of compensation for Cloathing proper to be allowed to the Non Commissioned Officers and Men who have been included in the operation of the late Orders for the Disbandment of Troops.

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Statement of the amount of compensation in lieu of Clothing for one year, recommended to be paid to the different Ranks discharged, or belonging to reformed Corps of Native Cavalry, Infantry, Pioneers and Artillery Lascars and Sent Lascars.

Native Cavalry Effective		
Serjeant Major	each	£ 22 "
Qr. Mr. Serjeant		
Serjeant		
Subidar		
Jemidar		
Havildar		" 40 "
Naique		" 34 "
Private		" 33 "
Trumpet Major		" 34 "
Trumpeter		" 34 "
Farrier Major		" 34 "
Farrier		" 34 "
Puckalla		" 34 "

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Native Infantry Effective

Serjeant Major 2d Do. Serjeant	each	2	36
Serjeant		1	9 40
Subidar		2	1 40
Jemidar		1	4
Hauldar			31 40
Naique			22 60
Sepoy			22
Drum & Fife Major	each	1	1 20
Drummer and fifer	each	1	1 20
Native Doctor			22
Puckallie			22

Pioneers

Serjeant		1	2 20
Jemidar		1	5 40
Hauldar			24 30
Naique			23 40
Sepoy			22 60

Artillery Lascars

Lyoung		35
1st Tindal		27 30
2d Tindal		26 30
Lascar		22
Puckallies		22

Tent Lascars

Lyoung		30
1st Tindal		20 20
Lascar		19 40

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Deputy Adjt. Genl

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the above Statement be transmitted to the Military Auditor General.

" Close

" J. Stuart

" Wm Petrie

" Rudd

Capt Wm Strange

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Copied by Lakshmanah

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Diary

6th Sent the following Letters.—

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

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27.th Instant.—

His Lordship in Council has given Authority for the payment of a Monthly Allowance of one Pagoda to the Family of the Workman who lost his life by an explosion at the powder Mills, as Stated in the letter of the Superintendant; and will Authorize the Payment of the expence which may Attend the Ceremonies occasionally practised by the Workmen employed in the Manufacture of Gun powder on the Recommendation of the Military Board.

The Governor in Council being

To the Military Board Authority has been given for the payment of a Monthly allowance of one Pagoda to the family of the workmen who lost his life by an explosion at the powder Mills, & payment of the expence which may attend the Ceremonies occasionally practised by the workmen employed there, will be authorized on their recommendation — To report for the information of Government the present State of the Powder Mills & powder Magazines at the Presidency, & the expence which may be expected to attend their complete repair or reform — Payment has been authorized of the bills & advances of Money recommended by them — The building formerly occupied by the Mayor's Court, to be demolished; &

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and a Survey report be made of the present State of the bridge in the vicinity of the Governors Gardens authorizing them according to the Commander in Chiefs recommendation to take measures for reducing the Number of Store & Tent Lascars to the peace Establishment by progressive means, & desiring them to report the period of time when the reduction shall have been completed.—

being desirous of taking into consideration the present State of the Powder Mills, and of the Powder Magazines at the Presidency, I am directed to desire that you will report for the information of His Lordship in Council the condition of those buildings, and the expense which may be expected to attend their complete repair or re-form on Principles which may provide for the safety of the persons employed, and for the Efficiency of the Manufacture.

Authority has been given for the payment of the bills and Advances of Money recommended by you.—

His Lordship in Council being desirous of opening the Communication in Fort St. George and of appropriating the Materials of the building formerly occupied by the Mayors Court to useful purposes, I am directed to desire that the Superintending Engineer may be directed to demolish that building.—

His Lordship in Council desires also

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6th also that a Survey and Report may be made of the present State of the bridge in the Vicinity of the Governor's Gardens,—

The Governor in Council is pleased According to the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, to Authorize the Military Board to take measures for reducing the Number of Store and Tent Lascars to the peace establishment by progressive means, so soon as it may be practicable to dispense with the Services of the supernumerary Lascars; and I am directed to desire that the Military Board will report to His Lordship in Council the period of time when the reduction shall have been completed.—

Fort St. George
6th March 1802.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Geo. Buchan
Secretary to Govermnt.

To—

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To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General. The rent Allowances claimed by Lieut.t Colonel Bell to be paid when he shall have produced a Certificate of his having defrayed the expence of carrying his Camp equipage during the period stated in his letter. To state his opinion relative to the grounds of an enclosed recommendation of the Paymaster General for writing off certain unsettled balances in the Accounts of the late Paymaster at Visagapatam, to give authority for the payment of the subsistance of the Supernumerary Sepoys who are in hospital, under the circumstances described in an accompanying extract from a Minute of the Commander in Chief, until their recovery shall admit of their being discharged from the Company's Service. To authorise payment of an allowance of one Pagoda per Month to the family of a Workman killed by an explosion at the Gunpowder manufactory & also payment of certain

Para 1. I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo, and to inform you that as the claim of Lieutenant Colonel Bell to rent allowance is supported by the authority of the Officer Commanding the Indian Army in Egypt, His Lordship in Council authorizes the allowance claimed by Lieutenant Colonel Bell on that account to be paid when that Officer shall have produced a Certificate of his having defrayed the expence of carrying his Camp equipage during the period of time stated in his application.

2. I am directed by His Lordship in Council to transmit to you the Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster General, and to desire that you will state your opinion relative to the grounds of the recommendation for writing off the unadjusted balances therein mentioned

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mentioned in the Accounts of the late Paymaster at Vizagapatam.—

3. I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief, and to desire that authority may be given for the payment of the subsistence of the supernumerary Sepoys who are in hospital under the circumstances described by the Commander in Chief, until their recovery shall admit of their being discharged from the Honorable Company's Service.—

4. His Lordship in Council desires that you will authorize an Allowance of one Pagoda per Month to be paid to the family of a Workman killed by an explosion at the Powder Magazine, as stated in the accompanying extract of a letter from the Superintendant of the Gun powder Manufactory, and that you will give authority for the payment of the bills and Advances of Money

recommended

certain bills and advances of Money recommended by the Military Board. To state whether the allowance of batta to the Officers of His Majesty's Ship Albatross may have been admitted in the accounts of this Presidency on the principle stated in an enclosed copy of a letter from Bombay. Enclosing Copy of a Statement of the rates of compensation for Arrears of Cloathing, which have been fixed by the Commander in Chief to be paid to the disbanded Troops.—

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Recommended in the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Military Board.—

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I am directed by the Govern in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Governm at Bombay, and to desire that you will state whether the allowance of batta to the Officers of His Majesty's Ship Albatross may have been usually admitted on the principle therein stated in the Accounts of this Presidency.—

6th

I am directed by His Lordship in Council to enclose for your information and guidance the Copy of a Statement of the rates of Compensation for Arrears of Cloathing which have been fixed by the Commander in Chief, to be paid to the disbanded troops according to the intention stated in my letter to you of the 17th March last.—

Fort St. George I have the honor &c. &c.
6th May 1802.—

(Signed) Geo. Buchan
Secy to Govt
To

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To Major Shepperd
Commanding the Troops in
Tinnevelly

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in Tinnevelly Orders given for the trial of the Rebel Milapen at Palamcottah

Para 1. I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council having received Accounts that Milapen the proscribed Rebel had been seized at Ramnad, instructions were issued to the Officer Commanding the troops in the Marawar province for bringing that Rebel to trial; but in consequence of Accounts which have been since received that Milapen had been removed to the fortress of Palamcottah, His Lordship in Council has considered it to be expedient to transfer to you the execution of that duty.—

2. I am accordingly directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of my letter to Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay on this subject, and to desire that your proceeding

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6th proceeding in the trial, and eventually in the execution of Milalpien may be in all respects guided by the instructions therein contained.—

Fort St. George I am &c. &c. &c.
6th May 1802.— (Signed) George Buchan
Secy. to Govern.t

Received and sent the following Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 9—10—11.—

From the late Paymaster at Guntoor.—

From Mr. Wilson— Reporting having transferred his Office as late Paymaster of Guntoor, to the person Nominated to receive Charge of it under the authority of the Paymaster at the Presidency.—

To the Military Auditor General.—

To the Military Auditor General— The Sum of 1000 Pagodas to be paid on Account of the Volunteer Native troops who have been enlisted to serve on Ceylon, and the Amount debited to the Account of that Government.—

To the Military Paymaster Genl.—

To the Military Paymaster General— Transmitting the Auditor Generals report on the General Estimate for the Current month,

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6th Month, and on the Additional Estimate forwarded on the 27th Ultimo, and stating the Sums ordered to be issued from the Treasury on Account of them.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor and President
Friday Lieutenant General James Stuart
Commander in Chief
the 7th May William Petrie
1802.— and Esqrs.
Mungo Dick

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

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

Minute of the Commander in Chief.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief submits a

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board a Letter addressed to him by the officer

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a letter from the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army, forwarding an Application from Major Hunt of the 15th Regiment Native Infantry to be transferred to the non-Effective Establishment &. & recommends that his request may be complied with. Reports that Mr. Ellis Conductor, who had obtained permission eventually to proceed to Europe — had availed himself of that permission —

Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army, covering an Application from Major Hunt of the 15th Regiment of Native Infantry to be transferred to the Non Effective Establishment: — And Recommends in consequence that Major Hunt may be transferred to the Corps of Invalids, and struck off the Effective List of the Army. —

The Commander in Chief Reports to the Board that Mr. Ellis, Conductor of Ordnance, who embarked on the Honorable Company's Ship Bridgewater with eventual permission to proceed to Europe, has proceeded in the same Ship from the Island of St. Helena in consequence of a Certificate from the Surgeon of that Island which is submitted for the information of Government. —

7th May 1802. — (Signed) J. Stuart

&c

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To The Adjutant General of the Army

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to request you will be pleased to submit to His Excellency the Commander in Chief the enclosed Letter from Major Hunt which has been forwarded to me by Lieutenant Colonel Wilson Commanding the 1st Battalion 15th Regiment Infantry.—

As I have the strongest reason to believe that Major Hunt is totally unfit for the active duties of his profession I hope His Excellency will be pleased to grant him the indulgence he solicits.—

Masulipatam (Signed) A. Campbell Lt. Colo.
28th April 1802.— Comm.g N. D.

To Lieutenant Colonel Wilson

Commanding 1st Batn. 15th Regt. N. I.—

Sir,

Having suffered much of late from

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from severe indisposition, pains, and total debility. I feel myself unequal to the duties of an active Station— I therefore conceive it my duty to report myself accordingly.—

I have therefore to solicit the indulgence of being transferred to the Non-Effective Establishment after a period of Twenty Eight Years Servitude, five Years of which time, I served in His Highness's Cavalry.—

I could wish to reside at Vizagapatam as a healthy situation.—

Be pleased Sir to forward this Application to the Commander in Chief.

I am—

Samuel Cottah

24th April 1802.— (Signed) John Hunt

Major 1st Batt. 15th Reg. N.I.

Whereas Mr. Peter Ellis—

Conductor on the Madras Establishment arrived

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at this Island on the 8th Instant with a Certificate of ill health and eventual permission from the Madras Government to proceed to England, I do hereby Certify, that he is still so much affected by his Disorder that I think it necessary he should proceed on to England for the benefit of his health.—

St. Helena Novr. 14th 1807.— (Signed) Davr. Kay Surgeon

Resolved that Major Hunt be transferred to the Invalid Establishment, and to direct the Name of that Officer to be struck off the effective List of the Army.—

Read the following letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the

From the Military Paymaster General forwards Copy of a letter from the

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the Paymaster of Malabar stating his inability to close his accounts within the regulated time.—

the Governor in Council Copy of a Letter from the Paymaster of Malabar, stating the impossibility of sending the whole of his Accounts Closing the Official Year 1801/2 before the Month of June ensuing, which Irequest you will be pleased to lay before Hes Lordship in Council. I beg leave to add, that the last Account received from Malabar is for the Month of January 1802.—

Fort St. George
1.st May 1802.—

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Mr. Paym.r Genl.

To The Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

As I now find it wholly out of my power to make up my Accounts for the Official Year in time to be at your office before the 20.th or 22.nd of June— I now beg leave to state to you the causes of this delay.—

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The principle of these is the Number of the contingent of extraordinary Charges which have been incurred within my Range of Payment, some of which have been sent to the Paymaster of Extraordinaries and others to the Military Board, each set being accompanied with a Register, the framing of which required much time besides that previous occupied in explaining to the parties concerned the Nature of the Authorities and Vouchers requir-ed to Accompany the bills. my Accounts have also been delayed in no inconsiderable degree by the Officers unacquainted with the Regulations which of course rendered it necessary for me sometimes to correspond with them on that subject and at others to refer their Claims to the Auditor General, which references have been very frequent of late.—

As I have risen, and will

continue

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continues to use every exertion in the discharge of the duties of the Office, Government have been pleased to assign me. I flatter my self with the hope His Lordship in Council will have the goodness to grant me the additional time I solicit for making up my Annual Accounts.—

Military Pay office Fellicherry 22d April 1802.— I have the honor &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Richardson
Mil. Paym.

A true Copy
(Signed) Stn. Harris
Secy. to Mo. P. Gl.

Resolved to inform the Pay-master General that the Board considers the reasons stated in the letter of the Paymaster in Malabar, to be insufficient to justify the delay in the transmission of his accounts; and to desire that Mr. Richardson may be informed that upon his future punctuality in conducting

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Conducting the duties of his Office will depend his continuing to hold it.—

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding the British troops at Goa.—

To The Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From the officer commanding at Goa—Reports that the command of the British Troops at Goa had devolved on him by the departure of Sir William Clarke requests the same allowance of Table Money granted to that Officer.—

Para 1st I have the honor of stating to His Lordship in Council that upon Colonel Sir William Clarke leaving Goa, when called on emergent service to the Guzzerat, the Command of the British Troops serving at this Station devolved on me.—

Para 2d Sir William having informed me that an allowance of Table Money was attached to this Command—I have no doubt but his Lordship in Council will be pleased to admit of its continuance (which cannot be of long duration,) when his Lordship adverts to the

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the Principal on which it was originally granted, that of, I beg leave to presume, enabling the Officer placed in so very respectable and responsible a situation to entertain frequently their Principal Officers and leading people, belonging to the Government of our Allies. The necessity of keeping up these Appearances still existing, the expences of the Table are very great, and require consequently an ample allowance to support them.—

Para 3d. It is from the above considerations, and confidence in its propriety, I propose making out the usual Monthly bill, relying most firmly that it will not in any point of view, meet with his Lordships disapproval.—

Goa Cabo 21st April 1802.—

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

(Signed) Richd Budden

Major Com. the British Troops at Goa
Under

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Under the particular circumstances attending the situation of the Officer Commanding the troops at Goa; it is Resolved to grant to him an allowance of three hundred Rupees per Month from the period of the departure of Colonel Sir William Clarke from Goa.—

Lord Clive lays before the Board the following Memorandum.—

Memorandum.

Memorandum by the President Proposes that a Ship may be engaged for the purpose of conveying to Bengal Recruits and horses for the Governor General's Body Guard.—

Lord Clive informs the Board that in consequence of the reductions which have been ordered in the Military establishments of India, he had postponed the embarkation of the drafts of Men and

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and horses for the Body Guard of
His Excellency the Governor General
until he should be apprized of
His Lordship's final intentions
with regard to their disposal.—

By a recent commu-
-nication on this subject it has
been explained to Lord Clive
that these drafts are intended
to promote the general improve-
-ment of the Native Cavalry
of Bengal, and he accordingly

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proposes that a Ship may be —
immediately taken up for the purpose
of conveying them to Calcutta.—

The Number of Men —
now ready for embarkation is 100 —
of Horses ..... 50.—

/Signd/ Clive —

Resolved that the —
Marine Board be directed to take —
measures so soon as it may be —
practicable for engaging tonnage for
the purpose of conveying to Calcutta
the troopers and horses destined for

the

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The Body Guard of His Excellency
the Governor General.—

Clive

Stuart

Inglis

Capt. & Offg. Fmj. Staff

Office Sec.t Dy. Adjt. Gens. 7th May 1802
22 Pages Copied by Mr. Mendez.—

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Diary

8th Received the following Letter.—

To the Chief Secretary of Government Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding the British Troops at Goa Represents the necessity of certain repairs, of the troops left at Goa are intended to remain during the Monsoon

Par. 1st The lateness of the season suggesting the probability that the Troops left here by Colonel Sir William Clarke are intended to remain during the Monsoon I beg leave to represent for the information of his Lordship in Council, that a proportion of the Pendalls will require certain repairs for the Accommodation of 120 Men of His Majesty's 84th Regiment sick and convalescent who were unable to proceed with their Regiment.—

Para 2. Eight Companies also of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment Bombay Native Infantry together with forty Sick of the Grenadier Battalion will require a proportionable Number of the usual

buildings

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buildings erected for their convenience and protection against the inclemency of the weather.—

Par. 3d The Deputy Commissary of Stores has also applied to me, to sanction some repairs and new covering with Cajans the Gun Shed.— I can only say that this will be indispensibly necessary provided the Guns, and Carriages are not removed before the rains.—

Para. 11th Sir William Cole having already transmitted his report of the Annual Survey on the Public buildings with those required for the two Native Corps, if they had remained accompanied by an estimate of the expence attending the whole I have only to request being furnished with authority for carrying into effect that part which may be deemed adequate and essentially requisite for the preservation of the Troops remaining at this Station.—

I have the honor &c &c

Goa 17th April 1802.— (Signed) Rich.d Budden Major Com.g the British Troops on this Coast

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8.th —

Received and sent the following

Letters entered in Mo. B. Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.—

From the Military Board.—

From the Military Board

Recommend that authority be given for the payment

of certain enclosed bills.—

From the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary Force.

From Colonel Stevenson — Forwards

Copy of a letter written by his desire to the Resi-

dent at Hydrabad in which he declines to take

upon himself the Command of a detachment from

the Subsidiary force, on account of severe illness.—

To the Marine Board.—

To the Marine Board — Desiring

them to engage tonnage for the purpose of convey-

ing to Calcutta a detail of troopers and horses

for the Body Guard of the Governor General.—

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.—

To the Officer Commanding the

Southern Division of the Army — Inclosing for

his information Copy of a letter to the Officer

Commanding in Tinnevelly.—

To the Officer Commanding the British Troops at Goa.

To the Officer Commanding the

British

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8th British Troops at Goa Acknowledging receipt of his Letter of the 21st Ultimo and granting him an allowance of 300 Rupees per Month, from the period of Colonel Sir William Clarke's departure from Goa.—

To the Military Paymaster Genl

To the Military Paymaster General. The reasons given by the Paymaster on Malabar are insufficient to justify the delay in the transmission of his Accounts.—

8th Received the following Letter—

To the Chief Secretary of Government Fort St. George

Sir,

From Major Baddeley Commanding the British troops at Goa—Transmits Copies of instructions received from the Government of Bombay for embarking a portion of the troops at Goa, with the stock of the Stores as might not be required at that place, on the Marquis Cornwallis for Bombay—Makes the arrangements he has made in compliance with the above requisitions—

I have the honor of transmitting for the information of His Lordship in Council Copies of instructions received this day from the Government of Bombay.—

In conformity thereto I have ordered the Detachment of His Majesty's 84th Regiment, the Depots of the Grenadier Battalion, &c

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the Women and Followers of both Corps left behind, to embark on board the Marquis Cornwallis — The Clothing and most of the Baggage of the Regiment alluded to together with all the Effects of the Grenadier Battalion, had been dispatched in Boats, according to the directions left by Sir William Clarke.—

The whole of the Salt provisions and Biscuit will be sent on board with as many Leaguers of Spirits as the Commander will receive.—

The Garrison Storekeeper has informed me that, there is only a small quantity of Rice remaining in Store part of which is damaged. I have therefore thought it my duty to Ship first, those Articles which by their state of preservation may still be employed to some advantage.— I have the honor &c. &c.

Genl Lord Clive

23d September 1802.— (Signed) Rich.d Braddon

Major Comg. 1st Battn British Troops

in Ind.a

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To Major Budden

Or the Officer in Command of the

British Troops at

Goa

Sir,

I am directed by the Govnor in Council to transmit you the accompanying Copy of a Memorandum lately furnished by Colonel Sir William Clarke, and to inform you that the Honorable Company's Ship Marquis Cornwallis now proceeds to Goa for the purpose of bringing up the Men and Baggage therein alluded to; You are accordingly directed to embark them on that Vessel without delay.

I am further directed to inform you that the Europeans to be brought up will be provisioned by the Purser of the Cornwallis, and you are to cause the necessary advance to be made to the Native Troops and followers, that they may provision themselves.—

You

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You are also instructed to em-
bark on the Cornwallis the whole of the Salt
beef and other perishable Articles in Store now
at Goa and which may not be required at that
place.—

Bombay Castle I have the honor &c &c
the 23d April 1802. (Signed) J. D. Grant
Secy &c to Govt

A true Copy
(Signd) A. F. Dixon Mr Sec.

Supposing the Store and Provision Departments
to remain for the present at Goa, with Eight
Battalion Companies of the 1st of the 3d Regiment,
as a safe Guard, and only the people left behind
by the 84th Regiment and the Grenadier Battalion,
with Baggage, to be immediately transported
to Bombay or Surat, Tonnage will be required for

Europeans 170
Native Troops and followers 340
510

with

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With all the Baggage (including one Years Cloathing) of the 84th Regiment, part of that of the Grenadier Battalion, the Detachments of the Artillery, and the Flank Companies of the 1st of the 3d Regiment.—

(Signed) William Clarke

Colonel Commg.

True Copy

(Signed) T. Hartlet Asst to the Secy

True Copy

(Signed) A. P. Dillon Mr Secy

15th

Received the following Letter.—

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Company's Solicitor Inclosed Copy of a Demurrer which was, for Mistakes - sons put into the bill filled by one Carongoly Paupa Mooy, which has been allowed.—

I wrote you on the 25th of March last that as Solicitor to the Honorable Company I had been Served with the Copy of a Subpœna issuing out of the Supreme Court, to which I appeared and on the 17th April I sent you a

Copy

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11th Copy of the Bill filed by one Carangooly Payne Naig on behalf of himself and others to the Number of Two hundred and thirty one.—

Foreseeing the difficulties, expence and delay that must attend the investigation of the various Claims set up in the Bill; and observing from the Statements in the Bill that the Claims made by the Complainants were not strictly cognizable on the Equity side of the Court, a Demurrer was put in to the Bill (a copy whereof, I send herewith) and this Demurrer, on Argument before the Court, has been allowed, and of course the Bill dismissed with Costs.—

Fort St. George I have the honor— &c. &c.
11th May 1802.— (Signed) Robt. Orme

In the Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras

Equity Side.

The Demurrer of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

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Sridies Defendants To the Bill
of Complaint of Carangooly
Pacpah Naig sire his own right
and as Assignee of and Trustee
for Urcooly Vengama Naick
and others to the Number of two
hundred and thirty one
Complainants.

These Defendants by protestation
not confessing or Acknowledging all or any of
the matters in and by the said Bill set forth and
Complained of to be true in manner and form as
the same are therein and thereby set forth and
alledged, say they are advised that there is no
matter or thing in the Complainants said Bill
of Complaint contained good and sufficient in
law to call these Defendants to Account in
this Honorable Court for the same, but that
there is good Cause of Demurrer thereto and
they

15th they do demur thereunto Accordingly, and for Causes of Demurrer say, That it Appears by the Complainants own Shewing in his said Bill of Complaint, that he in his own right and as Assignee and Trustee for certain other Persons to the Number of Two hundred and thirty one in the said Bill of Complaint Named seeks payment of certain Unliquidated demands to which he and the said several other persons aforesaid Claim or pretend to be entitled as having supplied and provided certain Bullocks for the use of the Army under General Harris in the Bill mentioned in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Nine on Account of these Defendants which Claims if the same are well founded are matters properly and merely triable on the plea side of this Honorable Court and touching which, the said Complainant and the said several other Persons in the said Bill Named may and ought to Establish their right thereto by

the

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the Verdict and Judgments of the said Court according to the Course and practice thereof. Wherefore the said Complainants said Bill of Complaint doth not contain (as these Defendants are advised) any Matter of Equity sufficient to Establish any right or demand against these Defendants nor to draw them in Suit into the Equity Side of this Honorable Court touching the matters Complained of in the said Bill of Complaint. And as to the pretended Assignment of the said Complainant as Assignee and Trustee of the several Persons to the Number of two hundred and thirty one in the said Bill of Complaint Named, and as to so much of the said Bill of Complaint as relates to the said Complainant in such his pretended Characters of Assignee and Trustee of and for those said several Persons and his right as such to Claim or demand discovery or obtain relief from these Defendants of and concerning the several pretended demands set up on behalf

11th behalf of the said several Persons in the said Bill Named_ These Defendents further say that it appears by the said Complainants own shewing that the several pretended demands set up on behalf of the said several Persons in the said Bill Named for whom the Complainant claims as Assignee and Trustee, are merely choses in Action which cannot be Assigned so as to enable the said Complainant to sue or prosecute any Action or Suit in his own Name or as Assignee or Trustee of the said several Persons in the said Bill Named _ And for that it does not appear in and by the said Bill that the said Complainant has in Virtue of the Assignment or Trust Deed therein mentioned any power or Authority to sue Commence or prosecute in his own Name or in the Names of the several persons in the said Bill Named or any or either of them as Assignors, any Actions or Suits or that the said

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said Complainant has any power or Authority to bind and Conclude the said several persons in the said Bill Named or any or either of them by any such Actions or Suits or to give Receipts Acquittances Releases or other legal Discharges for them or any or either of them so as to be binding and conclusive on them or any or either of them. Wherefore and inasmuch as the said Complainant has not well and sufficiently entitled himself in his pretended Rights as Assignee and Trustee as aforesaid in his said Bill of Complaint to call these Defendants in question in this Honorable Court touching the pretended demands set up on behalf of the said several persons therein Named these Defendants are advised that this Court cannot give the Complainant as Assignee and Trustee as aforesaid any relief or Assistance as against these Defendants. Wherefore and for many other

Errors

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11th Errors defects and uncertainties in the Complainants Bill of Complaint contained these Defendants do demur in Law and humbly pray the Judgement of this Honorable Court whether they shall be compelled to make any other or further Answer thereunto. And also pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable Costs and Charges in this behalf most wrongfully sustained.—

(Sigd) Robt Orme
Solicitor for the
Honble Company.—

(Signed) R. Williams

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Tuesday the 11th May 1802.—

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

Mungo Dick

} Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved.—

Read the following Letter

from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

1st

We have the honor to report

From the Military Board Reporting payment of different establishments of Cash Keepers &c. &c.

that orders have been given for a Compliance

with

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gard to the payment to the administratrix and Administrator of the estate of the late Periah Nagapah Chetty of the balance of Cash due to the estate by the Company.

with the instructions of your Lordship in Council, communicated to us in the Letter of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated the 26th April.

2nd We beg leave to Recommend Payment to the Engineer at Hulliah of the Sum of Pagodas 872.. 4.. 42.. being the Second Advance of Cash on Account of the various buildings now erecting at that Station under his Superintendence.

3rd We also Recommend Payment to the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency of Pagodas 78.. 40.. 6.. being one third of the Estimate for enclosing with a Wall the Barrack yard at Chintadrepetah.

4th We request the instructions of your Lordship in Council in regard to the Payment to the Administratrix and Administrator to the Estate of the late Periah Nagapah Chetty

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Chitty of the balance of Cash due to the Estate by the Company, which is now in the hands of the Paymaster of Vellore. Letters of Administration to the Estate and Effects were in the first instance granted by the Court of the Recorder at Madras to Chinna Nagapah Chitty the brother of the deceased, but in consequence of an investigation of his Claims which was instituted by the Court on Application from the Widow and adopted Son of Periah Nagapah Chitty, the Letters of Administration, which were considered by the Court to have been surreptitiously obtained, were recalled, and Administration finally granted to the Widow and adopted Son, who have petitioned us for Payment of the balance due to the Estate, and, as their Claim is still disputed by Chinnah Nagapah Chitty, have tendered to us a Bond of Indemnity, which we have the honor to enclose, securing the

Company

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Company from any future Claims which may result from the final decision of the Point in dispute.—

We have the honor— &c. &c.

Fort St. George
4th May 1802.—

(Signed) I Stuart
" D. Smith
" In. Richardson
" C. Trapaud
" P. & A. Agnew
" I. Brunton

As the Bond of indemnity executed by the Representatives of the late Brinjh Nagapah Chitty appears to afford sufficient Security to the Company against a Revival of the Claim on Account of the Money due to the Estate by the Company; Resolved to authorise the payment of the Amount to the Representatives.

Ordered that the Security bond be returned to the Military Board.—

Resolved

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Resolved that Authority be

given for the Payment of the Bills and Advances of

Money recommended by the Military Board.—

Read the following Minute

of the Commander in Chief.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

In consequence of the Transfer

of Major Hunt from the 15th Regiment to the

Invalid List, the Commander in Chief recommends

that the following Promotions may take place.—

15th Regement of Native Infantry.—

Captain William Berkeley to be Major, vice

Hunt transfered to the Invalid Establishment;

date of Rank 9th May 1802.—

Captain Lieutenant Francis Kirkpatrick Aiskell

to be Captain of a Company, vice Berkeley

promoted; date of Commission 9th May 1802.—

Lieutenant James Duncan to be Captain

Lieutenant, vice Aiskell promoted; date of Rank

9th

Minute of the Commander in Chief Recommends promotion in the 15th Native Regement in consequence of the transfer of Major Hunt to the Invalided Establishment & mentions the circumstances of a Mr. G. Spry, who has never arrived in the Country, standing as 2d Lieutenant on the List of the 15th Native Regiment & recommends that the circumstance be pointed out to the Notice of the Court of Directors. Reports the death of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Alves. Suggests the propriety of allowing a Passage by Sea to Bengal to the Artillery Lascars, enlisted in this Country & discharged under the

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the operation of the late Orders for reducing the Lascar Establishment— Recommends— Capt.n C. Batchelor for the Appointm.t of Deputy Judge Advocate to the Subsidiary force in the room of Captain Birkby promoted—

9th May 1802.—

16th Regiment of Native Infantry.—

Ensign Richard Burrowes Bourne to be Lieutenant date of Rank to be settled hereafter.—

The Commander in Chief calls the attention of the Board to the circumstances connected with Mr. George Sprys situation in the Service.— That Gentleman, a Cadet of 1795, an Ensign of the 6th March 1796, and a Lieutenant of the 16th July 1797, now stands the Second Lieutenant on the List of the 15th Regiment of Native Infantry.— He has never arrived in this Country; the rank he has attained gives him a speedy prospect of Promotion; and the Commander in Chiefs' submits to Government the impropriety of permitting any person to attain the Command of a Company, with the rank of Captain in a Native Regiment, who has never served in any subordinate rank in India

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India. This Circumstance General Stuart recommends may be pointed out to the particular Notice of the Honorable Court of directors in the next dispatches.

The Commander in Chief reports the death of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Alves of the 5th. Regiment of Native Infantry, on the 28th. of April last, at Mangalore.

The late Reduction of the Establishment of Artillery Lascars, has led to the discharge of many men enlisted for that Corps in Bengal. A Convoy been engaged from thence at the Company's expence by sea, these men appear to have some Claim to an option of similar aid for their return to their native Country. And the Commander in Chief suggests the propriety of allowing them a Passage on the Vessel to be engaged for conveying the Draffts for the Body Guard of

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the Most Noble the Governor General to Bengal.—

The Appointment of Deputy

Judge Advocate to the Subsidiary Force Serving

with His Highness the Nizam becoming

vacant by the Promotion of Captain Berkeley

to be Major of the 15th Native Regiment;

The Commander in Chief Recommends the

Appointment of Captain Edward Batchelor

of the 5th Native Regiment to be Deputy

Judge Advocate to the Subsidiary Force.—

11th May 1802.— (Signed) J. Stuart

Resolved that the promotions

Recommended in the foregoing Minute be ordered

to take place.—

Resolved that the circumst-

-tances Stated by the Commander in Chief

relative to the Situation of Mr. George Spry

in the Honorable Company's Service be

pointed out to the Attention of the Court

of

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of Directors.—

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to direct a List to be prepared of the Names of the Gun Lascars who may be desirous of Returning to Bengal in Order that they may be provided with a passage to that Presidency.—

Resolved that Captain Batchelor be Appointed Deputy Judge Advocate and Deputy Post master of the Subsidiary force vice Berkeley.—

Read the following Letters

from the Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Vc. Vc. Vc.

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General submits the Copy of a letter from the acting

On the 8th Instant, I had the honor to lay before your Lordships Copy of

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Acting Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's forces stating the grounds which appear to exist for a reconsideration of the late Orders relative to the payment of advanced subsistence to Officers promoted in His Majesty's Service.—

a Letter from the Acting Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's Troops, on the Subject of the King's Subsistence being affected by the late Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors whereby Drawn by Officers promoted whose promotions have not been Confirmed by His Majesty.—

On the 16th Instant I had the honor to receive your Lordship's instructions on the point referred in a Letter from the Secretary in the Military Department, which having Communicated to Major Young in the usual manner, I received another Letter from him on the same Subject, but containing new Matters as far as respects King's Subsistence, which he has requested may be referred to your Lordship in Council a Copy of which is accordingly inclosed.—

I embrace the present occasion of acquainting Your Lordship, that the necessary information relative to the Allowances claimed by Lieutenant Rutherford from the Bombay Government

for

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for being in Command of His Majestys Ship Trident
from 18th. January to 10th. February 1799 must be
obtained from the Records of the Civil Paymaster
in possession of the Sub-Treasurer, because the
allowances to the Officers of His Majestys Navy
have only been disbursed from the Military
Department since May 1800.—

Military Aud.r Gen.l's Office
Fort St. George
28th. April 1802.—

I have the honor &c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Brunton
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

To Lieutenant Colonel Brunton
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have been honored with your
letter under date the 23d. Ultimo in reply to
mine of the 7th. of the same Month informing
me that it is the will of Government that
Gentlemen in His Majestys Corps holding the

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the ranks of Cornet and Ensign who have not been confirmed by His Majesty shall draw the Pay and allowances of those ranks, but that the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors Communicated to you with a Letter from the Secretary of Government dated the 8th March are to be enforced in every other Cases.—

After an Attentive Review of the Contents of my Letter above mentioned it has occurred to me that I have omitted to enter sufficiently into explanations which might have placed the Subject in a Stronger and clearer point of view than has yet been done— For this reason I hope I may be excused for once more calling your Attention to the Subject by observing that according to the established Rules of His Majesty's Service, the Pay Lists and Muster Rolls taken in the form and manner prescribed are declared to

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to be the entire and incontrovertible Vouchers for the issue of the Kings Subsistence (see Extract annexed); and it Appears to me there can be no doubt but the responsibility of the Regi-mental Paymasters will be sufficient to prevent any loss under the Head of Kings Subsistence, to which the Company might be liable in consequence of Promotions made in India being afterwards set a side by His Majesty.—

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

King's Pay Office
Madras the 6th May 1802.— (Signed) Keith Young
Acct. dept. Pr. G.

Extract 18th Article of His Majestys instructions for Regimental Paymasters dated War Office 19th January 1798.—

"The Pay Lists thus made out and Authenticated will be deemed to have the "full Credit and Authority of Muster Rolls, and "to be entire and incontrovertible Vouchers."—

a true Extract
(Sigd) Keith Young.— Resolved

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Resolved to inform the Auditor General that the Board does not consider the explanation of the Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's troops to afford sufficient grounds for deviating from the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors relative to the issue of Advanced pay to Officers promoted in His Majesty's Service, previously to the promotion being confirmed by His Majesty.—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council
&c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord,

From D.A.D. at the request of the Paymaster in the Ceded Districts, submits Copy of Correspondence with him & the Commanding Officer—Referring for decision papers transmitted to him by Major J. Innis Commanding at Erode, in support of a charge for batta of the Superior rank of Lieutenant Colonel.—

1. At the request of Mr. J. A. Savage Paymaster in the Ceded Districts, I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council Copies of Correspondence between that Paymaster and the Staff attached to Major General Dugald Campbell Commanding in

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in the new Ceded Districts.—

I embrace the present occasion also to refer for the decision of your Lordship certain papers transmitted to me by Major Innes Commanding at Erode in support of a charge made by him for Batta in the superior rank of Lieutenant Colonel for Commanding the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry for the Months of September October and November last, retrenched by me on Audit of the Trichinopoly Paymasters' Accounts because the Superior Batta had been drawn by and passed to Captain Crewe Commanding a part of this Corps at Poonamalie for a corresponding period.—

3. Ever since the publication of the Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors by Government in July 1796, it has been the uniform practice of the Office which I have now the honor to be at the head of, to pass the Superior Batta

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to the Officer in possession of the Colors of a Corps, and Signing the returns of that Corps for the Office of the Adjutant General upon the Construction put that part of the Orders of the Honorable Court to the following effect "Officers not holding the rank "of Lieutenant Colonel on whom the Command of "Native Regiments or Battalions devolve to draw "the Batta of the rank next above their Regimental "rank" - and the late Military Auditor General uniformly did consider an Officer situated as I have had the honor to describe above, the Officer on whom the Command of a Battalion devolved, Captain Crewe did Sign the Returns of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry for the period during which I retrenched the Superior Batta from Major Ingpen, and returned that Officer with the party under him at Erode on Command. - And upon this principle I have uniformly acted with respect to the Superior Batta until the present Command

in

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in Chief of the Army published an Order under date the 22d. December 1801 clearly pointing out the Offr. who was to be considered entitled to this indulgence and by that Order since its publication have I been guided without however presuming to give it any retrospective operation, under these circumstances I trust your Lordship will be satisfied that I have not only acted upon proper precedent, but that I have discharged this part of my public duty according to the Spirit of the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors herein quoted.—

Military Aud.r Gen.l's Office
Fort St. George
the
3.d May 1802.—

I have the honor &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Braidon
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

To The Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir.

Having officially furnished Major General Campbell with an Indent for Pickallies, enclosed in a Letter Copy of which (No 1)

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(No. 1) Accompanies, he judged proper to return it, in Copy (No. 2) of Brigade Major Hargrave's Reply, under the plea of it's being couched in disrespectful Language. The suppression by Major General Campbell, of my former Application to the Military Board on the same Subject, induces my request, that you will be pleased to lay this Correspondence before the Right Honorable the Governor and Council, for their opinion as to the diction used by me, as I am not myself aware of inofficial, improper, or in any way disrespectful, Language.—

Ballary 21st. April 1802.— (Signed) F. A. Savage
Paymr. & Garrison Storekeeper
Ceded Districts

A true Copy
(Signed) J. C. Brunton
Military Auditor General

To

3065 Fort St. George 11th May 1802.—

in Chief of the Army published an Order under date the 22nd December 1801 clearly pointing out the Offr who was to be considered entitled to this indulgence and by that Order since its publication have I been guided without however presuming to give it any retrospective operation, under these circumstances I trust your Lordship will be satisfied that I have not only acted upon proper precedent, but that I have discharged this part of my public duty according to the Spirit of the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors herein quoted.—

Military Aud.r Gen.l's Office
Fort St. George
3.d May 1802.—

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

(Signed) J. Boyton
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

To The Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having officially furnished Major General Campbell with an Indent for Puckallies, enclosed in a Letter Copy of which (No. 1)

3066. Fort St. George 11th. May 1802.—

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(No. 1) Accompanies, he judged proper to return it, in Copy (No. 2) of Brigade Major Hargrave's Reply, under the plea of it's being couched in disrespectful Language. The suppression by Major General Campbell, of my former Application to the Military Board on the same Subject, induces my request, that you will be pleased to lay this Correspondence before the Right Honorable the Governor and Council, for their opinion as to the diction used by me, as I am not myself aware of inofficial, improper, or in any way disrespectful, Language.—

Ballary
21st. April 1802.—

(Signed) F. A. Savage
Paymr. & Garrison Storekeeper
Ceded Districts

A true Copy
(Signed) J. C. Brunton
Military Auditor General

To

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Fort St. George 11th. May 1802.—

To Major General D. Campbell

Commanding the Forces in the

Ceded Districts

Sir,

Accompanying I have the honor to transmit an Indent for the Puckallies required for the Staff officers, Guards &c.a in the different Garrisons of the Ceded Districts which you will be pleased to Countersign and forward to the Military Board, for their sanction.—

Ballary

24th. April 1802.—

A true Copy

(Signed) T. A. Savage

Paym.r & D.y Garrison

Storekeeper

a true Copy

(Signed) J. Brunton

Mil.y Aud.r Genl.

To T. A. Savage Esq.re

Paymaster Ceded Districts and

Garrison Storekeeper

Ballary

Sir,

By Major General Campbells

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desire accompanying I return your Letter, and am directed to call your Attention to the last Paragraph which the General Considers might be more respectfully Couched, and therefore returns for Correction.

Head Quarters
Ballary
24th April 1802.—

(Signed) James Hargrave
Major Brigade

(A true Copy)
(Signed) F. A. Savage Paymaster
C. D. Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton
Mr. Asst. Genl.

To The Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,—

In reply to your Retrenchment from my Abstract for September last I have the Honor to subjoin for the Consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council my Authority for drawing the Difference of

Batta

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Batta between Major and Lieutenant Colonel from the time that the Command of the 1st. Regiment of Native Infantry devolved upon me by the Appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Veile to Command Pondicherry, from which Period I became the only Officer qualified by G.O. to receive Reports or make Returns of the Regiment to Head Quarters, and at that time had 900 men of the 2nd Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry and 300 of the 1st. Battalion under my immediate Command, altho' the Colours of neither were with me, since the Publication of His Excellency the Commander in Chief's Order dated 22d. December 1801, I have drawn the Superior Batta for Commanding 2nd. Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry a Copy of which is annexed.—

Extract from Government Orders

Dated 17th. June 1801.—

Para. 5. "The Right Honorable the Governor "in Council is pleased to Appoint Lieutenant Colo

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"Colonel Daniel Mc. Neile to the Command of

"Pondicherry."—

"By order of the Right Honorable

"the Governor in Council.—

(Signed) G. Buchan

Actg. Sec.y to Govern.t

By order of Major General Braithwaite

=waite Commanding the Army in Chief.—

(Signed) W. Shaw

Asst. Adjt. General

G. O. By Major General Braithwaite

21st June 1801.—

"As the Form of Return for a Regiment

"of Native Infantry, which has been furnished

"from the Adjutant Generals' Office to Commanding

"Officers respectively, is intended for the use of the

"Regiment, and not for that of either of its Battal-

=lions it is considered the Duty of every Officer

"Commanding a Regiment in the event of his =

"Removal to transmit such Form to his Successor

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in Command.—

(Signed) W. Shaw

Actg. Adjt. General

In obedience to the above orders of Government and the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief Lieutenant Colonel McBride transmitted the printed Regimental Form of Return and all Regimental Documents in his Possession to Major Innes the next Senior Officer Serving with the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry which he immediately assumed the Command of, and returned regularly to Head Quarters from the 1st July 1801. to the 1st of April 1802 when the Command devolved upon Lieutenant Colonel Corner upon his joining the 1st Battalion in consequence of which Major Innes transmitted the Regimental printed Form of Return, and every other Regimental Document, to Lieutenant Colonel Corner which was officially reported (thro' the channel

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(Channel of the Adjutant General of the Army)
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.—

Extracts

From the Code of Regulations for the Military Establishments Serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George.—

Head Quarters of the Army—Choultry Plain
11th September 1805.—

G. O. By the Commander in Chief.—

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having addressed the subjoined Orders to the Commander in Chief, to be published to the Army, they are accordingly published in Military Orders.—

Fort St. George 8th September 1805.

G. O. By Government,

In Conformity to the General Order of the 9th of September 1800— The several Orders now in force in the Military Department has been revised; and the Right Honorable the Governor

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Section 24th.

Returns—Reports &c.

Para. 11th 8. Returns whether of Battalions or Regiments shall be made by the senior Officer actually doing Duty with either—

Head Quarters—Choultry Plain

28th April 1797.—

G.O. By the Commander in Chief

The Adjutant and Quarter Master of a Native Regiment is to attach to the Senior Officer of the Regiment to serving with any part of it, who is accordingly to make the necessary Returns of the Regiment to Head Quarters.—

Under sanction of the above orders Major Innes commenced drawing the superior Batta from the Period of his assuming the Command of the 1st Regiment Native Infantry which the Adjutant General was pleased to retrench for the Month

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of September last. under Authority of the
— following Paragraphs.—

Page 12. Section 1st —

Batta.

G.O. 27th Sep- "Officers in Command of Sta-
-tember 5796 "-tions at which, their Regiments or Batta-
"-lions are doing Duty with the Exception
"of General Officers on the Staff being
"considered as exercising Regimental Com-
"-mand, no Officer pursuant to them in their
"respective Corps shall be entitled to
"superior Batta, which is an Allowance
"to be drawn only by one Person serving
"with the same Corps and for the same
"Period."—

In consequence of the Colours
of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment Native
Infantry being at Poonamallee in Septem-
-ber last Captain Crewe drew and received
the superior Batta of Major for Commanding
the

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the Battalion which will of course fall to be
retrenched from the Tenor of the above Order should
the Right Honorable the Governor in Council
only extend the superior Batta to one Person
Serving with the same Corps from the Date of
the above Order.—

G. O. By the Commander in Chief—

To prevent misconception relative
to the right of Officers under certain Circumstances
to exercise Regimental Command, and to sign
Returns of Corps for transmission to Head Quarters
the Commander in Chief is pleased to order as
follows.—

"The Senior Officer actually doing
"Duty with a Corps whether were the Colours
"are Stationed or Detached from them, is the
"immediate Commanding Officer of that Corps and
"shall Sign the Return; and, notwithstanding
"a temporary absence occasioned by being ordered
"on Duty or by obtaining leave either on account
of

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"of, Indisposition or other Cause that Officer shall
"exercise Regimental Command during such
"absence.—

"An Officer holding a General
"Command whether of a Garison, Cantonment,
"Brigade, or Body of Troops of which the Corps he
"belongs to or any portion of it forms a part shall
"be considered regimentally present, consequently
"exercise regimental Command and Sign the
"Returns.—

Altho' Captain Crewe drew the
Superior Batta while the Colours were at Pona-
=malee Major Innes never relinquished the Com-
=mand of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment Native
Infantry; all Battalion Orders were published by
him as Senior Officer Serving with the Battalion
but under the Idea of Signing the Battalion Re-
=turn (the Line not being then drawn) Captain
Crewe drew the Superior Batta of Major as receiv-
=ing the Reports and making Returns of the
Batta

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Battalion to Head Quarters as the G.O. of the 12th July and 31st. August 1796 appears to extend the superior Batta to every Officer Commanding Regiments and Battalions who makes returns of either to Head Quarters and upon which authority Major Innes drew the superior Batta as Commanding the Regiment and Captain Crewe as Commanding the Battalion.—

(Signed) J. Innes
Major Comm.g
2d Bn. 1st Regt. N.I.

21st April 1802.—

Resolved to inform the Auditor General that the Board considers the reference of the Paymaster in the Ceded Districts to be of too trivial a Nature to merit attention; and to desire that Mr. Savage may be cautioned against the obtrusion in future of such frivolous matter upon the Notice of the Governor in Council.—

The Board is of opinion in

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Innes that as that Officer was Senior with the Corps under his Command, and performed the duties attached to that Command to the extent described in his letter, it would be incompatible with the intention of allowing superior batta to officers Commanding Corps to withhold that allowance from Major Innes, and inconsistent with reason to grant that allowance to an Officer Junior to Major Innes for the mere casual duty attached to the care of the Regimental Colours; Resolved therefore to inform the Auditor General that for these reasons the Board considers the duty performed by Captain Creave to have been of a nature which could not give him any just claim to the allowance of superior batta, and to desire that, that allowance may be paid to Major Innes.—

To

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To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

At the request of Mr. P. Cherry formerly Paymaster to the Army in Mysore, I do myself the Honor to refer for Your Lordships' decision on final Audit certain Charges outstanding against him after the receipt of his Accounts from June to November 1799.—

And have the honor—

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Brunton

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l's Office

Fort St. George 10th May 1802.—

Ordered that the foregoing Statement of Retrenchments against the late Paymaster of the Army in Mysore be returned to the Auditor General with the Boards' decision on the Charges.—

The following Letter from the Military Board, together with the Report of Captain Symons

From D.o D.o Refers for decision on final Audit, certain Charges outstanding against Mr. Cherry formerly Paymaster with the Grand Army after the receipt of his Accounts from June to November 1799.—

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Symons therein referred to, having returned from circulation is ordered to be recorded.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Board—Forward (No. 1) Report of Capt. Symons on the adjustment of the Accounts of the late Principal Agent for Draught & Carriage Cattle, employed during the War in Mysoor (No. 2) Letter from the late Commissary of Stores in the Field covering an Indent of Cash for the Settlement of the Accounts of the Bullock owners employed with his Department together with the reply of the late Principal Agent to the Application of Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle & (No. 3) Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Dallas containing his observations on certain Retenchments made by Capt. Symons from

1. We have the Honor to submit for the consideration of your Lordship in Council papers as follows No. 1 Report of Captain Symons late Superintendant of Benjaries, on the adjustment of the Accounts of the late Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Cattle employed during the War in Mysore No. 2 Letter from the late Commissary General of Ordnance and Stores in the Field, covering an Indent for Cash for the Settlement of the Accounts of the Bullock Owners employed with his Department with the reply of the late Principal Agent to the application of Lieuten-ant Colonel Carlisle— and No. 3 Letter from

Lieutenant

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from the Accounts of Vencata Rangum Pillah the manager for the late Principal Agent—

Lieutenant Colonel Dallas containing his Observations on certain Retrenchments made by Captain Symons from the Accounts of Vencata Rángum Pillah the Manager for the late Principal Agent.—

2. As it was our wish to have brought the whole of this my intricate subject at once before your Lordships in Council we had determined to delay our report thereon till Reports of the final adjustment of the Accounts of their respective Departments had been received from the several Subordinate Agents, but as it appears from the representation of Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle that this adjustment cannot be completed without the issue of a further sum of Money, which the Principal Agent declines advancing although a considerable balance remains to be repaid by him to the Company upon the final Settlement of his Accounts

We

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We feel it necessary to make a partial report to your Lordship upon the Subject, in order that it may be determined by whom this Money,— which ought to be immediately issued to Lieuten-ant Colonel Carlisle, shall be paid— As the difficulty which now presents itself was one of the first bad consequences resulting from that total declaration of established Regulations which has pervaded the Department of the late Principal Agent, We cannot but observe that during the whole of the very tedious inves-tigation which we have entered into on this Subject, we have not met with any thing— which furnishes one good reason why the most rigid observance of every even the most minute, article of the Regulations, was not at all times practicable. They have been strictly adhered to by the Bullock Agent with the Subsidiary Force; no difficulty occurred in the Adjustment of his

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are sorry to State that there are still daily Complaints against their Head Owners preferred to us by Petty Owners of Cattle employed during the late War.— Many of these Complaints we are Apprehensive are frivolous, and have arisen only from a wish to procrastinate the Adjustment of the Accounts, with a view to the benefit of private individuals a practice which we have in some instances detected, and which we can only suppose to have been encouraged by the extreme attention which have invariably been paid to the Complaints of the Petty Owners— It would be difficult at any time to propose an effectual remedy for an evil of this Nature, but that difficulty is in the present instance greatly increased by the frequent transfers of Claims, which have taken place amongst the Petty Owners, as detailed in Captain Symons's Report— And we believe the only means which can now be resorted

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resorted to, to be either to consider the whole matter as adjusted, as it regards the Claims of Petty Owners, upon Head Owners or Maistries — or to establish such a Native Court of Enquiry as is Recommended by Captain Symons. — Upon the propriety or impropriety of the Establishment of such a Court we do not venture to give an opinion, conceiving that to be a point determinable only by your Lordship in Council. —

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
13th September 1801. — (Signed)

&c. &c.
J. Stuart
D. Smith
" J. Richardson
" E. Grapaud
" P. A. Agnew
" J. Brunton
"

3089.

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Report of Captain John Hilley Symons on the Adjustment of the Accounts of the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Cattle to the Grand Army during the Mysore War of 1799.—

Section 1st.

The Accounts having been transferred to my Superintendance, my first object was to ascertain, what Sums had been paid at different times to the Head Owners, that I might know where to fix a responsibility, for upon enquiry, it appeared, that Venkatarungapillah the Servant of the late Principal Agent, had made no Settlement with them and the issues of Cash had been made without a discrimination of Departments, so that the whole disbursement, stood to the Credit of the Principal Agent instead of being appointed to the Subordinate ones, this important point, was accomplished, with great trouble and tediousness, the Head Owners, had not Adjusted

their

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their Accounts with one another, nor with their Petty Owners, and one Head Owner had made advances of hire to the Petty Owner of another, and in order to compare the different Accounts, confront the parties, and obtain the necessary Acknowledgements, I was obliged to go over all the Accounts of the Department from the commencement of the Agency, and after a vast deal of wrangling and cavilling, which frequently required my interference, to reconcile disputes, and which occupied my close application, for upwards of two Months, I brought them to an equality, and accordingly drew out the Accounts Current from No. 1 to 22 between each Head Owner and the Manager of the late Principal Agent, and at the bottom I made them Sign the following Declaration confirmed by my Attestation.—

Declaration

I do acknowledge, that this account

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Account Current between me and Vencatarunga-
-pillah, Manager to Lieutenant Colonel Dallas
late Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage
Cattle, and which, I now Sign in the presence
of Captain John Hilley Symons, and the under-
-Signed Witnesses, is just and correct, in every
respect Date.—

Signature of the Witnesses } { Signature of the Head Owner.

Attestation.

I do declare, that such a Head
Owner did Sign or affix his mark, and his
Conicopoly by his direction did write his Name
to this Account Current in my presence, after
the Contents had been read to him.—

Date

John Hilley Symons
Captain.

Abstract

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Abstract, of the Accounts Current so Acknowledged and attested.—

№	Head Owners Names	Cash paid to the Head Owners	Balance due the Head Owners	Balance due from the Head Owners
		Mr. Pagodas / Fanams / Cash—	Mr. Pagodas / Fanams / Cash	Mr. Pags. / Fanams / Cash
1	Coopa Naig	20,729.37.13½	217.12.23½	" " "
2	Venatachillum Moodelly	6,934.33.31	129.37.67	" " "
3	Conary Chitty	16,767.13.10	" " "	1,705.6.11
11	Jemadar Trimal Mastry	7,127.31.10	" " "	1285.8.30
5	Madaranaickom Pillah	65,362.22.7½	4266.14.52	" " "
6	Vellore Permal	3,453.13.6½	" " "	932.24.35
7	Sreerungar	1864.24	" " "	103.1.20
8	Go Paul Reddy	1958.11.70	" " "	114.10.15
9	Nellameera Pavet	1261.4.10	" " "	1532.23.14
10	Verasamy Cooty Moodily	33,111.8.74	" " "	1264.22.36
×11	Muttoocurpa pillah	7144.21.23	" " "	227.34.4
12	Bake Sahib	2,202.3.60	" " "	" " "
13	Venachillum Moodilly	12,033.4.51	" " "	1451.15.27
14	Guruapah Naig	498.6	" " "	73.14.40
15	Tomboo Naig	36,921.1.36	" " "	315.34.5
16	Trevengada Moodely	38,347.24.19	" " "	2,634.27.8
17	Troop Vencatarama	1,909.27.30	" " "	1089.15.44
18	Cart Maistries	45,538.10.40	2,410.20.60	" " "
19	Vencatapelly	739.10.10	" " "	" " "
20	Chinneya Naig	48,154.9.27	1,935.3.28	" " "
21	Rámálinga Reddy	498.6	" " "	8.14
×22	Vellore Condapens	" " "	" " "	" " "
	Total	4,97,164.32.½	15,019.4.70½	12,713.29.52

Not

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Not Signed see Page 52.—

The Amount of this Account-
Current is included in Abstract Page 23.—

The Balances due to the Head
Bullock Owners, by order of the Board; I trans-
-ferred to Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle, Subor-
-dinate Agent for the Store Department, agree-
-able to his request, and for the disposal of
which he is responsible to them, as per his—
receipt— The balance due to the Cart Maistries
has been paid at my Office.—

The Balances due from the
Head Maistries have been Recovered, in various
ways, and transferred to different Departments
as will appear Pages No. 33 and 34 in the Sequel
of the report.—

Observation

It must be obvious to the
Board, that much confusion prevailed in these
Accounts, owing partly to the Manager of the
Principal

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Principal Agent, managing for the Subordinate ones, and blending the disbursements; and the Bullocks of one Head Owner, being dispersed in the several Departments, these evils should be guarded against in any future Arrangement.— The Efficient Agents, should be separate and the Accounts kept so, and if possible the bullocks of one Head Owner, should be employed together in one Department.—

Remark

The Accounts Current, should remain in the Military Board Office, as acknowledgements of the Head Owners, for having received, so much public Money.—

Section 2nd.

The next step I took, was to examine & compare, the dates of entertainment, as detailed in the English and Malabar Registers and the following difference was the result of my researches.—

Statement

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Statement of the difference of Dates, at one Day's Pay upon each Bullock.—

Names of the Owners	Number of Bullocks Draught	Number of Bullocks Carriage	Number of Days Draught	Number of Days Carriage	Amount of Pay. Draught P. F. C	Amount of Pay. Carriage P. F. C	Total P. F. C
Venca tachillum Moodily and Comary Setter	158.	1562	158.	1562	11. 22. 42½	77. 4. 16.	" " "
Frevengada Moodaly	956.	3021.	3977.	956. 3021.	39772	69. 33. 58½	151. 2. 8. " " "
Veerastwarry	230.	2105.	2335.	230. 2105.	2335.	16. 33. 16⅔	165. 10. 10. " " "
Madrapaigum Pillahs	213.	1105.	1318.	213. 1105.	1318.	59. 15. 16.	20. 11. 10. " " "
Chinneya Naig & Mootoorpa pillahs	2660.	3957.	3667.	2660.	3957.	3667.	194. 9. 26⅔ 147. 14. 56. " " "
Tercovencatachillum Moodily	1457.	1713.	3166.	1457.	1713.	3166.	105. 27. 37½ 60. 27. 24. " " "
Coopa Naig	698.	740.	1438.	698.	765.	1463.	50. 40. 152½ 37. " " " " "
Vellore Permalle	50.	131.	181.	50.	131.	181.	3. 27. 26⅔ 21. 23. 8. " " "
Tomboo Naig	"	1442.	1442.	"	1443.	1443.	" " " 272. 6. 24. " " "
Jemadar Khassa Cawre	"	711.	711.	"	711.	711.	" " " 85. 23. 8. " " "
Parsavacom Rama Swamy	"	1498.	1498.	"	1498.	1498.	" " " 74. 37. 64. " " "
Gangana Mastry	"	675.	675.	"	675.	675.	" " " 33. 31. 10. " " "
Arcot Vencataramma	"	210.	210.	"	218.	218.	" " " 10. 21. " " " " "
Gopaul Reddy	"	87.	87.	"	87.	87.	" " " 4. 14. 56. " " " " "
Total	7012.	21012.	28024.	7012.	21053.	28065.	341. 41. 37½ 1051. 11. 14. 1563. 11. 21½

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The Stoppage of half a Star Pagoda on the Advance to each Bullock at hiring, and the Amount of the difference in the dates of Entertainment, have been carried to the Credit of the Head Owners, in their Accounts Current, but that is no positive proof of the Sums, having been paid to the Petty Owners, I have paid each Petty Owners who had to sign the Registers for — December 1798 and January 1799, and in the spare Department, and I have given public Notice, that these items are forth coming from the Head Owners, and Vencatarunga pillah declares, that these Sums were duly carried to the Credit of the Petty Owners who adjusted their Accounts for the abovementioned Months, during the Superintendance of Lieutenant Colonel Dallas.—

Section 3rd

It was become necessary, to adjust the Claims of some of the Owners, to a refund, of unauthorised Stoppages, made during—

the

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the Monthes of July, August, September,
October and November 1798.—

Statement of the Refunded Mosphages.—

Maistries Names	No. of Bullocks Brought	Amount refunded Carriage	Drought and Carriage	Mosphage per Bullock	Extra Custom per Bullock	Total P. F. C.
Vencatachellum Moodely	197.			197 @ 7	23 3/4	1393. 6. 25.
Sagaray Moodely	403.					2865. 25. 00.
Veeraswamy Cooty Moodely	200.	197.	397.	D°	D°	32. 5. 20.
Conary Chitty	70.		70.	D°	D°	65. 32. 50.
Bake Sahib	30.		30.	D°	D°	30. 5. 30.
Madara Naigum Pillah				D°	D°	3602. 23. 40.
Total						5965. 12. 25.

This refund, was made to the
Petty Owners who signed the old Registers for
those Monthes, in my presence, some received
the Money, and others declared, they had
previously

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previously received the Amount, from their Head Owners, and requested it might be transferred to them, which was done.—

Section 11th.—

The Subordinate Agents, of the Store and Grain Departments, having represented to me, that there was a great deficiency in Petty Owners' receipts, for Cash issued to them through the Medium of the Head Owners in their respective departments, and that Vencataranga Pillah the manager of the late Principal Agent had paid large Sums of Money, after late Principal and Subordinate Agents, had positively directed him not to do so, until they came to a final Settlement of Accounts, my Attention became naturally turned to the consideration of this important Subject.—

Copy of a Letter from the Acting Subordinate Agent for the Grain Department.—

Captain

3099. Fort St. George 11th May 1802.

Captain Symons

Sir,

Being informed that Government have Appointed you to make a final Settlement of all the Accounts of the late Principal Agent for Bullocks, I take the liberty of stating to you, that I am also charged with the Settlement of the Accounts of the Grain Department: The cause of my present Address is to intimate to you, a circumstance, with which, it is necessary you should be Acquainted, which I allude to, is, an Order, that was issued in Camp, to the Principal Agent, by the Commander in Chief, Authorizing payments, to be made direct to the Head Owners, the exigencies of the Service, not having then allowed the Principal Agent, and the Sub-Agents seeing it paid to the Petty owners.

My Brothers (Major Hart) Principal Head Servant, was then Venkatarunga Pillah who has

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has failed in obtaining petty Owner's receipts from the Head Owners for about 13,000 Star Pagodas short of the Amount paid to the latter, and when I have demanded from the Head Owners these Receipts of the Petty Owners, they tell me, that they cannot deliver them, by reason of Vencatarungum Pillah being largely in their debt. I have therefore to request that, you will have the goodness, to withhold from the Cash paid you by Vencatarungum Pillah, the said balance, which is due by the Head Owners, until they have delivered me their own Receipts, for the full Amount (I now hold) the said Receipts of their Petty Owners, or until you have made some investigation into what I state.—

Fort St. George
1st September 1802.—

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) M. Hart

Copy of a Letter from the Subordinate Agent of the Store Department.—

Sir

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Fort St. George 11th May 1802.

Sir,

I have the honor to Address you on the following Subject, and I request you will take it into serious Consideration, I declare that I gave positive Orders to Vencatarungum Pillah, on the 22d. of November 1799 at Conjeveram, not to pay any Money to the Head Owners in that Department, without particular directions from me for that purpose, these Orders were also given to him by Lieutenant Colonel Dallas, and Major Hart, and in the most peremptory manner, notwithstanding which he Vencatarungum Pillah, paid Money at different times to the Head Owners to a large Amount, as will appear by the accompanying Account, I therefore hold him Vencatarungum Pillah responsible to me, for the Balance of Cash, for which the Head Owners, have not furnished Petty Owners Receipts.—

I have the honor— &c. &c.

Mount
17th December 1800.— (Signed) C Carlisle
Lt. Colt.—

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Statement of Securities for Cash Issued in the Grain Department.—

Amount issued on Head Owners Receipts		Amount of Petty Owner's receipts realized.—		Amount for which no Petty Owner's receipts have been Produced.—	
Star Pagodas	Fan. C.	St. Ps.	F. C.	St. Pag.	F. C.
46,813.	30. 48½	38,288.	14. 12½	8,535.	16. 36.

Statement of Securities for Cash issued in the Store Department.—

Amount Issued on Head Owners Receipts		Amount of Petty Owner's Receipts Realized		Amount for which no Petty Owner's Receipts have been produced	
Star Pagodas	F. C.	St. Ps.	F. C.	St. Ps.	F. C.
92.405.	30. 55½	61,511.	8. 63.	30,894.	24. 72½

To form a correct Judgement, on this subject, it was necessary to examine in what manner and proportion, the Advances were made to the Head and Petty Owners, and the necessity for Admitting Petty Owner's receipts, into the General Accounts.— Statement

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Statement of Advances of Cash in the several Departments.—

No.	Date of Advances	Where made	Amount Sr. Pags. Fans. C.
1	November & Decr. 98	Madras	12,001. 25. "
2	January to June 1799	Camp	128,290. 24. 3½.
3	From July to Decr. 1799	Conjeveram	71,837. 33. 15.
4	January 1800	Madras	64,982. 20. 15.
		Total Sr. Pags.	392,118. 15. 10½.

With regard to the first Advance, made at hiring, the responsibility, rested on the Head Owners whose receipts, were passed for the sums received, and as this Money, was to be recovered, from the Monthly hire, the Principal and Subordinate Agents, could recover it, by looking at the dates of Entertainment, and-

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Number of Bullocks opposite to the name, of— each Petty Owner, in the Register of the Department here, there was no occasion for Petty Owners— Receipts.—

The Second Advance being made on the march, and in Camp at Seringapatam, the pressure of the Service, perhaps would not— admit of regular Accounts being kept, according to the regulations, and recourse was had, to Petty Owners Receipts as the only practicable mode, of obtaining Vouchers for Sums paid as an Advance of hire, and the appropriation of the Cash so— disbursed.—

The same reason, does not plead— in favor of the third and fourth Advances made at Conjeveram and Madras, and which were indiscreet, injudicious, and Reprehensible disburse —ments of the public Money.—

They were indiscreet, because— there was no Security for their proper Application, where

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whereas they might have been ensured to the Petty Owners, by paying the Money into their own hands, and the good of the Service might have been promoted, by obtaining their Signatures, to the Acquittance Rolls.—

They were injudicious, because so much Money, coming into the possession of the Head Owners, made them independent, and indifferent about making a Settlement, with Government and the Petty Owners, as they must have accounted for these Sums.—

They were reprehensible, because they subjected the Petty Owners, to the extortions and exactions of their Principals and tended to create an interest, inimical to a final adjustment.—

As the Principal and Subordinate Agents, the Head and Petty Owners, were assembled at Conjeveram, instead of advancing more Cash, it was the duty of the Manager of

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of the late principal Agent, to have adjusted the preceding advances, taken the Signatures of the Petty Owners in the public Registers and by doing so, have proceeded to make a final Settlement of the whole, and in the place of issuing these Advances to the Head Owners the Cash should have been paid to the Petty ones, and the Accounts of each regularly closed and acknowledged, by signing the Acquittance Roll, had this method been pursued, I am convinced this very important Adjustment, might have been accomplished in the course of three Months, without the interference of a single Petty Owners suspecious Receipt, or an unsatisfactory outstanding Balance. The Board are so well acquainted with the motives, that caused the failure at Conjeveram, that it is needless for me to detail or comment upon them, but never a fairer opportunity offered, of making a Complete adjustment and attaching a deserving and useful

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Class of people both in War and Peace. all the obstacles that have since intervened originated from the want of caution and vigilance in the Manager of the late Principal Agents at this period and the liberal Remuneration by his misconduct, has become rather a source of Chagrin, and dissatisfaction, than of gratification and attachments.—

The foregoing positions, have been all elucidated and confirmed by the occurrences in my own Settlement, the Petty Owners have been kept out of the way because the Head ones dreaded to come to a Reckoning and the power of Government to compel them was much weakened, by their having received nearly the full hire of their respective divisions. If I had permitted Advances to have been made, as usual, in the Spare and Camp Equipage Department, I should never have been able to attain my object, but my persevering and unceasing upon the appearance of the

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the Petty Owners, the acquittance Rolls in these Departments are all Signed, and the Accounts, closed in a regular and complete manner.—

I have endeavoured to realize some of the above mentioned Receipts, by confronting the Petty Owners, and have partly succeeded.—

Statement of Petty Owners' Receipts realized and delivered to Departments

Departments	Amount of Receipts Star Pagodas	Fanams	Cash &c.
Store	13,183	8	53
Grain	6,633	33	61
Total Str. Pags.	20,157	1	34

I apprehend, this deficiency of Receipts will be the cause of delay, in the other

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other Departments, but the subordinate Agents should not make any more Advances of Cash until the former ones, are satisfactorily Accounted for, and their future payments, should be made direct to the Petty Owners.—

Perhaps it may be impossible to assemble all the Petty Owners, as I understand, many of them despairing of ever obtaining an equitable adjustment sold their Claims for a mere trifle, and retired to their Villages, which is another bad effect, of the pernicious System, that has been followed, in making this Settlement, and as it must have ruined, or reduced to indigence a Number of Cultivators, who principally furnish our Army with Cattle, the Service will suffer both in a Civil and Military point of view.—

It is, necessary to mention this circumstance, because some Owners, so situated, seeing a prospect of realizing the

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whole of their demands on my being appointed to the Superintendence, preferred Complaints, and wanted to retract, and I was sorry that the peculiar State of their case, prevented me affording them Redress in proportion to the extent of my wishes, and should disputes arise, on this subject, at a future period, the Board will know now their source.—

Section 5th

On the subject of Registers and Muster Certificates.—

An examination of the Registers, and Muster Certificates, became expedient, to ascertain the actual Number of Bullocks employed in the Department.—

Abstract

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Abstract of the Draught and Carriage Cattle, borne, on the Registers and Muster Certificates.—

Date of Entertainment	Where entertained or mustered and by whom	Bullocks Draught & Carriage	Bullocks Draught & Carriage Total	Total
1798 From the 7th to the 29th of August	Trichinopoly Mr. Hawkins Garrison Storekeeper	1373.	1967.	2511.
11th July to 1st December	Tanjore Ditto Ditto Do	"	226.	226.
	Trichinopoly Mr. Hawkins admitted by order of the Board	"	128.	128.
From the 15th of July to the 31st August	Trichinopoly Mr. Hawkins	144.	284.	428.
December and January 1799	Tanjore Mr. Hawkins	"	12.	12.
29th December 1798	Masulipatam Mr. Gordon	"	12.	12.
From the 28th of July to the 15th of October 1799	Madras Mr. Brodie Garrison Storekeeper	2000.	443.	2443.
From 13th July to 8th September	Vellore Mr. Thardon Garrison Storekeeper		1309.	1309.

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From the 3d to the 30th of December 1798	Fort St. George	Captain Bruce Assistant to the Auditor General	1231. 10 11.	15 11 2.
7th & 17th Decr 1798	Trichinopoly	Major General Floyd	"	3572. 3572.
From the 1st to the 25th of January 1799	Fort St. George	Captain Bruce	5190. 1209.	7399.
From the 11th to the 12th of January	Trichinopoly	by Captain Cunningham Muster Master and Lieutenant Smith Fort Adjutant	"	1100. 1100.
From the 26th to the 30th of January	Fort St. George	Captain Bruce	104. 1035.	1139.
From the 8th to the 21st February	Camp	Captain Allan Grant Muster Master	241. 2625.	2866.
On the 12th and 13th February	Camp	Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle Commissary General of Stores	"	1131. 1131.
From the 22d to the 30th of March	Kistnaghery	Captain Symons Superintendent of Bunjarries	"	952. 952.
1st February	Kistnaghery	Mr. Jackson, Paymaster to the Corps of Pioneers and ordered to be paid by the Commander in Chief	"	8. 8.
1st March	Camp	Major Hart Subordinate Agent	"	78. 78.
22d March	Trichinopoly	Mr. Hawkins Admitted by Order of the Military Board	54.	" 54.
1st of February	By order of the Military Board attached to the Camp Equipage of Major Giblings		"	7. 7. 52
		Total		13,337. 37,273. 50,616.

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Respecting the Cattle, detailed in Mr. Skardons' Register, a Head Owner Named Trimal Mastry, preferred a Complaint, that one hundred Eighty Seven Bullocks, originally belonging to him were lately transferred to the Accounts of a Head Owner called Tomboo Naig, which deprived him of the hire and other advantages attached to them, On enquiry I find that the Bullocks never were entertained under Trimal Mastry, but supplied by a person Named Arnachellum Moodily who says, on examination, that the Cattle were attached to His Majestys 36th. Regiment, in July, and were discharged about the begining of September 1798 since which period he had received no pay for them, upon questioning Vencatarungum pillah the Manager of the late Principal Agent on the Subject, he corroborates the Assertions of Arnachellum, and Adds, further, that he permitted Tomboo Naig to replace them, it does not appear, they

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they were ever mustered or marked according to the Regulations, nor were they employed during the late War, but remained under the immediate Charge of the Manager, in what is termed the Spare Department and there is good reason to suppose these Bullocks had only a Nominal existence. This transaction makes all the Registers of the old Bullocks extremely question-able particularly, as 1035 Draught and 215 Carriage Cattle, though trained and consequently the fittest for Service seem to have been kept idle in that Department.—

The Muster Certificates, are all attested by Muster Masters or Officers authorized to grant them, and may be considered authentic documents, there is only one objection-able circumstance relating to them, which is this, on the 7th and 17th of December 1793, Three thousand five hundred and Seventy two Carriage

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Bullocks were mustered at Trichinopoly by Major General Floyd, and were despatched with Grain to Arnee, twenty Six died or were lost on the road and when the Remaining Three Thousand five hundred and forty Six arrived in Camp at Chittleberry, they were regularly mustered by Captain Grant Muster Master to the Army, as per Muster Certificate dated the 7th of February 1799 Vencatarungum Pillah the [illegible] included twenty eight Carriage Bullocks, as entertained on the 17th of December; and two on the 7th of February, as supplied by a person named Vencatapathy, a Conicopoly in the Department, and seem to have been intended, to fill up the vacancies, occasioned by the Casualties of Bullocks, from Trichinopoly, as exhibited in the following Statement.

Mustered at Trichinopoly	Died, or lost in the march	Admitted in the Accounts of the Principal Agent 17th December	Entertained under Vencatapathy	Total as they originally stood.
3572	26	3544	28	3572.

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The Board will observe, the ingenuity used in this imposition on the 7th and 17th of December, there appear 3,572 Bullocks, the original Number mustered by Major General Floyd, and in the Muster Certificate given by Captain Grant in Camp bearing date the 7th of February 1799, there are included three thousand five hundred and forty Six, the extract Number brought to Camp from Trichinopoly. It is clear, Vencatapetty can have no right to hire for such bullocks, because if pay is permitted to be drawn for them, it should be paid to the Trichinopoly Maistries and it should be refunded to them, instead of 30 Bullocks which now stand to the Credit of Vencatapetty, 26 should be transferred to the above mentioned Maistries, and the other 2 struck off, as having never existed.

Distribution

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Distribution of the 26 Bullocks

Maistries Names	Bullocks Carriage
Chinneya Naig	3
Madura Naigum Pillah	3
Cupa Naig	3
Pallamcottah Mootucurpa Pillay	17
Total	26

Upon the whole, and exclusive of the 26 Bullocks Vencatarunga Pillah, has drawn pay for 189. that were never Mustered or Marked.—

Fifty four Draught and one hundred and Twenty Eight Carriage Bullocks, have been admitted by order of the Board, the former were Attached to Artillery which proceeded to Seringapatam with Lieutenant Colonel Brown's Detachment, the Certificate of Service is Signed by Captain Donaldson of the 5th Battalion of the Coast artillery

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Artillery, I wrote to Mr. Hawkins Agent for Cattle at Trichinopoly about a Register of them but could obtain no Answer.—

The latter Carried the Camp Equipage of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment of Native Infantry Mr. Hawkins sent me a Register of them, and included 12 more, which he furnished to Brigade Major Wilson and Captain Monteith Staff to Major General Floyd, this Addition encreases the Caseage Cattle to one hundred and Twenty eight.—

Twelve Bullocks supplied by the Paymaster of Masulipatam to Captains Ogg and Cosby, Staff to Major General Bridges have been admitted, in consequence of a Register procured from that Pay Office.—

Eight Bullocks furnished to the Pioneer Corps by Mr. Jackson Paymaster at Kistnagherry and directed to—

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to be paid by order of the late Commander in Chief are included.—

These are the only observations necessary to be made and as much art has been used to reconcile Numbers, and many Litigations have ensued, about the property of Cattle, and the transfer of Bullocks from one Department, to another particularly in the Spare and Camp Equipage / the latter having an encreased Pay of a quarter of a Pagoda per bullock which accounts for the reason of making a collusive change / and as disputes may be still revived on this Subject it would be improper in me to be silent or to withholde such information as I have in my power to give the Board.—

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Statement of Country Carts, employed in the Department.

Date of Entertainment	Where and by whom Entertained	Number of Carts	Total
1799 1st January	Madras Mr. Brodie Garrison Storekeeper	115	"
3d Do.	Ditto ..... Ditto ..... Do.	235	
5th Do.	Do. ..... Do. ..... Do.	130	
8th Do.	Do. ..... Do. ..... Do.	176	
11th Do.	Do. ..... Do. ..... Do.	91	
26th Do.	Do. ..... Do. ..... Do.	20	
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There is no necessity for any Remarks upon Country Carts as they seem to have been all regularly employed in the several Departments except that one of the Maistries Name Palaveram Muttial Naig, is dead and there is a Balance against him of seven Star Pagodas two fanams and eight Cash which I fancy is irrecoverable. this loss is the consequence, of making advance

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Advances of Cash on Account, at Random, and without considering whether so much Money was due.—

Distribution of the Draught and Carriage Bullocks and Carts into Departments

Departments	Carts	Bullocks Draught	Bullocks Carriage	Carts Draught	Total Carriage
Store	427	3457	1094	427	19,364.
Grain	"				18526.
Provision	250	647	820	250	1467
Camp Equipage	"	335	1565	"	1900.
Spare	"	3896	2865	"	6761.
Medical	20.	"	"	20	"
Total	697.	13337.	37285	697	50,618.

There is a difference of two Carriage Bullocks between the Registers and Muster Certificate, and the Distribution into Departments, the total of the two first being 13,337. Draught, and 37,279 Carriage and

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and the latter 13,337 Draught, and 37,285 Carriage, which is occasioned by two Carriage Bullocks, having been included as entertained on the 7th of February under Vencata petty — when in fact, no such Cattle were supplied on that day and these ought to be struck off

The 54 Draught bullocks admitted by Order of the Board, were attached to the Guns of a Native Corps, but from some cause received pay in the Camp Equipage Department, and as a transfer of them to the Store Department would have occasioned confusion I have let them remain.—

Seven Carriage Bullocks,— furnished to Major Gibbings Deputy Quarter Master General, have been admitted by Order of the Board.—

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Statement of the Hire of Draught & Carriage Cattle in the Months of December 1798 and January 1799.—

No.	Head Owners Names.	Bullocks Employed	Amount of the Hire P.	F.	C.	Total Amount of the Hire P.	F.	C.
1	Crispa Naig	875.	1293.	2168.	3104.	17.	20.	"
	Venkatachella Moodely	4722.	"	4722.	4590.	18.	74.	"
	Conary Chitty	220.	2111.	2331.	3884.	3.	77.	"
	Temadar Temul Maisty	"	"	1325.	1325.	2597.	29.	32.
5	Madara Naigum pillah	2937.	5330.	8287.	13495.	11.	61.	"
	Vellore Permall	50.	462.	512.	534.	18.	34.	"
	Gopaul Reddy	12.	283.	295.	93.	12.	27.	"
	Nella Meera Ravet	"	"	127.	127.	33.	39.	72.
	Veerasaumy Cooty Moodely	498.	3099.	3599.	7988.	27.	21.	"
10	Motoo Crispa Pillah	393.	738.	1131.	2031.	30.	77.	"
	Bake Saheb	80.	150.	230.	5117.	2.	38.	"
	Arnachellum Moodely	"	"	1575.	1575.	2591.	29.	32.
	Guruvapah Naig	"	"	585.	585.	1062.	31.	10.
	Tomboo Naig	"	"	7185.	7185.	12060.	8.	42.
15	Tirvangada Moodely	1787.	2814.	4601.	10334.	20.	19.	"
	Troop Vencatarama	"	"	254.	254.	202.	37.	64.
	Cart Maistries	"	"	"	"	1482.	25.	"
	Vencatapulty	"	"	28.	28.	63.	"	"
	Chinna Naig	1157.	4418.	5875.	11282.	40.	"	"
20	Vellore Condapeine	"	"	696.	696.	2088.	"	"
	Total	697.	13031.	32693.	45524.	100313.	29.	"

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The Hire of Cattle in the Department during these Months, is included in the Accounts Current of the Head Owners Page No. 3 except the Hire of 24 Carriage Bullocks, Amounting to Star Pagodas 11. 25. 16. which were admitted, in the Camp Equipage, Subsequent to closing the aforesaid Accounts. As the disbursements of the late Principal Agent ought to be distinct, I have exhibited the Hire in the foregoing Statement.—

Section 7th.—

Settlement of Hire of Draught and Carriage Cattle in the Spare Department which was under the immediate Charge of the late Principal Agent Commencing from the 1st of February and ending the 31st of May with Donation.—

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Statement of the Accounts Current with each Head Owner.-

No.	Head Owner's Names	Number of Bullocks Amount of Hire Total								
		Total	D	C	D	P.	F.	C	P.	F.	C
1	Coopa Naig	795.	34.	329	392	27.	8.	"	"	"
2	Trecoo Vencatachellum	60.	"	60.	65	6.	"	"	"	"
3	Conary Settee	62.	36	98.	94	27.	16.	"	"	"
4	Temadaer Trimul Maistry	"	48.	48.	232.	24.	"	"	"	"
5	Madara Naigum pillah	5745.	530	2275	2975.	25.	32.	"	"	"
6	Vellore Permall	12.	58.	70.	480.	22.	48.	"	"	"
7	Serameyengar	"	277.	277.	1698.	25.	16.	"	"	"
8	Gopaul Reddy	"	115.	115.	851.	18.	72.	"	"	"
9	Veerasawmy Cooty Moodely	311.	65.	100.	1085.	28.	56.	"	"	"
10	Moto Curpa Pillah	24.	4.	28.	292.	36.	"	"	"	"
11	Bake Sahib	80.	4.	84.	906.	8.	"	"	"	"
12	Arnechellum Moodely	"	20.	20.	135.	25.	16.	"	"	"
13	Troop Vencataram	"	95.	95.	660.	4.	16.	"	"	"
14	Tomboo Naig	"	22.	22.	167.	"	"	"	"	"
15	Teroovangada Moodely	576.	12.	69.	759.	9.	24.	"	"	"
16	Vencata putty	"	87.	87.	614.	27.	24.	"	"	"
17	Chinnia Naig	198.	220.	418.	3630.	7.	16.	"	"	"
18	Nellameera Ravootom	"	340.	340.	1960.	12.	48.	"	"	"
	Total	3896.	2865.	6761.	60845.	37.	72.	60846.	37.	72.

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The Balance of hire standing to the Credit of each Head Owner in his Account Current, was paid to the Petty Owners in my presence, who acknowledged, that their Claims in this Department from the 1st of February to the 31st of May including the Donation, had been equitably Adjusted, The Accounts Current No.s 7 and 8 are not Signed by the Head Owners, but the Petty ones had their Accounts regularly settled and Signed the Registers, the former took the liberty of going to their Villages, without leave and were not at hand when I closed the Accounts.—

It is necessary to observe, that Trimal Mastry, is trying to get from the Garrison Storekeeper of Vellore, a Register for the 187 Bullocks asserted by him to be his property but which I find never belonged to him, as Stated in the preceding part of my Report Page 87, It would take up Volumes, to

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to detail to the Board the intriguing, that has gone on since these Accounts were transferred to me, and even Natives, have dared to interfere and delude the Head Owners with promises of support in direct opposition to me and which have induced them to delay the Adjustment, as much as possible, through every Stage.—

Section 8th.

The Adjustment of the Equipage Department, having rested with the Manager of the late Principal Agent, and a great deal of cavilling having ensued, I thought proper to see the Accounts settled, in as just a manner, as Circumstances would admit.—

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Statement of the Accounts Current with each Head Owner in the Camp Equipage Department

No.	Head owners Names	Bullocks Total D.	C.	Amount of Hire and donation C.	Total C.	Ps.	F.	C.
1	Cupa Naig	93.	93.	790.	21.	"		
2	Vencatachellum	147.	"	147.	1610.	"		
3	Conarie Settie	"	171.	171.	1453.	21.	"	
4	Timal Maistry	"	309.	309.	2626.	21.	"	
5	Madara Naigum pillah	54.	131.	136.	1168.	3.	48.	
6	Vellore Permall	13.	36.	49.	441.	30.	75.	
7	Gopaul Reddy	"	99.	99.	841.	21.	"	
8	Varasamy Cooty Moodely	"	287.	287.	2397.	35.	56.	
9	Baike Saib	"	146.	146.	1241.	"	"	
10	Arnachellum Moodely	"	379.	379.	3223.	21.	"	
11	Tomboo Naig	"	393.	393.	3360.	12.	48.	
12	Trevangada Moodely	121.	"	355.	476.	4342.	31.	"
13	Troop Vencatarama	"	43.	43.	365.	26.	"	
14	Chinneya Naig	"	394.	394.	3349.	"	"	
15	Vellore Cundapen	"	540.	540.	4590.	"	"	
16	Kistnagherry Bullocks	"	8.	8.	68.	"	"	
	Total	335.	1865.	4900.	42267.	29.	67.	42267. 29. 67.

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Great confusion existed in this Department, and Numberless Complaints were made to me of Cattle being changed and transferred from this to other Departments and thereby, those Petty Owners who actually did the duty were deprived of the extra pay. I did all in my power to rectify these abuses but the Accounts of Disbursements, and the Petty Owners Cattle who did duty were kept in so loose a manner, and the Comico paty so ignorant of matters and Vencatarungum Pillah so indeferent and ill informed of what had passed, that I could obtain but little satisfactory information from these Quarters, and consequently could not afford them proper

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relief, however I trust, that what I have done, has left, few real sufferers and in such a scramble as the present, some must expect to be losers, I have not admitted the unmarked Bullocks, and endeavoured as much as possible to get them paid by the Owners of those Cattle which died,— this was a difficult task to accomplish because most of them had received more Cash in Advance than the Amount of their Hire and Donations.—

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Statement of unmarked Bullocks not Admitted in the Camp Equipage Department by order of the Military Board.—

No. With whom Employed	Bullocks D. C.	Total Bullocks Draught & Carriage
1 Captain Monteath Staff to General Floyd	5	
Captain Thomas Wilson Do	7	
2d Batt.n 9th Regiment No. 1	1	
Lieutenant Barclay Subaltern Agent	9	
5 Lieutenant Colonel Agnew	13	
His Majesty's 12th Regiment	8	
Grass Agent 3d Reg.t N. Cavalry	6	
1st Regiment Native Cavalry	4	
Captain Pierce	7	
10 Major Twiss	7	
Lieutenant Lucas	6	
Corps of Guides	3	
Staff of the 6th Brigade	5	
2d Batt.n 9th Reg.t Native Infantry	7	
15 Commissary General of Stores	7	
Commander in Chief	7	
1st Battalion Bengal Volunteers	5	
His Majesty's 73d Regiment	1	
19 His Majesty's Invalids Regiment	1	
Total		107 Do

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No. 1 to 15 are all Signed by the Head Owners in my presence and Acknowledged to be correct and part of the hire was likewise paid to the Petty Owners who Signed the Registers, Gopaul Reddy is the only person who did not Sign being absent without leave.—

Section 9th

Road Hire

It was impossible to obtain positive proof of the places from whence the Cattle were brought and in conformity to the Orders of the Board on that Subject, I selected such Owners whose places of Residence were annexed to their Names in the Public Register, and allowed Road Hire to those, who resided at and beyond the Line of Cuddalore, Tiagar — Vellore, Ambore and Nellore.—

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Statement of Head Owners whose Cattle have been allowed Road Hire.—

No.	Head Owners Names	Bullocks D.	C.	Total	P.	Amount of Hire ℳ.	ℳ.	ℳ.
	Comary Settie	49.	156.	159.		222.	12.	12 2/3
	Trevangada Moodily	159.	304.	963.		420.	"	3 2/3
	Teroo Vencatachellum	779.		779.		570.	34.	17.
	Tomboo Naig	295.	295.			192.	5.	30.
	Veerasawmy Cooty Moodily	77.	225	357		234.	37.	59 2/3
	Cupa Naig	31.	34.			19.	14.	36.
	Teroovangada Moodely	"	"	"		"	"	"
	Arnachellamoodily	363.	363.			147.	33.	72.
	Madara Naigum Pillah	88.	88.			36.	3.	28.
	Nella Meera Ravel	43.	49.			25.	13.	24.
	Chinnaya Naig	"	"	"		"	"	"
	Paid by Lt. Colonel Pallas	"	"	"		65.	14.	10. 53.
	Total	1059.	5025	6054.		10163.	36.	36.

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The whole Sum not being paid and of course the acquittance Rolls not signed the Register is not produced but will be when these two points are effected.—

I have calculated their Marches at 15 geographical Miles each, and have given them a daily allowance, equivalent to their hire, They are not well pleased with this mode, but it is the only one that could have been adopted under existeng circumstances, and it brings in the Northern Petty Owners, who it is good-policy to attach to the Service, as the Northern provinces by being so much out of the tract of hostilities are always able to afford large supplies of Cattle in time of War.—

The Register was made out, before I knew the Petty Owners who had received that allowance, from the late Principal Agent therefore several Names, are put down

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down; that ought not to have been included, however, they have not been paid again.—

Section 9th.

Mastries Pay

Agreable to the directions of the Board, I wrote to the late Principal Agent, and requested to know if he could furnish me with an Attested Roll of Maistries actually in the Service, during the Months of December, and January and likewise in the Spare Department, but he returned me no Answer, I also addressed the Subordinate Agents on the Subject, they could afford me no information prior to the 1st of February, therefore I have not allowed Maistries Pay for December 1798, January 1799 and in the Spare and Camp Equipage Departments from the 1st of February to the 31st of May 1799. The General Account Current of the late Principal Agent now produced is a public

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a public document, proves that such a discription
of people were to have been paid, otherwise why
detail and include them in the aforesaid Account,
which the Board, may observe on a perusal—
of it.—

Section 10th

Registers

The three Registers marked A
and four marked B are for Draught and Carriage
Cattle during the Monthes of December 1798. and
January 1799 the Acquittance Rolls, Signed and
the Signatures of such Petty Owners, who were refrac-
-tory, and would not settle with the late Princi-
-pal Agent are attested, by me, or rather Corrobora-
-ted by my Signature.—

The two Registers marked C and
two marked D are of Draught and Carriage—
Cattle in the spare Department the Acquittances
Rolls Signed and Attested as abovementioned.—

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The two Registers marked E and two marked F are of Draught and Carriage Cattle in the Camp. Equipage Department the Acquittance Rolls, Signed by the Petty Owners and the authenticity of them acknowledged by the Head Owners in their Accounts Current.

Section 11th

The Board will have observed that by the Accounts Current, between the Head Owners and Vencatariengum Pillah the Manager of the late Principal Agent, there was a balance of 12,743 Star Pagodas 29 fanams & 52 Cash, but he had so blended the Disbursements, that there was no ascertaining whether it ought to be carried to the Account of the late Principal or Subordinate Agents, therefore I have transferred part of it to the Departments and the Board must decide upon the persons who shall make good the Cash that may be recoverable.

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Statement of the Balances transferred to Departments

Departments	Head Owners Names	Balance			How to be recovered					Total recovered			Irrecoverable	
					Maisties Custom		From the Hire of Bty owners							
		Mr. Pagoda	Fanams	Cash &c	Ps.	F.	G.	Ps.	F.	G.	Mr. Pagoda	Fanams Cash &c	Mr. Pagoda Fanams	Cash &c
Store	Verrasamy Cooty	Moddy	"	"	"	32½	5	20	30	17	52				
Dec.r Jany	D.°	D.°	D.°	"	"	"	17	"	72	"	"	"			
Spare	D.°	D.°	D.°	1264	22	56	141	10	12	190	4	76	1264	22 56
Camp Equipage	D.°	D.°	D.°	"	"	"	30	16	64	"	"	"			
Dec.r Jany	Tomboo	Naig		315	34	5	315	34	5	"	"	"	315	34 5
D.°	Vellore	Permal		"	"	"	12	10	24	"	"	"			
Spare	D.°	D.°		"	"	"	10	22	56	"	"	"			
Camp Equipage	D.°	D.°		932	24	35	8	26	76	"	"	"	101	32 76	830 33 39
Grain	D.°	D.°		"	"	"	65	37	40	"	"	"			
Provisions	D.°	D.°		"	"	"	4	19	40	"	"	"			
Grain	Trevangada	Moodelyr		"	"	"	211	23	20	850	7	74			
Dec.r Jany	D.°	D.°					203		60						
Spare	D.°	D.°		2634	27	8	122	25	52	5	74	18 72	2634	27 8	
Camp Equipage	D.°	D.°		"	"	"	83	31	10	430	11	56			
Provision	D.°	D.°		"	"	"	"	"	"	158	33	10			
Dec.r Jany	Conary	Settie		"	"	"	87	35	12	"	"	"			
Spare	D.°	D.°					16	40	2						
Camp Equipage	D.°	D.°		1705	6	74	30	22	10	272	37	60	1705	6 74	
Grain	D.°	D.°		"	"	"	65	32	"	1231	7	40			
Dec.r Jany	Nolla	Neera Pauch		"	"	"	"	31	76	"	"	"			
Spare	D.°	D.°		1532	23	14	44	28	24	"	"	"	98	33 36	1433 31 58
Store	D.°	D.°		"	"	"	31	13	16	"	"	"			
Carried over							2385	12	37	2033	31	40	878	64 60	31 15 2264 23 14

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Department	Head Owners Names	Balance	How to be recovered	Total recovered	Irrecoverable
		Spr. Pags. Fanams Cash &c.	Maistries From the Hon.ble Cust.m Pitty Offices	Spr. Pags. Fanams Cash &c.	Spr. Pags. Fanams Cash &c.
		P. F. C.	P. F. C.	P. F. C.	P. F. C.
	Brought over	8375. 12. 32.	2033. 17. 31. 1087. 13. 64.	6120. 31. 15.	2264. 33. 17.
Dec.d Sepoy	Troop Vencatarama	" " "	4. 34. 72. " " "		
Spare	D.o D.o	" " "	15. 30. 8. " " "		
Camp Equipage	D.o D.o	1029. 15. 44.	7. 28. 10. " " "	672. 39. 6.	116. 18. 38.
Grain	D.o D.o	" " "	29. 19. 10. 615. 10. 6		
Grain	Surrapa Naig	" " "	48. 14. 10. " " "	73. 14. 10.	
Dec.d Sepoy	D.o D.o	73. 14. 10.	25. " " " "		
D.o	Arachellum Reddy	" " "	65. 20. 10.		
Spare	D.o D.o	" " "	3. 9. 48. " 39. 48.		
Camp Equipage	D.o D.o	1145. 15. 27.	67. 28. 40. 1142. 16. "	1145. 15. 27.	
Grains	D.o D.o	" " "	175. 18. 75. " " "		
Spare	Seeramungar	108. 1. 20.	" " " 108. 1. 20.	108. 1. 20.	
Grain	Treemul Maistry		122. 14. " 790. 36. 14.		
Camp Equipage	D.o D.o	1285. 8. 30.	" " " 371. 32. 40.	1285. 8. 30.	
Dec.d Sepoy	D.o D.o		9. 56. " " "		
Spare	Gopaul Reddy		20. 11. 36. " " "		
Camp Equip.e	D.o D.o	114. 40. 15.	7. 31. 39. " " "	114. 40. 15.	
Grains	D.o D.o		" " " 86. 39.		
Store	Ramalingam	8. 14. "	8. 14. " " " "	8. 11. "	
Store	Muttoo Curreapa Pillah	227. 34. 4.	227. 34. 4. " " "	227. 34. 4.	
	Total	12713. 29. 52.	2859. 9. 115. 7203. 29. 32.	10062. 29. 77.	2680. 41. 55.

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Abstract of the transferred Outstanding Balances

No.	Departments	Amount P. F. C.	Total P. F. C.
	Principal Agent Dec.r & January	888. 20. 33.	
	Principal Agent Spare	1250. 41. 54.	
	Store	993. . 12.	
	Grain	4293. 8. 29.	
	Provisions	163. 11. .	
	Camp Equipage	2473. 32. 29.	
	Total	10062. 29. 77.	10062. 29. 77.

The recovered during the Months of December and January, and in the Spare and Camp Equipage Departments amounting to Star Pagodas 4613. 10. 36. are carried to the Account of the principal Agent that I think the balances due from the Head Owners, Vellore Permall, Nellameera Ravet and Troop Vencata-rama amounting to Star Pagodas 2670. 11. 73. are

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are irrecoverable, for they are Men of no—
property.—

Section 12th.

Cavalry

Accounts Current, from the
different Cavalry Regiments from the 1st
of December 1798 to the 31st of May 1799—
except those of His Majestys 19th Dragoons,
which extend only to the 31st of April 1799/ the
one for May not having been transmitted
are in the possession of the late Principal Agent;
however I have calculated the same expenditure
for the Month of May as in April for
the 19th Dragoons but there is no making
out a satisfactory Account from them.—

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No. 1

Abstract of Disbursements in the Gram Agency Department calculated on the Number of Bullocks entertained and in the Service from the 1st of December 1798 to the 31st of May 1799.—

		Amount of hire & Bullocks Pay.	Permission of Advance	Total Expenditure
No.	Regiments	Str. Ps. F. C.	Str. Ps. F. C.	Str. Ps. F. C.
His Majs. 19th Rt. Ls. Drags.		8081 30 1 28/30	1488 23 6 1/2	9570 11 65 28/30
D.... D.... 25th D....		7191 25 11 14/30	1423 35 .	8615 13 13 42/30
1st Rt. N. Cavalry		6178 16 5 26/30	928 25 16	7106 11 7 3 24/30
2d D. D. D. D.		5938 28 22 16/30	725 19 48	6714 5 60 46/30
3d D. D. D.		6455 35 2 28/30	1062 4 72	7517 39 7 11 13/30
11th D. D. D.		6877 39 65 3/30	894 7 .	7772 4 65 6/30
Total		40774 7 6 47/50	6532 31 110	47306 38 16 47/50

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No. 2.

Abstract of the Sums contained in the Accounts Current of the Several Regiments and Placed to the Credit of the late Principal Agent.

No.	Regiments	Received in Cash	Credited as Stoppages of advance	Balance not acknowledged by Audit	Total
		P. F. C.	P. F. C.	P. F. C.	P. F. C.
1	His Majesty's 19th Dragoons	6183. 10. 18.	" "	" "	6183. " "
	His Majesty's 25th Dragoons	3496 - "	1332. "	" 3868. 21.	" 9196. 21. "
1	1st Regiment Native Cavalry	5515. 31.	8. 1066. 21.	" 1174. 21.	" 7756. 31. 8.
2	2nd Regiment D° D°	6611. 21.	" 507. 12. 16.	1032. 21.	" 8221. 4. 16.
3	3rd Regiment D° D°	8166. 335. 10.	727. 31. 10.	" "	" 8729. 25. "
4	4th Regiment D° D°	7012. 11. 78.	268 - "	1678 - "	" 9368. 11. 78.
	Total	37353. 12. 14.	3211. 14. 34.	7353. 21.	" 48918. 7. 70.

No. 3.

Abstract of Hire of Cattle and Maistries Pay according to the Accounts Current.

No.		Hire of Bullocks & Maistries Pay	Total
		P. F. C.	P. F. C.
1	His Majesty's 19th Dragoons	6183. 10. 18.	" " "
	His Majesty's 25th Dragoons	5175. 31. 10.	" " "
1	1st Regiment Native Cavalry	6172. 32. 72.	" " "
2	2nd Regiment Native Cavalry	5995. 4. 16.	" " "
3	3rd Regiment Native Cavalry	6484. 11.	" " "
4	4th Regiment Native Cavalry	6872. 32. 8.	" " "
	Totals	" "	" 30. 180. 24. 24.

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As there is a confusion in the Cavalry accounts, it appeared proper to exhibit different abstracts of them, that the difference, may be the more clearly, pointed out to the Board, No. 1, is an abstract of the actual expences incurred in the Gram Dgency Department and Amount to Star Pagodas 47,296..38..$\frac{37}{50}$.

The abstract No. 2 is of Cash Credited or ought to be so by the Gram Dgents Amounting to Star Pagodas 48,818...7...70.—

No. 3 is an Abstract of Bullock Hire, and Maistries Pay as contained in the Accounts Current, Amounting to Star Pagodas 39,180...24...24.—

The late principal Agent, Debits the Gram Agents in Str. Pag.s 46,033...26...32. and they in Abstract No. 2 give him Credit for Str. Pag.s 48,818...7...70. which make a difference of Star Pagodas 15...18...42.—

By my Calculation the Hire of Bullocks and Maistries pay comes to Str. Pag.s 40,774...7...6$\frac{3}{5}$. and by theirs to Str. Pag.s 39,180...24...24. which makes in their favour Str. Pag.s 1593...24...62$\frac{1}{2}$. this is occasioned by their being no Account Current of the 19th Dragoons for—

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for the Month of May 1799 and the Gram Agent of the 25th Regiment of Dragoons in the Month of March has Charged Sr. Pags. 283.... 33.... 10 12/30 more than the actual hire of the bullocks.—

It appears likewise that the Gram Agents received from the principal Agent on Account of Advances to entertain Cattle Sr. Pags. 13,500 but by the Number of Bullocks newly provided, there seems to have been advanced only Sr. Pags. 10,764..... balance not apparently laid out Sr. Pags. 2735. It was not my province to enter so minutely into particulars or trouble the Board with them, though, I consider it my duty to point out such defects as occur to me, in order that they may be rectified in any future Arrangement.— The Board will observe by what I have said on this subject that the Gram Agents Accounts are not perfect and by them there is no discerning, what sum was Remitted to the Bullock Owners, No doubt the Military Auditor General will retrench over charges and make the necessary investigation into their Correctness.—

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No. 14 Is a Statement of the whole Expences of the Bullock Department from the 1st. of December 1798 to the 31st. of May 1799 made out Agreeable to the Regulations in every respect in a Monthly detail.—

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Abstract of the Expences of the Department of Draught and Carriage Cattle during the Mysore War of 1798 and 1799.—

	Amount	Total
	Star Ps. F. C.	Star Ps. F. C.
Hire to Draught & Carriage Cattle and Carts and Maistries pay	503993. 34. 65/80	
Remission of Advance	57/768 10. 76.	
Donations	85/135. 37. "	
Road Hire	10163. 26. 36.	
Principal Agents Salary	3600. " "	
Servants Wages	2358. " "	
Charges Extraordenary	137. 37. "	
Difference of Pay Camp Equipage Department	4559. 2. 8.	
Total		672/768. 9. 16 2/30.

This abstract will differ with the actual Expenditure of the Principal Agent, in two things first Maistries Pay, none having been paid by me for the Months of December 1798 and January 1799 Vizt the Spare Camp Equipage Departments. Second Gram Agents Departments

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Department in which more Cash has been received, than appears to have been disbursed:—

Statement shewing the Expences of each Department from the 1st of December 1798 to the 31st of May 1799.

Departments	Cash Pagodas	Star Pagodas	Arrps. S. C.	Atl.s S. C.	Pags. S. C.	Atl.s S. C.	Monthly Bullocks Hire	remission of advance	Donation	Total
Principal Agent's Dep.t	697.	13052	37	493	100313.	39.	"	"	"	100313. 39.
Stores	127.	8457	967	5036	2. 08.	30599. 39	"	3425731. 00.	203821. 20.	48.
Grain	42	18	824	108	730	35. 56.	16462. 20.	" 2778.	"	152557. 13. 56.
Provisions	25	0.	647	870	12988.	10.	" 1681. 25.	10. 26.	4710.	" 224733. 10.
Spare	339	6265.	103.	014.	12.	72.	9380.	8. 24.	1283. 75.	" 70226. 4. 16.
Camp Equipages	"	335.	1555.	30.	488.	16.	67.	2950. 39.	70.	7581. 13. " 145218. 17. 37.
Medicals	20.	"	"	1000.	"	"	22.	"	"	" " " 622. " "
Maistries Pay in the Grain Store & Provision Departments from the 5th of Febry to the 31st of May	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" " " 7452. 19. 37.
Gram Agency	"	"	10774.	7.	62.	6572.	35.	40	"	" " " 17796. 38. 40. 37.
Road Hire	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" " " 10163. 36. 36.
Principal Agents Salary	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" " " 3600. " "
Servants Wages	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" " " 2358. " "
Charges Extraordinary	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" " " 137. 37. "
Total	"	"	50157	2.	9.	57.	765.	17.	64.	85135. 37. 00. 1063185. 29. 76. 37.

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I have only given Credit to the Gram Agents for the actual Amount of hire and Maistrie's pay calculated on the Number of Cattle recently entertained and employed with the several Regiments.—

I have included Maistrie's pay in the Store, Grain and Provision Departments, because I think the Subordinate Agents will pay it.—

Section 14th.

General Account Current

I have made it out, from Authentic documents in my profession, the Accounts given in by the Manager of the late principal Agent are not correct.—

D. R.

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Dr. { Lieutenant Colonel Dallas
in Account Current with

By Cash agreeable to the Military Auditor Generals Account Current		7,703. 953.
By Cash Advanced by Mr. Hawkins Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly	240 — —	
to 511 Draught Bullocks		
By Cash received from Major Hart late Commissary of Grain the Price of Rice condemned on the March to Seringapatam	3327 8. "	
		7,736 Pa. 17.53.

7,736 Pa. 17.53.

Total Star Pagodas 7,736 Pa. 17.53.

E. E. S.

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Late Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Cattle for the Honorable Company ——————— C.

Expended from the 1st of July to 31st Novem. 1798	68260 21 73	68260 21 73	68260 21 73
Hire of draft and carriage Cattle and Carts from the 1st of Novem. 1798 to the 30th January 1799	10033 39	10033 39	
Sums of Credit to Departments			
Store	158039 18 00		
On Standing Balance transferred	253 —	158039 18 00	
	168292 38 73		
Grass			
On Standing balance on hand Owners transferred	4293 6 32	42392 32 39	
	57362 22 48		
Provision			
On Standing Balance on hand Owners transferred	163 11 —	57698 33 48	
	33698 11 00		
Camp Equipage			
On Standing balance on hand Owners transferred	2823 32 29	38363 16 62	
	307 18 —	3671 18 —	
Medical		1185 23 24 32	4856 23 24
Gram Agents			
By Cash repaid to Lachna & Colors Chest for Cash		1438 35 10½	
Advanced to the Departments			
Hire & Draft and Carriage Cattle for Cash from London from the 1st July to 31st of July 1799			
To Cash advanced by Madura Pergum Head Owner to Mr Hawkins Garrison Storekeeper at Tuticorin	229 6 —		
To Cash advanced by Tombo Pergy Head Owner to Capt. Mackye Agent for Cattle in Mysore	317 24 —		
To Cash advanced by Venkatachellum Head Owner to Captain Mackay Agent for Cattle in Mysore	684 — —		
Irrecoverable outstanding Balances on Head Owners	2680 11 55		
Balance of Advance in the Departments	9558 23 76		
Remission of Advance Store Department	9389 8 24		
Principal Agents Salary	3600 — —		
Servants Wages	2358 — —		
Charges Extraordinary	437 37 —		
Cash Mostyn died balance due from him	2 2 8		
Road Hire	10603 26 36	180211 25 10½	425323 27 36
			243384 0 29
		Balance	30576 17 24
		Total Star Pagodas	273960 17 53

(Signd) John H. Symons Captain

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Abstract of the Claims of Maistries and Petty Owners upon the late Principal Agent and placed to his Credit in his General Account Current

	Amount	Total
Maistries Custom for Dec.r & Jan.r	337 Fs. 5 Fs.	
Maistries Custom for Dec.r & Jan.r	1030 30 49	
Due to Petty Owners	5711 27 37	
Rend.r Fire due to the Petty owners	1767 2 12	6886 10 34

In making out the general Account Current, and this Abstract of Claims, I have been as correct as circumstances will admit, the Cash advanced by Head Owners to Mr. Hawkins, and Captain Mackaye, was Certified by the Owners and Vencataswegum Pillah and I have given information to the above Gentlemen.—

Sealed &c.

Comp.a Egmt.e Seige

D.r

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D. Captain Barclay late Subordinate Agent in Account Current with the late principal Agent &c.

	Star Pags.	Fanams	Cash		Star Pags.	Fanams	Cash
By Cash upon Indent	35	29	14	To hire of Vessels	34	86	67
By Balance of Advance	50	22	56	To Donation	7	58	13
Transfer of Outstandings	20	32	29	Remission of Advance	23	50	29
Balance on hand Owners					15	28	17
				Balance	107	9	68
Total Star Pagodas	175	27	15	Total Star Pagodas	175	27	15

There is a balance against the Subordinate Agent of Star Pagodas 107 Fanams 9 Cash 68.

Abstract of Claims upon the late Subordinate Agent placed to his Credit in the General Account Current.

	Amount Pagodas	Total F.	C.
Masulipatam Customs	802	14	73
Due to the Petty Owners	530	0	66
	332	15	39

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I have given the Head Owners Attested Lists of the Paddy Owners Names, who have Claims on the Department.—

Section 16th.

The Board, ordered, to be refunded certain Stoppages made in the Months of July, August, Septembers, October, and November 1796 of which Veneer Varungeum Pillah has only paid a part.—

Abstract of Balances due to the Head Owners on this Section.—

Head Owners Names	Amount			Total		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Frevengada Moodily	235.	23.	20.			
Conary Settie	65.	32.	.			
Cotty Moodily	326.	5.	20.			
Madora Varyem Pillah	1558.	34.	12.			
				2362.	0.	52.

Veneer Varungeum Pillah requires to pay

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any more Cash on Account of this refund.—

Abstract of Claims on the late Principal Agent and the Subordinate Agent of the Camp Equipage Department and Vencatarungapillah the late Manager.—

By Whom	P. F. C.	P. F. C.	P. F. C.
Government to balance of Cash in the hands of the Principal Agents	30,08h. 17. 24.		
Head and Petty Owners	6,88h. 10. 34.		
Outstanding balances placed to the Credit of the Principal Agent which probably will not be recovd	2,680. 41. 55.	39,654. 15. 33.	
Camp Equipage			
Government balance of Cash in the hands of the Subordinate Agents	497. 9. 68.		
Head and Petty Owners	6,253. 15. 59.	6,50. 25. 47.	
Refunded Stoppages			
Head Owners	2162. 52.	2162. 52.	
			48,566. 40. 52.

I have

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I have put down the outstand-
-ing irrecoverable Balance as a claim, upon the
principal Agent, because it cannot be wrote
off, nor justly be continued to his Credit, until
Government are pleased to remit it, I have not
included the Moiety of Custom due to the Manager,
which by right ought to be in my possession,
but as the Sum was not of a public Nature,—
further than to ensure the due performance of his
duty, and he being suspended from the exercise
of his functions it appeared of no consequence—

Captain

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Captain John Hilley Symons in Account Current with Lieutenant Colonel Dallas late Principal Agent and Captain Barclay late Subordinate Agent for the Camp Equipage Department, and Vencatarenga pillah late Manager for the Principal and Subordinate Agents

Dr. / Cr.

	Star Pags.	Fanams	Cash
By Cash received from Vencatarenga pillah Manager to Lieutenant Colonel Dallas late Principal Agent and to Captn. Barclay late Subordinate Agent Camp Equipage Department	50300	5	—
By Cash received from Lieutenant Colonel Dallas	3827	8	70
By Cash received from Captain Mackay	124	19	70
By Cash received from Acharey a Servant in the Department	100	"	"
Star Pagodas	53848	32	70

	Star Pags.	Fanams	Cash
By Cash paid to Lieut.t Colonel Carlisle balance of Accounts Current for December & January to Head Owners	13695	26	10½
Paid to the Spare Department	21358	39	63
Paid Camp Equipage department	975	23	46
Issued to Vencatarenga pillah to pay the refund to head owners	2323	11	23
Paid to Masters to be refunded on Account of unauthorized Stoppages	194	38	30
Paid to Owners of Country Carts	2143	"	6
Road hire	1822	7	32
Paid Lt. Col. Conner's Donation	1775	32	70
	52324	12	32
Balances	1524	20	38
Star Pagodas	53848	32	70

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The balance in my hands, is partly in Porto novo Pagodas and Silver Fanams, and some of it has been appropriated to the payment of public Servants, belonging to the late principal Agent all of which, will be placed to his Credit, in my final account on the discharge of the Claims against him and Captain Barclay.—

When his Manager delivered the Cash to me, it appeared, that it did not solely belong to the late Principal Agent but some to the Subordinate Agent of the Camp Equipage Department.—

Section 17th.—

The Head Owners having applied for release from certain engagements entered into by them with Vencatarunga Pillah the Manager of the late Principal Agent, and the Board having acquiesced and directed that a release be granted them, I directed the following Acquittance to be given them, which I trust will be deemed sufficient

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sufficient protection, against any future demands of the late Manager.—

Acquittance

I Vencataranga pillah Mariage to Lieutenant Colonel Dallas the late principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Cattle to the British Army, during the Mysore War in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Nine, having received from such a Head Bullock Owner, an Obligation, bearing date in the Month of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Ninety eight, binding himself, to pay unto me, a quarter of a Star Pagoda per Month upon each Bullock belonging to his division, and a Verbal promise, of a perquisite, of half a Star Pagoda on the advance made for each Bullock at hiring, and having lost the aforesaid Obligation, I now gave him this written release, and do also declare, that I consider the aforesaid obligation and verbal promise, null and Void, to all intents

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intents and purposes, and that I never will take any steps whatsoever; to oblige the said Head Owner,— or his heirs, to fulfil the aforesaid obligation and— Verbal promise, now become of no effect, by these presents, which I sign and deliver in the presence of Captain John Hilley Symons and the under- signed Witnesses.—

(Signed) Bencataringa Dillah

Date Attests J. H. Symons

Witnesses Captain

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Section 12th

In Having investigated in a particular manner the Conduct of the Manager of the late Principal and Subordinate Agents, the Board will naturally expect from me an opinion upon his Management, to enable them to make a proper Estimate of his Services.—

I Form to Judge his Conduct, on the principles laid down by Government, for the guidance

guidance of their public Servants, I must pronounce that he has uniformly made the Service subservient to provide emolument and that to the public good has always been a Secondary consideration, but if I am to try his Actions by the Eastern Code, and make due allowances for the principles in which he has been educated, and the practices of his contemporaries, I must declare, that his Activity and Zeal in assembling the Cattle and particularly his address the Departments, within mysteriously and unaccountably deranged, are deserving of commendation and that his Conduct throughout has been peculiarly consonant to the Hindoo Maxims of Superintendance and that the Natives of India will consider him a persecuted Man a victim to the machinations of a Vile faction of disappointed Bullock Masters.—

Section 19th

Having detailed and commented upon

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upon the management of Pencotterungapillah, it is likewise necessary that I lay before the Board a few other particulars, concerning the Adjustment of their Accounts, and which may materially affect their in their future stages.—

The candid manner, in which I have brought the actions of the late Manager and my general Character, I trust will fully acquit me of partiality or prejudice in stating the behaviour of the Heads Owners, particularly, as the Statement will entirely affect those, who complained to the Board.—

Since the first of November 1800. the bringing forward and keeping back the Petty Owners, have been continual Struggles, between me and them; these Miscreants, for they deserve no better Name, presuming on the attention, the Board had very properly paid to their Representations, thought they might be guilty of every species of rapacity and circumvention, with impunity, and have industriously

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industriously absented themselves from my Office, and I have always been obliged to send Sepoys after them, or they would seldom have attended.—

Report says, this negligence and reprehensible Conduct has proceeded from their connection with a Native, who takes the sole merit of having obtained them redress, and who is to receive a Sum of Fifteen thousand Star Pagodas, as a compensation for his trouble and attention to their interest, it seems, they found it expedient to appease the Petty Owners, in order to enable them to make good this douceur, but they, shewing an unwillingness to contribute, the Masties determined to enforce the contribution, by tieing and starving them out, and not settling their Accounts until they came into the proposed terms, the Advocate, at the same time, assuring the Masties, that I was a mere cypher, and that the Board would not treat them harshly, for procrastinating the adjustment.—

With regard to this report, a vast number

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Number of Petitions in my possession, one of which I transmitted to the Board, on the subject of meditated exactions, indicated that an Assessment of the kind was in contemplation, and I know that a Native frequently accompanied one of the Masters to my Garden, and remained on the outside, and received information of every thing that was going on.—

This person, has these days of a vile informer, a fellow who lives by his wits, sets people by the Ears, then takes the side of the question which best suits his convenience, and has address enough to get into the confidence of the person, who has the Settlement of the dispute, and gives information adapted to the exigencies of the case, as if he was an impartial man, that had nothing to say to the litigation, and so carries his point; a designing Man like this, being in their train gives colour to believe, that there is some truth in what has been advanced; however it is possible, for people of this description to do a great deal of mischief—

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clandestinely, and to manage matters in such a way, as to preclude the attainment of positive proof, of their nefarious practices. As my aim, is only to point out to the Board, the probable cause of the delay, in the production of the Petty Owners, and which may serve as a clue to the source of such an occurrence should it happen with the subordinate Agents, positive proof is unnecessary, but I cannot help observing, that the very improper language, which has been held to me, plainly evinces, that they foolishly thought themselves the strongest party.—

The Petty Owners of Tavoy and Mergui, Coopa Naig, Troop Venkatama, and Vellore Pernael, having constantly pestered me with complaints, of exactions being made from them by their Head Owners, I frequently spoke to them, and one day cautioned Coopa Naig on the subject, who had the audacity to reply, that if I represented it to the Board, it would bring disgrace on myself, which

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which smart retort, no doubt was the result of his having felt no bad effects, from the Petition I formaly sente to the Board.—

A Maistry named Mattocarp-
-pillah, whose case I fully stated accompanied by my opinion, absolutely told me in my office that what I said was not true, this is exceeding bold and uncommon language for timide Hindoos, to make use of, to a man specially appointed by Government, and supposed to be supported by all the Power and Influence of the Military Board, and who they have seen per-
-fectly upright, decided and firm, through the whole Settlement, who with unremitting Zeal and assiduity has attended personally, to the most minute circumstance, and who has made it a constant rule to leave nothing to the discretion of a Native, and thereby subject them to suffer by his venality or inadvertency. I must own these occurrences ruffled my temper a little for the moment, but conscious rectitude prevented their hearing my feelings, or making

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making a lasting impression on my mind, yet I trust the Board will not let them pass without due consideration, nor tacitly permit me to be insulted, for having attempted to administer justice, and thereby frustrated their rapacious views. Therefore it is incumbent upon me, for my own justification, as well as from a desire that my professions should not have credit upon my base assertions, to explain again the Cause of a Mutcocurpapillah, in a Presidency of judging, how far he was warrantable, in making use of such an expression to me.—

Mutcocurpapillah Claims half of the emoluments arising from the division of Cattle, employed under Chinnaya Naig Head Owner.—

Upon enquiry it appears, that when the late Principal Agent was directed to provide Cattle, the Head Owners Chinnaya Naig, Mutcocurpapillah and Patravatum Ramasawmy on the 8th of November 1798. applied for an Advance of Cash, and obtained

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obtained it, for the following proportion of Bullocks, and for which Sums, they passed their separate Receipts.—

Chinneya Naicq ..... 4,350 Bullocks

Mutocurpa pillah ..... 1500 .... Ditto

Parsvakum Ramaswamy .. 1,000 .... ditto

Total .. 6850 ...

Chinneya Naicq being obliged to go to Trichinopoly, left his Son-in-law Chinna-Chinaya Naick at Madras, to receive Money and to make Advances of Hire to his Petty Owners as they arrived from Trichinopoly. Venkatarunga pillah refused to advance Money to the Son-in-law, unless some responsible Master was joined with him, and to obviate this difficulty, Mutocurpa-pillah was authorized to officiate, and it is proved by the Contents of thirteen Receipts in the possession of the Principal Agents, that Mutocurpapillah, Parsvakum Ramaswamy and the Son in law, received Money at different times, and distributed it,

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it, among their respective Petty Owners. Matters went on in this manner, until Chinnya Naig arrived in Camp near Vellore, in the Month of February, when Mutocurpapillah wanted a half of the emoluments of the Division, which demand was rejected by Chinneya Naig, and they quarreled, and from that period they received Money separately from the Principal Agent, and passed their receipts, which are now extant in the Books.—

This dispute, was brought before Lieutenant Colonel Dallas, who finding it did not concern Government, and that no written engagement or positive proof existed, directed them to settle the matter where they pleased, and dissolved a Court of Arbitration, which had been instituted on the occasion. Upon the transfer of the Accounts to me, Mutocurpapillah, revived his Claim, and applied to me for redress, and I reassembled the former Members of the Court of Arbitration, and directed them to investigate the matter, and to make a

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a decision on it, but I found them extremely averse
to do so. Mootocurpah pillah—Called upon two—
Evidences, Named Kristnapillah and Coopa Naig,
the former said, that Chinnaya Naig told him, that
Mootocurpa pillah was his Partner; this assertion
he would not support or confirm by an Oath, nor
was a third person present, when this Conversation
happened, and Coopa Naig likewise alledged, that
he understood they were partners, neither of them
could not positively define the Share, which—
Mutocurpà pillah had in the concern, nor did their
evidence Amount to more than hearsay, and therefore
could only be received in a presumptive light; more
particularly, as they were not present at the—
making of the bargain, nor had either of them seen
a written engagement on the Subject. Kristnapillah
having heard the assertion from the mouth of
Chinnaya Naig, ought to have some weight, but
his refusal to confirm his testimony by an Oath,
being derogatory to the sanctity of his Character,
weakens

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weakens his Evidence, and I shall make it appear to the Board, in its proper place, that by his mode of life, and conduct, he does not deserve credit, for the full quantity of virtue which he claims. In the mean time, several private applications were made to me to give it in favour of the Complainant, and very improper influence was used to prevail upon the Arbitrators, to give an award in that manner, and it was even rumoured, that it should be carried through, in spite of me, and the Board will please to recollect that Mutocaw-papillah, was continually presenting Petitions, though the Board had positively directed him to sign his Account Current, and he perfectly knew how the Members of the Court of Arbitration were affected towards him. These circumstances came to the knowledge of Chinnaya Naig, who naturally took the alarm and revoked his submission to the Court, and the Members would not proceed any further, notwithstanding I press[illegible]

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them very much, and at last they candidly told me, publicly in my Office, that they could not decide it, in his favour, but not wishing to incur my displeasure, they privately gave me their written opinions, which appeared to be founded upon no reasonable or just grounds and seemed to indicate, that he must have a share, because they were pleased to adjudge him one.—

It is necessary, to inform the Board, that the Head Owners are in two parties, one of which is supposed to adhere to the interest of Venkatarungapillah, the late Manager, and is composed of the five principal Owners, viz.— Chinnaya Naig, Madra Naig, Tomboo Naig, Venkatachellum, and Erapa Naig, and the other comprises the thirteen Ministers who preferred the Complaint to the Board, and who are attempting to levy a large Sum of Money on their Petty Owners, under pretence of defraying heavy expences, incurred in procuring them redress, and of course, it

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it was their interest, to get as many Cattle as possible, attached to their own party, that they may be the better able to contribute to the General Fund. Being convinced that it was altogether a Party business, I gave my opinion to the Board, and still think, that Mutcarpapillah has not substantiated his Claims.—

Mutcarpapillah, would not sign his Account Current for December and — it necessary to call upon him to do so, and he — objected to a Sum of Star Pagodas 1711..37..... placed to his debit, as Money advanced to his Party Comm by Chinneya Naig, at the same time telling me, if I would admit his Claim to a half of the profits of Chinneya Naigs Division, he would, I argued the matter with him, told him that no positive proof had been adduced, and that the Court of — Arbitration had refused to give an award in his — favour, to which he replied, that the Court had — done

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done no such thing, and that if I would again call upon the Members, they would; this was plainly giving me the lie direct, because they had said so in our presence: Being determined that private views, should not impede the Public Service, and deeming it a bad precedent to allow the revival of disputes, at the caprice of every individual, which would perpetuate litigations, and as the matter did not concern Government, I did not think it proper to comply with his request, and as resistance only encreases my exertions, I resolved, if possible, to fix upon him, the Sum in dispute, and accordingly made a Strict enquiry into the transaction which is contained in No. 1*, and I trust will make it evident to the Board, that Mutocumpapillah has appropriated the Star Pagodas 1751.—37/—— to his own use, and therefore should be answerable for them.—

To afford him every advantage I

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I likewise directed him to give me a detail of—
circumstances, as they happened between him and
Chinneya Naig, which he did as follows.—

"Myself and Chinneya Naig, having
"agreed to be partners in the Bullock Concern, went
"together to Venkataranga pillah and requested em-
"ployment, which he granted, and made Us an ad-
"vance for 6000 Bullocks, We brought the Money
"to the House of Kristna pillah, and Chinneya—
"Naig told him, I was his partner, and he asked—
"me if it was so, and I answered in the affirmative,
"but no person was present when Chinneya Naig
"told Kristna pillah so, nor when he asked me
"about it, We were not satisfied with the extent
"of the advance, and I said I would go and interest
"Tulsina pillah in my behalf, and request him to
"prevail upon Venkataranga pillah to augment
"the Number of Bullocks, and the next Morning
"he took me to him and spoke on the subject; at

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"first Vencatarunga pillah was averse, saying,
"that he had already given me and Chinneya Naig
"6000, on which I observed, that he would not allow
"me to share with him, and some of the bye-
"standers remarked, we were all rogues and under-
"stood one another, and that I said so purposely
"to obtain an increase; at last Vencatarungapillah
"gave me another advance for 1500 Bullocks, and
"Chinneya Naig and myself [illegible] contributed to
"a douceur for Tulsiram pillah, as a remuneration for
"his good offices." The Board will observe the
plausibility and art in this narrative and the
mystery that pervades the whole transaction. On
enquiry it is positively asserted that Chinneya
Naig and Muttucurpa pillah received their
Advances on the same day, Viz. the 8th of Novem-
-ber 1798, the one for 4375. and the other for 1500,
Bullocks, and which is corroborated by the late
Principal Agents' Books of Advances now in
my possession — this is a direct contradiction to his

his assertions, and the other parts of his Narrative are so mysteriones, as not to deserve implicit belief.— It is certainly extraordinary, that at the making of a bargain, which involved large profits, there should be no written engagement or evidence.—

When presumptive proof can only be obtained, it is necessary to examine its quality, and how far it is entitled to Credit. Chinnaya Naig very fairly offers to give up half his emoluments, if Kristnapillah will swear to the truth of his declaration, and which he eludes by urging the sanctity of his Character; though such is his excuse, for not accomodating himself to the times, there is reason to believe, that his being a confident, to Ilsam out Mulka Nabob of Trichinopoly, was not found the least repugnant to his religious scruples, when Chinnaya Naig was put in confinement, about six Years ago, and mulcted of 16 or 17,000 Star Pagodas, under pretence of having cheated Petty bullock Owners, at

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at the Siege of Tanjour, and was released from—
prison by the interference of Lord Hobart, when—
His Lordship was on his Southern Tour,— The Board
are so well acquainted with the Customs of the—
Natives, that it is almost needless for me to say,
that a Hindoo forfeits his Claim to sanctity the
moment he becomes an intriguer at a Durbar,
and in that Character, requires as strong Ox this to
bind him, as the most profligate wretch.—

I do not mean to defend the conduct
of Chinnaya Naig, and am rather led to believe,
he may have been in the wrong, but it seems,—
Kristnapillah, Cupa Naig Mutocurpa pillah
and others, were his persecutors on that occasion,
which indicates that Kristnapillah is a worldly
Man, and ought to be treated as such.— I merely
mention these circumstances, to shew the little—
dependence that should be placed on bare assertions,
and it is likewise incumbent on me, to remark,
that I never in the course of my life, found such
a want

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a want of truth as I have experienced, among the Bullock Owners of all descriptions, and I sincerely hope, that Government will abolish or reform an Establishment, pervaded by a total want of Subordination, and a deplorable laxity of principle, and whose interior transactions are a Nation-reproach. — I am sorry, that my detail of Mutcurpa pillah's case, has been so prolix, — but circumstances obliged me to be particular, several of the Masters having brought forward similar complaints, upon the same principles, and it will give the Board an idea of the propriety of the whole.

Section 20th.

The Board having lately referred a Number of Petitions to my investigation and report, it is necessary to give them an example of some of the Complaints, and the behaviour of the Complainants; that they may see how difficult it is to enquire into and decide upon them in the ordinary

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ordinary way, and that unless unusual powers are delegated to the Investigation and also a discretionary one to inflict slight punishments, it is impossible to execute their orders with effect or satisfaction.—

A Head or Petty Owner prefers a Complaint, the investigation of which, requires time to collect the Parties implicated, observe the Complainants intention, in making a Complaint, is first to intimidate the defendant, for which purpose, the moment he has given in his Petition, he retires, and waits two or three days, to see if the other, will make any overtures, if he does not, he takes care to come before me when I am busy, and when I am able to attend to him, he says that such an Evidence, will not appear, and requests a Sepoy to bring him, well, off he goes with the Sepoy, and I do not see them for several days, all this while he is using his endeavours to a compromise, and when he

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he at last finds that the Defendant remains obstinate, he produces an Evidence, and states part of his case, and by the time I have got half through, he takes leave under pretence, of easing Nature, or eating rice, and I miss him altogether, and hear nothing more of him for a Month, during which period if he succeeds privately, he remains satisfied, and if not, he plagues me again, this alarms the other, who promises fairly if he will have patience, and he is quiet until the quarrel is renewed by the Defendant refusing to perform his promise, and then the fellow runs to me, who he finds out of humour from having been made a dupe of, and as his last resource, he sends a Petition into the Board, who refer it to me, and he goes over the old ground.—

In referring the investigation of disputes to a Court of Arbitration, the matter is not at all amended, nor is justice accelerated or

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or rendered more sure.—

I order a Court of Arbitration,

the Parties are frequently averse and always dila-
tory, in coming into Penalty Bonds, after this
indispensible object is attained, the Plaintiff and
also the Defendant play the same tricks, as I have
already stated, and perhaps aggravate them by
corrupting the Arbitrators, or some of them purposely
stay out of the way &c &c so that the whole
cannot be assembled, and no decision is ever made.
From these circumstances the Board will observe,
how impracticable, it is, for me, to make further
inquiries into disputes, between the Head and
Petty Owners, and their private Servants; such as
affected the Public Accounts. I have settled to the best
of my judgement, and as I have never been biassed by
private views of emoluments probably my decisions
in general, have been just, but it was impossible
to commit to Paper the whole of the investigations
Being

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Being conscious, that I possessed the confidence, both of the Board and Government, I adopted a very Summary way of adjusting the public disputes.—

If two Head Owners quarreled about Sums Advanced by each to their respective Petty-Owners, or the latter refused to acknowledge the receipt of Cash Advanced by the former, or a Head Owner objected to Sums placed to his debit, by the Manager of the late Principal Agent, I made the Parties sit down, with me, and examine and compare their Accounts of daily Receipts and disbursements, at the same time, intimating to them, that I should enforce the closest application, until the matter was completely enquired into, and satisfactorily adjusted, by which mode I never failed in bringing them to a good understanding, which their Signatures to the Accounts Current and Public Registers fully prove. It certainly called forth all my patience, and frequently made a severe

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severe trial of my temper, and required constant
and close application; however I had the satisfac-
-tion in the end to see my endeavors attended with
success, and I am convinced the Adjustment would
never have been accomplished had I not pursued
this method.—

The Complaints, that remain
unadjusted, are entirely between Head and Petty
Owners, and people who they have employed as
private Servants, and who have nothing to do
with the Public Accounts, nor are their Names
in the Registers; to investigate and decide upon
their Claims, is the province of the Civil branch
of the Legislature, and Government can only
consider them in the light of Subjects, and as such
entitled to relief, if oppressed, by the ordinary course
of Justice; however should the Board still wish
to settle these disputes, I beg leave to suggest, that
a Court of Enquiry be constituted, composed of
twelve

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twelve reputable Natives, who have no connections with the Department, and that their Proceedings be conducted upon a Mixture of the principles of both Civil and martial Law, that is to say, they shall partake of the former in all cases of defining the right to and restoration of property, examination of Witnesses, and establishing the legality of evidence, enaction of fines, and pecuniary or other retributions; they shall partake of the latter by confining until the dispute is enquired into, or Corporally punishing at the discretion of the Court, such persons as shall wilfully procrastinate the investigation, or appear neglectful in carrying on the Suit, or absent themselves or fail to bring forward Evidences, at proper times, or be guilty of contumacy, Subornation of Witnesses, perjury, prevarication, or being cited as Evidences absent themselves without leave or good reason, and above all, for

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attempting to corrupt the Members of the Court.—

I am convinced, that a couple

of investigations upon these principles, would

bring about a wonderful reform in this Departe-

-ment, and that the Board would be thereby,

with very few Petitions, and have the gratifica-

-tion of seeing, a set of Rogues obliged to act

the parts of honest Men.—

My Reports being now closed,

I hope no part of my Conduct during the adjust-

-ment, needs any apology; the Board are well-

aware of the unpleasant and

have had to perform, and trust that what I

have done, will meet with their approbation.—

Madras (Signed) John Hodgey Ingram

the 6th of March 1802.— Capt.n Superintending

the Adjustment.—

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After closing my Report, I received the Board's directions, to include my opinion, upon the Contents of a letter, from the late Principal Agent, on the subject of admitting certain extra Charges, claimed by Venkatarunga pillah the Manager. The Principal Agent has stated the propriety of these Charges, in so candid a manner, that there is nothing left for me but to detail facts. — In my General Account Current, I have admitted a charge for Servants and Extraordenaries, to the 31st May 1799, however it must be obvious, that the Accounts could not be closed by that period; and consequently these charges should be extended. The last Sum, issued to the department, was late in December 1799: where the delay originated, I don't know, if not with the Principal Agent, it is equitable, that these Charges should be continued until the 1st of April which is

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is making a very liberal allowance. Another Circumstance is worthy of consideration, and must have weight, which is this, Vencatarunga-pillah found it necessary to enter into Agreements with the Ministries, in order to defray sundry expences incidiental to his situation, and the Board deemed it proper to set them aside, which protracted the Adjustment, therefore it now becomes a question whether Government shall bear the expences of its own creation, and defray them, till a final Settlement be accomplished. If Vencatarunga-pillah and the Petty Owners, had been permitted to abide by their Agreements, and the Board had given no encouragement to the Petty Owners, there is no doubt but the Accounts would have been adjusted by the end of March 1799.—

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1 2. I do not mean to censure the Board or Government, it is incumbent upon them to redress grievances.—

× More properly speaking, the Public Expences would have ceased, but under existing circumstances, no satisfactory Adjustment would have been made, with the Petty Owners.—

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In short, if it is improper, for Government to interfere and suppress clandestine emolument, his Charges ought to be admitted, but their Amount must depend upon the exigencies of the Service; the Principal Agent urges, that being converted into an Agent of Supply, the expences were encreased, this may have been the case, because in his first capacity he had only occasion for a few English and Malabar Writers, but in the second it was absolutely expedient to establish Native Agents in the Southern and Northern Provinces, to ensure a speedy and regular supply of Cattle, and as it was also necessary that these Agents should be men of respectability and influence, their Salaries must have been in proportion to their expectations and rank in life. He likewise says, that he was obliged to make large Advances to individuals to induce them to leave their Families, and take the field which may be true.

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I experienced much inconvenience, on the same score, besides it must be taken into consideration, that these charges are for the whole of the departments. But before the Board come to any decision upon this Subject, they must be prepared to discuss the propriety of such Charges, from the Store, Grain and Provision, Departments, whose subordinate Agents, will no doubt, prefer similar Complaints. I think the encrease, in the Charges extraordinary and the loss on Account of Batta and in the disbursement of Cash are deserving of attention— Perfectly inclined to do ample Justice to the merits of Vencata sungapillah, I cannot entirely coincide with the late Principal Agent in the Statement of his services, nor can I see how his speedy collection of Cattle was at all wonderful. The Principal Agent was appointed in July 1799 under the impression of a War being unavoidable, on Request he was constituted an Agent

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Agent of Supply, and in November following, Cash was issued to him for the actual provision of Cattle, so that he had from July to November to prepare, and from that Month to Febuary to collect them, altogether seven Months, a sufficient time to equip any Army with Cattle, or we had better lay by the Sword. It is fair to recollect, that the Head Owners who procured the Cattle, had been in the line for Years past, and were then in actual employ at Out Stations, and were glad to come forward for fear of losing their Situations, as well as a prospect of deserving great emolu-ments in the Field, from the usual perquisite of a fanam per Month upon the hire of each bullock, and the advantages arising from being the Proprie-tors of Cattle. On an Average each of the five principal Maistries, had 6000 Bullocks under his Charge, and his perquisites Amounted to 140 Star Pagodas a Month. In so small an extent

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extent of Country as the Bara Mahal, 10,000 Bullocks were hired upon the same terms, during the Months of January and February. Therefore I maintain, that there was nothing miraculous in Venkatasawmy Pillah's exertions, as he had a wider range and more ample means, but I will acknowledge, that he performed his task well and merited reward. Government are also entitled to their share of praise, for the very liberal advances granted to the Petty Owners at hiring, and road hire for defraying their travelling expences, which tended very essentially to the speedy Collection of Cattle. It is difficult to devine in what manner he expended the Public Money in Camp, but was it not for that eagerness to make his fortune, his Conduct with the Army Appears extremely judicious and praiseworthy. It is avowed that he took the field, for the express purpose of making a fortune—it is

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likewise known that by the transfer of the Cattle to the Subordinate Agents, he had no chance of succeeding and saw himself completely foiled, for he could only succeed by having the payment of them in his own hands. In the course of the march to Seringapatam, the departments mysteriously fell into disorder, and the failure of the Expedition appeared inevitable in this critical juncture, he was called upon to do the thing of all others, the most congenial to his wishes and interest, which was to take Charge of all the departments, and he put every thing to rights, without a single additional Hackery, Driver, or Bullock. I do not mean to assert it was really the case, but, I appeal to any impartial person, to decide, whether these circumstances do or do not admit of a suspicion, that it was an artificial derangement, particularly as

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as the Principal Owners were in his interest and their emoluments depended upon his Patronage. This is an impressive lesson with respect to placing an important trust in the hands of a selfish Individual, for at that awful moment the existence of our Indian Empire, yea, perhaps of Great Britain depended upon the frail attachment of a sordid Hindoo.—

Whatever can be said for or against Vencatarungapillah, is now before the Board, and they have sufficient materials to form a judgement upon his Conduct— I have only to add that except at the Commencement he and the Servants have afforded me all the assistance I required, that I am convinced the Campaign was attended with heavy expences to him, and had his Conduct throughout been consistent with good order, he would have been entitled to a handsome remuneration.—

As the late Principal Agent expresses a wish

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a wish, that the Accounts should be adjusted upon the liberal Principle, which has evidently been pursued throughout the Agency, he should extend the same liberal consideration to the following Points.—

That, he is only responsible for Star Pags. 1,70,539..33..16, the remainder of the Cash having been issued on Indents to subordinate Agents, & that the allowed expences of his Agency, including a balance of Star Ps. 45,885..11..7½ and the Managers Commission of Star Ps. 12,216..2..28. altogether Star Ps. 61,197..35..9. are nearly 3½ per Cent instead of 3.—

That, it is very easy, to disburse Cash, but the difficulty lies, in carrying it to Account, to the satisfaction of the Parties concerned.—

That, Numbers of families, are reduced to indigence, by the detention of the Petty Monies at Madras.—

That, the late System of management, may deter people from coming forward at a future Call for Cattle.—

That, the present Adjustment, has been attended with much trouble and some expence, and that the Accounts were in the greatest confusion.—

(Signed) John H. Symons Captain

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List of Petty Owners belonging to Mutocurpa Pillah who received Cash from Veerasamy Dubash to Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle, and Signed Receipts in his Books.—

Names of the Petty Owners	Amount of Bill Marks	Sums Advanced
	P.	
Madura Mogery Naiken	6.	3. " "
Ditto Tremala Dewsary	8.	4. 24. "
Ditto Carootha Mogery	9.	4. 24. "
ditto Narnapa Naicken	13.	6. 24. "
ditto Narrain and Saumy Naicken	20.	10. " "
ditto Commapa Maistry	45.	22. 24. "
ditto Suncaralingum	4.	2. " "
ditto Rooctoomany	10.	5. " "
ditto Comora Saumy	5.	2. 24. "
ditto Ramanda pillah	9.	4. 24. "
ditto Soorapah Naicken	4.	2. " "
ditto Ramaw Naicken	4.	2. " "
ditto Venca Mogery Naicken	23.	11. 24. "
ditto Crundapah	10.	5. " "
ditto Madura Perumal	4.	2. " "
ditto Vailaw yondum	4.	2. " "
ditto Cuttary Ramoo Naicken	19.	9. 24. "
ditto Mathapram Namsapa Naicken	4.	2. " "
ditto Para Woockama Naicken	38.	19. " "
ditto Sevasoobramanya pillah	18.	9. " "
ditto Vadooga pillay Namasimma Naick	3.	1. 24. "
ditto Seshee Khown	36.	18. " "
ditto Boga Vencalapully Naicken	6.	3. " "
ditto Tolla Vencatasawmy	4.	2. " "
ditto Reddy Vencatapully Naicken	6.	3. " "
ditto Packary Ramoo	7.	3. 24. "
ditto Vencata Dawsery	7.	3. 24. "
ditto Arabuk Pillay	12.	6. " "
ditto Poody Naicken	4.	2. " "
ditto Ezroo Moorty Naicken	18.	9. " "
ditto Chinna Woockama Naicken	4.	2. " "
Total	369.	184. 24. "

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We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
D. Smith
In. Richardson
E. Trapaud.
P. A. Agnew.
I. Brunton.

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To the Secretary to the Military Board.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In obedience to the orders of the Military Board communicated by your letter of the 1st of June last, I have consulted with Mr. Byng Paymaster of this Garrison on the subject of Mr. Charles Wallis Young's Memorandum to the Board, and I now offer the following as our joint opinion thereon.

At the time Mr. Byng addressed the Military Board, abundance of Rice, Tamarind, Onions, Garlic &c. was regularly

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imported here from Java, and we could then lay our account as certain to receive at a moderate price a sufficient supply of these articles as may be required annually for the use of this Garrison — under the idea that these supplies would regularly be continued, (which was a very probable Conjecture) Mr. Byng addressed his Letter to the Military Board, but since that time the export of Grain from Java has been prohibited, a circumstance not foreseen or thought of by Mr. Byng —

This prohibition still continues to be enforced in a rigid manner by the Government of Batavia, so that Grain of every description which we formerly received from that quarter is now become very scarce and dear in this neighbourhood —

Mr. Young's five hundred Bags of Malay rice which he speaks of in his Memorandums was the first of the Kind offered to

to the Troops and their objection to it I believe proceeded more from their having knowledge of a quantity of Bengal Rice being then in the Stores than from any particular dislike they had to the Quedah Rice. — The opinion of several Commissioned & Native officers upon this occasion taken, and they made an objection to Mr Young's Rice under this pretence, that the Malay Rice will not hold to the same advantage or resemble the Bengal Rice, on consequence of this objection and knowing Mr Young was under engagement to supply the Garrison with Bengal Rice, I directed the Commissary to reject and return the Quedah Rice upon Mr Young's hands — This prejudice seems to be entirely removed, and the Sepoys now appear to have not the smallest objection to the Quedah Rice which is the only Grain we have had in the Garrison for a considerable time past, and which the Commissary purchased when the Contractor Mr Young's Rice

was expended.—

The Dundah Rice as far as I can judge is equally wholesome and nourishing as that from Bengal, and in appearance it is equally white and fine.—

Ghee is at all times scarce on Malacca and seldom or never to be purchased in large quantities.— When the Contractors Ghee was expended, the Commissary was obliged to send to Penang for a supply, but it is not at all times to be had there, it being generally imported to that Island from Bengal and therefore bears a high price.—

Our supplies of Arrack from Batavia have not been so certain as formerly since His Majesty's Frigates under Captain Ball's Command visited Batavia last year we have had but little of that article imported from thence, but I do not find the export of it from Batavia is prohibited, we may therefore reasonably expect a

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