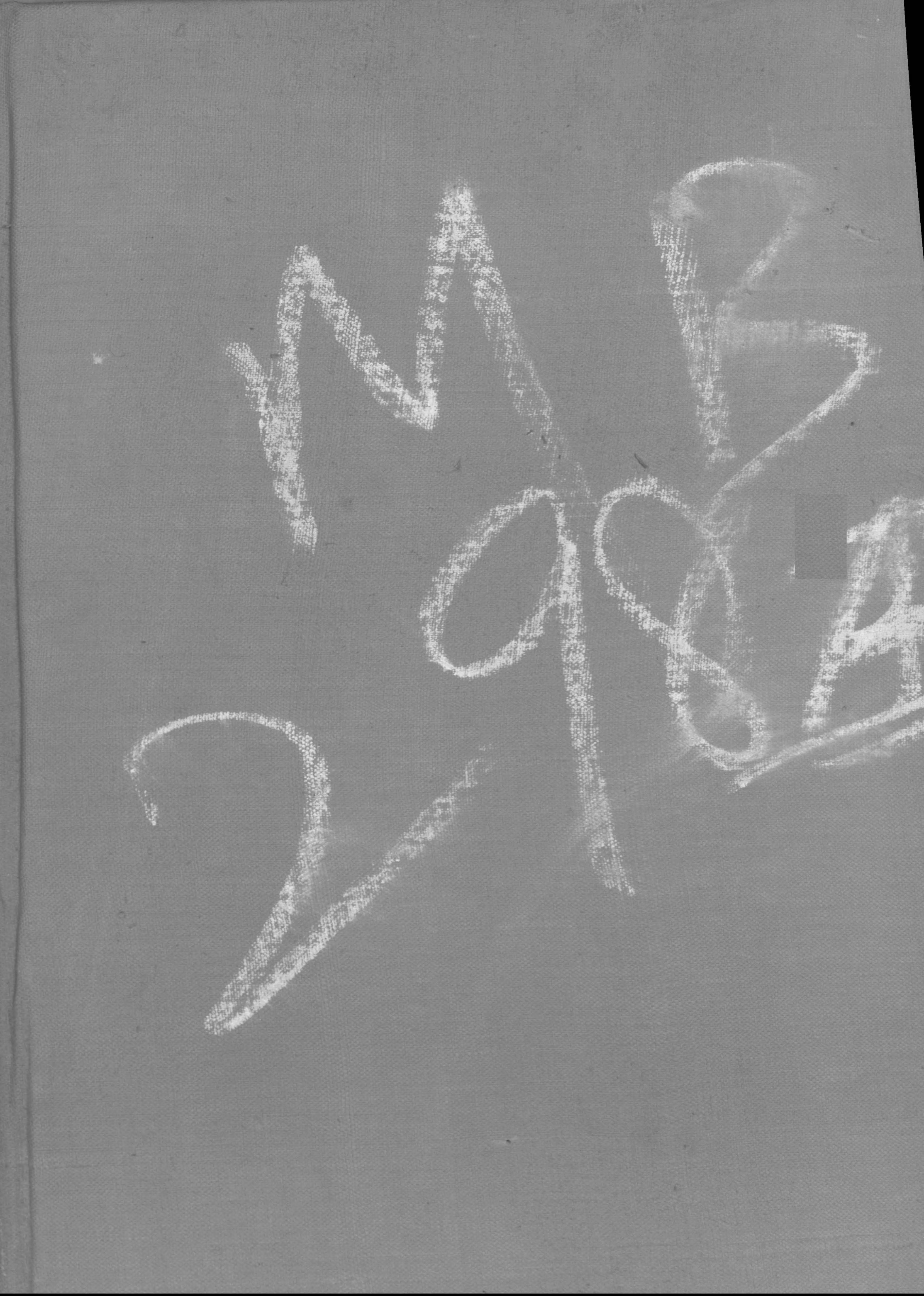

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with them —

These accounts are not perfect

but enough so to convince me of the deter-

=mination of the depredators to desolate

wherever they can —

I have dispatched three Sirkars

=sergers to Mayor Lindsay, but as the trea-

=cherry of the Venkatachee Poligar is no

longer doubtful I am apprehensive the each

F went a different route from the other that

they may not reach him —

The great object to be feared

in this business, is, least these succes should

increase their Numbers which from Lucka

Naigues influence is much to be apprehended

I have applied to Captain

Trotter for assistance but he informs me he

has not a Man to spare; every person that

could be sent was dispatched thither on the

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22nd. so that the only hope of saving the party
away, excests from the prospects of Arrayar
Lindsay's speedy arrival he had information
F from me in duplicate which was dispatched
the 28th and which he would receive on the 29th
since which both from Myself and the Tah-
=sildars information has been sent daily from
Myself, always in duplicate.—

Dindigul I have the honor &c.

24th March 1799 (Signed) T. B. Thurdis

10 A. M. P. S. 6 Clock P. M.

About 2 Clock I received —
information that the enemy were driven
F from the fort with considerable loss— their
Numbers computed about 1500 the Veerapatchie
people with them.—

This instant I have another
letter date 11 A. M. from the Jemidar of the
peons who says the enemy are again collecting

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to attack; This is also confirmed by a letter
from Wm. Tahsildar who says the whole of
the assistance to the besiegers is derived —
from Veerapratchee —

The Topipals to and from
both Pylney and Yerricoltta have been cut
off I have however sent eight letters to
F day in lots to Major Lindsay by different
roads if the Peons can hold out till tomor-
=row I trust One may prevent the Polygars
from [illegible] —

Letter from Mr. Collector Hudson to Lieut.
=ant Colonel Brown —

I have the pleasure of for-
=ding the enclosed to you from Major
Romney —

The Huzarrahs have to
Polygars have been recovered and to-
save

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F save themselves destroyed some of the letters — Major Romney has not received any news from hence, he says since the beginning of the Month —

of the attacking party at Nerricotta belonging to Venapatchu alone, three Shenogars and some peons were severely wounded of the Number four relations of the Poligar are since dead — The Poligar himself says — "I have now thrown off the Mask and I will not cease untill I have taken Nerricotta" he is again assembling his people and the assembly at Pullapatty is becoming more numerous, thus the — Tahsildar writes me and I have every reason to think Venapatchee will be as good as his word — so far as it may tend to trouble the Ryots —

The

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The force we have is not
sufficient to protect the districts, the
Circar peons not being allowed to plun-
=der according to former custom are
discontented the Polygars peons from
getting all they can, are instigated to
his service by interest nevertheless most
more is to be dreaded from his influ-
=ence over the other Polygars of Dindi-
=gul and Nuncafarra than from
his own immediate power.

I trust you will be able
to send a force in assistance if ne-
I very much fear either Polygar or the
Northern Districts if so we must
for a time be lost to the Circar

Major Stoney thinks a Di-
vision of the present force would be
proper I cannot agree with him I think

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think it would not be sufficient in either place to impress the Ryots with confidence, and tho' in either place it might be equal to the repulsion of the miscreants of which from their numbers there might be a doubt, it certainly could not protect the Country.

Since writing the above I have intelligence in confirmation of what is before related of the Veriapatchu Poligars intentions, and I inclose translate of a letter just received detailing particulars of the Killed and wounded belonging to Veriapatchee. It does not appear that either Cummandy or Amanaupee had any people in this business but that it has been a trial to favor Puckia Naigues credit with the Sultaums people in Order to shew his

interest

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interest with the Dindigul and Bara-

=parra Poligars —

Lucknia Naigue has pro-

=mised at Seringapatam that his ef-

F =fort would raise a considerable force

but on the arrival of the Sunda Hoo-

=roon it appeared that the Naigue's

force was composed of the most mise-

=rable wretches of both Sexes which the

numerous would be inefficient to every

thing save plunder —

The object of the

Commandant was to replace the influ-

=enced Poligars by means of Lucknia Naigue's

influence which report says was credited;

but as this influence on the Poligars accor-

=ding to Lucknia Naigues story was to

depend on the force of the Sultaun's be-

the Ghauts disappointment ensued on

effected

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affected in both parties produced in both
equal dissatisfaction, when Luckia Naigue
F to convince the Sultauns People that what
he had advanced was not without founda-
tion prevailed on Dhoondajeechew and some
of the more daring of the dispossessed
Poligars to act with him against Vyere-
cotta, the consequences of which until
now we are apprized of.

It will be very difficult
to trace the Mazes of Poligar intrigue
but I have not a doubt that the connec-
tion between Luckia Naigue and Veere-
patchee has existed in full confidence
and Knowledge of each others designs since
October 1797, tho' Many reports that then
appeared improbable now seem to confirm
and form links in the Chain whereby
of late he has been gradually pulling
towards

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towards him

Thus defeat on his first essay

may perhaps keep them down and if assis-

tance in reinforcement can be afforded

may prevent further bad intentions, but

I trust government will keep his conduct

so strong in mind as when the present

business is over to make him a severe

example for edification of those treache-

-rous freebooters ——

Molesworth I have the honor &c

27th March 1799 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis

Letter from Mr Collector Hurdis to Lieu-

-tenant Colonel Brown —

I have the honor to acknow-

-ledge the receipt of your favor of the 26th

Instant and although I have hopes that

the movements of your detachment to

the Westward may have effect in quie-

-ting

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quieting the disturbances on the Northern
frontier of this province, yet without fur-
=ther assistance the Revenues of Pylney
will be in great danger; as I have in-
=formation that the banditte failed in
their attempt on Yerricotta are now
assembling at Columbum for the purpose
of making an attempt on Pylney.

I have the honor &c

26th. March 1799- (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

Extract of letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Brown to Hon. Secretary Webbe 26th. March
1799.

On the 19th current having
received an express letter from Mr. Hurdis
under date the 18th. Mentioning his having
received information of a numerous banditte
assembling on the western frontier of the
Yerricotta

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Yerreattu Tulook and that he was under apprehension for its safety I sent for four of the Nizam's Sirdars who were then here on a visit from Curdallum, whether they were on the point of returning and having explained to them my reasons for wishing Golaum Hussain Cawn Bahadur with his 100 horse and the Infantry under his command to move into the Dendigul District to join Major Lindsay's Detachment: on taking leave they proceeded to Curdallum and I immediately wrote Golaum Hussain Cawn again explaining my reasons and directing him to march with the party under his command and by a route which went inclosed leading by Yerreattu towards the Detachment under Major Lindsay to whom and to Mr. Hurdis I sent the Bahadur

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Bahander letters of introduction and they were conveyed by two Hircarrahs who he was informed would shew the road mentioned in the route — By the Hircarrahs I sent a letter also to Jemaul Mahomed Cawn Lohani Bahander who is the superior and commands the party from the Nizams army advising him of the instructions I had sent to Golaum Hussain Cawn explaining my reasons and expressing my expectations that he would expedite his departure, of all which by Tappal of the 19th. I sent official intimation to Mr. Hindes whose express letter had reached me at 10 A. M. enclosing him a copy of the route and requesting him to send Hircarrahs to meet Golaum Hussains party at a stage pointed out — On the 25th having received answers from both the Bahanders returning

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returning my letters to Mr. Hurdis and
Major Lindsay and intimating that
although by the instructions they had
received they could not seperate or move
from the situation they were then in
until they had seen me yet at meeting
I should find them ready to obey any
orders I might give— I communicated
my disappointment to Mr. Hurdis and
Major Lindsay, and would have com-
municated the circumstances to you for
the information of the Right Honorable
the Governor General in Council but
I was unwilling to intrude upon the en
notice of Government an unpleasant cir-
circumstance that would not have been
of any consequence but for the attack
upon Perriatta, which the Movement
of Golaum Hussain's party most probably
would

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would have prevented:—

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown to

Mr. Collector Hurdis.—

I have to acknowledge your

letter of the 18th. current. received at 10 o Clock

this forenoon by express, and have to ac-

quaint you that I have dispatched an

order to Golaum Hussain Cawn Bahau

=der Commander of 100 horse and 400 Infantry from

the army of His Highness the Nizam

to March immediately from Cuttal-

=lum with the force before mentioned

to join the Detachment under Major

Lindsay whose instruction he is directed

to obey—The horse will have a powerful

influence in keeping in check the refrac

=tory Poligars and I trust this Reinforce=

=ment will enable Major Lindsay effec=

=tually to prevent any incursion from

the

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The Rabble who are assembling on the wes-
=tern frontier for the purpose of plunder-
=ing the Company's Territories—

The Bahauder is instructed
to march by the under written route—

To acquaint me of the day he commences
his March of which I wish him to give me
immediate information and have to re-
request you may dispatch two or more
confidential Hircarrahs to meet him at
Shooleumba or as much nearer to that
-lum as time and circumstances may admit
instructing your people to direct
Hircarrahs whom I have sent as guides to
the Bahauders party to return to me—

They pay the established
price of the Country for every thing they
require excepting grass, wood, and pots
with which according to custom which had
previously

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previously obtained they have been furnis-
=hed since their arrival at Curtallum on
the 12th. current since which they have been
so Orderly I have not received a single com=
=plaint against them though they have been
much straitened on the score of supplies
particularly of Gram, the crop in that
quarter having failed for want of raine=

Golaum Hussain Cawn is
Brotherinlaw to the Nabob of Kannaul
and by a letter he brought me from Cap=
=tain Malcolm, has the reputation of =
being a good soldier.—

I have the honor &c

Trichinopoly (Signed) A. Brown
19th. March 1799. Lieutenant Colonel

Route from Curtallum

To Polrazapullee	12	Shoollaumboo	10
Chintomeneypullee	12	Perricottah	10
Givozeliandpaney	12	Veerapatchee	20
Vaydasundoor	18	Pylney	15
		110 Computed English miles	

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Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown to Lieute-
=nant Colonel Read

The Detachment under my
direction having marched from Trichino-
=poly pleas Yesterday morning to carry
into effect the instructions I have received
from the Commander in Chief of which
you have a copy I have to acquaint you
that it is my intention after taking pos-
=sion of Carroor and establishing it as a post
to move with the detachment against
the fort as circumstances may direct.

This Measure becomes indis-
=pensably necessary in Order to secure the
tranquillity of the Southern Provinces with
the district of Dendigul which is at present
=ened threatened by a Numerous body of
peons with 70 horse assembled on the eastern
frontier

frontier under the direction of the procur-
=bed Luckia Naigue who is supported by
a Sirdar of Tippoo Sultaun: and abetted
by the Poligar of Veeapatchee who with
other Poligars in the Dendigul district
are in close correspondence with Luckia
Naigue, and have furnished him and
Ghazee Cawn who is with him, on the
part of the Sultaun with a considerable
body of armed peons with whom he made
an attack on the Fort of Yerrecotta on
the North West quarter of the Dendigul
District on the 24th Current and was
beat off with the loss of about 15 killed
and double that Number wounded and
amongst the former two near Relations
of the Veeapatchee Poligar — They now
threaten an attack upon Pylney which
has occasioned the Inhabitants to retire
into

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into the interior. This must be attended with

H some loss of Revenue which would soon

become complete was the influence of the

Sultaun left to exist and encourage the in-

roads of the Mussulmans in that quarter. From

my intention either to proceed direct to

Erode or to take Darraporam on my way

as circumstances may direct and after establish

=ing a post at Erode, either to form a junc=

=tion with you should it be necessary to

H give certain escort to the great body of Bul=

=larries or to March against Coimbatore in

order to possess myself of the resources of the

District and the Means of collecting supplies

for the Army. all this however must depend

on the call there may be for the service of

this Detachment to escort the Bullarries

You probably are acquainted with the quan=

=tity

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quanility of rice carried on with the army and of course how long they can subsist upon it should the time admit of my embracing the foregoing objects of securing our own Countries by attacking progressively from their Western frontier, the Coimbatore Operation will no doubt to you appear sufficiently important, to warrant a delay in forwarding the Benjarries, should they require the additional escort of this detachment.

Arriving at Cuttallum to-morrow the Detachment will be detained two or perhaps three days to fill up rice in the victualling department, and to arrange with the commander of the Nizams Troops to send a detachment of his horse into the Dindigul District after establishing a post at Caroor and the authority of the English Circar at Averaconchy and Darraporam.

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the Detachment I think will be in possession of
Erode on or before the 28th of next Month a Tappal
is established from Trichinopoly to Sunkeryadroog
and Ryacotta via Coustallum and Dramcul and
will take its course by Caroor when in our possession
soon.—

You shall be kept regularly
informed of our operations and progress and I
will hope for similar circumstances from you

I have the honor to be Sr.

Camp at Poyamooney
30th March 1799—

(Signed) A. Brown
Lieutenant Colonel

Secretary

Letter from Captain Thomas Aide
to Lieutenant Colonel Read to Lieutenant
Colonel Browne—

An escort bringing 19500 —
Pagodas from Salem 18576. 33. 28. from Sar-
=kerrydroog with 4872 Sheep 295 Slaughter
Cattle and 900 Bullocks laden with Rice
for

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has been directed by Mr. Marriott to halt at every possible
it receives instructions from me; as this or-
der may possibly occasion some misunder-
standing or delay in the arrival of the
party, Colonel Read has desired me to send
on the Bearer with this information to
you that in case it should have stopt
you may Order it on with the supplies
immediately.—

Camp at
Maraithilly
April 29th 1799

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

Extract of letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Read to Lieutenant-Colonel Brown 29th
April 1799.—

It has been a question with

I General Floyd, whether he should march
now with half or wait four days more for
you and the whole of the Benjarries I
doubt indeed from their being so very slow
in

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in their movements that we shall get on
many more than half of them along with
us. They always require to be driven and
I I wish you would send out a few parties
different ways to drive them in. I am
likewise uneasy about Corners flocks of
Sheep slaughter Cattle and Dallas's draft
and carriage Cattle, I trust that Captain
Symons who was left behind to come on
with arrack, will be able to point out
where they are — The arrack too is another
most desireable object There is more bea-
=sure upon the roads 40000 Pagodas
Bullocks from Sankerydroog. Mr. Read
and Mr. Morriott my assistants were both
directed to send at or with you from Covey
=peram, but in case it has missed you I
wish you could gain intelligence of it and
take means for its securely arriving thereafter

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multitude—

Extract of letter from Lieutenant Colonel Read to Lieutenant Colonel Brown dated 30th April 4 P.M.—

Let me repeat my anxiety for the Sankerry dicey treasure plocks and loaded Bullocks, Strangh I believe all are on the road—

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Extract of letter from Lieutenant Colonel Read to Lieutenant Colonel Brown 30th April 1799:—

You will probably see Captain Symons at Caveyporam who has endeavoured without success to bring on 50 Casks of arrack, he writes me the Bullocks are so bad and the Bullock men so inexperienced that it will be impossible to get them any further than Caveyporam. I judge indeed from his letter that only

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6 of them Cash can be brought on and the
road being very bad for 40 Miles on this
side of Caveryporam I advise the leaving
them all behind. There are 1000 Bullocks
I from the Droog 900 of them loaded
Sheep and 21 Bullocks loaded with treas-
=sure that I am very anxious to get on-
Lieutenant Gibson who commanded at
Caveryporam was Ordered to make enquiry
about them also about Corneas flocks and
bring them on with him to day If he has
done so it is very well, but he will probably
be detayed at Caveryporam on that
I beg of you to enquire of him concerning
every thing and to afford him such assistance
as may be necessary or take his convoy entirely
I under your own charge

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Read to Lieutenant Colonel Brown 8th Sept 1799

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I wish that as you have supp-
-posed I were acquainted with all the-
K wards of the Army and Means carried on
with it, for it would enable us to decide as
to the necessity of our advancing now and
of the probable time to which it might
be delayed without detriment—

The Army Marched the
6th 7th and 8th March from Ryacotta with
K 16th days rice on their backs I sent on with
it sufficient for the fighting Men for
a Month and I have understood that
the commissaries were to take on as much
as would last 40 days more—
Reckoning from the 16th
Ultimo. that is, rice enough to the 31st May
K but my information as to the 40 days—
supply of rice is doubtful. they may be in
want of every other article by the end of
this

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this Month: and unless the Camp-follow-
=ers subsist on what they find in the
villages they must be in distress by that
time—

Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Brou-
Major Cuppage—

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d.
L current and to acquaint you that the
Detachment will proceed towards Cun-
-joram on the Morning of the 26th Instant
unless disappointment in the arrival of
Arrack Carts &c. from Cuddapah
L situation in approach I have just now
received a favorable report should prevent
and in this case as I will give you advice
that will reach you tomorrow night, should
you not hear again from me you may
reckon on the Movement of this Detach-
=ment

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Detachment on the Morning of the 26th.
and according to the expectation given me
in your letter, dispatch the Convoy from
Sankerrydroog—

General Stuart I understand
carries with his force 30 days Rice for the
L Army Colonel Read has with him 3300
Benjarries loaded chiefly if not wholly
I believe with Rice with this Detachment
1200 Bullocks load of Rice is carried, of this
we can spare 700 to the Army on the sup-
=position that the Detachment is sent
back here to escort a second Convoy of supplies
Lieutenant Deas of the Caval
=ry on the 10th. from Periapatam writes
that after 18 Marching days without a
halt the Cavalry horses had kept in good
L condition but that their store of Gram
was just then wholly expended and that
they

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they must look to this Detachment for supp-

=ply—

We have not a Grain of Gram

to carry with it, as it would appear there

will be abundance of Rice I would recom-

mend that the whole of the carriage at Sankerydroog

L be loaded with Gram of the quantity of that

Gram now in store with you will be requisite

to convey it—

I have the honor to be &c

Camp at

Erode 24th. April 1799

3 P. M—

[Signed] A. Brown

Lieut.-Colonel Comg. 1st. Do.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown to Mr. Webbe

Secretary to Government—

On the 10th. Current I had the

honor to acquaint you with the surrender of

Avenaconchy which is now garrisoned by a

Subidar and a detail of 36 from the 1st. Batt.

M 16th. Regiment drawn yesterday from Dyro-

=colloo with 70 of the Collector Hunders train

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trained sebendies — The subidar who is an in=
=telligent trust worthy man being placed in
charge —

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 5th current
and acquaint you for the information of the
Right Honorable the Governor General in Coun=
=cil that agreeably to the instructions therein
contained the papers which were found with
the Seisdar in the portofaverachouchy have
been delivered to Mr. Collector Hurdis, who
arrived here yesterday and having this day
established a Coutcherry in the Fort just
now (½ past 4 P. M.) tells me he is getting
on very satisfactory in revenue arrangements
for this Taloak, the Cowle papers for which
signed by him and me have been forwarded
to the several Villages, some of whose Inhabitants
have come in and the remainder may be expected
in

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in course of tomorrow or next day
The Detachment proceed to-
morrow by a route unavoidably somewhat
circuitous by difficulty in finding water
towards Durrapooram, where it will arrive
on the 15 and after getting Profession of the
fort which I have reason to think will not
be difficult the Detachment will remain
until the 18th or perhaps the 19th to favor
the arrangements of Mr. Collector Hindes who
proceeds with the Detachment which will
be there joined by the Detachment under
Major Adam Lindsay whom I have directed
to proceed from the Pylney District to Dara-
=pooram where I expect he will arrive on the
16th and be in readiness either to occupy that
post or to assist in its being occupied by a
small detail from his Detachment with the
Division of the Collectors Sebendies, and in
this

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this latter case Major Lindsay's Detachment may perform important service in aid to the Collectors arrangements, and in collecting Cattle &c. for the army, arrangement having been made and carried into effect for strengthening the posts of Ahdney and Ryercotah in Order to restore and give full confidence to our Ryots in those quarters, where they have for some time past been very much alarmed and on some occasions prevented by the Banditte who had assembled on the frontier: effectually to extirpate whom, beyond the possibility of future combination it was my intention to have moved the Detachment along the Western frontier of the Pulney District and to have reduced the Hill fort of Chuckergherry, the only place of strength belonging to the Sultaun below the Ghauts, and which would have

ensured

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enured the perfect tranquillity to all our
possessions South of the Cavery. but from
this I am unavoidably deviated by letters
received yesterday and to day from Lieut.
Colonel Read of the 8th and 9th from Kid-
M =gherry advising his expectation of being at
Caverypooram on the 20th Current, and wishing
my arrival there by that time, or as soon af
=ter as circumstances may permit; and the safe
and speedy escort of his abundant supplies
being the first and most important object
M every possible attention on my part shall
be given to favor it by speedy junction
with Lieutenant Colonel Read and by every
means to increase the supplies now with that
Colonel. Towards which every exertion is
making by Mr. Torin in procuring draught
and Carriage Cattle and by Mr. Hindes and
others in connection with him and by Jakun
which

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which have been sent to the Poligars I am hopeful of considerable supply in slaughter Cattle and Sheep.—

The shortness of the time intervening the necessity of my junction with Lieutenant Colonel Read may prevent those exertions from being completely productive, but their operation I have no doubt will prepare supplies for a second trip to the Army.—

Previously to the Detachment moving from Trichinopoly a guard had been sent to escort the Arrack expected to arrive at Adrianpatam 5000 Gallons of which having been required to be forwarded to Caroor and thence to Erode by my letter to Major Kenny in charge at Trichinopoly under date the 8th current, the Major by letter of the 10th current advises me

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me that by reason of the non-arrival of the
"arrack from Adrianpatam the whole of the
"quantity required could not be supplied
"but from the Garrison Store: 3622 Gallons
"on 28 bandies would proceed that evening
"Carroor, the whole of that quantity may be
reckoned on to proceed from Erode with
this detachment for the Army.—

I would have avoided intro-
=sion of this circumstantial recital, did not
the ready determination of the Major with
his commendable Zeal in so speedily procu
=ring the means to carry it into effect call
upon me to communicate the circumstances
for the information of the Governor General
in Council.—

Montgomery's Cavalry with
a Company of His Majesty's 19th Foot under
Captain Evans having Marched from Dindigul

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Trichinopoly on the 9th will have arrived at Caroor by this day, or certainly tomorrow and in expectation of important service from the Cavalry in Collecting Cattle on the March from Darraporam to Erode I have directed Captain Evans to move with his detachment to Darrapo=ram where he will arrive on the 11th

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In addition to the Number of Tondimans Troops formerly reported 345 have joined this evening and I will have the honor to state their particular detail when mustered upon the ground the detachment takes up tomorrow.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Camp at Averacouchy 12th April 1799

(Signed) A. Brown

Lieutenant Colonel

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Extract of letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown to Mr. Webbe Secretary to Govern=ment dated 18.th April 1799.—

The Detachment since its arrival here, has been busily employ=ed in collecting the circar grain which has been discovered in holes at considerable distances from each other, and which became indispens=ibly necessary to the subsistence of the two Nizams Detachment who having joined without bringing with them the means of carrying one days rice for themselves, depend upon us for rice for their daily subsistence and the two head Sirdars to account for this, acquaint me that they had been told by Captain Malcolm that it was unnec=essary to bring any Bazar or store of grain with them as all their wants would be sup=plied by this Detachment.—

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Letter from Colonel Harris Secretary of Gene-
-ral Medows to Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Camp 20th October 1791.—

The General has directed me
to inform you, that entirely from the —
opinion he has entertained of your honor
and integrity and from the perfect depen-
-dance he has on your assiduity and arrange-
-ment he makes you the offer of being —
appointed Auditor General of Army, ac-
-counts in the room of Colonel Capper who
retires.—

The General desires you will
take a day to consider the Matter though
he does not wish any time should be lost
in your repairing to the Presidency if —
you accept; he is very sensible that the —
determination where so responsible an em-
-ployment is the subject requires great —
deliberation

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deliberation—

Happy in being employed so

consonant in my wishes towards you—

/ Signed / Geo: Harris

Letter from Captain Brown to Colonel Harris

I have had the honor to

receive your letter — The Prize respect I

have for the Character of General Meadows

makes me feel extremely gratified by

his favorable opinion, indeeing the Office

it conveys — am considering the subject what

I have endeavored to do fully, want of

abelity to do credit to the Appoint

=ment in the important duties of Auditor

General, has occurred in objection to ac=

=ceptance; for this however I should hope

O to make up by the assiduity which gratitude

to my patron must naturally excite—

By your letter I observe

the

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the General does not wish me in the event of acceptance to lose any time in repairing to the Presidency, and increased as the business of the Office must be, by the war, I cannot but be sensible of the propriety, I should have said the necessity, of the successor being on the spot to receive charge and instruction from the present Incumbent, under this consideration it may be inexpe=dient indeed. I cannot propose; the duties of the Office to be left for a time to a Deputy; and as I cannot Reconcile Retire=ment from the Army on the eve of the approaching service I must beg the favor of you to present my best respects and acknow=ledgements to the General, and to request his permission to decline the appointment. I am much obliged by the interest you take in what concerns Me, and

am

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am &c

(Signed) A. Brown

Bangalore

22d. October 1791 True Copies and Extracts

Colonel Harris (Signed) A. Brown

Resolved to transmit a Copy of

Resolution on the foregoing Letter

Colonel Brown's letter and of the papers connec-

ted with it together with the following letter

to His Excellency the Governor General in Council

which is read and approved

To His Excellency

The Most Noble Marquis Wellesley K. P.

Governor General in Council at

Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal Commanding a copy of a letter from Col. Brown together with the papers connected with the subject, containing an explanation of the Motives of his conduct in delaying to effect a junction with the Detachment commanded by Lt Col. Read during the late war in Mysore.

It will be in the recollection of

the Most Noble the Governor General, that it was

deemed to be expedient by the Governor General in

Council at Fort St. George on consideration of the cir-

=cumstances connected with the operations of the detach-

=ment

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Detachment commanded by Colonel Brown during the late War in Mysoor to call upon that Officer to explain the Motives of his conduct in delaying to effect a junc= =tion with the Detachment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Read for the purpose of giving protection to the supplies which had been collected for the use of the British Army before Seringapatam.—

This explanation having been now received from Colonel Brown, We have in con= =formity to the desire of the Most Noble the Governor General, the honor to transmit a copy of that Officers letter and of the papers connected with it to the Governor General in Council, and We beg leave to refer His Excellency in Council to the reasons which have been assigned by Colonel Brown connected with his state of health, in justification of the delay to reply at an earlier period of time to the points stated in the letter transmitted to him on the 4th September 1799, of which We have deemed it to be

proper

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proper to transmit herewith a copy to the Governor General in Council—

His Excellency in Council will observe that Colonel Brown has stated the Circumstances which determined him in moving to the Southern parts of the province of Coimbatore to have proceeded from the desire of quelling the commotions which had been excited by the Rebel chieftains in the provinces of Dindigul and Coimbatore, from the importance attached in his mind under the instructions of the Commander in Chief to the means of opening a more extended Source for the collection of Supplies for the Army, by procuring a communication with the Southern provinces, and from the expectation that the accomplishment of these objects would have been compatible with the ultimate object of effecting a junction with Lieutenant Colonel

Read—,

Whatever degree of importance it might have

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have been proper for Colonel Brown to have attach-
=ed to the stated objects at an earlier period of the
operations of the campaign, there does not appear to
be any doubt, that under the circumstances which
had retarded the equipment of the Southern Detach-
=ment to an advanced period of the season; under
the instructions of the Commander in Chief relative
to the Mutual cooperation of the Detachments of
Colonel Brown and of Lieutenant Colonel Read,
and under the communications of Lieutenant Colonel
Read himself; it became the duty of Colonel —
Brown after the capture of Carroor, to have relin-
-quished every object that tended to impede his —
junction with Lieutenant Colonel Read, for the —
purpose of insuring the safety of the extensive sup-
=plies which had been collected by that Officer, and
of facilitating their progress through the Cavery po-
=ram Pass. —

The result of the explanations which
have

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have been offered by Colonel Brown appears to con-
firm the opinion stated by the late Commander
in Chief, that in the adoption of the line of conduct
pursued by him, Colonel Brown erred in his judg-
ment, and did not foresee the extent of the conse-
quences which under a less prosperous issue of the
campaign, might have resulted to the safety of
the Army, from the delay in the progress of his
Detachment.

In submitting the accompanying papers to the consideration of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, We have deemed it to be our duty from the length of time which has intervened since the origin of this question, to state the sentiments which have occurred to our minds from the perusal of the correspondence relating to the operations of Colonel Brown's detachment, and of the explanations of that Officer: but we should be wanting in that regard, which is due to the long and

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and honorable Services of Colonel Brown, if we omitted to add our sincere Conviction, that however he may have erred in Judgment, and whatever Inconvenience might have resulted from that error, We believe him to be incapable of entertaining any sentiment which is incompatible with the purest principles or adverse to his own Conception, however erroneous, of the public Interests.—

We have the honor &c &c

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2nd June 1802

(Signed) Clive &c Council

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2 Copy of a letter to Colonel Brown 4th Sept.r 1799

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(Signed) G. Buchan
Secretary to Government

Read the following letter from the late Envoy to the Court of Persia —

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the late Enemy to Persia makes a favourable Report of the Good Conduct of the Native Commissioned, Non Commissioned and Privates of the Detachment which Composed his Escort during his Mission to the Court of Persia, Hopes that the Conduct of Shaikh Mohyudeen, the Subadar may be, Considered as deserving of some mark of the favor of Government

Having been informed by Lieutenant Charles Pasley, who has lately joined me at Calcutta, that the Detachment from your Lordships Body Guard, which formed part of my Escort, when upon the Mission to the Court of Persia, have returned to their Corps; I feel it a duty, to the Native Commissioned, and non Commissioned Officers and Privates of that Detachment, to express to your Lordship, the sense I entertain of the Conduct, Discipline, and attachment, which they displayed throughout all the variety of scene and Climate to which they were exposed during a Period of upwards of two Years service as my Escort.

The conduct of Shaikh Mohyudeen Subidar of this detachment merits my most particular

particular notice. It was equally calculated to preserve correct habits amongst the men, to encourage them under difficulties arising from local circumstances which could not but be formidable to natives of India, and to obtain from the Inhabitants of the Countries through which they passed, a degree of respect for the Military Character of the Native Troops in the Service of the British Government in India.

I indulge a hope that your Lordships may be impressed with such a sense of Shaikh Mahyuideens conduct on this occasion, as to consider him deserving of some mark of the favor of Government.

I have the honor to be &c

Fort William / Signed / John Malcolm

11th May 1802. Late Envoy to Persia.

Resolved to publish in General

Resolution thereon Orders an Extract of the foregoing letter.

The President proposes that the Boards approbation

of

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of the conduct of Cubadar Shaikh Ibraby upon
shall be testified by granting to him the usual
allowance for a Palanquin, and by presenting to
him a Sword.

Resolved and Ordered accordingly

Read the following letter from
the Officer commanding the Northern Division
of the Army
To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George :

Sir,

I request you will be pleased
to submit the accompanying papers to
the Right Honorable the Governor in
as it appears highly expedient, that measures
should be taken to obviate the inconvenience
which may arise from the very high price of
Dubs in the Vizagapatam Districts.
I have the honor to be &c
Signed A. Campbell
Lieutenant Colonel
&c

From the Officer
Commanding the
Northern Division
Forwards copy of the
Correspondence in
which he proposes
to limit the Collection
of the Officers in
Commanding the
Vizagapatam
District relative,
to the high exchange
of Dubs in that
District

Masulipatam
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To the Officer

commanding the Troops in the Province

of Vizagapatam

Chicacole

Sir,

Having received information that gives me reason to apprehend the Banians and other venders of the necessaries of life in this Town, meditate an intention of shutting up their Shops and absconding from the place, in consequence of the heavy loss they labor under by the high rate of exchange which is still kept up here only to their evident injury, I conceive it proper to advise you that I have in consequence taken such measures as will stop prevent their adopting a step that will be attended with the most serious inconvenience, as depriving not only the Sepoys, but the Inhabitants in general of their subsistence. The orders of Government with which you furnished me are

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are perfectly clear with regard to the exchange of the Rupee, and as long as it was in our power, the exchange was inforced agreeable thereto, but as the exchange on the other Divisions of the District is orderd to be as low as 16 Dubs p.c Rupee, it is utterly out of my power to procure you 51½ Ds.

The Shroffs whichy by the Fort Regn. of the 24th October 1800 have been placed under your authority will be secured in the Treasury Should you require it, but I must decline any further interference until I receive orders from the Board of Revenue to whom I have forwarded all letters and orders that have passed on this subject and to whom I shall submit copy of this letter and upon your reply shall you think necessary.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) F. Cherry Collector

Countersigned J. Durand Lieutenant & Collector &c.

Chicacole
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To Peter Cherry Esqr

Collector in the 3d Division Vizagapatam

District Chicacole

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant Communicating to me your apprehensions respecting the Shroffs, Merchants, and Dealers of this place.

I must however the steps you mention having taken, will prove adequate to prevent the execution of a measure the Effect of which is at this moment inapprehensible, but much to be dreaded Ifear, and Head of Troops who would then suffer such serious distress, as must be the inevitable consequence, your indefatigable exertions to give Effect to the orders of Government and promote Justice merit a far more satisfactory result,

and

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and I cannot but lament, as I do most truly, that I dreas should have occurred to the other Gentlemen now upon the District, which led them to defer obedience to those orders of Government which appear so clear to us, & the consequences have proved now so hostile to their purpose and entail such hardships on all parties, those whom it protects as their resistance excepted. The Troops are the obedient alone, being the sufferers, & in very peculiar grievance indeed. When it is considered too that it is by no means a security of Duty in the Country that creates difficulty as to placing the Troops under restraint, it is a measure which unless it were certain to bring Dubs into current, would I fear only accelerate the contentions we fear are entertained, and under the peculiarity of concurring circumstances, I cannot in conscience view them on any other light than sufferers

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sufferers entitled to indulgent and tender
treatment so long as they professs the plea of
complaint which exists. I therefore cannot wish
it, not doubting but when the present crises
comes to the cognizance of Government, relief
will be immediately afforded, until which we
must do our best to sooth and Temporize.
I shall ow my part address the Officer commanding
the Divisions.

I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ I. Durand
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding
the Troops in the Vizagapatam Dist.

Head Quarters
Chicacole
the 1st May 1802.

True Copy
/Signed/ I. Durand
Lieutenant Colonel.

True Copy.
/Signed/ A. Campbell Lieut. Colonel

To Captain Thompson
Major of Brigade Northern Division

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit
Copies

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Copies of recent correspondence on the subject of the Exchange of Rupees, for the information of the Officer commanding the Northern Division of the Army, the serious crisis to which the circumstance has arisen, necessitates me to request the Colonels assistance therein as further procrastinating a decision on the subject, which shall make rule for every one indiscriminately and no longer leave it in the option of opinion to comply or not with the orders in force, may be attended with most serious consequences.

Every thing that could be done has been practised by my self and the Officers of the 3d Division Mr. Cherry who has most cordially and indefatigably used all his endeavours upon the occasion but not only the opposition which has occurred in the other Divisions of the District to adopt the same measures which succeeded so well in this Division

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Division for raising the Exchange from 48½ Dubs per Rupee to the Company's Regulated Rate, which gives 51½ minus 2 Cash – Those Gentlemen have even now permitted that exchange which they pleaded for as Just and equivalent to be reduced to 46 Dubs only and even less in some places, The natural effect of which is too obvious to require comment whereby all our efforts to enforce the orders of Government and save the Troops from a severe loss on their pays are completely frustrated –

It pains me to be under the necessity of appearing to reprobate a conduct which at the same time I doubt not has been induced by unimpeachable motives in those Gentlemen – but when such a crisis as the present happens to be the result, I should feel reprehensible were I to withold a true statement or necessary information on a subject of its serious tendency; and can only lament the

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the alternative which has become unavoidable

I beg leave to repeat that

scarcity of Dubs in the country is not the cause

of the difficulties that exist but the partiality

enforcement of Government orders which

objections of the other Gentlemen occasions for

every in the butchery of this place there are

a great quantity laying useless in consequence

of the Board of Revenues having objected to them

being issued at more than 10 p.c prev Rupee and

even ordered the Collector likewise to make

good the loss which accrued upon 50,000 and odd

which he from motives of good to the service

took upon himself to issue at the regular

Rate to give it a fair set off in the mandies

at first, and where the Shroffs and others are

left at liberty to sell them as they thereto prefer

you may get Leo upon Leo of them

Chicacole
the 15th may 1802.

/Signed/ J. Durand Lieut & Qr Master
Thos Scrimgeour 2nd Lieut 25th Regt N.I.
Hunchbeyp Signed A. Campbell
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

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Ordered that the following letter

Pro Thereon be dispatched to Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

To the Officer commanding the
Northern Division of the
Army

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo

2. After an attentive considera-
tion of the correspondence which has lately
occurred on the subject of the Copper currency in
the District of Vizagapatam, the Governor in
Council is satisfied that the present high rate
of Exchange of Copper in that District
proceeds from an actual deficiency of that
Coinage which it will therefore be impracti-
cable during the present general scarcity of
Copper in India to relieve effectually by any
other mode than by an encreased importation
of that article from Europe.

3. The inconvenience which
may

To the Officer commanding Northern Division acknowledging his letter of the 11th Instant forwarding Copy of the Correspondence which had passed between Lieutenant Colonel Durand and the Collector of the Northern Division of Vizagapatam on the Exchange of the Copper Coin of that District. The inconvenience of the Scarcity can be only removed by an importation of Copper into the Northern Circars and the disturbance provoked by Lieut. Colonel Durand therefore unnecessary and reprehensible.

may in the meanwhile be experienced from a
fluctuating rate on the exchange of the coppers
currency can only be considered to be temporary
-ry and His Lordship in Council is of opinion
that it may be practicable by prudent measures
to prevent that inconvenience from being
felt to any material degree. It is obvious that
the same cause which has produced the
scarcity of coppers in the District of Vizag-
-apatam must have rendered that article
more valuable when exchanged for articles of
life, and that though the quantity of coppers
-rally diminished, the real value governs the
exchange may and it does actually appears
to be the same as formerly.

4 The object of the Honorable
orders quoted in the correspondence of Lieutenant
Colonel Durand with the Collectors of the
District of Vizagapatam was to define the
relative

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relative value of the specific coins therein stated,
but Lieutenant Colonel Durand by a perverted
construction of that order has extended its effects
to occasion the exchange of which it is not at
present practicable to establish upon a defined
principle, and by an encroachment upon the
Civil authority, not warranted by the spirit of
the orders of the Governor in Council, that
Officer has provoked an useless discussion which
has been attended with material injury and
inconvenience to the property and persons of
individuals and has aggravated an inconv-
enience which His Lordship in Council has
not at present the power of removing.

The Governor in Council
desires that in conveying these sentiments
to Lieutenant Colonel Durand you will impress
that Officer to observe in future a greater
degree of moderation in exercising the duties
of his command.

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5th June 1802.

Jam Yrs &c

Signed George Buchan

Secretary to Government

Read the following letters from
the Officer commanding the forces

Myore

The Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose an extract of a letter which I have received from Mr Anderson, in which he reports the additions and improvements which it will be necessary to make to the Building occupied as an Hospital by the 19th Regiment of Dragoons at Seroor in order to render it convenient for that purpose, as the bad season is approaching I have thought it necessary to order the Officer acting as Engineer at Seroor to make an estimate of the expence of these additions and improvements which when

From the Officer Commanding in Mysore Forwarding an Extract of a letter from the Field Surgeon in Mysore reporting the alterations that it will be necessary to make to the Building occupied as an Hospital by the 19th Regiment of Dragoons at Seroor, & an Estimate of the expence to be incurred

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when received will be forwarded to be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and in the meantime to commence the works.

I hope that her Ladyship will approve of these orders in consideration of the state of sickness in which this valuable Corps has been.

I have the honor to be &c.

Chinna

May 23d 1802.

/Signed/ Arthur Wellesley

Extract of a letter from Mr Anderson to the Honorable Colonel Wellesley dated May 16th 1802.

"The sicks of the 19th Dragoons are at present lodged in a Mosque in the Town of Sera, which is a clean and substantial Building and can be with little expence converted into good accomodation for 60 or 70 sick men which is as much as can on common occasions be wanted for a Regiment of European Dragoons.

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Dragoons,

The Mosque requires to be rendered fit for the accomodation of Europeans, some alterations and additions which I shall take the liberty of stating.

In front of the Mosque there is a good terrace about 50 feet in length and about 18 feet in breadth. I would propose that this terrace be covered with a good roof and a brick and mud wall well chunamed be built in the front, and both ends of it. In the front wall of this Verandah five windows will be wanted and one Door at each end of it.

In the body of the Mosque openings will be wanted on three sides of it to admit of a free circulation of air. Three windows with Iron Bars at the back part of it which faces a Street and two windows at each end will be perfectly sufficient. It may be necessary to mention that good Doors, windows

Shutters

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Shutters with Locks, bolts &c will be required for all these openings.

Arrange of buildings will be likewise wanted for Cooking houses, godowns, and dispensary. The first to be 25 feet in length by 15 in breadth; the Second 20 by 10, and the third to be 15 by 10. The two latter rooms to have a Door each. There is a convenient situation for these buildings on the South face of the mosque, and they will be easily connected with the wall which forms the Hospital compound. At the North East Angle of the compound there is a convenient place for erecting a necessary, which will require to be about 25 feet in length by 10 feet in breadth, and which as well as the Cook house should be provided with a stone floor or one made of Syrian Terrace.

True Extract

Resolved to inform Colonel Wellesley that the Board approve the orders issued

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issued by him for the repair of the building appro-
priated to the purposes of an hospital for the
sicks of H.M. 19th Dragoons at Seroo; and that
they rely on his attention to economy in the
execution of the works

The Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

I have had the honor of
receiving your letter of the 13th Instant

From Do. Desiring to the reference made to him respecting the allowances claimed by Lieut. De Havelland as Field Engineer to the Detachment of Troops which is proceeded to the Red Sea

When Lieutenant De Havelland
joined the Army which was assembled at
Trincomalee under my command, I appointed
him Field Engineer as he was the Senior Engi-
neer with the Troops, and as I did not think it
reasonable that he should suffer in point
of allowances by being called from his duties
at Fort St George so materially as he would
have suffered, if I had not made this appoint-
ment I reported it in due course to the
Most Noble the Governor General in Council
and

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and it received His Lordships approbation and confirmation.

As the appointment of Field Engineer is not known on the Madras Establishment, Resolved that Lieutenant De Havilland should receive from the Paymaster of the Bengal Troops the allowances usually paid to that Establishment viz.t

240 Sonaut Rupees per Mensem.

China

May 23d. 1802.

Share the honor &c.

(Signed) Arthur Wellesley

Resolved that the allowance of Lieutenant De Havilland as Field Engineer be regulated at the rate of 240 Sonat Rupees per month in conformity to Colonel Wellesley's recommendation.

Read the following letters from

The Military Auditor General

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

May Lord,

Captain Charlton the Brigade Major of artillery

Lay the Military Auditor General his Report on the accounts of Captain Charlton, whole.

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whether employed on Bengal on the Recruiting Service, and Details the Salaries which appear to be due to him.

Artillery having returned from the recruiting
Service on Bengal to which Presidency he appears to
have been directed to proceed by orders of your Lordship
in Council bearing date 7th June 1800 his charges on
account of that Service comprises a period of
nearly sixteen months commencing on June
1800 and ending in September 1801. The total
amount of the charges incurred are stated at
Pagodas three thousand six hundred and fifty
seven, fanams eighteen, and cash four, and are
arranged under the following heads

Pay and difference of Batta to himself and full Batta to the detach and to the Recruits enlisted at different periods		502P. 20.72
Bounty Money to the Recruits enlisted		147P. " "
Amount of Captain Charlton's Brigade Staff allowances		878. 22. 72
Contingent Charges of various descriptions		2276. 16. 20
Total		965P. 18. 4

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The Vouchers forwarded in support of the Pay and Batta issued to the party which accompanied him to Bengal and to the Recruits enlisted are supported by Solemn asseverations on honor. monthly Returns and corresponding long Rolls, the Bounty charges are stated at the rate he was empowered to give by authority of a Letter from the Chief Secretary of Government dated 8th June 1800 Viz. 10 Rupees to each Recruit. The numbers to whom the Bounty was given are also checked by his Returns and long Rolls of names corresponding signed by himself and countersigned by Major General Smith Commanding the Artillery. his Brigade Majr. &c. &c. advances are entered by him at the regulated rates and all contingent charges are certified Solemnly on honor.

The Total amount of his accounts as I have before had the honor to state is 9657.8.4

Amount of advances made to him in Bengal 8093.34.65

Balance outstanding in his favor 1563.35.19

To.

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to the payment of which under the particu-
lars Vouchers accompanying and Asseverations
affixed to the Bills required to contain them
I see no objection, your Lordships sanction was
first previously obtained for that purpose
The total number of recruits
enlisted by Captain Charlton by the last
Return and Roll corresponding was 472
men for which bounty is charged and it
further appears that of the Total about
400 may have been landed at this Presidency
leaving the difference between the original
number enlisted, and the number landed
to be accounted for by desertions the
desertions are regularly noticed in his
monthly abstracts of pay and Batta to which
an asseveration is affixed

Military Auditor Genl Office I have the honor &c
Fort St George
31st May 1802.

/Signed/ J. Brunton
Military Auditor General
Comm

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Order thereon Ordered that the balance due to Captain Charlton according to the above report be paid to that Officer.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor &c Council Gas Gas Gas

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships Commands communicated to me in a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department dated 24th ultimo I have lost no time in submitting for your Lordships approbation a Draught of a G.O. relative to the reduction of the hire of Carriage Bullocks in the Camp Equipage Department, and have at the same time and in the same draught taken the liberty to suggest the propriety of doing away the medical Regulations of January 1799 which not having been before abolished but on the contrary have found their way into the existing printed code of Military Regulations and are

From Do. Do. submits Draft of a General Order relative to the reduction of the hire of Carriage Bullocks in the Camp Equipage Department and of the increased medical Charges authorized during the late Mysore War.

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are made a pretext for considerable increase of public expense by those who send their account on it, it is my duty here to state to your Lordship that the Military Code of Regulations into which the orders in question have been transcribed were previous to publication submitted for the inspection of both my late principal in Office and myself, but by some accident which I cannot now account for, the order in question passed unnoticed by us.

I have the honor to be &c.

Military Auditor Genl's Office
Fort St. George
1st June 1802.

(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor General

Resolved that a General Order be published founded on the draft submitted by the Auditor General.

Publication on the foregoing

Read the following letter from Captain Welhouse of the Royal Navy.

&c.

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To John Chamier Esqr

Chief Secretary to the Government

Sir,

I take the liberty to address

From Captain Pulham, Renews the claims recently by him for further allowance of Batta while he was in command of H.M. Brig Amboyna, and transmits more Documents in support of it

you now in consequence of the Government having con-
-sidered a claim lately preferred by me relative to
further allowance of Batta while I was in com-
-mand of His Majestys Brig Amboyna" as
unobjectible" to assure you I would not have
caused Government the slightest additional
trouble on this head. But from a most grounded
conviction that I stood equally entitled to the
same indulgence of rate of allowance as have
been granted to the several Ship Commanders
serving in Vessels of the same class as the
Amboyna. and as it pleased the Government
at the same time to notice that a larger
allowance had already been given to me for
the time I held command of that vessel;
permit me therefore to dwell on this particularly

call

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call your attention to the accompanying Document which proves that a much greater sum than I have received was paid to a Lieut or a Command similar to that I held, independently of this particular instance, I believe it will be remembered by the Government that the allowance they have alluded to was expressly given from a consideration of particular service as well as the period when I was drawing of which I had occasion to address them by letter at that time. I now trust it will appear that the claim I have urged, to be put on the same footing with the Commanders of Vessels similarly classed with respect to Batta, allowances has not been incorrect and that it will be admitted of by the Government

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Tho.s Pelham

Madras

May 26th 1802

Thomas

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Thomas Lechmere Esqr

Sir

Lieutenant Bissell having an order to command His Majestys Armed Ship Babel manned he becomes entitled to receive the Pay and Emoluments as Master and Commander during the time he commands her.

Sam Va Ga

/Signed/ J. Blankett.

I do certify that the above is a true copy of an order received from admiral Blankett and I do further certify that I paid Lieutenant Bissell the Batta allowed by the Honorable Company to Masters and Commanders for the time Lieutenant Bissell commanded His Majestys Armed Ship Babel mandel,

Bombay Marine Pay Office /Signed/ Thos. Lechmere.

12th March 1802. Marine Paymaster.

Under the farther explanation

which

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which has been stated by Captain Pulham;
Resolved to grant to that Officer during the
period that he commanded H. M. Armed Brig
Amboyna, the same allowance as has been
granted to other Officers of the same rank
in similar situations amounting to £250 per
annum.

Read the following letter
from Mr. Dillon one of the Executors to the
Estate of the late Mr. Paymaster G. Wilson
To John Chamier Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

The Executrix to the Estate
of the late Mr. Paymaster George Wilson being
desirous of paying the Demand made by the
Military Paymaster General against the
Employ. I have the honor to tender the
amount in Company's Bonds bearing an
Interest at 8 per centum in her name, which

From One of the Executors to the late Mr. Paymaster Wilsons Estate tendering the amount standing against the Estate of the late Mr. Paymaster Wilson in Bonds of this Government at Par

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Must His Lordship in Council may be
pleased to direct to be received, at Par-
To this Indulgence which
on behalf of the Executrix I have the honor to
solicit, I hope His Lordships sanction will
not be withheld as I have reason to believe
that a similar favor was extended to the
Executors to the Estate of the late Mr. Paymaster
John Wynch,

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
[Signed] Richard Dillon
One of the Executors to the
late Mr. Paymaster Wilson's
Estate

Fort St. George
26th May 1802.

Resolved that the above request be
complied with.

Resolution thereon.

Read the following Letter from
the Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's
Forces,

To

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To John Chamier Esqr

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I beg you will have the
goodness to lay before the Right Honorable
the President in Council my request, that
His Lordship would be pleased to authorize
an advance of three thousand star Pagodas
on my Receipt, on account of the Corps of
Ceylon Volunteers now levying at this
Presidency under my Orders, to be accounted
for by me to the Government of Colombo.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) Keith Young
Major

Fort St George
2d June 1802.

Ordered accordingly

Ordered accordingly.

Read the following letter from
the Military Auditor General,

I.C.

I have the honor to
Request as per the
advance on account
of the Corps of Ceylon
volunteers remaining
at this Presidency

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council Gr. Gr. Gr.

My Lord,

1. Having examined the General Estimate for the month of June 1802. transmitted in a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department under date the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to report that the sum of three Lacks — ninety nine thousand, six hundred and sixty eight Pagodas, three fanams and forty five — Cash. Pagodas 3,99,668. 3. 45/ is required for the payment of such Military charges as become due on the first of the present month, and is issuable as follows,

From the Military Auditor General's report on the General Estimate for the current month.

From the General Treasury	1,10,045. 1. 01.
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	289,623. 1. 64
	Pagodas 3,99,668. 3. 45.

2. The Paymaster at Vellore having

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having stated a Balance on hand of three thousand three hundred and twenty seven Pagodas, nineteen fanams, and fifty nine Cash. /3,327-19-59/ that sum has been deducted from the amount of his Estimate.

3d The Paymaster at Dindigapatam has also stated a Balance on hand of Twelve thousand One hundred and forty seven Pagodas, six fanams and seventy three Cash/ Pagodas 12,147-6-63/ which sum I have accordingly deducted from his Estimate.

4th The sum of Two thousand and seven hundred Pagodas/ Pagodas 2,700/ has been deducted from the Estimate of the Paymaster on Malabar being an error in the addition.

5th The Estimate of the Paymaster at Madura not having been received, the sum that will be required to discharge the

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The payments to the Troops and Establish-
-ments within this range is not included
in the amount now reported on to your
Lordship and consequently forms no part of
the Total sum stated to be required for the
payment of such Military Charges as become
due on the 1st of the present month.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Sir
Your most
obedient Servant
/Signed/ A. Brenton
Military Auditor General

Military Auditors
General's Office
Fort St George
1st June 1802.

In consequence of the fore-
going report Ordered that the sum of One
Lack, Ten Thousand, and forty five Pagodas,
One fanam and Sixty One Cash /Pagodas
/1,10,045.1.61/ be issued from the Treasury
to the Military Paymaster General on ac-
count of the General estimate for the
current

Crossing that the sum of Rs. 1,10,045.1.61 be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General Estimate for the current month.

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Current month enclosed in his letter of the ultimo.

A true Extract

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Stuart

Gr Ross

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Sd Wm Strange

A true Extract from Fort St. George 1st June 1802 to Page 214 Copied by Jagannaum

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Diary

Received and sent the under mentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 1 2 3 4.

From the Town Major

From Captain Wilks &c &c
=mits the Application of Messrs Goodall and Blake lately dismissed from the Company's = Service for the usual subsistence, until they may be embarked for Europe.—

From the acting Deputy Adjutant General of His Majesty's forces in India.

Extract of a letter from Major Nicolson Rectifying an Error that had occurred in the Date of Captain Gordon's Commission of His Majesty's Scotch Brigade.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Roebuck Forwarding a Report of the Auditor General, and acquainting him that the Sum of ₱10,015 1 61 Pagodas has been ordered to be issued from the Treasury on his application.—

To D° D° D°

To D° D° Enclosing a Statement of Cash Hores from the Cavalry and Artillery

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3 directing that the Paymasters at the different Stations may dispose of them.-

Received a letter from

From Messrs Chase & Co

Messrs. Chase Chinnery and MacDonall entered in MB. No 5. Forward for Pay=ment a bill of the Owners of the Alexander.

4 Sent the undermentioned letters entered in MB. No. 6-7-8-9-10.-

To the Military Board-

To the Military Boards.-

Directing that measures may be taken to dispose of the Grain mentioned in their letters of the 25th Instant. Authority has been given for the payment of the Bills and advances of Money recommended by them.

To the Officer Commanding

To the Officers Commanding the forces in Mysore.

the forces in Mysore. The Orders issued by him for the repair of the buildings appropriated for the purposes of an Hospital for the Sick of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons at Sera, are approved.-

To the Town Major-

To the Town Major- The Bill of the

4 the Superintending Engineer enclosed in his
letter of the 27th Ultimo has been passed.—

To Mr. Richard Dillon—

To Mr. R. Dillon

Informing him that 8 per Cent Bonds at par,
in payment of the sums due from the Estate
of the late Paymaster at Vizagapatam will
be received.—

To Captain Pulham—Under

To Capt. Pulham

the explanation stated by him, his allowance
while in the Commands of His Majesty's armed
Brig the Amboyna, will be regulated at the
rate of £250 per Annum.—

Sent the following letters.—

5 To the Military Auditor General—

To the Military Auditor General—Directing that the sum due to Capt. Charlton while on the recruiting service in Bengal may be paid to him. a G.O. relative to the rates of bullock hire & the Medical regulations framed for the army during the Mysore War has been published—Authority has been given to the Officers Commanding

Sir,

I am directed by the
Governor in Council to acknowledge the
receipt of Your letters of the 31st Ultimo
and 1st Instant.—

His Lordship in Council
desires that the balance of Star Pagodas
1563

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Commanding the 25th & 19th Regiments of Light Dragoons for entertaining the proportion of followers required for the care of the Supernumeraryhorses attached to those Corps agreeably to the enclosed extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief. The allowance of £50 ₹ annum has been granted Capt.n Pulham for the period of his Command of the Brig Amboyna under the explanations submitted by him. Copy of Communications from the Military Paymaster General and the Cash Paymaster at Trichinopoly enclosed for his Report on the Application stated by the latter for a continuation of his allowance subsequent to the abolition of his situation. Brigadiers allowance to Lieut.t Col.l Boles commanding in Malabar. The Bills & advances of money recommended by the Military Board to be passed for payment. Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding in Mysore on the Application of Lieut.t De Havilland for the allowances of Field Engineer enclosed & the claim to be admitted

1563. 25. 19- due to Captain Charlton according to Your report on the Accounts of that Officer, while employed on the recruiting service in Bengal may be paid to him.-

A General order founded on the draft submitted by You, relative to the rates of bullock hire and the medical regulations framed for the Army in Mysoor in the Year 1799, has been published.-

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to You the enclosed extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief, and to inform You that under the circumstances therein stated, authority has been given to the Officers Commanding the 25th and 19th Regiments of Light Dragoons, for entertaining the proportion of followers required for the care of the Supernumerary horses at present attached to these Corps.—

I Under the further explanations which

mitted agreeably to that rate. The sums due by the Estate of the late Paymaster at Vizagapatam to be received in 8 per Cent. Bonds at par. He will pay the enclosed Bill of the superintending Engineer for work executed by him upon the authority of the Hon. Major

which has been stated in the letter of which I inclose a Copy from Lieutenant Pulham late Commander of His Majesty's Armed brig Amboyna, the Governor in Council has resolved to grant to that Officer during the period of his command the same allowance as has been granted to other Officers of the same ranks with Lieutenant Pulham in similar situations, amounting to £250 per Annum, from which amount will of course be deducted the allowance already paid to that Officer.—

I am directed to enclose the copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster General accompanied by the copy of a letter from the late Paymaster at Guntoor and to desire that You will report Your opinion relative to the application therein stated by Mr. Wilson for the continuance of his allowances for a period subsequent to the abolition of his former Office.— I am

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I am directed to inform
You that the Governor in Council has re-
resolved to grant the usual allowance
of a Brigadier, amounting to Pag.s 3.5.20
per day to Lieut.t Col.t Boles from the period
of the command of the troops in Malabar
and Canara having devolved to him by
the departure of Colonel Stevenson, and to
desire that you will accordingly give
authority for the payment of that allow-
-ance.

I am directed by His
Lordship in Council to desire that authority
may be given for the payment of the bills
and advances of money recommended in
the accompanying Extracts of a Letter from
the Military Board.

The Governor in Council
having referred the claim of Lieutenant
De Havilland to the allowance of Field
Engineer, in consequence of his appointment
to

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to that situation by the Honorable Colonel
Wellesley, to that Officer, for his Opinion, I am
directed to enclose the Copy of a Letter received
in consequence from Colonel Wellesley and
to desire that the allowance of Lieutenant
De Havilland for that duty may be regulated
at the rate of 240 Sonat Rupees per Month
in conformity to the recommendation therein
stated —

I am directed to inform
that His Lordship in Council has in com-
=pliance with an application of one of the
Executors of the Estate of the late Mr George
Wilson, resolved that the Sums due by the
Estate on account of Retrenchments
against Mr Wilson as Paymaster at Vizaga-
=patam, may be received in eight per Cent bonds
of this Government at par —

I am directed by the
Governor in Council to desire that you will
pass for payment the enclosed Bill of the
Superintending

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Superintending Engineer amounting to Pagodas 89_12_55, for work executed by him under the authority of the Town Major of Fort St. George.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort St George
5th June 1802 — }

George Buchan
Secry to Govermt.

To the Secretary at Bengal —

Sent a letter to Captain L. Hook — entered in MB. No. 11 — Forwarding Copy of the letter to the Court of Directors — which was dispatched by His Majestys — Frigate the Sea Horse.

Order of Council
Military Department
7th June 1802 —

Received the following

letter from the Military Auditor General —

To the —

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Military Department

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

My Lord &c —

From the Military Auditor General Reports on the additional Estimate for the Current Month.

Having examined the Additional Estimate of Cash for the current Month, transmitted in a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military department, under date the 31st Ultimo, I have the honor to report, that the sum of Twenty five Thousand, five hundred and Twenty eight Pagodas, Four fanams and twenty seven Cash (Pa. 25,528-4-27) is unobjectionable, and issuable from the General Treasury, for the purpose of enabling the Military Paymaster General to discharge Bills drawn on him in favor of Individuals by the Paymaster at Seringapatam, the late Paymaster at Madura, the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam

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Nizam, and by the Paymaster to the
Indian Army in Egypt, advances to
Officers to enable them to join their Corps,
Advances to the Superintending Engineer
at the Presidency, Freight of Vessels, and
advance on account of the Residency of
Bengal, and to liquidate the amount of
a Balance due to the Garrison Storekeeper
of Fort St George as per his Account Current
dated 1st February 1802—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed J Brunton
Mil[y] Aud[r] Gen[l]

Military Auditor
Generals Office—
Fort St George
5th June 1802

In consequence of the
foregoing report Ordered that the Sum of
Twenty five thousands five hundred and
twenty eight Pagodas four fanams and
twenty seven Cash (Pag[s] 25,528–4–27)
be issued from the Treasury to the Military
Paymaster General on account of the
additional

ordering the
Sum of P[s] 25528.
4.27 to be issued
from the Treasury
to the Military
Paymaster General

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5 additional estimate enclosed in his letter of the 27th Ultimo.

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

(Signd) George Buchan
Secry to Government

Received and sent the under-

A B
7 mentioned letters entered in M/B 12-13-14-15-16-17-27.

From Lieutenant Dillon—

From the Military Secretary at Pd.

States that a Gale of Wind had blown down the Pendals and other public buildings at that Station.—

Petition of Amboor Bazar

Petition of Amboor Bazar Merchants—

Merchants—Soliciting to be released from their punishment of working on the public Roads—

To the Military Auditor

To the Military Auditor General

General—Desiring that he will authorize a further advance of Money to be made to Major Keith Young on account of the Volunteers engaged to serve on Ceylon. Enclosing Copy of a letter from the Town Major, and desiring that Reference

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Messrs Blake and Goodall, dismissed from the Company's Military Service may receive the subsistence of their late Rank.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General

Forwarding a Report from the Military Auditor General and acquainting him that the sum of Pagodas 25528-4:27 had been ordered to be issued from the Treasury on account of the additional Estimate

To the Town Major Mr Goodall & Mr Blake are allowed the subsistence of their late rank, until they may be embarked for England.

To the Town Major

To the Sub. Treasurer. Inclosing Copy of a letter to the Town Major and desiring that the allowances therein mentioned may be paid to that Officer on account of the late Rajah of Ramnad, and the late Poligar of Pybrey.

To the Sub-Treasurer

Extract of a letter to the Board of Revenues. Stating that authority will be given for the issue of Batta, to the public Servants of the Collector of Dindigul, who were required to be present at a Court Martial held at Seringapatam.

Extract of a letter to the Board of Revenues.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President.

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

Tuesday the 3d. June 1802.

William Petrie
and
Mungo Dick
} Esquires.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

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

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

I lay before the Board a letter addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council by the Lieutenants lately promoted to that rank from the Company of Cadets at Chingleput.

I cannot recommend to the

Minute of the Commander in Chief submits a letter from the certain Lieutenants lately promoted to that rank, from the Company of Cadets at Chingleput preferring a claim for arrears of pay as Lieutenants, from the period when vacancies in the Military Establishment existed

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them to that Rank, Declines recommending a Compliance with their requests lays before the Board proceedings of the Medical Board in their Meeting of the 31st Ultimo. —

the Board, a Compliance with their request.

1st Because on the 15th March 1797 the Military Auditor General was directed by Letter from this Board, "to consider it a Regulation of the Service founded "on the Orders of the Honorable the Court of "Directors that the Pay and Batta of Officers "promoted are not to commence from the "date of their Commissions, but from that of "the publication of their promotions in "General Orders". —

2ndly Because the same reasons which render it expedient to place Cadets, on their arrival in India in a situation to learn their duty, before their promotion to the rank of Officers, point out the propriety of connecting their pecuniary interests with their progress in the attainment of professional knowledge. — Their relative rank in the Service being fixed in Europe, that strong stimulus to exertion

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exertion is lost; and the pecuniary for=
=feitures connected with the delay in the re=
=port of their qualification for Commissions
afford the only incentive to attention in those
who are indolent or careless —

I lay before Government
the Proceedings of the Medical Board in their
Meeting of the 31st Ultimo.

3d June 1802. — (Signd) J. Stuart

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

My Lord,

We the undersigned Cadets
of the season 1801, lately promoted to Lieute=
=nants, and now appointed to Corps, beg
leave to submit to your Lordships Consider=
=ation, the following circumstances which
we venture to hope will appear to your
Lordship

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Lordship, to give us a fair Claim to certain arrears of Pay, which at this moment of Joining our respective Corps, would prove to us of the most essential assistance.—

In the Government Orders of the 19th July, 1800, "The Right Honble the "Governor in Council, was pleased to signify, "That, as it was his intention to promote the "Cadets on this Establishment to the Vacant "Commissions in the Corps for which they are "respectively destined, when Captain Armstrong "shall report them qualified to act as Officers, "they are permitted to draw the Pay and Allow- "ances of Lieutenants from this date."

In conformity with the above order, the Major Part of the Cadets of the Season 1801, drew the Allowances of Lieutenants till October, being upwards of Two Months after their arrival in this Country.

(Government orders 15th October 1801)

"The Governor in Council
Leaves

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"however, adverting to the Circumstance of
"the number of Gentlemen Cadets of Infantry,
"at Chinglepute, considerably exceeding the
"Proportion of Lieutenantcies vacant on this
"Establishment, and to the Impracticability
"of ascertaining (until the List of Cadets for
"the present season shall have been received
"from Europe) the Rank of those Gentlemen
"Cadets who should be promoted to be
"Lieutenants, has resolved, That from the
"1st October 1801, The Pay and Allowances only
"of Ensign, shall be drawn on account of the
"Cadets at Chinglepute, and that the Promotion
"of the Gentlemen Cadets for the present season,
"shall be confined to the Rank of Ensign,
"until their Relative rank in the Military
"Establishment, shall have been determined."

From the above Resolution,
it appears evident, had our respective ranks
been ascertained on our arrival in India,
a Considerable Number for whom there
were

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were sufficient Vacancies, would have continued to receive the Pay of Lieutenants; and the overplus, after the deduction of the established allowance to each Individual, and all authorized stoppages, would, according to the orders of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, have been retained in the Hands of the Commanding Officer of Chingleput, for their Equipment when promoted, and posted to Corps.—

Permit us to hope, My Lord, that it will be held of little Consequence, whether the Difference between the Pay of Ensign, and that of Lieutenant, had been drawn Monthly, and retained in the hands of the Commanding Officer, or that the Sum which has now accumulated, be allowed us from the Paymaster, when it will be of such Infinite Service—

We therefore request, That your Lordship in Council, will be pleased to take

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take our Case into Consideration, that we may not lose those advantages which Cadets of former Seasons have enjoyed immediately upon their arrival in this Country, and which by the late order of the Honble the Court of Directors, will constantly accrue to Cadets in future —

We have the Honor to Remains,

Sir — Yr —

(Signd) John Mathew

" — E H Gwynne

" — E. S. Patechall

" — Reg.d Millum

" — John Morgan

" — John Ogilvie

" — Henry Harvey

" — Penford King

" — F. Roebuck

" — E Sweetland

" — James Tagg

" — C. Cracroft

" — Thomas Peart Lieutenants

Chingleput
May 29th 1802.

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The Board having con=
=curred in the grounds on which the Com=
=mander in Chief considers it to be inexpe=
=dient to comply with the application of the
Cadets at Chengleput; Resolved that the
allowances of Lieutenants be not paid to
the Cadets appointed for this Establishment
until their actual promotion to the rank
of Lieutenants shall have taken place. —

The Board proceed to read
and pass resolutions on the following pro=
=ceedings of the Medical Board. —

Resolutions of the — Medical Board —
Governor in Council 31st May 1802 —
9th June 1802.

Read a letter from
Mr. Surgeon George Dunbar
at Ganjam, of which the
Medical Board have the
honor to forward a Copy
to the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council —
illustrative

From the Medical Board forwarding Copy of a Ltr from Mr. Surgeon Dunbar at Ganjam describing the causes & treatment of the diseases of the 6th Bengal Native Regiment: expressing his approbation of that Gentlemans professional abilities & submitting also a Copy of a Ltr from Mr. Headley on prices in the provinces of Canara stating the number of persons who have been inoculated in that province.

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illustrative of the causes

The Governor and treatment of the

in Council has perused Diseases of the 6th ~

with much satisfaction Bengal Native Regiment

the perspicuous report ~ being in answer to their

made by Mr. Dunbar ~ requisition of the 19th March

which His Lordship in last, communicated ~

Council considers to be through the channel of

creditable to the industry the Head Surgeon of the

and talents of that ~ Northern Division a

gentleman and approves copy of which is now

the intention stated by before Government ~

the Medical Board of and as it contains ~

rectifying the defect which matter that appears to

has been experienced in the Medical Board, of

the Medical records of the great importance for

Presidency by directing general information

the attention of the ~ to the service, it is on

Medical Officers at the that Account as well

Subordinate Stations to as in justice to the

the acquisition of useful knowledge writer, whose merit in the

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knowledge connected with the exercise of their professional duties.—

the assiduity, great ability, and candour he has displayed in drawing up so full, and perspicuous a Statement and which place him in a very honorable point of view that the Medical Board, have been induced to consider it a duty incumbent on them to lose no time in laying it before the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

It affords the Medical Board great pleasure to see also when the fatigues of their more immediate duties do not interfere, that

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that Medical Gentlemen
may thus be induced
to communicate their
information in a more
extensive and effectual
way than could possibly
be done by any other
means and they are
satisfied that there are
many professional Men in the
Department which they
have the honor to
superintend who will
by every similar
opportunity endeavor
to emulate the laudable
example of Doctor
Dunbars and thus supply
the Medical Records and
Service with distinct
accounts of all the
diseases

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diseases incident to the
Country founded on
experience and accurate
Observation—

The Medical
Board have also the
Council desires the Government Copy of a
Medical Board to letter from Mr Read
express to Mr Price Surgeon John Price in
and to the practitioners the province of Canara
acting under his authority accompanied with lists
His Lordships entire of small pox patients
approbation of their (which remain in the
attention to the practice Office of their Board)
of innoculation in the stating the names Sex
province of Canara— Age and Casts of those

The Governor Inoculates by himself
in Council deems it to Mr Cruso &c to the
be expedient to take Number of 860 of which
this occasion of calling two only to be by
the

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the attention of the — the disease owing
Medical Board to the much no doubt to
fatal effects with which the vigilance and
the small pox prevailed Care of those Gentlemen
during the past season whose exertions in
at the Presidency — The the present instance
extent of population — the Medical Board
renders it necessary the beg leave to point out
observance of particular as meritorious and
care in introducing the conspicuous and the
practise of innoculation great pleasure the
at this place but it is — Medical Board have
Lordship in Council — — in Observing the con=
desires that the Medical = tinued advantages
Board will take the attending the practice
earliest opportunity of of innoculation deriving
considering the best — much of its success —
measures which it may from the benevolence
be practicable to adopt and liberal encourage=
for that purpose in = ment originally
order that reasonable means given to by Govern=
ment

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means may be used =ment they cannot
for preserving the allow themselves to
numerous lives which miss any opportunity
are liable to be lost of thus favorably re=
by the natural in= =porting for the infor=
=fection =mation of the Right
Honble the Governor
in Council —
(signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
(signed) F. Gahagan M.D. and
2d Member Medical Board.
Nicol Mein 3d Member
Medical Board.
By order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council —
(signed) Geo Buchan
Secy to Govt

To

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To James Anderson M. D.
Physician General, President
and Members of the
Medical Board.—

Sirs—

Through the very respectable medium of the Head Surgeon of the Northern Division of the Army, your request, that I would communicate to your Board an account of the Sickness which prevailed in the 6th Bengal Regiment, lately on Service in the Province of Ganjam, was duly transmitted to me.—

It will doubtless appear that such a request, delicately bearing the Spirit of an order and originating from so high an Authority, ought to have obtained an earlier compliance: in excuse however for this seeming negligence and real delay, I may, with sincerity plead a multiplicity of professional avocations, arising

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arising from the continual resort of sicks Officers from the interiors of this Province of Ganjam, for the re establishment of their health, and necessarily falling under my care.—

In delivering an history of the several diseases with which this Corps was affected, a prolix detail were altogether superfluous, as they were not so remarkable for the novelty of their causes, or the Anomalous nature of their symptoms, as they were distinguished by the rapidity of their progress, and the fatality of their end; and from an unfortunate combination of the [illegible] of disease, in the inland regions of India, may be deduced those evils which have so justly attracted the attention and excited the inquiry of your Board.—

The 6th Regiment of N. Bengal Native Infantry arrived at Ganjam on

on the 30th of April last, no sickness
prevailing among the Officers or Men — The
resistance to the authority of Government,
and the consequent disorders in the Goomsur
Zemindary demanding an immediate rein=
=forcement; the Regiment, halting a few
days at Ganjam, marched, with all conve=
=nient expedition into that territory; where
it was first attacked by those diseases, which
afterwards proved so widely destructive. —

To enter into any discussion
respecting causes, either predisposing or
exciting, were incompatible with this
branch of the Subject; to give a tedious
narrative of Symptoms, usual in their
kind, however extraordinary in their degree,
were inconsistent with my respect for
Men of extensive experience and en=
=lightened understandings: I shall
therefore content myself with observing
that the diseases which obtained in the
Bengal

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Bengal Camp, during the short campaign in the Poomsur Zemindary, while & ⁊ detachments from that Camp remained at Aska, and from its return to Ganjam on the 14th of July until its final depar= ture here on the 10th of March, may be reduced to the following heads. 1st A continued fever of the Typhus kind. 2nd A Remittent fevers. 3rd a Dysentery and 4th Ulcers, which appeared chiefly in the lower extremities, either spontaneously or from Slight Organic Lesion; they encreased rapidly, always appeared ill-conditioned, and often degenerated into Gangreen, which neither internal nor topical remedies were always able to correct— Of these Ulcers it deserves farther to be remarked that, previous to the setting in of the Rains, they did not shew themselves, and Gun-shot wounds as well as sores, healed in the most favor= able manner. The continued fever

originated

originated solely in Goomsur, while that of the remitted type, although it assuredly might be derived from the same source, yet it was observed not unfrequently to occur at Ganjam.— The salubrious air of the Coast seemed to produce little or no favorable change on the first; its termination was generally fatal; the second readily yielded to the common mode of treat=ment.—

Still more fatal than even this fever, was the Dysentery; it not only raged while the Troops were in the field, but likewise on their return to Ganjam; where the healthiness of the climate and the accommodation of a hospital, might have been and supposed to have abated its violence, of those patients who were cut-off either by Dysentery, or by the Malignant Ulcers, the appearances, on dissections, were in the

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the one, an enlargement of the Mesenteric glands; Slight exulcerations of the internal Coat of the lower intestines, and a thickened state of the cells of the colon. In the other, livid spots along the course of the alimentary canal, plainly indicated the general system to have been invaded by the Gangrenous affection of the limb. The liver exhibited no morbid appearance; nor do I recollect, in the whole course of my attendance, to have heard mention of any symptom connected with a diseased state of that Organ.

Having thus endeavoured shortly to delineate the more prominent features, by which the diseases among the Bengal Sepoys were distinguished; the singular contrast to those diseases, presented by the Native Troops of the Madras Establishments, who were under the influence

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influence of the same climate, exposed to the same fatigue, deserves particular notice — The sick of both establishments had my attendance in the course of the same day, and the almost total exemption of the one from sufferings of the other, forcibly obtruded itself on my attention: the sick of the Madras Corps being only affected with slight fevers of the intermittent or remittent type, which speedily gave way before the operation of a few evacuants, and the subsequent administrations of Peruvian Bark —

The Bengal Sepoy not only shunned the use of animal food, with the religious abhorence inspired by the prejudices of his Caste, but was, during the campaign, addicted to live principally on Gourds & Pompions, and on other vegetable productions of that kind, with which the Country abounds. The Coast Sepoy, on the Contrary, freely indulged

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indulged in the use of Animal food, and seemed to regard those moist and cold fruits, as destructive of health.—

The Bengal Sepoy was also under the dominion of that peculiar depression of mind, known by the name of the Maladie de pays: his fellow Soldiers of the Coast, influenced by no such sensation, was generally full of alacrity and ardour, Of these contrarieties of habit and disposition, the importance towards and more copious elucidation of the nature of the diseases under review, will presently appear.—

The operation of the various Causes affecting the human frame is considerably diversified, as well by the difference of their inherent energies, as by the previous condition of the subjects on which they act; and the degree, if not the kind, of disease is chiefly to

to

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became cold, three days before his exit and were covered with clammy sweats, but a small trembling pulse was still felt at the wrist after the vital warmth was entirely gone - Meantime the parts about the præcordia were hot and burning - His forehead was covered with large drops of sweat and his respiration became severe and laborious and interrupted with frequent sighs in proportion as he approached his exit - On the Morning of the day he died he complained to me that his Eyes represented to him all objects larger than they used to be, shortly after a low muttering Delirium came on and he died about 7 Clock P.M. on the 24th, the tenth day after he had been admitted -

On opening the body after I had made an incision thro the Peritoneum I was astonished to observe a prodigious quantity of perfectly white purulent matter on the outer surface of the Intestines and several morbid collections formed

formed by it on different portions of the Bowels—
which in this way had formed several adhesions
with the Peritonoum; this explained the resis=
tance I met with in separating them— Towards
both Ilia. There were large portions of the colon
thickened, indurated, and eroded thro' its whole
substance. The entire Gut was in a diseased —
state evidently from preceding Inflammation
and its internal coats were either ulcerated or —
ulcerated and discharged thro' several erosions a
black corrupted sanies, into the cavity of the —
abdomen. —

There were red purplish and
inflammatory streaks, running thro' the whole
extent of the small Intestines, and there were
traces of several adhesions with the peritonoum
which had itself apparently been affected
with the beginnings of Inflammation; but
this in the small Intestines, and Peritonoum

and

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had only been symptomatic for there were no mortifi-
=ed spots no erosions and the exterior coats of the
small intestines, which I minutely examined were
perfectly sound.

The most extraordinary circum-
=stance was the state of the Omentum, which was
diseased all thro' but in that part of it which lies
between the lobes of the Liver and Stomach and
which partly covers them it was entirely dissolved
into a black and Mortified Mass; yet the
Stomach was perfectly sound so was the Liver
thro' its whole substance. — This state of the Omen-
=tum accounts for the pain at the edge of the
short ribs as well as for the retching and vomiting

Writers on the puerperal fever
mention the Inflammation of the Omentum as
Boerhaave has mentioned it & Cullen also speaks of it but
I have never before met with it — Severe disorder
may for arose from Inflammation of the bowels

and

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and Omentum and the slight Inflammatory appearances on the small Intestines and Perito= =naeum, were only symptomatic affections occa= =sioned by the condition of the Colon and Omentum.—

In such a disease nothing can save a patient except large and frequent blee= =dings at the very beginning, Price had been several days ill before he reported himself sick, but when a disorder affecting parts so material to life, has once fixed itself, I am afraid there is nothing that will do good. The very few extraordinary recoveries that I have met with from these cases, have been entirely unexpected by me, and such as I had no reason to ascribe any thing to Medicine, but every thing to the powers of the constitution.—

/Signed/ Fra.s Duncan
Surgeon H. M. 36.th Regiment

A true Copy
/Signed/ Wm. Horsman
Act.g Asst. Adj.t Genl.
Extract

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Hospital Board

Dated 9th February 1795

"The Hospital Board aware of the advantage arising to science and humanity by the Statement of the acute Fever, which last Year prevailed at Ellore, and the Physician General having just receives from Mr. Duncan Surgeon to His Majesty's 36th Regiment an account of a singular case of Inflammation of the Bowels, which lately prevailed at Trichinopoly and of which the Copy is enclosed recommend in justice to Mr. Alexander Anderson and Mr. Duncan as well as with a view to excite others to such laudable investigation that Government will signify their Approbation by a Letter from their Secretary to each of these Gentlemen."

Approved

Letters will be written

A true Extract

Sign'd Wm. Horsman

Sec'y Hosp. Board

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Copy of a Letter addressed singly to Messrs Thorpe, M.c Nealance and Price Superintending Surgeons in the Provinces of Malabar — and Canara —

Sir,

The present mode of making out and sending the Returns of the Sick of your Division not being conformably to the Regulations of this Presidency — I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish you with a Form for your future guidance — according to which, you are after collecting the Returns from the different Surgeons — and Assistant Surgeons under your Superintendance to make out Monthly a general one for this Board with full remarks subjoined relative to the causes of the prevailing diseases, and on the most successful Method of treating them —

I am &c.

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy Med.l Board

Med.l Board Office
Fort S.t George
17.th March 1802

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy M.d Bd.

Abstract

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Abstract of Returns of the Sick of the Troops on the

		Remains S.k Return	Cured	D.d	Joined	Dead
Cannanore	Sick of the Bombay Regiments as per Returns of Mr. Asst. Surg.n Allen	51	26	77	17	17
—ditto—	D.o of Battalion Artillery as per D.o —— D.o ——	1	5	11	2	2
—ditto—	D.o 2.d Battalion 2.d Reg.t as per Return of Mr. Asst. Surgeon Collett	115	65	170	70	7
Montana	D.o 2.d Battalion 8.th Reg.t as per d.o of Mr. Surgeon Carnegie	76	32	114	33	9
Wynaad	D.o Pioneer Corps as per Return of Mr. Asst. Surgeon Inverarity	86	74	160	20	7
Cannanore Hospital	Native Corps as per Return of Mr. Asst. Surgeon Nelson	12	36	48	16	2
	Artillery Lascars as per d.o d.o —— d.o ——	18	9	27	17	1
Total		366	241	607	165	45

Remarks

The prevailing diseases of this Month are Flux Fever and Fever the heat of the Climate and the usual fatigue a Soldier is exposed to—

In the treatment of recent cases of Flux we generally commence with emmetics or purges, an opiate is then given, we Camphor Mixtures & Laxatives as Salts or Castor Oil to relieve the tenesmus which is very trouble some. The occasional use of opiates in Camphor Mixtures and Fomentations or Epistame is applied for early we have found commonly successful; but in cases of bad Spirits, the Symptoms have been so rapid in their progress that

In the treatment of Hepatitis a Laxative is generally first given then use of Calomel or Mercurial Pills Blisters to the part affected occasional Laxatives the Mouth becomes affected with the Mercury.

The cases of Fever at present in this Division are chiefly among to the Coast the disease was commonly but of a mild general Nature suffered considerably effect if not accompanied with the use of Calomel.

A true Copy

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Northern Division Malabar for the Month of March 1802

Ulcers	Rheumatism	Remittent	Intermittent	Consumption	Rheumatism	Fever	Accidents	Opthalmia	Itch	Anasarca	Dysentery	Abscess	Leprosy	Inoculation for small pox	Mortification	Venereal	Discharged	Deceased	Remaining 1st April
15	7	11	1	1	9	4	"	1	1	1	2	"	"	"	"	39	1		37
3	"	"	"	"	2	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	"		5
48	10	1	"	5	3	2	"	10	"	1	3	2	7	1	"	81	"		89
28	30	1	"	4	2	3	1	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	76	1		37
104	12	"	"	1	"	9	4	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	65	"		95
12	10	"	"	5	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	1		41
2	3	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15	1		11
212	71	13	2	17	17	19	7	15	1	2	5	2	7	1	2	288	4		315

in the production of which no other general cause can be assigned than

by giving repeated Small doses of Neutral Salts with Tartar Emetic till
three or four drams of Mercurial Ointment rubbed in twice a day occasional
some Glysters with Tincture Opii - and Starch Mucilage are administeries
Blisters to relieve the griping. — This Mode of treatment in cases where
some instances where the disease has been brought on by excessive drinking
Gangrane of the intestines has quickly taken place in spite of all remedies —
three or four Drams of Mercurial Ointment rubbed in twice a day. — The internal
and opiates, in the course of the cure, which is commonly obtained a short time after

Patients who sometime back had Intermittents in Wynaad and Cotiote; on Removal
they have had frequent Relapses — In these cases the Bark has been found of little —

(Signed) J. McNeelance
Super. Surgeon N. D. Malabar

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Sen. Med. Bd.

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Abstract of Returns of the Sick of the Troops in the

		Remain 1st. March	Entered	Total	Cured	Died	Invalided	Deserted	Transferred	Remained	Consumptive	Rheumatism
Cochin	Sick of Bombay C. Regt as per return of Mr Surgeon Mackie	26	38	64	7	2	6	"	7	"	"	2
—do—	Do 2nd Batt 8th N. Regt as per do of Mr Asst Surgeon Robertson	44	60	104	7	1	16	"	12	"	"	"
—do—	Garrison as per Return of Mr Surgeon Meek	"	"	14	"	"	2	"	5	5	1	"
Angarrypaw	1st Batt 2d Regt N. I. as per return of Mr Surgeon White	68	51	119	4	5	12	"	8	1	1	2
Calicut	2d Batt 5th Regt as per return of Mr Asst Surgeon Perrin	43	63	106	7	2	12	"	16	2	2	2
Total		181	212	407	25	10	48	"	48	6	4	6

By the remarks of the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons on the Diseases Fevers have in general been of a mild nature, but Mr. Mackie informs me that with the Europe heat of the Weather and by the Men being more than usually exposed to the Suns influence and saline Laxative Medicines — The fluxes have also in general been mild most yielding been treated agreeable to the general mode of Practice, and in several cases of Chronic and when a Number of other local applications had failed —

Calicut 5th April 1802

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Southern Division of Malabar for the Month of March 1802

Scurvy	Liver	Palsy	Piles	Accidents	Opthalmia	Cold	Suppressed Menses	Bite of a Dog	Sick	Anasarca	Debility	Burns	Cancer	Epilepsy	Convalescent	Bite of Snake	Discharged	Deceased	Remains 31st March
"	2	2	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	33	1	30
"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	62	1	41
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	14
3	2	"	1	2	4	"	"	"	1	"	4	"	"	"	10	"	61	2	56
"	"	"	"	3	1	2	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	50	1	55
3	4	2	2	5	6	4	"	"	12	1	"	"	"	"	10	"	206	"	196

Remarks—

On the Coast of Malabar there does not appear any Specific frequency of Disease; with the Natives the same Regiment at Cochin they were Chiefly Inflammatory which he attributes to the extreme while preparing for review — Three cases Required Bleeding the rest Yeilding to Antimonials to gentle Purges of Castor Oil, or Neutral Salts with occasional opiates.— The Venereals have taken the Sores being washed with a Weak Solution of Nitric acid, has effected a cure

(Signed) Jon. Thorpe
Super. Assistant Surgeon S. D.
Malabar

A true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy. Medl. Board

To

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To Henry Harris Esqr.

Head Surgeon Masulipatam and

Northern Division of the Army

Sir

1 I am directed by the Medical Board to desire that you will intimate to Mr. Surgeon George Dunbar, how agreeable and satisfactory it will be to them his transmitting through you Medium, an account of the nature of the disease that so seriously prevailed in the 6th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry in the Ganjam district, and to which he had been ordered to give his professional assistance in the Month of October last—

2 The Medical Board are particularly desirous to know the generally supposed cause, or causes and symptoms of this disease as well as the means most successfully followed in the

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the treatment of it—

Med.l Board Office
Fort St. George
19th March 1802

I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secry. Medl Board

A true Copy

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy. M. B.d

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Minute of the Commander in Chief

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Innes Commanding the 2nd Battalion of the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry covering an application from Captain Cooper of that Regiment to be transferred to the Invalid establishment — The Motives which have induced Captain Cooper to make this application are fully detailed in these Letters, and the Commander in Chief recommends compliance with Captain Coopers Request —

Minute of the commander in Chief submits a letter from — — in — — the Officer commanding the 2d Battalion of the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry covering an application from Captn Cooper of that Regiment to be transferred to the Invalid Establishment and recommends that it may be complied with & submits Letters from Lieut.s Russell of the 3d Regt. of Native Cavalry and Lieut.s Sinclair of the 2d Batt.n 13th Regiment requesting to resign the adjutancies of those corps & recommends that their resignations may be accepted and that Lieutenant West

Lieutenants Russell of the 3d Regiment

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Lt. Sinclair of the 2nd. Battalion 13th. Regiment of N. Infantry have requested permission to resign the adjutancies of those Corps. These Letters to the Offrs. Commanding those Corps are now laid before the Board. The Commander in Chief recommends that their resignation be accepted and that the following appointments may in consequence take place.

3rd. Regiment of Native Cavalry

Lieutenant Mark West to be adjutant vice Ruffel, resigned.

2nd. Battalion 13th. Regiment N. Infantry

Lieutenant J. M. Whyte to be Adjutant vice Sinclair resigned.

In consequence of the great augmentation to His Majesty's Regiments of Light Dragoons, Horses for the Recruits shortly expected from Europe have been allotted to the three

Lt West to be appointed adjutant to the 3d Regiment and Lieutenant J Whyte to be adjutant to the 2d Regiment states that in consequence of the augmentation to H M Regiment of Cavalry Horses for the Recruits expected from Europe have been allotted to those Corps and submits an Extract of a letter from the Offrs commanding H M 19th Regiment to the Offrs commanding ors. myself requesting permission to entertain the following Recruits to attend the Horses until the arrival of the recruits and recommends that the necessary authority may be given for that purpose. Reports the number of Horses that have been sent to the Cavalry Corps by casting committee and recommends that they may be disposed of as they become unserviceable the number of Horses the Agent has delivered for the remounts of the cavalry and their distribution to Corps recommends promotions are consequence of the deaths of Captain Lieutenant & Cornet to

those Corps in the distribution of the Remount Cat
lately recivdd from the Agent.— The Officer Com=
=manding His Majesty's 19.th Regiment has on
this subject addressed the Officer Commanding
in Mysore for permission to entertain the fol=
=lowers requisite to attend the Horses untill the
arrival of the expected recruits.— an Extract from
that Letter the Commander in Chief now submits
to the Board, and recommends that authority be
given for entertaining the necessary followers for
the care of the Horses Supernumerary to the
present strength in Men of His Majestys 19.th &
25.th Regiments of Light Dragoons.

The Commander in Chief reports
to the Board that by Casting Committees assem=
=bled in conformity to the Regulations the
undermentioned Horses have been Cast in the
Cavalry Corps serving under this Presidency, as
unfit for the Service— Viz.t

In

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	Horses
In His Majesty's 19th Regt Light Dragoons	44
25th ——— Ditto	39
The Right Honorable the Governors Body Guard	6
The 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry	4
2nd Ditto ——— Ditto	55
3rd Ditto ——— Ditto	38
4th Ditto ——— Ditto	37
5th Ditto ——— Ditto	36
6th Ditto ——— Ditto	13
7th Ditto ——— Ditto	13
Total	285

The Commander in Chief recommends that the Necessary instructions may be given to the Paymasters of Stations to receive and dispose of these unserviceable Horses without delay—

The Agent for the purchase of Horses has delivered for the Remount of the Cavalry 485 which have been examined by Committees and approved of as fit for the service— and 44 Horses tendered

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tendered for sale at a Moderate price and perfectly fit for the Dragoons have been received with the sanction of the Commander in Chief towards completing the Establishment of the 19th. Regiment: making the total Number of the Remount 489 Horses, nearly sufficient to complete the Corps to their present establishment.—

Of this Number Forty one have been selected by Officers conformably to the indulgence allowed by the established regulations — 41

Allotted to complete the Body Guard — 40

To H. Majesty's 19th. Dragoons — 193

Ditto — 25th — Do. — 203

Remain to be distributed (lately received at the Presidency) — 12

Total of Remount — 489.

This detail the Commander in Chief has thought it necessary to submit to Government —

In consequence of the death of Captain

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Captain Lieutenant J. R. Mac Donald the Com-
-mander in Chief recommends that the following
Promotion may take place—

12th. Regiment Native Infantry—

Lieutenant F. Pollock to be Captain
Lieutenant vice Mac Donald deceased — date of
Rank 26th. May 1802—

8th. Regiment of Native Infantry—

Ensign R. Fenwick to be Lieutenant
date of Rank to be settled hereafter—

1st. June 1802 (Signed) J. Stuart

To the Adjutant General of the Army
Fort St. George

Sir

I am transmitting to you the accompanying
Letter dated the 19th. Instant from Captain C. T.
Cooper of the 2d. Battalion 13th. Regiment Native
Infantry to be laid before the Commander-in-Chief
it is my duty to express my approbation of the
very

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very honorable and considerate motives which have influenced Captain Cooper to sacrifice his flattering prospects in the effective line and to recommend his request and case to the consideration of His Excellency — in doing which I have particular satisfaction in stating, that I found him on all occasions ready for his duty, and willing and attentive in performing it to the utmost of his power, so much so, that he never spared himself where his personal exertions were necessary — and persevered in his duty throughout the service the Corps he belongs to was lately employed on, tho he suffered severely from the hill Fever and great distress and anxiety from the impediment he has so justly stated — I beg you will represent to the Commander in Chief, that it will be very gratifying to me and to every Officer of the Battalion should Captain Coopers request be complied, to see his transfer to the Invalids expressed in such terms as

may

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may be soothing to that Officers feelings on this

occasion.

Dindigul
22nd. May 1802

(Signed) Jas. Innes Lieut Col.
Comg 2nd Batt. 15th Regt. N. Dindigul

To Lieutenant Colonel Innes

Commanding 2nd. Battalion 15th Regiment

Native Infantry

Sir,

Impressed with the sense of a natu=
=ral defect as a Military Man under which I la=
bour from an insurmountable impediment in my
speech, which in the Constant desire of fullfilling
the duties of My situation, has at all times been a
source of the deepest regret and having attained=
that Rank in the Army which renders me liable to
be called forward on occasions when prompt and
decisive orders may be absolutely necessary I think
it my Duty in justice to Myself, to the Service &
to the inferior Officers who are subject to be placed
under

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under My Command to request you will make
known my situation to his Excellency the Commander in Chief and solicit for me the indulgence of being placed on the Invalid Establishment in which situation when called upon, I trust as far as my abilities (under the impediment I labour) extend still to be of service.

It has been my constant endeavour since I joined the Corps under your Command to afford you every satisfaction in My power in the execution of my Duty and I have every reason from the tenor of your conduct towards me to hope I have so far succeeded I therefore trust you will explain morefully to the Commander in Chief that as far as depended on personal exertion and inclination My conduct has been such as to merit your approbation.

Signed C. S. Cooper Captain
2d Batt. 13th Regiment
Native Infantry

Dindigul
19th of May 1802

To

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To Captain Dunn

Commanding the 3d. Regiment Native Cavalry

Sir.

I beg you will have the goodness to forward to the Commander in Chief my request of his permission to resign the Adjutancy of the Regiment.

Camp near Boothpoor
17th. May 1802

(Signed) Sam. Russell Lieut.
& Adjutant 3d. Regt. N. Cavalry

To Lieutenant Colonel Innes

Commanding 2nd. Battalion 13th. Regiment
Native Infantry

Sir

I am sorry to be under the necessity in consequence of the bad state of health I have lately laboured under to solicit permission to resign my appointment as Adjutant to the 2d. Battalion 13th. Regiment Native Infantry, a situation which from the reason above mentioned I cannot with satisfaction

to

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/ to myself perform the duties of, I have therefore to
request you will be so good as transmit my applica=
=tion to Head Quarters for the information of the
Commander in Chief, and I trust it will meet with
his Excellency's approbation —

/Signed/ Geo. Sinclair Lieut.
& Adjt. 2d. Battalion 13th. Regt.
Native Infantry

Dindigul
24th. May 1802

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell
to the Honorable Colonel Wellesley dated May 20th. 1802 —

"In Consequence of the distribution
ordered to be made of the Remount Horses, there will
be Two hundred and one, put on the strength of
the 19th. Light Dragoon for which Horse Keepers and
Grass Cutter will be required, as also for four Horses
offered for sale which you inform me will be pur=
=chased, Making in the whole (205) Two hundred
and five Horses, in addition to our present Number —

I have to request you will be pleased
to obtain the sanction of Government, to entertain —

and

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and draw pay for followers of both descriptions equal to the abovementioned Number of Horses until the arrival and joining of the Men Composing the Augmentation of the Regiment

A true Extract

(Signed) P. A. Agnew

Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Resolutions on the foregoing Minute & its enclosures

Resolved that Captain Cooper be transferred to the non effective Establishment agreeably to his request, and that the different resignations, appointments and promotions recommended in the foregoing Minute do take place

Resolved to give authority to the Officers Commanding the 19th and 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons for entertaining the proportion of followers required for the care of the supernumerary horses at present attached to those Corps

Resolved that the Military Paymaster General be directed to issue immediate instructions

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instructions to the Paymasters of the different sta=
=tions for the sale of the above mentioned Cast
horses by public auction.—

Read the following Letter from

the Military Board—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Letters from the Secretary to Govern=
=ment in the Military Department dated the
29th April, 1st 13th and 21st Instant and from the
Secretary to Government in the Public Department
dated the 8th Instant, and to report that the ne=
=cessary Orders have been given in consequence of
the instructions they severally contained—

2 Do

We enclose for your Lordships
information Copy of a Statement furnished—
by the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency—
from

From the Military Board acknowledging the receipt of various Letters and reporting that the necessary orders have been issued in consequence. Forwarding Copy of a Statement from the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency containing an account of the supply of Stores sent from Bengal and the amount which had been sold at the Presidency and which is left in hand. Enclosing Copy of a letter from the acting Engineer on the Eastern Division explaining the reasons of his applying for an extraordinary advance of

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of Cash on account of works at Dindigul and recommend that it be granted to have recommend payment of enclosed Bills &c.

From which it appears that of the 2000 Garce[s] of Paddy intended to have been sent from Tanjore last Year only 1075 Garce 378 Marcals more im= ported that rather more than 6/ Garce has been sold that without adding any thing on account of godown hire whilst it has been in Store if the amount of wastage to the 31st Oc= tober last be added to the Sales its original cost at Madras exceeds the Price at which it has been disposed of by farrans 31. 36½ per Garce and that there remains in Store 1201 Garce and upwards =

3d. We also enclose Copy of a letter from the acting Engineer in the Southern Division explaining the reasons of his applying for an extraordinary advance of Cash on account of works at Dindigul the amount of which is Pagodas 3378. 6. 14 and which We recom= mend should be paid to him =

We

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We also recommend Payment of the following enclosed Bills Viz.t

No. 1 Bill of the Officer Commanding Ryacottah for expences incurred in forwarding Military Stores from that Station to Nundidroog amounting to Pagodas 154.19.10.—

No. 2 Bill for expences incurred in the demolition of the Fortress of Amee amounting to Pagodas 461.13.40.—

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

Fort St. George
25th May 1802.

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

Statement

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Statement of Paddy received by the Garrison average rate at which it has been stored and dispat

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Paddy received into Store from the Province of Tanjore - - - - -

Freight and charges on shipping the above quantity - - - - - - - - -

Boat hire and other charges on landing and storing Do. - - - - -

Total - - - - -

Deduct Wastage in Store to 31st. October 1801 - - - - - - - - - - -

Paddy Sold to Asylum - - - - - - - - - -

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Storekeeper from the Province of Tanjore and the shed of viz.t.—

Garce	Mer Seer		Average rate			Pags	Fs	Cs
			Ps	Fs	Cs			
1285	378	" @	25.	26.	11¾	Fs. Garce	32949	7 "
"	"	" @	4.	31	55½	Fs. Do.	6814	7 20
"	"	" @	2.	21	49¾	Fs. Do.	3233	37 11
1285	378	" @	32.	37.	37	Fs. Do.		42297 9 31
16	29	" @	Do.	"	Fs.	Do.	528	27 40
22	"	" @	Mean 11			Fs. Pagoda	800	" "
46	102	9½ @	Different prices as Fs. Weekly report the average rate being per Garce Pagodas 29. 39. 30½				1325	42 15
84	131	9½ @	32.	6.	2¼	per Garce	2710	27 55
1201	246	2½					39586	23 56

1st May 1802

(Signed) J. Kennorthy
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy

(Signed) John Macleane
Secy Mily Board

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To the President and Members
of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

The second advance of one-
third of the Estimates for the execution of the works
at Dindigul being nearly expended, and not having
it in my power to advance the Sum requisite for
completing them, I am under the necessity of —
addressing you and requesting in consideration
of the peculiar circumstances in which I am placed,
the favor of having the remaining third advanced
me for that purpose —

I beg leave to state that these
Works were undertaken by Lieutenant De Havilland
who being called away on other duties a few days
after they were commenced, has never been at Dind-
-igul for above three or four days together since
that time —

As long as that Officer remains
in

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in this Country, I considered him as he himself did the Responsible person, and obeyed all his directions in Regard to this particular Work though the whole of the trouble of the execution of it was mine.

But as he has left the Country without making any provision for the advance of the Money, Requisite to complete the Works the Responsibility has accidentally fallen to me. but as it is utterly out of my power to advance so large a Sum, I am under the necessity of Requesting this indulgence.

I beg leave to refer to the Proceedings of the last Committee of Survey on these Works, as a proof of the goodness of the Work that had then been executed, and trust that the Report of any Committee you may be pleased to order either now, or at any future period will be equally favorable.

If this Request is granted the works

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Works will be completed by the Month of October next.

Trichinopoly
17th May 1802

(Signed) G. Bradley Lieut
Engrs. & Actg Engr. 2d Divn

A true Copy

(Signed) John. Macleane
Secy. Mily. Board

Remarks thereon

Resolved to inform the Military Board that it is considered unnecessary to retain in Store the quantity of grain on hand and to consider that Measures may be taken for the disposal of it at the least practicable loss to the Company.

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

The following letter from Colonel Brown bearing returned from circulation is ordered to be recorded.

To

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To the Chief Secretary.

to Government

Sir

I beg you will lay my letter of this date with the accompanying Appendix and Copy of Letter to me from the Secretary to Government which I have the honor herewith to enclose before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with my request, that in event of his Lordships approval, they may be transmitted to the Most Noble the Governor General in Council with such recommendation to favorable notice, as the circumstances candidly stated in my letter, may to His Lordship in Council appear to merit

I have further to request that they may be honored with a place in the despatches of Government to the Honorable the Court of Directors; in order that my professional Character may be relieved from every unfavorable imputation, and re-placed

From Colonel Brown Forwarded the explanations required of him in letter of the 6th September 1799 regarding his conduct while under the command of the Southern Detachment during the late War together with other papers connected with the subject

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replaced I trust upon that foundation which by so
long and uninterrupted a course of Zealous and disinte-
=rested service I have uniformly endeavored to establish.

Trichinopoly
30.th April 1802

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) A Brown
Colonel

To the Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort S. George

Sir,

In proceeding to obey the commands of
Government notified to me under date 4.th September
1799 I am duly impressed with a sense of the indul-
=gent forbearance of the Most Noble the Governor
General in Council, relative to the long apparently
blameable, but unhappily for me unavoidable en-
=delay in furnishing the explanations required by
that Letter —

I was prevented from going into the
explanations by the absence of Letters importantly connected
with

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with them which had been given me by me
to the Commander in Chief on arrival of the
Southern Detachment at Seringapatam —
and was still with Lieutenant Colonel Fy
=nee who had it not in his power to return
Appendix A Home to me until the 5th of October, at which
time I was stretched on a bed of sickness
afflicted by intermittens which enfeebled
my mind and laboring under confirmed infir=
=mities that wholly disqualified me for
writing —

In this deplorey and disastrous
state of my health the short intervals of
convalescence were so rapidly succeeded by
relapses of Ague and fever caught upon
service amongst the hills on the Northern
Appendix B Circars imminently endangering my life that
it was not until after the separation of
many Months that I had sufficient re=
=mental

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mental vigor entirely to investigate the abuses
-pations of Government
-block by such unexpected
failure of my endeavours and best exer-
-tions in securing the confidence and
approbation of the most Noble the
Governor General in Council I was over-
-whelmed with sorrow astonishment or
an exhaustive combination of the
obstacles I had to surmount and with
unwearied perseverance for which I
-nuance of my Maladies am above plead
an excuse — I have unhappily delayed
from day to day until the present hour
to make this specific acknowledgment
It were perhaps superfluous to add
that all the principles of my life the
meditations of my Chamber as a Scholar
and as a confidential Officer of Government
are

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were equally interested in an early explanation,
and Hence had I been competent to the task
I was mitigated by every motive of honorable
pride and of justice to myself to have dis-
=charged that duty —

Such is the plain and can-
=did avowal of the actual impediments —
which obstructed my intentions; and it —
remains only for me to deprecate the just —
displeasure of Government by entreating their
lenient consideration of an omission, which
possibly has already been accompanied by its
own full measure of punishment. —

I have repeatedly perused, with
the utmost deference and respectful attention
the propositions contained under eight distinct
heads in the letter from Government of date
4th September 1799. and although my anxious
solicitude to fulfill the commands of the —

Most

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merited vigor calmly to investigate the intri-

gates of Government —

Struck by such unexpected

factions of my enemies and best ser-

vices in securing the confidence and

approbation of the Most Noble the

Governor General in Council I was over-

whelmed with sorrow which operating on

an habitual constitution of ill health

obstacles I had to surmount and with

weakness for which I was unprepared to

encounter all

manner of my maladies ever alone plead

an excuse — I have culpably delayed

from day to day until the present hour

to make this simple acknowledgment

It were perhaps superfluous to add —

that all the principles of my life the

consideration of my character as a Soldier

and as a confidential Officer of Government are

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and Hence had I been competent to the task
I was mitigated by every motive of honorable
pride and of justice to myself to have dis=
=charged that duty —

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=did avowal of the actual impediments —
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lenient consideration of an omission, which
possibly has already been accompanied by its
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heads in the letter from Government of date
4.th September 1799. and although my anxious
solicitude to fulfill the commands of the
Most

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Most Noble the Governor General in Council

would naturally prompt me to undertake a

separate reply to each article. yet as the gener-

-al bearing of that letter seems wholly to

misstate my conduct, whilst I am only incon-

-test to elucidate special circumstances whose

the discrimination are nice, where the connec-

-ting link of inferences is rather lost or broken

where insulated and abstract queries if not

seperately explained might lead to deductions

unfavorable to my public measures I hum-

-bly propose to offer my justification on a

broader basis—

In presuming thus to deviate

from the method prescribed by the Most

Noble the Governor General in Council I most

respectfully implead his forgiveness; but confi-

-ent that the sole object in the present en-

-quiry is detection of error misconduct crimes or

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or more happily the establishment of rectitude by the disclosure of truth; I have full confi=dence that the wisdom and impartial justice of Government will afford deliberate attention to a recital of facts which comprehending the entire subject of investigation presents perhaps a clearer view of the Motives of My conduct than it were possible to collect from individual and disjointed points —

Although the delay in the equipment of the Southern Detachment protracted the period for taking the field considerably beyond the time in which My first and sanguine expectations disposed me to hope it would have been prepared; yet the infinite variety of unexpected wants which continually occurred, the exhausted state of the public stores arising from the heavy demands previously made on the

annual

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several defects; the total deficiency of tents, the augmentation of the original force by a Comp. of Foot Artillery; Five Companies of His Majesty's 19th. Foot, and by the two Troops of Cavalry, Ordered to be Raised under Lieuts. Montgomery (none of which had been calculated for in the first arrangement) were obviously the immediate causes, which retarded the movement of the detachment until the 29th. of March; that I should not have thought it necessary to recapitulate them on this occasion, especially as His Lordship in Council is pleased to admit that these causes of delay seemed to be unfavorable but for the purpose of bringing the whole subject under one general view.

As early therefore as my unceasing exertions, aided by the Zealous cooperation of the heads of Corps and Departments

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enabled the Detachment to move with efficiency

C hastened to accomplish the various objects

detailed in my instructions.

Carcor was seized on the 5th Inst

D this time the projected route of the supplies

Collecting by Lieutenant Colonel Read under-

went a change which necessarily involved

considerable delay, by obliging him to retrace

the ground he had advanced towards Colar. He

was now determined to attack Seringapatam

from the South and as the Bonjarries would

thus have been greatly exposed on the north

Lieutenant Colonel Read determined to ad-

vance on the Southern side of the Cavery

Lieutenant Colonel Read judged

he could reach Cavery-pooram about the 20th of

April, but he added "Sahey it will be un-

necessary to be there so soon as Cattle, arrack

&c &c are yet to come from the Presidency"

Thos

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This letter was received at the
moment when the urgent affectations and
alarming statements from Mr. Colletts in
Appendix F Hindia regarding the dangerous progress of
an hostile force on the western frontier
under Ghazzee Caun a partizan of and
in the service of Tippoo Sultaun abetted
by the secret machinations of the Court
of Poligar, excited in my mind a serious
apprehension that the most fatal conse-
quences might result to the interests of
the entire valuable provinces south of the
Coleroon if that landable were not instantly
crushed and the spirit of insurrection speedily
quelled by the prompt application
of a commanding force.

Although the communi-
cations from Mr. Hindia had been for
Appendix F ground during any preparatory arrangements

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at Trichinopoly, and were strongly expres-
sive of the importance he attached to
speedy and competent aid being granted
for the preservation of Pylaey and Per-
=reatta (which had actually been attacked)
and the adjacent Countries from rapine —
I was encouraged to hope that the Troops
in the Field, under Major Lindsay would
have proved equal to the Task nor did I
deem it expedient to harass Government, as
stated in my letter to Mr. Secretary Webbe
of 26th March with Reports on a subject
which I considered to be within the —
scope of my duty and meant to terminate
successfully —

Appendix F

Appendix G

When affairs assumed a —
more threatening appearance I directed
a large portion of the force belonging
to His Highness the Nizam under my
orders

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Appendix G orders to join and act with Major Lindsay but they exposed to Branch under frivolous pretences and as Mr. disorder was observed progressively augmented I was constrained to assert to a decisive Movement—

Circumstances as affairs were at this crisis I considered myself bound in my allegiance and by the sacred duty I owed to the public not to endanger its interests by hesitating to act upon my responsibility & determined to move to Arracconeeby—

But that decision was not left unfluenced by my sense of the extreme importance of insuring the safety of the southern Countries from the apprehension that I should have incurred to cooperate with Colonel Read at the date he had proposed For neither of that or any other

Appendix H

other period had I lost sight for one mo-
=ment of such ultimate Evacuation and
my correspondence with him invariably
stated that every consideration must yield
to that object.—

Under the views which he
presented of the probable arrival of his
detachment at Caverypooram, it seemed
warrantable to calculate that incidental
Appendix D obstacles independently of his possible
resolution to wait for the expected supp-
=lies of arrack, Cattle &c. &c. from Ana-
=dras might protract his arrival until the
end of the Month, and by that time I
presumed the detachment under my Orders
would also have reached it.—

Lieutenant Colonel Read it
is true arrived at Caverypooram on the
Appendix I 20th. of april but although he immediately
resolved

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resolved on pushing forward to Hoonoor[e] a considerable portion of her supplies was not exceeding on the 1st. May when the Southern Detachment arrived at Caverip[a]ut and after surmounting the first ad-
vancing to Condelly. I was actually com-
pelled of halting the Detachment
one day (3 May) for the express purpose
they being still on the rear of admitting
their junction and consequently their safety
As the Magnitude of the ser-
vice effected by my movement to Cavare-
=couchy, cannot I trust be questioned;
and as in fact no material delay in the deliv-
=ry of the object resulted therefrom or as much
as it appears from the deposition of the
Bufs of Cavery[pa]ut and the non-arrival
of a large portion of the supplies on the
1st. May. that they could not have been
forwarded

Affidavit
I

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forwarded earlier even had both the Detach=
=ments arrived on the 20th of April I submit
with the utmost deference to the judgement
of the Most Noble the Governor General in
Council whether any conduct on that occa=
=sion was not sanctioned by the ground=
=s on which it was undertaken, by the public
spirit of its motives by the success of its
effects and by the final result of my
arrival at Cuvery pauram.

This reasoning is confined
to the presumption of my having acted
on my sole responsibility but my pass=
=ed instructions were "to profess myself
"of Coroor and Erode to seize the Coimbatore
"Country, that professing its resources and
Appendix C "Communicating with Lieutenant Colonel
"Read, I might be provided with him in
"Collecting cattle, sheep, and grain — and
afterwards

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afterwards proceed to embrace the several
districts of Coimbatore as far as circumstan-
ces will admit.

Seeking the field under
such definite instructions the line of my
conduct seemed clear. The aspect of the
opening Campaign of the Grand Army
appeared at that period to my apprehen-
sion in no degree to render any alteration
necessary in my exercise of the latitude
the instructions afforded, or to sanction
the relinquishment of the Specific objects
of any first operations.

As Lieutenant Colonel Read
knowledge of the supplies with the com-
bined Armies was I had come to think
confined to those which had moved with
Lieutenant General Harris and as I had
access to a source of information regarding
those

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Those sent from Malabar. I was grieved
-ed in believing that they were in the
aggregate more extensive, than he had
estimated and the quantity of grain re-
-ported by Lieutenant General Stuart
that would be left on the ground of the
Bombay army the day previous to its re-
-turn to Malabar after the siege of
Seringapatam sanctioned this assumption*
To confident was my belief
-ance that the supply for the grand
army was adequate for a longer period
than the end of April that I wrote to
Major Cuppage at Sankerydroog to em-
-ploy all the carriage he could command

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* Lieutenant General Stuart in my hearing
directed Lieutenant Colonel Close to report to Genl
Harris on the 1st. of May that he should leave a very
considerable quantity. I think 3000 bags of Rice on the ground

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to convey grain instead of rice of which as

I then believed there was abundance with

the army —

On the latter one part of

my instructions on the received principle

of warfare on the existing relation of

affairs, the apparent certainty of timely

cooperation with Lieutenant Colonel

Read; but above all — on the purest and

most disinterested motives for the public

service I considered myself as having no

option but to act as I did —

Although the operations

above the Ghauts were combined on that

that human wisdom could devise to ensure

success, still they might have been

protracted, and the wants of the grand

army might have demanded co-operation

of supplies —

How

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Those supplies my instruc-

tions specifically state "were eventually

"to be perhaps solely drawn from the

Appendix C "Baramahal, the Coimbatore, and the southern

"Countries."

Had I proceeded direct

Appendix F from Carroor to Erode without affording

the assistance Mr. Collector Hurdis requires,

it was his opinion that a system of rapine

and desolation would be carried to the

Gates of Madura.

If unfortunately those

assumptions had been realized I should

have deemed not only my fidelity, my

Zeal and my judgement, but also my obe-

dience of orders exposed to impeachment.

Such at least I solemnly

declare was my conception of my duty and

I appeal to the whole tenor of my public

life

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life to support the operation

When the object in view

from the Movement was accomplished

by the dispersion of the enemy and

their plan of operations frustrated by

the Capture and possession of the fort

of Avancouchy the Detachment im-

mediately returned and although the

earnest personal and reiterated solici-

tations of Mr. Collector Hodges urged

my advance in a Southerly direction

from Avancouchy to Chucklagherry

I unitedly yielded all further objects in

that quarter under the determination of

immediately joining Sir Eyre and Colonel

Read at Covery from in consequence of

his letter of the 8th of April

My letter to Mr. Secretary

Hobbe fully establishes this fact for I

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Appendix M

State" but from this I am unavoidably diverted
"by letters received yesterday and this day from
"Lieutenant Colonel Read from Kistnagerry
"advising me of his expectation of being at
"Cavery pooram on the 20th and wishing my
"arrival there by that time, or as soon after
"as circumstances may admit and the safe
"and speedy escort of his abundant supplies
"being the first and most important object
"every possible attention on my part shall
"be given to favour it; by speedy junction
"with Lieutenant Colonel Read and by every
"means to encrease the supplies now with-
"the Colonel"—

My operations from the date
of that letter were wholly regulated by
the most earnest desire of joining Lieutenant
Colonel Read and with the exception of
some inevitable impediments occasioned
by

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Appendix N.

by the distressing want of the auxiliary troops of His Highness the Peishwa, who were unprovided with Bazaar and means of subsistence as also from other casual exigencies inseparable from the nature of the service the movement of the Detachment did not suffer any delay or deviation on the prosecution of that object.

Having now fully stated the public principles by which I have been governed under the circumstances of my conduct of the Southern Detachment I trust I may be permitted to exhibit to the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, a review of the private motives which may be assumed as influencing my measures. These may be reduced to two Intended emolument derived from

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remote or personal gratification in the exercise of seperate command —

That I did not derive the advantage of one Pagoda from the Bazar or the sale of Arrack in the Camp of the Southern Detachment I declare upon the honor of a soldier — or more comprehensively that I did not receive Immediately or immediately one Pagoda during the whole period of my command, excepting my pay and allowances from Government.

Although my claims as right were founded on the most solid ground of actual and considerable expenditure I never made a demand for or received any remuneration under the head of "secret service" as the public accounts will testify —

I further declare upon my word

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word of honor that during the whole course
of My services for three and thirty years
in India I never was engaged in any co
money loans or transactions with the co
natives of the Country and consequently
could have no interest in prolonging or
establishing my authority in the Southern
Districts, beyond what a sense of duty
demanded.—

But admitting that I co
could be actuated by the speculation both
of personal gratification in the exercise
of command and of private views of emo
=lument, would not the acceptance of the
large force under Lieutenant Colonel Ba
Read (who was my junior in the servic
(and consequently with his Detachment
must have come under my immediate
Command) have prevented irretrievable mis
fort

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incitement to those objects —

These doubtless are unhap-
=pily instances of subordinate officers —
accused of counteracting the publick ser-
=vice by evading a junction, or defeat-
=ing co-operation with their superiors
but perhaps the case is unique with —
regard to the accusation or implication
of a superior —

I have already adverted
to the tenor of my life in support of my
public principles, no occasion of less mo-
=ment than the present could have —
extorted from me such an appeal. This
is no ordinary explanation, and I am —
persuaded that the equity of the Most
Noble the Governor General in Council
will readily sanction my resorting to
every honorable means of establishing in

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the minds of those who are to decide on
my conduct a just impression of my
general views —

I will not on the present
occasion of His Lordship's indulgence offer
tedious narrations of my services during
the uninterrupted period of thirty three
Years but on this to me momentous occa-
sion a cursory view of my Military life
will not I hope be deemed foreign, inap-
plicable or obtrusive —

In the Year 1769 I arri-
ved at Madras a Cadet from Eu-
rope since which time I have never
been from duty past or present
excepting twice and then only for
three and five Months on occasions of private duty †
Volunteering the service against Tanjore

† In 1776 for 3 Months to Chingleput to Tanjore on a visit to my Brother Colonel George Braun who had just returned a Prisoner from Europe and in 1796 for 5 Months from Trichinopoly to Cuddalore to remove that Settlement to the Sea on the Separation of Lord Cornwallis Army with which I was on command at that Post —

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in 1779 I posted in the course of 14 succes-
-sive days from Chicacole to the Army
then before that place (about 800 Miles)
and arrived in time for the General Assault
on the 17.th September, previously to which
I had received two considerable wounds, one
in the neck and the other through the
arm on the 15.th September: but continue-
-ing to do my duty without being laid
up for one hour I had the good fortune
to command a seperate and opposite
attack at the moment of the storm,
against the eastern gateway, which en-
-tering with the enemy I had driven
from the Glacis, I forced and occupies
the gate, with a Company of Native
Infantry: and on this occasion receives
a wound on the Nose with a Musket
Ball.

Cm

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On the conclusion of that service I returned to my duty as Lieute=nant and Adjutant to the 1st. Circar Battalion of Sepoys which I filled for the period of eight years discharging. at the same time, the Office of Deputy Judge Advocate under warrant of three successive Secretaries to Government viz Mr. Stone, Mr. Petrie and Mr. Ruddell Sullivan. without any established salary during almost incessant service against Rebellious Zemindars amongst the unruly=some mountains of the Kimmedy and Shundavar Districts, where the command of Men devolved upon me in circumstances of peculiar difficulty and distress * and during which my constitution was unfortu=nately

* For Records of Vizagapatam by my correspondence with Mr. Dawson then Chief. October 1778 will prove that on one such occasion I remained for a number of days at a time in pursuit without having proposed a change to Government and (three times no=for 24 rounds Ammn.) with no Camp or Grain with the Detachment that I personally afforded surgical aid and with the exception of only one casualty completely succeed=ed in bringing in three wounded Sepoys who would otherwise have been lost to the service

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unfortunately sapped by the endemial
fever of those Countries which carries off
in that period of service fifty three Offices
leaving me / of the Offices originally upon
it / the only survivor at its termination —

By the uncommon exertion,
rapid movement, and unexpected arrival
of six Companies of Native Infantry
under my command, the Dutch fort
of Bemlipatam was suddenly seized
in the Year of 1781, and the valuable
Commercial establishment connected —
with it brought under the control of
the Government of Madras —

In October 1781 whilst
still a Lieutenant I was selected by
Major General Sir Hector Munro and
appointed by Government Adjutant —
General for the service against Hyder
= patam

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Negapatam and after the fall of that
fortress I joined and served with the
Army under Sir Eyre Coote as Captain
of Grenadiers of the 1st Regiment of
European Infantry —

In 1783 being named to
the 1st Battalion of Native Infantry
I joined the Southern Army and served
under Colonel Fullarton till the end of
that war in the reduction of part of
Tippoos possessions below the Ghauts

In 1790 I was again called
into the Field with the 1st Battalion
which formed part of the grand Army
under Major General Sir William Medows

At Settimungalum where
Colonel Floyds Detachment was attacked
by the flower of Tippoos Army in Sep-
tember 1790 the 1st Battalion under my
command

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command covered the rear during the whole
of that memorable retreat and sustained
with a degree of steadiness perseverance and
discipline that perhaps has never been sur-
passed, the dangerous and fatal honor
with which they had been entrusted —

During all the subsequent
operations of the army after the command
was assumed by the Marquis Cornwallis
the 1st Battalion bore a distinguished share
particularly on the night of the 6th of
February 1792 when Seringapatam was
menaced and the Island was carried by
Colonel Stuart, that Corps on the days
following contributed critically to drive
the enemy from Shaeganjeem and to
secure its possession, nor did a wounded by
a
ball Men of the Battalion were killed or wounded and the horse
rode on that occasion received a grape shot under the saddle —

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a musket ball received on my knee on that occasion, suspend for a moment my exertions in the execution of the service which had been entrusted to, my immediate direction by Colonel now Lieutenant General Stuart—

And a line of advanced posts of much importance comprehending all Mysoreabbs but one between the army and the fort was confided to my charge from the 2d. February to the 24th. March when the Preliminaries of Seringapatam terminated in an honorable peace—

In 1793 the declaration of war with France again called forth the 5th. Battalion which served under my orders at the siege of Pondicherry

In 1795 I was honored by the Government

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Government of Madras with the command of the expedition against the Dutch settle=ment at Malacca — The seperation of the convoy of transports destined for that service and particularly the absence of the Ship which contained the Artillery Men, the whole of the powder and many other essen=tial stores put the succes of the object to considerable hazard, but the spirit and enterprize of the troops overcame all diffi=culties and by means of a ⊕ handful of artillery Men and a × scanty supply of powder; obtained in the short period of only one days arrangement and detention at Prince of Wales's Island the fort and settle=ment fell under my authority in Seven hours

⊕ An Officer with 12 Artillery men and 30 Gun Lascars instead of 2 Officers with 40 Artillery Men and 100 Gun Lascars —

× 130 Barrels instead of 500 Barrels of Powder —

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hours after they had effected a landing—

In 1796 having been appoint-

-ted by Government to the command of

the Garrison and District of Dindigul

while in that station I was nominated

by the same authority President of a

Committee of Field Officers directed to as-

-semble on the neighbourhood of Pondicherry

about 200 Miles from Dindigul in Janu-

-ary 1798 to investigate a matter embracing

a variety of points which required the

examination of a Numerous List of evidence

daily for a Month—On the conclusion

and approval of the proceedings I returned

(and resumed my charge at Dindigul—

Whilst still in command

of that District in November 1798 I was

again selected by Government and appoin-

-ted

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appointed President of a Committee consis-
=ting of another Field Officer and a Gentle-
=man of the Civil service directed to —
assemble at Rannad above 100 Miles
distant to enquire into a Matter of equal
import and delicacy which occupied the
Committee daily from the 3d until the
31st of December —

Although by these distant
and extra duties to which no additional
allowance had been annexed, an extra
expence was unavoidably incurred by me
yet feeling honored by the selection and
gratified by the approbation of Government
I made no application to be remunerated —

When the most noble the
Marquis Wellesley resolved to anticipate
the hostile views of Tippoo Sultaun in
1799 I was appointed by Government to
the

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— the command of the Southern Division
of the army vacated by Major General
Floyd —

In acknowledging Major Grants
letter written by Order of the Right Hono-
=rable Lord Clive intimating my nomi-
=nation, I respectfully solicited permiss-
=ion to decline the honor, and expressed
an anxious hope of being permitted to
join the army in the field and my re-
=quest was soon gratified by Orders to re-
prepare the Southern Detachment for
service —

I will now only further ven-
=ture to illustrate by one instance that
no view of private advantage or even
honorable distinction could induce me
to swerve from my sense of my public
obligation —

Darling

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During the Campaign of

1791 Major General Medows when Governor

of Madras and Commander in Chief on the

Appendix O Coast spontaneously proposed to nominate

me to the office of Military Auditor =

General vacant by the resignation of =

Colonel Capper, to this Office the rank

of full Colonel had ever been annexed =

I was at that time only

a Captain commanding a Battalion of

Sepoys with the Army but that Army

was then employed in an arduous service

and doubtful contest with Tippoo Sultaun

Appendix O I respectfully acknowledged the proud

distinction with which I had been hono-

= red and as I could not reconcile Retire =

= ment from the Army on the eve of the

approaching service against Seringapa =

= tam I requested permission to decline

the

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Northern Circars — During several Months

B subsequent to his arrival he suffered

repeated relapses, which were peculiarly

distressing, and attended with much

danger confining him constantly to his

room and frequently to his bed, not

permitting him to give any application

to writing without evident injury which

I had frequent occasion to remark and

to advise him to discontinue —

Trichinopoly

12th. April 1802

Signed James Richardson
A. S.
Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Commanding Southern Division
of the Army

Trichinopoly

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As from present appearances

there is reason to suppose that hostilities

must soon commence with Tippoo Sul-

C tan; Lieutenant General Harris has re-

quired

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desired me to send you the following instructions
for your guidance in the employment of the
force assembling under your Orders for service
in the field.—

It is proposed that the Grand
Army shall advance by Ryacottah and —
Ossore to Seringapatam and after forming a
junction with the force under Lieutenant
General Stuart from Malabar lay siege
to the place.—

At present it is not determined
which face of the fort is to be attacked — if
on the South West face the Army will
draw its supplies during the siege from the
Malabar Coast as well as from different
parts of our territory and the Coorga Country
but if the attack be directed against the —
North east angle of the place which is
most likely, the Troops must be supplied
perhaps

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perhaps solely from the Baramahal the Coimbatore County and the Southern province, and with a view to these considerations

C a covering army of strength sufficient to cope with the enemy will be formed as soon as possible after the commencement of the siege—

To meet the wants of the Troops supplies of Arrack and grain have been collected in large quantities at Arnee, Vellore and Kistangherry; and Measures have been taken for placing a detachment of some force under the direction of Lieut Colonel Read whose object it will be in the absence of the army to collect articles of provisions at convenient situations and opening a communication with the covering Army convey them forward to the grand Army before the enemy's capital

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The service to be thus derived from the exertions of Lieutenant Colonel Read will no doubt be considerable, at the same time to widen the sources of supply and afford fuller assurances in the attainment of an object so essential as the subsistence of the Army in the field, it is intended that the force under your command shall be employed for the purpose of seizing the Coimbatore County in Order that possessing its resources and communicating with Lieutenant Colonel Read you may cooperate with him in collecting Cattle sheep and Grain, and forwarding them up to Mysore direct or by some route through the Ceded districts by means of Lieutenant Colonel Read.

The extent of Lieutenant Colonel Reads operations will depend on the

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the strength of the Detachment that may be collected under his command and the force which the enemy may be able to employ on the line of frontier. It is not doubted however but he will succeed in keeping possession of the whole line of boundary between Cysore and Canoy from and that the force under your Orders will give you the command of all the posts in the line of frontier from Canoy to the hills which connect with Mudabu adjoining to the outline here explained the Commander in Chief desires that you will make the Capture of Canoor your first object and that after making yourself Master of the place and rendering it a post in advance from Tricknapoly you will establish yourself at Erode for the purpose of forming a short comma

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communication across the River with=
Namaul and Sankerydroog, and after=
=wards proceed to embrace the several=
Districts of Coimbatore to the extent that
circumstances will permit.=

In proceeding to invade=
Coimbatore the Commander in Chief wou[ld]
C hope that you will be able to open a cor=
=respondence with some of the Gouns or=
principal Inhabitants in the different Dist=
=cts who if once conciliated may have it in
their power to be useful to you in the=
transmission of intelligence and otherwise
facilitating your operations: you may find
it convenient also to keep up a close corre=
=spondence with the Officer Commanding
at Poligautherry — but as your endeavours
and those of Lieutenant Colonel Read's=
must conspire to the attainment of the=

same

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same end — The commander in Chief recom-
mends it to you above all things to
maintain a constant communication
with this Office as widely as you meet
convenience, as for promoting the
success —

As the army will go from the
neighbourhood of Ryacottah by the 4th
of next Month and prepared to enter the
territories of Sirpoo Sultaun the comman-
der in Chief is desirous that you should
advance with all convenient expedition
to a position near the line of
in the direction of Coroor and there
wait for further Orders from Head
Quarters unless hostilities should be
commenced against you by the Troops of
Tippoo Sultaun, in which case you will
use your best exertions to repel
the

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The enemy

Head Quarters
Camp at Cockinghurry
25th. February 1799

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) B.y Close
Adjutant Genl. of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Brown

In conformity with the Com-
-mander in Chiefs instructions conveyed to
you in my letter of the 25th. Ultimo I
have now the honor to signify his com-
-mands that you will proceed to act on
those instructions by commencing hostili-
-ties against Tippoo Sultaun without
loss of time agreeably to the System of
operation therein explained

Head Quarters
Camp at Santa
Marinhelly
3d. March 1799

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) B.y Close
Adj.t Genl. of the army

Extract

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Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Read to Lieutenant Colonel Brown dated
4th April 1799

Constant Marching fatigue
and Current Busineſs have prevented my
writing you so often myself as I could
otherwise have done, but you will consider
Munro's letters as from myself — I was
disposed to keep on the North side of
the Cauery on account of having an
extensive field there for supplies, and
the probability of its answering for a
line of approach with the
the Army's having crossed it and our
consequent instructions requiring that
line should be on the South side I
am returning to the Baramahal and
shall be ready to form the junction
with you at Cauery peram if you please
by

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by the 20th. or sooner—

I fancy however that Cattle

arrack &c. &c. yet to come from the Provi=

=dency will make it unnecessary to be

D there so soon— they are certainly necessary

articles but it may be thought that the

Bingarries assembled in the Barahmahal

are of still greater consequence, and what

=ever is not ready to go on with us now, etc

may be the Convoy of a second Trip or

Die may be able to establish a safe line

of approach as far as Hosoor and our re=

=maining in that quarter may be sufficient

to cover all supplies whatever that may

be constantly passing on with small es=

=corts from the Cavery—

Letter from Mr. Collector Hunter to Lieute

=nant Colonel Brown—

The letters I have had the

honor

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honor of addressing you on the state of the
Western Poligars of this District have pre-
E sably detailed sufficient of their conduct
to shew the little dependence that can be
placed on them —

Serious however as the con-
duct of Dhapatee and those in connec
tion with him and under his influence
may be it is still less so in comparison
with the destructive consequences likely
E to result from the assembly of the Wes-
tern Poligars of Tippoo's Country, at and
near Danaporam —

Disappointed in their at-
tempt on Perricottah and in check
from the Movement of Major Lindsay
from thence to the frontier they are
now and have been several days past
doing all they can to collect the peons
of

of their own Poligars in addition to their
own Husham peons. and to give greater
appearance of force, they have added —
two small Guns to their assembly and
a parcel of Rocket Boys the whole of —
this assembly is at Danaporam and —
Colingavandy —

Had we only the external
enemy it is possible the present detach-
-ment fully equipped might be equal
to it, but a knowledge of the treachery
of Veerapatchee and thence the almost
certainty of his influencing his son in
law the Bramgalum Poligar and his
cousin the Pericottah and Talinga —
Poligar to act with the Sultaun's Troops
himself at the same time refusing supplies
which the detachment would be unequal
in his present extensive state of preparation

to

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to force from hence independant of his in-
=fluence over them of Dindigul and Ma-
=napar place the safety of the Western or
North and North Eastern Districts or
a state of much danger, so much so that
in my opinion unless due have effectual
assistance speedily sent, either Tydney
or Porrecattah and the S. E. Pollams
must be lost.

F.

The Jaws and head of
Inhabitants of Avanacowchy, Davapo-
=ram and Kingyem, I know from
themselves are anxious for the arrival
of our Troops: the Polygar particularly
Delli Trud withheld their quota of
Peons in expectation of our taking
possession of the Country but the un-
=avoidable delay of the Southern
Detachment added to the threats of
Ghazee

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Ghazee Cawn and the Devans have
indeed even those uninfluenced by Ve-
=rapatchee to furnish part of the Num-
=bers demanded and should the plunder-
=ing parties once be formed difficult
indeed will be the work of putting an
end to them, this difficulty will arise
E more from their knowledge of our pre-
=sent numbers which will be their secu-
=rity than from the immediate strength
of their own.

Plunder and Murder on
the Northern frontier of Pulney have
already been most barbarously commit-
E
=ted, the extent I am not yet informed of.

Camp near
Jevandapully
30th March 1799

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Extract

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Extract of letter from Mr. Collector Hurdis to Lieutenant Colonel Brown dated

6th April 1799 —

I am this instant favored with

your letter of the 3d Instant and am

extremely obliged by the Measures you

have taken to keep this province quiet.

The fall of Carroor will

most likely check the restless Poligars

on the North and eastern frontier of

Dindigul but the capture of avanacour

-cha is necessary to the quiet of Dindigul

and I have information that

E Sham peons have orders to collect under

the disaffected Poligars to assist them in

plundering the Country

Letter from Mr. Collector Hurdis to Lieutenant Colonel

Brown —

The influence of Lucia

Perigue

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Maigne and Ghazee Cawn has effectually
prevailed over the Western Poligars of
Dindigul and our means are too small
to keep the Miscreants quiet, I send you
the translation of the declaration of a
principal emissary — The Movement of
the 1st. Battalion 2nd. Regiment disconcer-
-ted their projects at first, but since that
Corps has left this province the Rabble
has been constantly changing its situa
-tion at one time threatening Pylney,
at another Ayemeallah: the scheme is
deeply laid. The colleries are ready —
and the dispossessed Poligars with
the exception of Nambarva are intent
on the success of the plans they think
will ensure the repossession of their Pollams
Every word of the enclosed
declaration corresponds with and con-
confirms

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confirms former intelligence

Superadded to this I have

intelligence this Moment from two dif=

=ferent quarters of a large body of the Nee=

=rapalchie Poligars preons having gone to

Pallapatty to join Ghazie Cawn with

the intention of attacking Mambarra

Yerriacottah &c. I addressed a Letter to

Major Lindsay and sent it by an ex=

express on horseback, copy inclosed for

your information, but the Moment

he quits Pytney the Rabble under in=

=Cundan and the other Murderers who

made disturbances in Pytney in Septem=

=ber last will begin their irruptions

It however appears to me

if the defence of both cannot be provide

for effectually better to leave Pytney

to the care of the Sebbendy than Yerri=

=cotta

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Yerricotta for if the plunderers succeed at Yerri=
cotta — there is not a doubt in my mind but
that the diabolical intentions of Ghazee Caun
F to destroy and plunder even up to Madura
will certainly succeed —

Their Numbers will increase
with their success and the horse they have
in all so far as I can learn about seventy
of every descriptions will carry a terror on
the Inhabitants that the very few regulars —
here and Sibbendy's cannot do away —

If assistance can be drawn
from any place to render us more efficient
here I have to beg the favor of your direc=
tions for it; to increase the Sibbendy even
were it possible, is no certain encrease of
strength more than paying so many for
forbearance —

I have written the Madura
people

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people on the subject of the Collories and join
ted out the principals from whom danger is
to be apprehended, but I expect no assistance
from that quarter—

I have repeatedly warned the
out guards of peons and sepoys, and I feel
satisfied they will do all they can to prevent
the impending storm, but I fear all will
be ineffectual as the Numbers of the enemy
must be very many more than they can
possibly stand against, and the weakness
of the Battalion renders further assistance
from the Garrison impossible—

Cadaroor of Dinapoorra is
under the entire guidance of Veerapatchee
and Ramgherry, the an enemy of the latter
Palygar has some time since been ready to
plunder in the Dindigul province to assist
F Puttiapa Naigue and Yerriatta in the
recovery

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recovery of their Dollairs.—

Dindigul I have the honor &c.
18th. March 1799 (Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector.

Letter from Dpt. Collector Hurdis to Lieuten=
=ant Colonel Brown.—

Since writing the public letter
I have heard the Poligar's plan is, the Colle=
=ries to attack the south side of the Valley,
Poojawry Naigue from the hill the north side
aminaigue in afsistance of his Nephew Vella
Condama Naigue to attack Vembarpully=
Madoor and Mannoot Venapatchie in afsis=
=tance to Ghazee Cauon Mambarra and=
F Yerricotta on account of Goöddum &c. Villages,
and Cunnewaudy in afsistance to Mootoo
Sherogar, to furnish Money to get peons under
Caudan, Comaravella Gour Condasawmy and
Ramasawmy Naigue to attack the W and N
frontier of Pylney— this information is not
from

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from positive authority; but its very probable

=bly correct.—

Dindigul Sam Dt.

Nr. March 1799 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis

Letter from Mr. Collector Hurdis to Lieutenant

Colonel Brown—

Unless we have more assistance

as quick as possible I fear we shall have

very badly off indeed; the Bandits of

Pullapully is near 2000, and in Darapoor

F and Columbum about 1000 excluding a va-

riety of horse—Lindsay is at Madepally—

Nr. March (Signed) J. B. Hurdis

Letter from Mr. Collector Hurdis to Lieutenant

Colonel Brown—

I have your favor of the 28th from

information just received and the unavoidable

delay in getting assistance I am very fearful

any thing now will be too late—

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The Poligars party is now about
1600 Rabble and seventy horses Yesterday was
intended for the attack a bad omen determed
it to day is fixed and as there is more and
more reason to apprehend treachery within
I am very apprehensive of consequences Lindsay
was Yesterday at Pylney —

F Had Golam Hussein Khan +
Bahauder Marched by your Route, he would
have kept all quiet. as the attack is to be on
Momberra Yerricotta Goodum and the N. E.
Pollams through which he would have Marched

+ Commandant of a party of the Nizam's Troops

22nd March / Signed / T. B. Hurdis

Letter from Mr. Collector Hurdis to Lieutenant
Colonel Brown —

I am sorry to inform you that
the arrival of two Peons has this instant brought
me accounts of Yerricottas being attacked by
F Tippoo's people and the Miscreants in league
with

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with them —

These accounts are not perfect

but enough so to convince me of the deter=

=mination of the depredators to desolate

wherever they can —

I have dispatched three Messt

=sengers to Major Lindsay, but as the trea=

=cherry of the Veerapatchee Poligar is no

longer doubtful I am apprehensive the each

F went a different route from the other that

they may not reach him —

The great object to be feared

in this business is, least their success should

increase their Numbers which from Luckia

Naigues influence is much to be apprehended

I have applied to Captain

Trotter for assistance but he informs me he

has not a Man to spare: every person that

could be sent was dispatched Thither on the

22d