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Diary

13th Received and Sent the following Letters &c entered in M. B. Nos. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.—

From Captain Hook — Forwards Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at that Presidency respecting the Brass Guns which have been cast there for Fort St. George —

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort William —

From Dr. Dr. Forwards an Invoice of Carbines shipped on His Majesty's Frigate La Chiffonne and consigned to this Government —

From Dr. Dr

From Mr. Roebuck — Forwards an additional Estimate of Cash —

From the Military Paymaster General

From Captain Wilks — Suggests the propriety of Men belonging to His Majesty's Ceylon Infantry may be conveniently embarked on the Ships for Ceylon —

From the Town Major

From Lieutenant Colonel Shawe — States that some temporary Repairs are required at that Station Forwards a Survey Report and Estimate —

From the Officer Commanding at Wallajahbad —

From Lieutenant Colonel Barb

From the Commissioner Extraordinary at Jaffanapatam —

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Forwards an Invoice of Elephants consigned to Cuddalore for the Service of the Madras Government —

To the Military Auditor General —

To the Military Auditor General —

The claim against the late Barrack master in the Northern Division to be relinquished — Enclosing Copy of an applica-tion from the Surgeon of His Majestys Ship Centurion for a further allowance for Medical attendance on the Detachment of Troops employed in the blockade of Batavia, and requiring his opinion on the Subject —

To Do. Do. Referring to his examina-

To Do. — Do. — tion an additional Estimate of Cash —

To the Town Major — Desiring that

To the Town Major Fort St. George —

M.r. Mandeville may be required to embark on one of the Ships under despatch for England —

To Captain Locke — Directing him

To the Commander of the Ship Marchioness of Excester —

to receive on board his Ship and deliver to the Surgeon at Amboyna certain supplies of Medicine —

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Received and Sent the following —

Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 29. 30

From Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple

Lieutenant Dalrymple Prichinopoly —

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14th States that some repairs are required to the Fort and Cantonments at Trichinopoly — Forwards two Estimates and Letters on the Subject from the Assistant Engineer of the Division —

To Captain Mash, Rogers, Barrow, and Cumine — Directing them to receive on board their Ships as Charter party passengers to England the men specified in the accompanying Lists —

To the Commanders of the Ships General Stuart, Aplin, Britannia & Bengal —

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President —

Lieutenant General James Stuart —

commander in Chief —

William Petrie
and
Mungo Dick } Esqrs.

Friday the 15th October 1802

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

The Commander in Chief lays before the

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Fort St. George 15th October 1802.

The Board the following Minute—

Minute of the Commander in Chief—

1st The Commander in Chief informs the Board that Captain Arthur Forest of the Corps of Engineers died at the Presidency on the 13th Instant—

Minute of the Commander in Chief—Reports the Death of Captain Arthur Forest of the Engineer Corps and recommends the promotions in Consequence—Delivers papers for transmission to England—states that His Majesty's 80th Regt. has arrived here from Bengal and recommends that Corps being placed on this Establishment from the 1st Instant—

2d In consequence of the foregoing Casualty the subjoined promotion is recommended—Vizt.

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Ensign William Ravenshaw to be Lieutenant: date of Commission 14th October 1802. vice de Havilland—

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4th

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4th. His Majesty's 80th. Regiment having Arrived here by order of the Most Noble the Governor-General in Council - The Commander in Chief - Recommends That Corps being placed on this Establish-ment from the 1st. Instant and published in Govern-ment Orders for the information of the Army and public Offices: -

15th October 1802.

(Signed) J. Stuart

Resolved that the promotions recom-mended by the Commander in Chief in the Corps of Engineers be ordered to take place -

Ordered that the papers intended for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors be forwarded in the packet -

Resolved to direct in a general order that his. Majestys 80th. Regiment be considered to belong to the Establishment of this Presidency from the 1st. Instant -

Read the following Letter from the. Military Auditor General -

To

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Fort St. George 15th October 1802.

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Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General—

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

My Lord, Yea Yea Yea

From the Military Auditor General - Forwards the State=ments required of him respecting the Expences incurred at this Presidency on account of European Prisoners of War —

In obedience to your Lordships' Orders communicated to me in a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department dated the 29th. Ultimo, giving me to understand that it was of "importance that "the information required by the Honorable Court of Direc="tors regarding the expenses incurred on account of Prisoners "of War under this Presidency, agreeable to a communica="tion before made to me on the subject, should be furnish="ed at the earliest practicable period of time - Yours "Lordship in Council being desirous that the infor="mation which could be procured from the Material "in my possession should be transmitted by the Ships "about to be dispatched for England —

2 I have accordingly the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, N 1 an account in detail accompanied by an Abstract of the expenses incurred for French Prisoners of War of every descrip=

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(No 4)

description at every station under this Presidency, including every species of Disbursement on account of them from June 1793. until April 1802. inclusive and which amounts to Pagodas Seven Lac forty five Thousand three hundred and Sixty two-fanams thirty Seven-and Cash Seventy five (Pagodas) 745362. 37. 75

No 2. An account in detail accompanied by an Abstract of the expenses incurred for Dutch Prisoners of War of every description at every Station under this Presidency from August 1795. to April 1802 inclusive (with exceptions of the Malacca and Molucca Dis=-bursements which have only been received up to December 1801) including every species of Disburse=-ments connected with them and which amounts to Pagodas Five Lac fifty Seven Thousand three hun=-dred and twenty Six-fanams thirty eight and Cash two (Pagodas 557.326. 38. 2)-

No 3. An account in detail accompanied by an Abstract of the expenses incurred for Spanish Prisoners of War of every description at every Station

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under this Presidency from July 1799. to October 1801 inclusive, including every species of Disbursements & connected with them and which amounts to Pagodas nine hundred and five, fanams three and Cash fifty (Pagodas 905. 3. 50)

No 4 An Account in detail accompanied by an Abstract of the expense incurred for Danish & Prisoners of War of every discription at every Station under this Presidency from May 1801 to April 1802 inclusive including every species of Disbursements connected with them and which amounts to Pagodas Twelve Thousand six hundred and ninety Six-/ fanams twenty two- and Cash Eighteen-/ Pagodas 12.696. 22. 18.-

No 5. Is a General Abstract shewing the Grand Total amount of the expenses incurred on account of the whole of the Prisoners of War and amounts to Pagodas Thirteen Lac sixteen thousand two hundred and ninety one, fanams seventeen and Cash sixty five (Pagodas 13,16,291. 17. 65.)—

3 In my letter of the 9th Ultimo

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I stated to your Lordship that I did not think it would be in my power to complete the Statements required in consequence of the full information they were directed to contain until January or February Next—

4 In my letter of the 30th. Ultimo which covered a form I had adopted by which I intended all the Statements in question should be drawn out I there despaired of being able to complete within the prescribed period the documents now submitted to your Lordship deviating but immaterially in form from that contained in the above letter, a circumstance which affords me most particular Satisfaction in as much as your Lordships wishes have been realized up to the latest date practicable, comprehending in the whole a period of nearly nine Years and which Voluminous Statements have been compiled in much about the same Number of days. by unremitted labor and attention night and day since your Lordship's final Orders on the Subject were received on the 30th. of last Month—

5th With regard to the accuracy of the

Accounts

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Accounts now laid before you I am perfectly satisfied, and such remaining charges of the same nature as could not be included in the present Statements will be prepared with the least possible delay for transmission by the next public dispatch —

6 Owing to want of Reports to the Office of Audit all the information required by the Honorable Court relative to the periods at which Prisoners of War were received and Subsequently disposed of, could not be stated, but in all instances when such information could be afforded it has been noted in the Remarks annexed to the details, and I am much indebted to the Town Major of Fort St. George Captain Wilks for the very useful communications on this Subject which he was so obliging as to furnish me with —

7th Independant of the shortness of the period in which it was necessary for me to prepare the public papers now laid before your Lordship I have had other difficulties to overcome, the Abstracts of the Dutch Prisoners of War to the Eastward being all

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in the Dutch Language and the amount stated in Rix Dollars. it became necessary for me to obtain translations and to convert the Dollars into Pagodas at the fixed rate of Exchange previous to their being entered in the Statements of which they necessarily formed a material part—

B In the Statements of expences on account of French Prisoners of War the charges incurred on account of those captured at Hyderabad are not included, because very soon after the fall of that party those expenses were ordered to be debited to the "Presidency of Bengal" from the Commencement of payments being made to them. the amount therefore disbursed on their account. The Honorable the Court of Directors will no doubt be furnished with from that Presidency—

C And owing to my not having received the Disbursements of the Paymaster at Amboyna from June 99. to September, nor those of the Paymaster at Banda from June 1799. to October inclusive, both of the same year I have been under the necessity

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necessity of omitting the expense of the intervening periods altogether in my present Statements, altho it appears by the Disbursements at Amboyna for the Months immediately succeding the Chasm, that many payments were made to Individuals Dutch Prisoners for periods for which no regular accounts Disbursements have been received, and which are accordingly included in my Details such deficiencies as have been occasioned by irregular transmission of Accounts I hope to be able to procure the means to make up and have ready for the dispatch in January next.

I have the honor to be

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(Signed) J. S. Brunton

Military Auditor General

Military Auditor

General's Office

Fort St. George

15th October 1802.

General

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General Abstract

of the

Grand Totab of Expenses incurred under the Presidency of Fort St. George: on account of the French, Dutch, Danish and Spanish Prisoners of War, &c. for the periods particularized in the Accompanying Statements. No 1. 2. 3. 4.

French Prisoners	7,45,362	37 75
Dutch Prisoners	5,57,326	38 2
Danish Prisoners	12,696	22 18
Spanish Prisoners	905	3 50
Totab Amount of the Expenses incurred on account of the above Prisoners of War of different Nations, from the Month of June 1793, up to April 1802, with such exceptions as are particularized in the Letter Accompanying the Statement	13,16,291	17 5

Star Pagodas Thirteen Lac Sixteen Thousand two hundred and Ninety one Fanams Seventeen and Cash Sixty five

(Signed) James Brunton
Mily Aut. Genl.

Military Auditor Generals Office
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Resolved

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Minute thereon —

Resolved that the Statements referred to in the foregoing letter be transmitted by the present dispatch to the Court of Directors together with a copy of the letter, and the Board has no doubt that the Honorable Court will be satisfied at the perspicuity and Dispatch with which the Statements have been completed by the Military Auditor General —

Read the following letters from the Officer Commanding at the Molucca Islands —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Officer Commanding the forces at the Molucca Islands — Reports the circumstances of illicit Trade carried on by certain Individuals at Amboyna and the adjacent Islands — States the measures he has adopted in consequence, and forwards papers connected with the subject — Discusses the Expediency of obtaining either the Islands of Geby or Oaby Major as a British Settlement, and States that in consequence of the superior eligibly of the latter, he has detached a party of Men under the Command of Captain M.c Gregor to take possession

My Lord,

Para 1. I have the honor to inform your Lordship in Council that on the 6th Ultimo I ordered M.r Court, Master of the Ship Sultaun from Bengal one of the Partners in the Smuggling Concerns for many years amongst these Islands to quit Amboyna Harbour, and not to touch at any of the Honorable Company's other Possessions in the Moluccas in consequence of his having gone over to Tidore from Ternate after

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possession of the Island forwards a Petition from the Merchant of Madras whom the two Malay Princes recently liberated from Confinement imposed on together with other Documents on the Subject — Forwards also a Chart of the Molucca Islands together with a narrative of the Dutch Transactions with Newco —

clearing out for Amboyna and holding illicit Communications with the Natives relative to Spices and which have already proved and are likely to continue to cause great prejudice to the Honorable Companys Revenues — your Lordship will perceive by the Article 5th of the Treaty with Tidore that they contracted with Mr. Farquhar to deliver all their Spices to the Company at the rate of 9s. 28d. 36c — for a Picul of Nutmegs 14s. 21d. 54c. for a Picul of Mace, and 7s. 10d. 67c. for a Picul of Cloves. and by the accompanying Letter from Major Henry Webber in Charge of the Civil and Military Duties at Ternate it will be seen that Mr. Court not only stopped at Tidore without the necessary Clearance or Permission to that effect, but that he offered 100 per Cent more to the Sultaun or Chief of that Island, than he had contracted to deliver his spices for to the Company —

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2 Although Major Webbers' dispatched one of the Honorable Companys' Cruizers to cause the departure of the Ship Sultaun from Tidore immediately —

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immediately, yet it is unquestionably to be expected that the Tidoreans will keep back their Spices from the Company in the hopes of this Smuggler returning to some of the adjacent Islands where from the obscurity of the situation, they may effect their illicit Negotia-tions without the knowledge of Government. It is certain that the Spices are at present retained with this view for there ought to be at least 700 Piculs delivered at Ternate by this time, instead of which not 20 Picals have yet been brought to the Company's Scale. These circumstances and the natural result to be expected from them induced me to take the most effectual means in my power to remove the tempta-tion without delay so that all hopes of an illicit disposal of the Spices to Mr. Court at an advanced price might vanish in their minds and which might induce them to deliver their Spices at the stipulated price to the Company. Every exertion in my power shall be used to watch over and secure those intrinsically valuable Interests to the Company which without

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putting a Stop in the bud by resolute measures to such violations of the regulations established to preserve those Interests, it is not possible for the person holding the Chief Authority at these Islands to compass—

3 Mr. Court cleared out from Bengal for Prince of Wales's Island, and from thence he took a Port Clearance to Malacca, and from thence with a Port Clearance signed only by the Master Attendant, with the indefinite destination of the Eastward. It appeared rather mysterious to me, that he did not procure his Port Clearance at Calcutta for these Islands, and I was certainly led to conclude in consequence he feared such a Latitude would be denied him there, from the circumstance of his being known by the Supreme Government to have been concerned in the Smuggling trade which Mr. Farquhar crushed in the Annual Circuit of 1799. All these circumstances together with the orders of your Lordship in Council of the 28th. March 1801, and 30th December 1801, enjoining the continuance of the Residents vigilance for the prevention

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of illicit trade in the Territories under his authority and the strong recommendations of His Excellency the Governor General to the President to continue the measures he had pursued for the complete suppression of illegal trade in these Seas, removed all hesitation in my mind and I flatter myself that the means of ordering the noted Smuggler Mr. Court to quitt the Territories entrusted to my charge without any negotiations whatever with the Inhabitants or Natives, will meet with the approbation of your Lordship in Council.

4 . Another smaller Vessel on the same Speculation called the Venus Commanded by Mr. Saunder, sailed from Tidore to Banda. As soon as I acquired the information I dispatched one of the Company's Cruisers to bring that Vessel to Amboyna, and unless the Master of her can give a good account of himself. I shall adopt the same measures of ordering him away from these Islands as in the case of Mr. Court.

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5. The pernicious effects of the temp-
-tations held out by the above People are clearly evinced
N2 in the accompanying Letter from Newco. in reply to my
Application for the cession of the Island of Geby in
favor of the Honorable Company, agreeable to the
Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors transmitted
me by your Lordship in Council. The demand of
Newco for an increase of the price of the Spices has
clearly connection with the intercourse he and his Chiefs
have had with the Smugglers. It is scarcely necessa-
-ry for me to observe to your Lordship that I have
rejected his offer of Geby on such truly ridiculous terms.
He in other words wishes the English to pay an un-
-limitted Annual Tribute to him for the Grant of the
Island instead of 3 or 4000 Spanish Dallars which
I would be willing to give him, and at the same time
conceive a very adequate compensation.

6 I have written again to the Sultaun
to this effect and at the same time informed him of
the necessity of the Inhabitants coming under the
jurisdiction

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jurisdiction of the English so soon as we take possession of the Island. The Island of Geby and Faux afford it is true one of the finest Harbours in the World, but they are almost entirely barren throughout, not a Spice Tree is at present on those Islands, nor Fruit Trees of any kind excepting a few Cocoanuts. The inhabitants. Men, Women, and Children amount to 500 who live upon Fish and Sago, collected from the adjacent Islands. Under such circumstances therefore I should conceive that the Port of Geby would be but ill appropriated to afford refreshment to the Honble English Company's Eastern bound Ships to China, and I am well satisfied it never could produce any Revenue of consequence for these Twenty Years to come even if we were to begin planting Spice Trees there immediately, which I must confess would be a very unsatisfactory operation and afford but a very gloomy prospect in the midst of the Regions of Spice.

The Island of Ouby in point of situation

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situation fertility and abundance of Spice Trees surpasses any spot in the Molucca Circle and although at present but thinly populated from the decline of the Empire of Batchian to which it formerly appertained holds out such encouragement to Settlers as under a British protecting Flag, would very shortly render it one of the most frequented Islands in these Seas. There the Indiamen might without altering their course a mile gain the real benefits of a Port for refreshments after a long voyage and there the Company might expect a Trade, which would ten fold repay the Expence of the Establishment which might be entirely carried on by their own Vessels on their way to and from China —

B. Although I have deemed it in the first instance my express duty to put the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors respecting Gebi if possible into immediate execution — I take the liberty to recommend again in the strongest terms to your Lordship in Council the much greater advantages

that

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that would accrue to the Company from establish=
=ing our possession at Cuby Major which Island
with the small contiguous ones have been made over
to the English by the Sultaun of Batchian the
Crown to which those Territories originally belonged.
For the particular eligibility of that situation I beg
to refer you to Mr. Farquhars dispatch of the 23.d
August 1801 to the Honorable Court of Directors, and
I at the same time feel additional pleasure in now
corroborating fully the sentiments of that Gentleman
of the preference that ought to be given to Cuby before
any of the other Islands in the Moluca Circle. My
Letter of the 6.th of March to your Lordship in Counsil
on the Subject of Ternate contains further remarks
on this Subject as well as Gebi, and the large Islands
of Almahira all of which I now confirm in the strong=
=est manner. I shall only add to the favorable
opinion Mr. Farquhar has offered of the Island
in question for the establishment of a British Settle=
=ment that its Commanding and Centrical situa=

=ation.

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situation, gives it the most important advantages in a Military point of view, and that it will not only therefore afford us amply the means of participating equally with the Dutch in the Valuable Spice Trade, but will likewise enable us to put a Check on their Commerce at the moment of a new Rupture (which God forbid) happening between the Two Nations.

Although the accounts of this desirable event of Peace have not been confirmed by Government it bears every appearance of Authenticity and I have therefore come to a determination to dispatch about 100 Men under Command of Captain G. M. Mc Gregor a Zealous intelligent Officer, who is perfectly acquainted with the Language manners, and customs of the Natives of the Moluccas to that Island from whence should even the plan in agitation be ultimately disapproved of they can remove with equal facility as from any of your other Possessions in these Seas.

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In forming this decision the following reasoning on the subject immediately presented itself to my mind—

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I have positive orders to get possession of Gebi. Gebi and Ouby are both to be possessed with equal facility and the latter embosoms Ten fold the advantages of the former for a British Settlement. The cautiousness of my resolutions On these premises, appeared so clear independent of the otherwise strong propensity I entertained of carrying into execution without further delay an object which I deemed of great moment to my Country; and advantage to my Employers, that I could not hesitate for a minute, in concluding it, and I shall only add that I shall deem myself most fortunate should it appear to your Lordship in Council that I have judged with discertain and propriety in so important an affair—

N° 3.

12.

I herewith transmit your Lordship in Council a Petition from the Blacktown Merchant

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whom the Two Princes Ibrahim and Zein ul Abdien Dutch
imposed on at Madras which together with the Do=
=cuments I had the honor already to transmit your
Lordship in Council, puts the Characters of those
Princes in the most infamous light - I also forward
Two Letters from Sultaun Buwco, one to your Lord=
=ship in Council and one to myself expressive of
their detestation of these two Personages in the Strong=
=est language, requesting that they may be kept in
perpetual confinement and informing me that the
English Government, if they released them would
have all the responsibility of the Tumults and
Disasters that their enlargement would occasion.
This is one of the most powerful proofs in the
world of the restless incendiary and rebellious prin=
=ciples of these people, who are even rejected and
detested by their own Sovereign and Countrymen
and affords me a very pleasing reflection, on the
evils I avoided by the timely restraint I put upon
their Ambition -

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No 6. 13 I have the honor to transmit your Lordships in Council herewith the papers referred to relative to Mr. Court which will afford the most ample elucidation to your Lordships in Council I also beg to present your Lordships in Council with a Chart of the Ouby Islands. also a narrative of the Dutch Transactions with newco and his family with other incidents relative to that Prince, drawn up by Mr. Farquhar with his Letter enclosing it.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed/ J. Oliver.

Colonel Commanding at the Moluccas

Fort Victoria
Amboyna
6th July 1802,

To Colonel James Oliver.

Commander in Chief in the Moluccas.

Sir,

Captain Court of the Ships Sultaun and Captain Lauder of the Snow Vimes are well known in these parts for Smuggling in the time of the Dutch

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Dutch – having learnt their Characters from a Dutch Gentleman at this place – and being suspicious from the Strange circuitous route they had come in from Penang by the Streights of Maccassar and by Celebes to go to Amboyna – it put me on my guard –

Whilst Mr. Farquhar remained at Tidore on his way to Amboyna, these two Captains requested permission to proceed thither to deliver Mr. Farquhar some letters brought from Penang for you – and for others at Amboyna – I did not object knowing Mr. Farquhar had not left Tidore – however I since learn they had an interview with the Sultaun and Some of his head men and that they have agreed to purchase all the Spices the Sultaun can produce at 100 per Cent more than the Company allow – and that three Ships will sail hence at night and meet the Tidore Boats and receive all the Spices now ready –

The Sultaun of Tidore had agreed with Mr. Farquhar to receive Mr. Weil, who

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is Collector on the part of the Company on the Tidore Shore but on his giving over there - the Sultaun sent him back again with the accompanying Letter to me under the pretext that the Heads of certain Negues had not been apprised - to have their Spices ready &ca when ready - I should be informed -

Should this report be true - in order to guard against their Smuggling - I intend the Sphister Shall sail in Company with them - part of the way to the Line at Least past Tidore - I have thought it my Duty to report this double & dealing of Sultaun Newco to you - also the Conduct of the Two Captains - that you may guard aga=inst them at Amboyna, indeed I did inform Mr. Farquhar, if he received my Letter of the Charactors I had heard of them -

Ternate
12th May 1802.

I have the honor to be &ca &ca
(Signed) Henry Webber
Major Comd. Ternate

P.S. Should not these Captains - receive &

Spices

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Spices on board now, it is possible 1/6 they may have made an agreement to call for them on their return from Amboyna — The Sultaun Newco is deeply in Captain Courts debt from having agreed to supply him with Spices on a former Occasion — for which ready Cash was advanced to a considerable amount — I imagine the recovery of this debt — brought him this way —

The Sultaun Newco is gone over to the Almahaira Shore opposite Tidore — with several of his bobatoes or head Men —

a true Copy

(Signed) I. Oliver

From Prince Newco to Colonel Oliver, Colonel

After the usual Compliments

We the King of Tidore in Council the Princes and Grandies have the honor to inform you that we have received your Letter, the Contents of which we understand —

We have given an instrument

to

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to Major Webber signed by the whole of us with one accord respecting the Island of Gebi; but in it is meant the Island of Paw — We requested that if you really want what you desired in your letter that you will be pleased to grant us fifty Spanish Dollars per picul as the price of all our nutmegs We mean the Island itself but not the inhabitants who are to remain under my jurisdiction —

A true Copy,

(Signed) J. Oliver

Colonel Comt at the Molucca —

To Colonel James Oliver

Commander in Chief —

at the Molucca Islands,

The humble Petition of Sjeh Mahamud Mahribbe inhabitant of Black Town

at

Sheweth, Madras

That the Two Princes Djenal Abbedinne and Ibrahim while at Madras made Several applications to your Petitioner for the loan

of

of Money for the purpose of purchasing macsaries, but that your Petitioner was for a considerable time unwilling to comply with their desire—

That he was however at length prevailed upon to lend them 2000 Dollars on their repeated Solicitations, and on their Assuring him that they would be raised to the high dignities of Sultaums of Tidore and Ternate on their return to the Moluccas where they said they had been always considered as Men of Power and of the utmost consequence—

That the Two Princes aforesaid informed your Petitioner that they were shortly to receive 20,000 Spanish Dollars from the Government at Madras out of which they promised to repay your Petitioner—

That on your Petitioners lending the aforesaid Princes the 2000 Dollars they gave him a bond for the Amount to which they affixed their respective Seals, and which was also

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also signed by three Witnesses—

That they at the same time lodged a few Gold and Silver trinkets in the hands of your Petitioner the full value of which being ap=praised here by People Sworn for the purpose, a=mounts to only 513 Dollars 13 fanams—

Since it therefore Appears evident that the aforesaid two Princes are by no means of the consequence they pretended to be of, when at Madras and that it Seems they never intended nor ever will it be in their Power to discharge the above bond, and whereas they have void of all hu=manity used every means in their power with your Petitioner even to get into their own possessi=on again the few Gold and Silver trinkets which they delivered to him as a trifling Security for the above loan of 2000 Dollars without taking into their consideration the great distress they had brought on your Petitioner from having persuaded him to leave his family and connexions and every

domestic

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domestick Comfort at Madras and to follow them to a Strange and distant country in hopes accor=-ding to their fair but faithless promisses of regard=-ing what he had so generously lent them your Petitioner most earnestly prays that you as Chief at Moluccas will have the goodness to use your influence and authority in his behalf and empower him in the first place to dispose of the Gold and Silver trinkets aforesaid in order to enable him to raise a Small Sum of ready Cash for his immediate Subsistence as your Petitioner declares that he has not a Single doit wherewith to Support himself but what he procures from the Sale of his Cloaths and other goods which method Sad Necessity obliges him to adopt lest he perishes for the want of daily bread in a Strange land and Amongst Strange people

In the Second place your

Petitioner

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Petitioner humbly begs that your Authority and influence may be further extended so as to oblige these two inhumman Princes to contribute towards discharging some more of the above Just debt by delivering over to your Petitioner Some Gold and Silver ware and a few Slaves both which it is well known they are to this day in plentiful possession of, and thus making up in the whole 1000. in lieu of the 2000 Dollars they received from your Petitioner. in order to enable him to return to his helpless Wife and family at Madras which he never will be able to do without the necessary aid of Money.

In this Case your Petitioner altho' with the utmost regret will endeavour to console himself for the loss of the remaining 1000 Dollars together with the interest on to Capital.

your Petitioner hopes and trusts that the goodness of your heart will induce

you

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you to take this his humble Petition into your most serious Consideration and that it will be productive of the desired effect and your humble Petitioner Shall ever pray, that Providence may fullfill and Crown with continuance your honor and family with favor and blessing.

Which beseeches.

(Signed by) Shaikt. Mahomed Marikbe

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. Oliver Colonel

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The undermentioned Gold and Silver Articles which have been pawned by the two Princes D.Jenal. Abedin and Ibrahim, to the Arabian Sahid Mahomed Maribbe, for 2,000 Spanish Dollars have been weighed and Valued by us the undersigned in the following manner Viz!

							Sp Dollars	Fans	Doits
3	Pcs	Silver Salt Sellars —	weight 12 1/4	ounce, at 80	Stivers	a ounce			
3	"	D: D: Spoons	" 1	" " 80	"	D:	15	8	.
4	"	D: Soup D:	" 22 1/4	" " 80	"	D:	1	6	4
10	"	D: Teaspoons	" 6 11/16	" " 72	"	D:	27	"	3
17	"	D: Tablespoons	" 36 11/16	" " 80	"	D:	7	13	4
6	"	D: Long Saucespoons	" 27 3/16	" " 80	"	D:	45	22	.
1	"	D: Teapot with its Stand	" 38 1/4	" " 100	"	D:	33	25	2
1	"	D: D: " "	D: " 31 3/4	" " 100	"	D:	59	19	6
13	"	Gold Buttons and							
2	"	D: Bracelets	} together " 2 1/2	" " 13 Rixdollars		D:	24	9	6
1	"	Silver Waiter	" 58	" " 72	Stivers	D:	65	6	4
1	"	D: D:	" 51 1/2	" " 72	"	D:	57	24	.
2	"	D: Bed Curtain Hooks	" 5 3/4	" " 72	"	D:	6	12	.
1	pair	Small Silver Candlesticks, consisting within of wood, and cannot be weighed, are valued at					15	.	.
1	pair	of the same kind but smaller valued at					9	.	.
1	pair	Black Ebony Wood Penang Box Silver mounted valued at					15	.	.
1	"	Kayoo Bookoo Wood long squared Penang Box very thinly mounted with Gold and valued at					40	.	.
1	"	Tortoise Shell long squared Penang Box, very thinly mounted with Gold and Valued at					40	.	.
						Total Spanish Dollars	513	13	7

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/Signed/ J. F. Eckhard
Messenger to the Majestracy
David Caspers
Sworn Valuator

The abovementioned articles have been weighed and valued by the abovementioned Persons, in my Presence —
/Signed/ F. L. Brusse
Fiscal.

A true translation
/Signed/ Edward Coxe
Dutch Translator to Govt.

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Pliver
Colonel.

Subject —

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Subject of a letter from the Sultaun of Tidore to the Madras Government

After the usual Compliments

Para 1 His Majesty informs the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that he has heard from the President at Ternate that Peace had been established between the English, French, and Dutch, but that he never will consider any European nation, his friends excepting the English until the end of the World, and begs that he may be looked upon as strictly attached to our interests — That Should the the French or Dutch be put in possession of the Moluccas he never will come to any terms of amity or alliance with them, but is determined to fight against the whole of them until his dominions sink.

He further proceeds, and says

2 that during the Expedition against Ternate, before that place had surrendered to the English, Colonel Burr, Captain Hayes and Captain Lynch, promised the Juan Gilolo, that so soon as Ternate

was

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was in the British possession he should be establish=ed on the throne of Gilolo and urged him on those grounds to make use of his best exertions in fighting against the Common Enemy in consequence of which Sultaun Newco requests that Government may take it into consideration and confirm the Juan Gilolo on the Throne, which he says will be the only sure means of establishing permanent tranquility at the Moluccas.

3 He then acquaints His Lordship in Council that he has won over Macquian to his own interests and that the people of that place have put themselves under his protection and leaving their own Country, have preferred to live in his Dominions He therefore conceives they have a right to follow their own inclinations in the Choice of a Sovereign and that they are not bound to be Subject to Ternate against their Will, and requests as it is the wish of all the Maoquioneeze that that country may be placed under his Authority.

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4 He acknowledges the receipt of a letter from Colonel Oliver who has relieved Mr. Farquhar in the Command of the Moluccas informing him that in consequence of the long friendship that has long subsisted between him and the English the Court of Directors had sent him some Articles as a token of their regard for him, but that, thro' a mistake they were left at Madras — He trusts therefore that His Lordship will avail himself of an opportunity by the departure of a Vessel from Fort St. George to Amboyna to transmit the present which was so kindly intended for him —

5 As for the two Princes mentioned in Colonel Oliver's letter, and who are now in the hands of the Company, he says he wishes to have nothing to do with them and recommends their being kept in perpetual confinement — The Company of course may dispose of them as they please, but he begs they may never be suffered to return to any part of his Dominions as they are certainly trouble-

some

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Some people and restless to an extreme, and will be sure to create disturbances and commotions highly perjudicial to the peace and prosperity of the Moluccas the moment they are set at liberty—

Dated at Tidore
the 8th day of the
Month Hudjé 1216,

After the usual compliments

(Signed) by the King and Council
of Tidore

A true Copy and translation
(Signed) J. Oliver
Colonel

Substance of a letter from the Sultaun of Tidore to Colonel Oliver,

After the usual Compliments

Para 1, He acknowledges the receipt of two letters from the Colonel, and many apologies for not having answered them sooner and pleads the want of time for the delay—

2° In answer respecting the two Princes, he says that the Company may dispose of them as they may think proper but begs they may

not

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not be at liberty to return to their country as they are troublesome fellows and he, and the whole of his Subjects are well convinced they will create disturbances and that the very Stones and trees in his Dominions have an aversion to them—

3 That in case the Colonel insists upon sending them back, he requests that no blame may be laid at his door hereafter for any troubles they may create, for he washes his hands entirely from all concerns with them—

4 He then proceeds to acquaint Colonel Oliver, that during the expedition before Ternate, was delivered over, Colonel Burr, Captain Hayes and Captain Lynch promised the King of Gilolo that he should be supported in his claims, and appointed Sultaun as soon as Ternate was in possession of the English, and urged him to be warm and zealous in his exertions in the Common Cause—

5 In consequence of which—

Newco begs that the promise of those Gentlemen

may

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may not be forgotten, and that the Sultaun of Gilolo may be confirmed on the throne which he says will establish permanent Tranquillity at the Moluccas 6th.

He further informs the Colonel that he won Macquian during the War between Sum and Ternatians, and that the People left their own country and came and Settled at Tidore That the conceives Macquian, therefore as a free nation, and no longer bound to be Subject to Ternate — That they have a right to Chuse their Sovereign, whether that of Tidore, Ternate, or Batchian — That they have been pleased to adopt him by predelection to be their King and begs they may be allowed to follow their own inclinations —

7 He finds himself highly gratified and very thankfull for the Company's Kind remembrance of him in the present which was intended him and which he hopes he will receive at a future opportunity —

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8th 22 He Says that he understands from Mr. Walter Farquhar that Peace has been concluded between the English, French, and Dutch notwithstanding which he is determined that the English only shall be considered as Friends by him and that he will be an Eternal foe to the other nations and fight against until his dominions Sink—

. After the usual Compliments

(Signed) by the Sultaun and Council of Tidore—

. A true Copy and Translation.

Signed J. Oliver, Colonel

. Malacca 6th. March 1802.

This is to Certify that this Ship Sultaun, burden 150 Tons under English Colours commanded by Captain, J. W. Court with 10 Guns and 40. Men has cleared out from this Port baind to Eastward—

Cargo Sundries . (Signed) C. W. Young

Master Attendant

A True Copy

Signed Wm. Mainwaring

Master attendant

A True Copy,

(Signed) J. Oliver, Colonel

Colonel

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Colonel James Oliver.

Sir,

I yesterday had the Honor of delivering you a Manifest of the Ship Sultaun's Cargo I have to request your permission to land the Cargo and expose it for Sale.

I remain Sir Yea Yea

Signed, J. W. Court

A True Copy,

(Signed) J. Oliver

Colonel

Amboyna
9th. June 1802.

To Captain Court,

Commander of the Ship Sultaun

Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Commanding in Chief at the Moluccas to inform you in reply to your letter of this Day that he cant allow you to land any part of your Cargo at the Molucca Islands. I am further instructed to signify to you the Colonel Olivers orders that you

quit

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quit these Seas as soon as your Cargo is examined by the Officers ordered by him on that Duty. and you are on no account whatsoever to touch at any of the Molucca Islands before your Return to India.

I am Sir &c

(Signed) T. F. Duggan

Major of Brigade

Amboyna

7th. June 1802.

A True Copy

(Signed) I. Oliver

Colonel

To Captain Court

Commanding the Ship Sultaun

Sir

I am directed by the Officer Commanding in Chief at the Moluccas to inform you that you are at full liberty to quit Amboyna, as soon as you may judge fit; but as you have not replied to either of the letters which I wrote to you yesterday by the Commanding Officers orders I am Instructed by Colonel Oliver to signify to

you

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you that he is still resolved not to allow you to land any part of your Cargo at these Islands and that he cannot give his countenance to any Person who attempts to injure the public Interest, which you were guilty of at Tidore by offering Sultaun Newco one hundred pr. Cent more for his spices than he had engaged with Mr. Farquhar the late resident to deliver them to the Honorable Company—

Sam &ca &ca

Amboyna
8th June 1802,

Signed, J. F. Duggan
Major of Brigade.

A true Copy,

Signed, J. Oliver
Colonel

To Colonel James Oliver,

&ca &ca

Sir,

It was not in my power to answer your Letters of yesterday's date as I could not send you in my Protest until this time—

The Ship and Cargo is now

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I consider under your charge whilst she remains here
Before she can be examined, part of her Cargo must
be Landed to enable the officers you may order to
examine her — After which as soon as I can get
ready for Sea I shall proceed to India direct —

As to the charge Alledged a=
gainst me I do deny and will if you think proper
make an affidavit that such consideration never
took place between me and Nooka —

I am Sir Your
(Signed) J. W. Court

Amboyna
June 8th 1802,

a True Copy
(Signed) J. Oliver
Colonel

To Captain Court
Commander of the Ship Sultaun

Sir

I am directed by the Officer Com=
manding in Chief at the Moluccas to inform you
in reply to your letter of this Day, that he will
dispense

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dispense with the examination of your Cargo. lest it may suffer any injury in the present unfavorable weather. and as he is resolved not to allow any part of the Cargo to be landed here you can have a port clearance as soon as you wish to apply for it. With respect to that part of your letter in which you deny having had any conversation with Sultaun. Newco I am instructed by Colonel Oliver to observe that he did not insist on your having a personal communication with the Prince; however he has the Strongest grounds for thinking that a Negociation for Spices was carried on between you and the Sultauns' head Men. Colonel Oliver moreover orders me to Acquaint you that he sets so little value on your protest, that he will not even trouble himself with reading it.

I am &ca &ca

(Signed) J. F. Duggan

Major of Brigade

A true Copy,

(Signed) J. Oliver

Colonel

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I. I. W. Court. Commanding the Ship —
Sultaun and having a Port Clearance from Pulo
Penang under the Signature of Sir George Leith
Bart Governor of the said place authorized me to
Trade to the Eastward and the Molucca Islands,
do hereby depose that I arrived at the port of Amboyna
in the fifthday of June one thousand Eight hun=
-dred and two for the purpose of disposing of my
Cargo valued Prime Cost at Spanish Dollars —
thirty Seven thousand three hundred and fifty=
(37,350) and that I delivered in a true and just
Manifest to James Oliver Commanding in Chief
at the Moluccas agreeable to the Laws of the Port
and that I did this day write Officially to Colonel
James Oliver aforesaid to grant Permission to
Land my above mentioned Cargo and expose it
for Sale by the following letter —

To.

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To Colonel James Oliver.

Sir.

I yesterday had the honor of delivering you a Manifest of the Ship Sultans Cargo. I have to request your permission to Land the Cargo and expose it for Sale.

I remain

Amboyna

1st June 1802.

Sir

Signed T. W. Court.

In answer to which his reply was as follows—

To Captain Court.

Commander of Ship Sultan

Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Com=
=manding in Chief at the Moluccas to inform you in reply to your Letter of this day that he cannot allow you to Land any part of your Cargo at the Moluccas—I am further instructed by Colonel Oliver to Signify to you his orders that you quit these Seas as soon as your Cargo is examined by the Officers

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ordered on that Duty and you are on no account
whatsoever to touch at any of the Molucca Islands
before you return to India

Sam Sea Sea

Amboyna
9th June 1802.

(Signed) J. F. Duggan
Major of Brigade

I do therefore hereby Protest against
the said Colonel James Oliver aforesaid for all
Damages Detentions, and Loss of all Profits
which might have arisen on the said Cargo to be
valued by the Market Prices of the different Arti-
cles on my arrival at Amboyna as well as against
all Losses of whatsoever description that may arise
from the said Colonel James Olivers preventing
the said Cargo to be landed and disposed of at
Amboyna and the Moluccas agreeable to the inten-
tion of the Voyage. Holding him also responsible
and Accountable for every possible accident that may
happen hereafter to that Ship or Cargo—

In consequence I made
application

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application to Mr. Schouton to make out the above protest who informed me that he was a regular appointed Notary Public at Amboyna and would make out my Protest and Register it in his office by tomorrow at 8 oblock 8th June —

At 10 A. M. I called on Mr. Schouton in Company with Captain Donnes when he informed us he was not allowed to make out any Protest or to take any depositions on Oath without an order granted by Colonel James Oliver and produced the following one to the same Effect —

Mr. Schouton

Sir,

You are hereby directed not to take deposition on oath without leave first granted and obtained from me —

(Signed) James Oliver
Commanding in Chief
in the Moluccas —

and he further declared that he had waited on

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Colonel James Oliver this Morning to obtain leave to make out my protest but could not obtain it — I do therefore further protest against the said Colonel James Oliver for such proceedings contrary to the British Laws I am therefore obliged to apply to Captain Waller Commanding His Majesty's Ship Dadalus to take my deposition for the Security of the property entrusted to my charge Captain Waller having refused to take my deposition I am obliged to sign in the presence of —

(Signed) J. W. Court.

Witness
Charles Dorme
John Mac Intosh

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. Oliver
Colonel Commanding at
the Moluccas —

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

My Lord,

Para 1 I have much pleasure in informing

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further measures adopted in disbanding the Malay Troops at the Molucca Islands - states the allowance granted to a few Invalids - should it be deemed expedient to establish the British authority on Ouby major requests that some European Officers may be sent to reinforce him - Reports the General sickly state of the Officers stationed at the Molucca Islands - will forward by the next dispatch a correct account of the retrenchments in the Military Expenditure -

informing your Lordships in Council that Major Webber Commanding at Ternate has carried into execution your Lordships orders to disband the Malay Corps that is by discharging that part of it which was doing duty there. He has also by my order disbanded a small Corps, stiled the Gilolo Rangers and returned to Manado (31) Thirty one Recruits who had been sent to Ternate. I am told by order of Colonel Burr—

2 He has made an allowance of one Dollar P Month, and a Measure of Rice and a little Salt per day - to a few Savaneze who were so grievously afflicted by virulent sores that they must have perished from want, had he discharged them altogether, as they had no visible means of gaining a livelihood or supporting Life - I hope your Lordship in Council will approve of this act of Generosity, which I conceive was indispensably necessary to support the high opinion which the Natives of the Moluccas appear to entertain of the English Nation—

3 Should your Lordships in Council

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be pleased to approve of establishing the British Au=
=thority on Ouby Major which Mr. Walter Farquhar
took a formal Possession of, and place me in the same
Situation as I hold at the Moluccas by your Lord=
=ships favor - I beg leave to recommend that (10)
Subalterns at least with one assistant Surgeon
be sent to reinforce me, and in such case I take the
liberty of repeating my request that Lieutenants
John Oliver Coote Philip Oliver Maunsell, and
Boyce Coombe and Charles Philip Coote if arrived
from England, either in your Civil or Military
Service, be of the Number, an indulgence which
I trust your Lordship in Council will be pleased to
extend to me -

4 I am concerned to have occa=
=sion to inform Your Lordship that the dreadful
Malady which has so long prevailed at Banda
and swept away such Numbers has not altogether
abated, there are at present but three Officers -
Captain Kiasbury, Lieutenants Mears and Ross

doing

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doing duty there — at this Station I have but three Subalterns to perform the necessary duties of the place and there are but five at Ternate and of them three belonging to the Wirtemberg Company —

5. The Military Expences at these Islands are much decreased, in my next Dispatch I shall send your Lordship in Council a correct account of what I have been able to Retrench and I am happy to say that it was not necessary for me to retrench from any Officer —

6th One the 1st June I returned to the Owner the House which was rented for a Depoy Hospital at (40) forty Dollars per Month —

I have the honor to be

Sea Sea

(Signed) J. Oliver

Colonel Commanding at the Moluccas

Amboyna
Fort Victoria
July 6th 1802.

The following draft of a Letter to the Officer Commanding at the Molucca Islands

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is Read and Approved—

To Colonel James Oliver

Commanding the forces at the Molucca Islands

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted in the Margin and to express to you the Satisfaction of His Lordship in Council at the favorable report made by you relative to the State of Affairs at the Molucca Islands when transferred to your Command—

2 The restoration of peace in Europe and the intention of withdrawing the British troops from the Molucca Islands at an early period of time render it unnecessary for His Lordship in Council to furnish you with instructions on the points of Military detail stated in your letter of the 6th March last, as His Lordship in Council concludes that the execution of all works of a public nature in these Islands, will have been suspended—

6th March
D° D°
D° D° vide recorded in y.r Pub. Dep.t
6th April
16. d° D° D° D°
6th July
23d Aug.t D° D° D°

To the officer commanding the forces at the Molucca Islands—acknowledging letters noted in the Margin his report of the state of the Molucca Islands satisfactory. The intention of withdrawing the Troops from those stations renders any instruction on the points of Military Detail submitted in his letters unnessary. The Gratuity granted to the Malay Troops under the circumstances stated by him approved—Desiring him to avoid adopting any measures for Obtaining possession of Cuby major and that he will not encourage the Malay princes to expect support from the British Government in opposition to the Authority of the Dutch about to be restored—The Box left by the commander of the Princess charlotte at Madras, has been embarked on the Marchioness of Exeter and desiring that he will present the

the articles therein contained to the Sultaun Newco- His conduct towards the Malay princes approved, he will however continue to afford them the means of support so long as the Moluccas remain under the Companys authority with regard to the debts they incurred here he will use his discretion in compelling them to discharge them. His resolution to replace the Bale of Cloth purloined by the Rajahs approved- a Decision on the allowance to be granted to Lieutenant Waugh performing the Duties of Paymaster &ca deferred- the Allowance stated to have been paid to the Senior Naval Officer at Amboyna, tho' unusual to be continued to him in conside-ration of its having hitherto been paid- Instructions will be hereafter furnished to him relative to the conveyance of the Troops from the Malucca Islands.

Suspended-

3 His Lordship in Council has observed with much satisfaction the conduct of the Military troops enlisted in the public Service and entirely approves the gratuity of one Months pay bestowed upon them under the circumstances described in your dispatch-

4 The resolution of His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon to detach an Officer to the Molucca Islands for the purpose of recruiting for the Service on Ceylon, renders it unnecessary for the Governor in Council to Communicate to you any farther directions on that Subject-

5 His Lordship in Council not having received any orders from the Court of Directors respecting the formation of a British Settlement at Ouby Major is pleased to direct that you will not at present adopt any farther measures for that purpose, that you will avoid encouraging in the Minds of the Malay princes the expec-

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expectation of support from the British Go-
-vernment in opposition to the Authority of the
Dutch Government about to be restored.—

6 His Lordship in Council has
been concerned to observe that from the negligence
of the Commander of the Princess Charlotte the
Articles intended to be presented in the name
of the Honorable Court of Directors to the Sul-
-taun Newco were not conveyed by that Ship to
Amboyna — I am directed to inform You
that the box containing the Articles has been
now embarked on the Honorable Company's
Ship Marchioness of Exeter agreeably to the
enclosed Receipt of the Commander; and to
desire that You will take Measures Accordingly
-ly for presenting them to the Sultaun.—

7 The Governor in Council
is entirely Satisfied at the conduct observed
by you towards the two Malay princes who

proceeded

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proceeded from this place to Amboyna, and considers their pretentions to be undeserving of farther Countenance — His Lordship in Council is pleased however to desire that you will continue to them such an allowance as may be necessary to afford to them the means of support so long as the Moluccoa Islands shall remain under the authority of the Company's Government —

With respect to the debts contracted by these persons at this Presidency His Lordship in Council does not Consider that subject to belong to the Cognizance of the Governor in Council unless you shall be satisfied that they possess the means of payment in which case you will take such measures for compelling them to satisfy the Claims of their Creditors as the circumstances of the case may appear to render expedient —

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9. His Lordship in Council entirely approves the measures taken by you for the discovery of the circumstances connected with the loss of the Bale of Cloth purloined by the Rajahs, and your resolution to replace that article by the purchase of another bale for the Raja of Ballytoun—

10 His Lordship in Council will postpone a decision relative to the Allowance which it may be proper to grant to Lieutenant Waugh for performing the duties of Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions at the Molucca Islands—

11 The extraordinary Allowance stated in your Letter of the 23d August last to have been paid to His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer at Amboyna for house Rent is an unusual indulgence. In consideration however of that allowance having been hitherto paid, the Governor in Council is pleased to desire that it may be continued to Captain Waller—

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proceeded from this place to Amboyna, and
considers their pretentions to be undeserving
of farther Countenance — His Lordship in
Council is pleased however to desire that you
will continue to them such an allowance as
may be necessary to afford to them the means
of support so long as the Moluccas Islands
shall remain under the authority of the Com=
=pany's Government —

With respect to the debts
contracted by these persons at this Presidency
His Lordship in Council does not consider
that subject to belong to the Cognizance of the
Governor in Council unless you shall be satis=
=fied that they possess the means of payment
in which case you will take such measures
for compelling them to satisfy the Claims of
their Creditors as the circumstances of the case
may appear to render expedient —

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9 His Lordship in Council entirely approves the measures taken by you for the discovery of the circumstances connected with the loss of the Bale of Cloth purloined by the Rajahs, and your resolution to replace that article by the purchase of another bale for the Rajah of Ballytoun —

10 His Lordship in Council will postpone a decision relative to the Allowance which it may be proper to grant to Lieutenant Waugh for performing the duties of Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions at the Molucca Islands —

11 The extraordinary Allowance stated in your letter of the 23d. August last to have been paid to His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer at Amboyna for house Rent is an unusual indulgence. In consideration however of that allowance having been hitherto paid, the Governor in Council is pleased to desire that it may be continued to Captain Waller —

12th

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12. His Lordship in Council has under consideration, the Arrangement which it may be proper to make for engaging tonnage for the conveyance of the Troops from the Molucca Islands on the restoration of those possessions and you will be hereafter furnished with His Lordships directions on that Subject

Fort St. George
16 October 1802.

I am &ca &ca
(Signed) George Buchan
Secretary to Government

" Clive
" Stuart
" Wm Elkie
" Smith

Ex Wm Strange

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Diary

16th Received and sent the following —

Letters entered in M. B Nos 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. —

From Captain Campbell Encloses the Sick Certificate of Lieutenant Douglas of the Scotch Brigade permitted to proceed to England and requests that authority may be given for the payment of the customary passage Money. —

From the acting Deputy Adjutant General to the Kings Troops. —

From the Widow of the late — Captain Preston - Requests the Certificate of her — being a Pensioner on Lord Clives Bounty Fund. —

From the Widow of the late Capt. Preston. —

To the Military Auditor General — Desiring that the allowance of Passage money, may be granted to Lieutenant Douglas of the Scotch Brigade permitted to proceed to England on Sick Certificate

To the Military Auditor General

To Captain Cumine - Directing him to receive on board his Ship, and convey to Columbo a Detachment of Men belonging to His Majestys Native Regiments on Ceylon. —

To the Commander of the Ship — Bengal. —

To

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To the Town Major - Enclosing

To the Town Major of Fort St George

an Order to the Commander of the Ship Bengal for receiving on board his Ship the Men belonging to His Majestys Native Regiments on Ceylon -

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Received and sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 36. 37.

From Captain Campbell - Requesting

From the Acting Deputy Adjutant General to the Kings Troops

that 6 Months Kings Subsistence may be paid to Captain Pearson of His Majestys 73d Regiment ordered to proceed to England in charge of Invalids

To the Military Paymaster General -

To the Military Paymaster General

Transmitting Copy of the Report of the Military Auditor General, on the additional Estimate of Cash, and stating the amount to be issued from the Treasury in consequence. -

Order of Council

Military Department

18th October 1802

Received the following letter from the Military Auditor General -

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c.a &c.a

My Lord,

1 Having examined the additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month which accompanied a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, under date the 13th Instant, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Eighteen thousand eight hundred and Ninety seven Pagodas, Ten fanams and fifty seven Cash (Ps. 18,897. 10. 57.) is admissible and issuable as follows.—

From the Military Auditor General Reports on the additional Estimate for the Current month — and states that the portion to be paid to the Bullock Owners should remain in the Treasury — until Major Symons shall apply for it — and that the payment of the Sum due to the Maistries should be deferred until the Conditions required from them may be fulfilled

From the General Treasury	18,639. 10. 57.
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	258. " "
Pagodas	18,897. 10. 57.

2. The Sum issuable by Bills on the Military Paymaster General is the amount of an additional Estimate of the Paymaster at Masulipatam on account of the Troops &c. Stationed at

Nellore

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Nellore and which was not included in his last Estimate —

3 The Amount payable from the General Treasury is required by the Military Paymaster General to discharge the amount of — sundry Bills drawn on him, by Paymasters at Out Stations in favor of Individuals, to make advances to Officers sick Absent from their Corps, to make an advance on account of His Majesty's 80th Regiment of foot, authorized by Government on the 27th Ultimo, and to liquidate the amount of sundry balances due to certain Bullock Owners employed in the public Service during the late War in Mysoor, authorized by Government. —

4 Agreeably to your Lordships' directions, contained in Mr. Secretary Buchan's — letter of the 4th Instant, the amount due to the Bullock Owners, Viz.t — Thirteen thousand One hundred and forty Pagodas, fourteen Fanams and thirteen Cash (Pag.s 13,140. 14. 13.) should remain

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in the General Treasury until Major Symons shall make a written application for it to the Military Paymaster General.—

5 I have deducted the Sum of —

Pagodas Four thousand six hundred and twenty eight, fanams thirty and Cash seventy five —

(Pags. 4628. 30. 75), being the amount of Pay to the Maistries, from the Total of the additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General, as that Sum should remain in the treasury until the conditions set forth in the letter from the Secretary in the — Military Department to the Military Board, under date the 14th Ultimo, are fulfilled.—

I have the honor to be &c—

Military Auditor Generals Office (Signed) J. Brunton.
Fort St George 16th October 1802 M.P. Aud.r General

In consequence of the foregoing —

Ordering the Sum required on account of the additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General to be issued

report, ordered, that the Sum of Eighteen thousand Six hundred and thirty Nine Pagodas. Ten fanams

and

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Issued from the Treasury.—

and fifty Seven Cash (Pags. 18,639. 10. 57.) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster — General on account of the additional estimate enclosed in his letter of the Instant.—

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

(Signed) George Buchan

Sec.y to Government.

19th

Sent the following letters entered in M. B. Nos. 38. 39. 40.—

To Captain Book — Informing

To the Secretary at Fort William

him that the Carbines embarked on His Majesty's Ship La Chiffonne have been landed at this — Presidency.—

To the Military Board — Enclosing

To the Military Board —

Copies of letters from Bengal, respecting the Brass Guns cast at Fort William for this Presidency; and an Invoice of Carbines shipped on His Majesty's Ship La Chiffonne for this Presidency.— Copy of a letter from the Commissioner Extraordinary at Jaffnapatam

together

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19th together with an Invoice of Elephants consigned to Cuddalore — Copies of letters from the Officer commanding at Trichinapoly, and desiring that the Repairs therein mentioned may be executed if necessary — and Copy of a letter of the same nature from the Officer — Commanding Wallajahbad, which are also to be executed if they shall appear to be proper. —

To the Military Auditor —

To the Military Auditor General

General — Desiring that he will advance the subsistence applied for, in the enclosed copy of a letter from the Deputy Adjutant General of His Majestys Troops to Captain Pearson of His Majestys 73d Regiment. —

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Wednesday the 20th October 1802

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie & Mungo Dick } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

The Military General Letter intended for Dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Ship Britannia, being read and approved, is signed and ordered to be Dispatched.—

" Clive

" J. Stuart

" Wm Petrie

" Mungo Dick

Ex Wm Strange

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Diary

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Received the undermentioned —

Letters entered in M. B. Nos 41-42-43-44-45-46-47.

From Mr Arbuthnot — acknow-

From the Chief Secretary at — Columbo —

-ledges the receipt of the account of the Disbursements which have been made on account of the Corps of Volunteers raised at Madras for the Service of Ceylon, and states that those payments will be placed to the Credit of this Presidency. —

From Captain Macleane — Forwards

From the Secreta-ry to the — Military Board

a Return of Arrack and Salt Provisions laden on the Marchioness of Exeter for the use of the Troops at the Molucca Islands. —

From Ditto Forwards Returns

From Ditto. Do. —

of Provision of Stores sent on board the Ships — Bengal and Marquis of Wellesley for the use of a Party of Troops proceeding to Columbo on the former Ship, and for two Malays proceeding to Penang on the latter Vessel. —

From

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From Ditto — Towards a List of the Ordnance shipped on the Bengal for the use of the Ceylon Government.—

From Do. Do.

From Mr. Branfill — Requests that Mr. Ogilvie may be accepted in lieu of himself as the Security for Mr. Savage Paymaster in the Ceded Districts.—

From Mr. Branfill

From Mr. Lennon — Submits the Names of the Persons he intends sending into the Forests at Mullewar and Trepetty.—

From Captain Lennon of the Engineers.—

From Captain Mackay — Forwards Copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Extraordinary of Revenue on Ceylon stating that One of the Elephants intended for the use of this Presidency was with Young.—

From the Agent for Public Cattle at Mysore.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Friday the 22d October 1802

Lieutenant General James Stuart Com: in Chief

William Petrie
&
Mungo Dick
} Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

Read the following Minute of the Commander in Chief.—

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Minute of the Commander in Chief—Proposes that the pensions paid by Government to the Heirs of the native Soldiers who have died on foreign Service may be restricted to such of the Heirs who have been left destitute of support

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At a Consultation 35

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Governor and President

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support by the loss of their relations — Recommends that the application he submits from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser of the native Infantry to proceed to England may be complied with — Recommends that Mr. Assistant Surgeon Hay stationed at Errode, but who had been ordered to afford medical aid to the Garrison of Sankerrydroog during the absence of the Surgeon attached to that Station, may draw the Garrison allowance at that time allotted for Sankerrydroog for the period he was in the Medical charge of the Station — Reports that Lieutenant Colonel Robt. Shaw Commanding His Majesty's 74th Regiment has been permitted to proceed to Europe, and that the command of the Corps devolves upon Lieutenant Colonel W. Wallace — Recommends that Lieut.t J. Knox of His Majesty's 33d. Regiment may be appointed persian Interpreter to the Officer Commanding in Mysore — Submits proceedings of the Medical Board in their meeting of the 15th. October with a Monthly Return of the Sick of the Army for August made out agreeably to the recent Regulations —

destitute of support by the loss of their Relations; and as it has come to the Commander in Chiefs knowledge that the Pensions so granted are enjoyed by native Commissioned — Non Commissioned, and Privates of the Army, he recommends in the event of the Board coinciding in his opinion, that the same be notified to the Army in a General — Order to the following effect — Viz.t —

"It having been the intention of
"the Right Honorable the President in Council
"to restrict the Pensions granted in General Orders
"of the 9th March, and 11th August 1802 to the —
"Heirs of Native Soldiers who died on foreign —
"Service to the Eastward in battle, or otherwise, to
"such as were left destitute of support by the loss
"of their deceased Relations, it is hereby ordered
"that no Native Commissioned Officer, — Non Com —
"missioned Officer, or Rank and File, of the Army,
"or other person receiving the pay of Government,
"shall receive the aforementioned Pension."

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2nd " The Commander in Chief recommends a compliance with an application which he has the honor to submit to the Board from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser of the 16th Regiment, to be permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough for three Years.—

3rd " The Commander in Chief having found it necessary under a prevalence of extreme Sickness at Sankerry droog, and a total want of Medical aid, arising from the Absence of the Surgeon attached to the Station, to order in November last that Mr. Assistant Surgeon May from Errode should afford every practicable Assistance to the Garrison of Sankerry droog, it is recommended that Mr. May be permitted to draw the Garrison Allowance at that time allotted for Sankerry droog during the period he was in Medical charge of the Station, and that the necessary intimation to that effect be given to the Office of Audit. The Surgeon of the Station who

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who was sick absent at the time has drawn no part of the Garrison allowances, while Mr Hay acted.—

4th. The Commander in Chief reports to the Board that Lieutenant Colonel Robert Shaw, Commanding His Majesty's 74th Regiment and Cantonment of Wandajahbad has been permitted to proceed to Europe for the benefit of his Health, and that Lieutenant Colonel William Wallace has succeeded as next Senior Officer to the Command of the Regiment at that Cantonment.—

5th. The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieutenant John Knox of His Majesty's 33d Regiment may be appointed Persian Interpreter to the Officer Commanding in Mysore; Vice Ogg permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate.—

6th. The Commander in Chief lays before Government Proceedings of the Medical

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in their meeting of the 15th. October with a Monthly Return of the Sick of the Army for August 1802 made out in conformity to the late Medical regulations.—

22d. October 1802 (Signed) I. Stuart.

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council.

My Lord, &c. &c. &c.—

I do myself the honor to solicit Your Lordships' permission to proceed to Europe on furlough for three Years.—

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15th. October 1802

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Bowser D. Col.

Resolved in conformity to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that a general order be published for excluding from the provision afforded for the relief of the families of the Native troops who have died in ~~the~~ Foreign Service all persons in the actual receipt of pay in

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in the Honorable Company's Service —

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Bowser be permitted to proceed to Europe on Surlough —

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to give authority for the payment to Mr Assistant Surgeon Kay of the allowance attached to the Medical charge of the Garrison of Sankerrydroog, while he performed Medical duty at that Station. —

Resolved that Lieutenant Kennedy of His Majestys 33d Regiment be appointed Persian Interpreter to the Officer Commanding the forces in Mysoor. —

Medical Board
15th October 1802

From the Medical Board — Submit a Monthly Return of the Sick of the Army for August, explains the cause of its being incomplete — In answer to the Instructions of Government of the 11 Instant, state that there does not exist any

1st The Medical Board have the honor to enclose for the information of the Commander in Chief, and Government, the monthly Return of

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any immediate necessity for making an application on the Bombay Government to supply the Troops serving in the Malabar Province with Medical Stores.—

of the Sick of the Army— and are much concerned that it has not been in their power to present it earlier, and in a complete State. The advanced period in the month of August, at which the new Military Medical Regulations reached some of the distant out Stations, is the reason generally offered, for the lateness of the Journals received— for those still deficient, no cause has yet been assigned.—

2 The Medical Board in consequence of the apparent remissness shewn, have considered it incumbent on them, in the orders they have since issued, to adopt such measures as they hope

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will in future, insure the most pointed attention of all Superintending Surgeons, Surgeons, and Assistant Surgeons to this part of their duty - and such they trust, as will enable them to give in regularly, the required Report from their Board on the 15th of every month -

3 The Medical Board have the honor to acknowledge the resolutions of Government on their Proceedings of the 4th instant, in which they are desired to state specifically whether there may be a necessity for applying to the Governor in Council at Bombay, for a supply of Medicines for the Service of Malabar. -

4th The Medical Board having previously to the receipt of these resolutions, called upon and obtained from the Medical Storekeeper, a

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Statement of the quantities of Europe Medicines that had been supplied for Malabar; in which it does not appear that the actual expenditure in that Province, had been in any great degree extraor=dinary — Having also received a second letter from the Medi=cal Storekeeper dated the 5th instant, explaining that the observation in his former letter, was meant more in allusion to the quantities of Medicines indented for, than what had actually been supplied — thereby evincing the effectual check which had on that occasion — been made — And as the same power of checking and Superin=tending the expenditure of the Medicines and Medical Stores, remains with the Medi=cal Board, which the Right

Honble

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Honble the Governor in Council may rely on being exerted with the same readiness and Zeal as heretofore; it does not in their Judgement appear, that any immediate application is necessary to be made, to the Governor in Council at Bombay.—

(Signed)

Jas. Anderson
Physician General

T. Gahagan M.D. &
2d Member Medical Board

Nical Mein
3d Member Medical Board

Read the following petition from Guffoor Saib late Persian Moonchy at Trichenopoly

To the Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor in Council &ca &ca &c

The humble Petition of Guffoor Saib late Persian Writer of Trichinopoly.—

Sheweth

Petition of Guffer Saib Petitions for some Support after his long Services

That your Petitioner having served the

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Services as Persian Writer at Trichinopoly produces testimonies of his good Conduct in that situation.—

the Honble Company, near forty years in the Capa-
-city of Persian Writer of Trichinopoly, for the small
Pay of Pagodas 9. 14. " P month, of which he has
been lately destituted, and which he sincerely deplores.
During the abovementioned Period his conduct has
been approved by all his Superiors, and in parti-
-cular the Commanding Officers of Trichinopoly —
under whom he served; whose Certificates of Appro-
-bation he can for some time back produce. Thus
approved, and being wholly attached to the Honble
Company, and the English Nation from Habit and
Gratitude for so many Years, he is led to look
to them only for his future Support, and therefore
prays that your Lordship may be graciously —
pleased to grant out of your wonted Humanity
his Petition a Consideration, and such Support, as
in your Lordship's Wisdom the Man may seem to
deserve, who has brought up a Family of five
Children reputably upon the above mentioned small
Pay, without which they must be desolate &

distressed

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distressed indeed.—

Your Lordships Compliance will in Duty bind your Petitioner ever to Pray.—

(Signed)
in the Persian Language

I do hereby Certify that the Bearer Guffoor Saib has been long my Persian Writer, and always conducted himself in a regular faithful manner and is a very useful Man to the Commanding Officer on account as well of his abilities as his — general acquaintance with and knowledge of the Inhabitants — given under my hand in Trichenopoly this 16th day of September 1790.

(Signed) Eeles Nixon.

My Dear Colonel

The Bearer of this Guffoor Saib has served me faithfully as Persian Interpreter during the whole of my Stay at Trichenopoly — and beg to recommend him to your Protection and good Offices.

Trichenopoly
December 25th 1798.

I remain &c &c.

(Signed) J. Floyd

Guffoor

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Guffoer Sahib Persian Translator has been upwards of thirty years in that Station with the Commanding Officer of Trichenopoly, and during his connection with me since the beginning of January last has proved deserving of this recommendation for attention and ability.—

Trichenopoly
18th December 1799

(Signed) A. Brown
Colonel

Resolved in consideration of the long Service, and approved character of the Petitioner Guffoor Saib, and of the distressed circumstances to which he has been reduced by the abolition of the appointment held by him under the Company's Government, that a Pension equal to the amount of his former pay being Pags. 9. 14. A month be granted to him from the period when this appointment of Persian Moonchy at Trichinopoly was abolished conformable to the orders issued in the month of January last, during the remainder of his life.—

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The Secretary is directed to return to Guffoor Saib the testimonials of character submitted with his petition.—

The following draft of a letter to the Governor General in Council is read & approved

To His Excellency

The Most Noble Marquis Wellesley K.P.

Governor General in Council at

Fort William

My Lord,

Para 1

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of Your Excellency in Council dated the 26th August last, inclosing a copy of the Minute recorded by His Excellency the Governor General relative to the conduct of Captain Montgomery late Commanding Officer of His Excellency the Governor Generals Body Guard; & our Secretary has communicated to us the General Order published under the authority of your Excellency in Council on that subject, of which a copy was enclosed with the

letter

To Bengal—acknowledging the copy of a Minute recorded by the Governor General in Council relative to the Conduct of Capt. Montgomery late Commanding Officer of the Body Guard at Bengal, together with the General Order published on that subject—and stating having expressed to the Army of this Establishment the Sense entertained of the merits of that Officer.—

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Letter from the Secretary to the Government at Fort William dated the 16th. ultimo.—

2d

We beg leave to express to your Excellency in Council our satisfaction at those honorable testimonies of the Merit of Captain Montgomery in the Station filled by him at Fort William, and to acquaint Your Excellency in Council that in permitting that Officer to proceed to Europe on furlough we have published to the Army of this Presidency the distinguished commendation bestowed by your Excellency in Council on that Officers Conduct, & have added the expression of our public approbation of Captain Montgomery's Merits in the situations which he had filled under the orders of the Government of Fort St. George

We have the honor to be &c &c

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23d. October 1802

(Signed) Clive & Council

Read & approved the following drafts of letters to the Officer Commanding the forces in Mysoor, & to the Secretary to the Government

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Government at Bombay —

To the Officer Commanding the Forces in Mysore

Sir,

It having been stated to the Right Honble the Governor in Council that it is in the Contemplation of the Honble the Governor in Council at Bombay to despatch the Honble Company's Ship Sir Edward Hughes to the Coast of Malabar, with orders for subsequently proceeding to the port of Goa, for the purpose of conveying to Bombay the native Battalion of that Presidency stationed at that place, I am directed to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council considers it to be probable that this intention may be founded upon a communication from the Supreme Government to the Honble the Governor in Council at Bombay relative to the evacuation of Goa by the British Troops —

To the Officer Commanding in Mysore — Shd he have reason to believe that the Intention of Bombay Government to withdraw the Troops under their Establishment from Goa, is connected with Instructions to that effect from the Supreme Government, he is desired to use his discretion in authorizing the Embarkation of the Troops — Copy of this communication has been transmitted to Bombay —

As His Lordship in Council has not received the instructions of His Excellency the Governor General in Council on this subject, His Lordship is precluded

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precluded from issuing orders respecting the embarka-
-tion of the troops — But if you shall be apprized
by any further communication from the Presidency
of Bombay that the intention of withdrawing the British
troops from Goa, is connected with instructions from the
Supreme Government, or if a communication to that
effect shall be made to the Officer Commanding the troops
at Goa, His Lordship in Council desires that you will in such
case, use your discretion in authorizing the embarkation of
the troops on the Sir Edward Hughes, on the arrival of
that Ship at Goa —

I am directed to acquaint you, that a Copy of
this letter has been communicated to the Honble the —
Governor in Council at Bombay for his information

I have the honor to be &c &c —

(Signed) G. Buchan
Sec.y to Government

Fort St George
23d October 1802

To Jas. Grant Esq.r
Secretary to the Government at Bombay —

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you for the
information of the Honble the Governor in Council at Bombay
that the Right Honble the Governor in Council having
received intimation through the channel of the Commander
in Chief at this Presidency, of the probable despatch of the
Honble Company's Ship Sir Edward Hughes from Bombay under
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respecting the intention of the Bombay Government to withdraw the Battalion of Sepoys belonging to the Establishment of that Presidency stationed at Goa.—

orders for ultimately proceeding to Goa, for the purpose of conveying to Bombay the Battalion of Sepoys belonging to the establishment of that Presidency stationed at Goa, His Lordship in Council has under the existing doubt in regard to the instructions which may have been received on that subject from His Excellency the Governor General in Council, by the Honble the Governor in Council at Bombay, deemed it to be proper to transmit the instructions contained in the letter of which I have the honor to enclose a Copy, to the Officer Commanding the Forces in Mysoor.—

Fort St George
23d October 1802

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) G. Buchan
Secy to Govt.—

Lord Clive proposes the appointment of Lieut. Col. Wallace of His Majesty's 74 Regiment to command at the Cantonment of Wallajahbad; & the appointment of Captain Thos. Wilson to be Barrack Master in the Northern Division of the Army.—

Lieut. Col. Wallace appointed to the command at Wallajahbad — and — Captain Thos. Wilson has been appointed to be Barrack Master in the N.D. of the Army.—

Approved & Ordered accordingly—
" Clive
" Stuart
" Wm Pitt
" Moore

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Diary

23d. Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &ca. &ca. &ca.

My Lord,

1. We have the honor to report that Orders have been given for carrying into execution the Commands of your Lordship in Council, conveyed to us in the letters of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, under date the 24th. 27th. and 30th. September.

2. It having appeared from the Report of a Committee appointed by the Officer Commanding at St. Thomas's Mount, to survey and report upon some repairs executed by the Superintending Engineer, that some additional works were absolutely necessary to ensure the safety of the Powder Magazine, and that the roof of the officers Guard Room was in want of

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repair a Circumstance which was not known till after the late Rains, we called upon the Engineer to submit to us an Estimate of the Cost of these repairs (Copy of which is enclosed) and we have the Honor to acquaint your Lordship in Council, that we have authorized the execution of the repairs on account of the near approach of the Monsoon, and beg leave to recommend an advance of one Third of the amount of the Estimate to be paid to the Superintending Engineer on account.

We have the Honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
4th October 1802.

(Signed) " J. Stuart
" D. Smith
" E. Trapaud
" P. A. Agnew
" J. Brunton
" A. Orr.

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Probable 2d. Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Officers Guard Room at St. Thomas's Mount, and additional Work for the security of the Magazine at that Cantonment.

Measurement Supl. Sqr.	feet	Cub feet		Prices P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
			Additional Work for the Magazine										
			2 Brass wired Window Shutters	10	"	"	each	20	"	"			
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			Constructing a Shed for the Guard								30	2	69
			Officers and Privates Guard Room										
21.	"	"	Taking off old and relaying one fourth										
			Reepers and half flat Tiles one fourth,										
			Pan Tiles with Chunam Borders	4	"	"	℔ Sqr.	84	"	"			
31	50	"	White Washing	"	4	"	Do.	3	"	"			
2	"	"	Paving with 6 Inches Sqre. Bricks	3	"	"	Do.	6	"	"			
9	"	"	Painting in Chunam	"	16	"	Do.	3	18	"	96.	18	"
							Pagodas				170.	20.	69.

Fort St. George
2d. October 1802

(Signed) Thomas Fraser
Superintending Engineer

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Secretary Military Board

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

In obedience to your Orders communicated to me in a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department of this day's date, I have lost no time in demanding from the Office of the Military Paymaster General the documents calculated to substantiate the assertions contained in Captain Montgomery's address to Mr. Secretary Buchan dated 5th Inst. further explanatory of the causes of the apparent loss by exchange in his accounts as late agent for supplying horses for the Cavalry, and have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that by the enclosed Copy of the Paymaster General's address to me of this days date it does not appear that he posseses any documents of that nature, but he establishes by his communication on the subject that the circumstances stated by Captain Montgomery

From the Military Auditor General - Forwards Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster General relative to the Causes of the apparent loss on exchange in the Accounts of the late Agency of Captain Montgomery, and States that he has directed the amount to be carried to its proper head in the public Books -

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Montgomery are in themselves facts, but that it is necessary an arrangement which he describes in his letter should take place respecting the advances in Sultaany Pagodas which Captain Montgomery received from the Collector in Canara, on which subject he means to address your Lordship in Council. In consequence therefore of the Paymaster Generals explanation to me I have directed the amount difference of exchange in Captain Montgomery's accounts to be carried to its proper head in the public Books.

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. Brunton

Military Auditor General.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
6th October 1802.

To the Military Auditor General

Sir

I have read over with attention the letter from Government to you containing Captain Montgomery's explanations relative to

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the difference of exchange standing against him and perfectly concur in the facts stated by him. The Money advanced him in Bengal was debited at an Ideal rate and General Books got credit at the same rate, there is therefore no loss whatsoever upon these Sums and on receiving your final instructions I shall take the necessary steps to have them adjusted with the accountant General I have to make the same observations relative to the Sums standing against Captain Montgomery on account of the advances made to him at Canara in Bahadery and Sultauny Pagodas for which he was debited by the Accountant General part at 7 and part, at 8 ℘ Ct. when the whole ought to have been debited him at 8 ℘ Cent. on receiving your instructions I shall take the necessary measures to have this Sum also adjusted with the accountant General, after stating this latter circumstance to Government.

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I have the honor to be &ca.

Fort St. George

6th October 1802

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

True Copy

(Signed) J. Brunton

Military auditor General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General. Forwards Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Masulipatam proposing an arrangement for the Supply of Cash to the Garrisons in his Division different from the arrangement made by the accountant General.

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter from Mr. Paymaster young at Masulipatam which I request you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council wherein he proposes an arrangement for the Supply of Cash to the Garrisons in his division different from the arrangement made by the accountant General and which has every appearance of being beneficial by saving the expense of the Carriage and risk in the transport of Spice and possibly may also be a convenience to the Commercial

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Department -

I have the honor to be &ca

Fort St. George (Signed) B. Roebuck

11th October 1802 Military auditor General -

To the Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir,

In paying attention to your instructions contained in your letter of the 28th Ultimo respecting the saving to Government upon the transporting of money for payment of the Troops I beg leave to pointout to you that by the arrangement specified by the Accountant General I am to be supplied by the Collector 1st Division with a Lack Pagodas annually which Collector sends the Cash from Caconada upwards of 80 Miles crossing 9 Rapid Rivers, to the great risque of the Cash, and considerable expense in Batta to escorts and Cooley hire for the Rupees (which coin Mr.

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(Balmain always sends) whereas the Collector 2d. Division at Muglatore is only 30 Miles distant and one River to cross - The difference of Expence and risque is obvious should you direct me to receive the money from the latter - The Collector of 2d. Division furnishes the Commercial Resident at Ingerum with 140,000 Pagodas, and has 50 Miles and 8 Rivers to cross in sending it whereas the Collector of 1st. Division has only 8 Miles to send the Cash to Ingerum, If therefore the Commercial Resident was supplied with a Lack from the Coconada Collector which now comes to my Payments and I received the said Sum from the Mugultore Collector, the whole expense and risque from Mugultore to Ingerum would be saved both ways in my supply and in the Residents - and the advantage of the Resident receiving his Cash within 8 Miles instead of 50 and mine 30 instead of 80 independant of the real risk of Rivers)

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which often are impossible) must be evident. The Resident whom I visited on my return from my Northern Garrisons is of the same opinion as myself, that it would be a considerable saving to Government, and convenience to the Investment. The Collector of Muglatore thinks the same, I therefore submit to you the propriety of my ceasing to Indent on the Collector of 1st Division and adding to the Indent on the 2d Division Collector the above Sum.

I must also notice that I am to receive 10,2000 Pagodas from the Guntoor Collector, which comes 40 Miles and Crosses the Kistna, whereas the Masulipatam Collector supplies but 60,000 which will not pay one half of the Troops in this one Garrison. If the Guntoor Collector supplied me with 40,000 only (enough for its payments) and the Masulipatam Collector with the difference

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23. (62,000) The whole expence would be saved of Batta to Escorts and Cooly, Package &c. as the money would be delivered on the Spot, free of every charge, and the Collector of Guntoor in forwarding his Cash to the General Treasury here, would have but one expence instead of a constant monthly one. I submit this saving also to your consideration.-

I have the honor to be &c.

Masulipatam 3d. October 1802.

Signed/ Samuel Young
Paymaster

A True Copy
Signed/ B. Roebuck
Military Paymaster General.

Sent the following Letters.

To Major General Brathwaite

Sir.

To Major General Brathwaite Enclosing extract of a letter from England together with a Copy of His Majestys Warrant, authorizing the distribution to be made to the Captors of Pondicherry &c

I have the honor to enclose the extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, together with a Copy of His Majestys warrant authorizing destribution to be made to

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the Captors of Pondicherry of a moiety of the value of the Prize property taken at that place, and am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that you will submit to His Lordship in Council a plan framed in communication with the constituted Agents for the Ships employed at the Seige of Pondicherry for distributing the property among the land and sea forces in such proportion as shall be consistent with the established usage in such Cases-

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I have the honor &ca.
(Signed) George Buchan
Secretary to Government.

To His Excellency
Vice Admiral Rainier
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies.

To Admiral Rainier Enclosing an Extract of a letter from England Stating that the Medicines which may be furnished from the Medical Stores of this

Sir,

Para 1.

We have the honor to acquaint

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this Presidency for the use of H. M. Ships or of the Naval Hospital must be paid for in future when issued from the Stores.

your Excellency that having communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors the result of our correspondence with your Excellency relative to the supply of Medicines for the use of the Ships of His Majesty's Squadron in India, the Honorable Court has in a letter dated the 28th April last been pleased to direct, that the Medicines which may be furnished from the Medical Stores of this Presidency, for the use of His Majesty's Ships or of the Naval Hospital at this place shall be paid for in future when issued from the Stores.

2 We have accordingly deemed it to be proper to enclose for your Excellency's information the accompanying extract containing the Honorable Courts instructions on that subject.

We have the honor to be &ca.

Fort St. George
23d October 1802

Signed Clive
&ca. Council

To

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To the President &ca. Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board forwarding the Copies of Paragraphs in the late letter from England calling for the information therein required relative to the Contract for Mily supplies. Fixing the Salary of the Secretary to their Board. The Board of Trade will Transfer to their Control the execution of all buildings and repairs which may have been under the authority of that Board, and they will report their opinion on the practicability of suspending the execution of any of the publick Works at present in hand.

Paras 19-100-112-173-172 & 173.

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you Copies of the Paragraphs of a General letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 28th April last, referred to in the margin.

His Lordship in Council desires that you will report for the information of the Honorable Court of Directors whether the mode adopted for the supply of Military stores by contract has been found an experiment to answer the expectation entertained regarding that system of supply.

I am directed to acquaint you that in conformity to the principle on which the Court of Directors has been pleased to regulate the Salary of the Secretary of the Military Board, the Governor in Council

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has resolved to complete the receipts of that Officer to the same sum as has been allowed to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue, being four hundred Pagodas ⅌ month inclusive of the Regimental pay and allowances to which the Secretary of the Military Board may be entitled by his Rank in the Army, and that it is the intention of His Lordship in Council that this regulation shall take effect from the 7th Ultimo.-

His Lordship in Council desires that the saving which may be produced from the Lascar Cloathing may be appropriated to the benefit of the Company from that date.-

I am directed to acquaint you that inconformity to the directions conveyed by the Honorable Court of Directors on the Subject of public Buildings, the Board of Trade has been instructed to transfer to the Superintendence and Control of the Military Board the execution of all Buildings or repairs of whatever

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description which may have been hitherto under the authority of the Board of Trade, and His Lordship in Council desires that you will report whether it may be in your opinion practicable to suspend the execution of any of the public works at present in hand agreeably to the instructions of the Court of Directors on that subject.-

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
23d October 1802.

Signed George Buchan
Secretary to Government M. D.

Received and sent the under-mentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58.-

From the Secretary to the Military Board-

From Captain Macleane - Forwards a letter to be transmitted to the Secretary to the Military Board at Bombay.-

From the Senior Engineer at the Presidency -

From Lieutenant Colonel Frapaud - Requests that the enclosed Indent on the Import Warehouse may be passed-

From Mr. Mc Mahon attorney at Law -

From Mr. Mc Mahon Forwards by

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by the desire of his clients the Bullock Owners corres-
-pondence that had passed with Lieutenant Colonel
Dallas, and Carlisle and Major Symons: and
States that they still insist on the claims preferred
in his letter of 23d August last.

To the Board of Trade -

To the Board of Trade - desiring that in conformity to the Instructions contained in the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors that the execution of all public buildings or repairs at the Presidency which may be under the control of the Board of Trade may be transferred to the superintendance of the Military Board -

To the Medical Board -

To the Medical Board - Forward-
-ing for their guidance Copies of Paragraphs con-
-tained in the letter recently received from England -

To the Military Auditor General -

To the Military Auditor General - Desiring that he will authorize the payment to Mr. Assistant Surgeon Hay of the allowance attached to the Medical charge of the Garrison

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of Sankerydroog while he performed Medical duty at that Station, Extract of the Minute Recorded by the Commander in Chief enclosed Copy of the Petition of the late Persian Moonshy at Trichinopoly enclosed together with an Extract from the Minutes of Council containing the resolution of Government to grant him a pension equal to his former pay during the remainder of his life.-

To the Military Auditor General-

To the Military Auditor General-

-Enclosing extract of paragraphs from the General Letter recently received from England, together with Copy of a letter to the Military Board relative to the salary to be drawn by the Secretary of that Board.-

To the Military Paymaster General-

To the Military Paymaster General-

Enclosing an Extract of a letter from the Court of Directors regarding the amount of fees to be Collected on Brevet Commissions, and desiring that he will recover from the Officers named in the enclosed List, the Established fees on the three Brevet Commissions in His Majesty's Service therein -

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mentioned.-

To the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

To the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army- Enclosing three Brevet Commissions in his Majesty's Service for the purpose of being transmitted to the respective officers therein named.-

To the Judge advocate General-

To Captain Leith- Forwarding the Extract of a Letter from England relative to the allowances which are to be drawn in future by the Judge Advocate General.-

To the Senior Engineer at Masulipatam.

To the Senior Engineer at Masulipatam- Desiring that he will conform to the directions he may receive from the Judges of the Court of Appeal at Masulipatam regarding the execution of the repairs which may be required to the Buildings at that Station, intended for their accommodation.-

To the Secretary at Bombay

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Sent a letter to Mr. Grant entered in M. B. No. 59 Forwarding a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at Bombay-

At

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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 26th October 1802

William Petrie

and

Munro Dick } Esqres

Minutes of last consultation read and approved—

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

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in chief — Reports that attempts have been made to renew the Disturbances in the Wynaad and Cotiote Districts — Details the circumstances connected with that event and the Disposition made to suppress the commotion—

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board, that attempts have been made to renew the disturbances in the Wynaad and Cotiote Districts—

On the Morning of the 11th Instant a Detachment at Panoratlah — consisting

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consisting of about Seventy men of the Bombay Native Infantry, was attacked by a Body of Nairs, The Post was carried, the Cantonment and Cutcherry were burnt; and the Detachment was cut off. The Commanding Officer Captain Dickenson, Lieutenant Maxwell, with 24 Sepoys were killed, and about the same Number of Native Troops were wounded. The Detachment was surprized, the tranquility of the Country had been for some time unmolested, and the officers expecting no acts of hostility from the People, were in a State of Security. The Body of Nairs whose Numbers did not exceed three or four hundred Men, are reported to have dispersed after this affair; but it appears that the Stockade at the Pass of Coolecoor was attacked soon after, and the latest accounts contain information that the Communication between Colaparamba and Montana had been intercepted.

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The officer Commanding in Malabar took immediate steps to reinforce the Troops in Cotiote and Wynaad, and to collect a Detachment for the purpose of acting in these Countries should the insurrections prove to be general. He Detached five Companies of the 5th Bombay Regiment with two hundred men of the Police Corps from Calicut to Wynaad; and agreeably to instructions from the Honorable Colonel Wellesley drew his Majestys' 77th Regiment into Malabar from the Province of Canara. The latter officer has likewise adopted the most active measures for the re-establishment of tranquillity. He has ordered the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment to proceed from Seringapatam to Cankencottah to escort the Collector Major Macleod and Co-operate with the Troops serving in Wynaad, and he is preparing to support these Troops with

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further reinforcements should circumstances require them — There will be already fifteen hundred Men in Wynaad exclusively of the force in Coteote. His Majesty's 77th Regiment two Companies of the 80th and the Bombay European Regiment, which Corps has been directed to be detained while its presence may be necessary, will be in readiness to enter these Districts from the side of Malabar, and the Commander in Chief has authorized the movement of Two Battalions of Native Infantry from the Southern Division of the Army to Mysore, should the Honorable Colonel Wellesley require their services. The imperfect nature of the accounts which have been as yet received respecting the Numbers of the Nairs in Arms, their leaders, and their Plans do not enable the Commander in Chief to form a judgement regarding the extent of the Commotion. The insurrections of the Nairs usually commence with

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before Government Proceedings of the Medical Board in their Meeting of the 25th. Instant.-

26th. October 1802. /Signed/ J. Stewart

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &ca. &ca. &ca.

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

Private affairs of an important nature requiring my presence in England, and having completed the period of service prescribed by the Regulations of the Honorable Court of Directors as necessary to intitle officers to a Furlough. I presume to solicit from your Lordship the indulgence of the usual furlough of three years to enable me to proceed on my private affairs to England.

Camp near Hydrabad
29th. September 1802.

I have the honor to be &ca.
/Signed/ J. H. Desborough
Captain of the 2. Battalion
11th. Regiment. N. I.

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Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to authorize the payment of full Batta to Lieutenant Colonel Chalmers while in the temporary command of the post of Chendernagherry—

Resolved that Captain Disborough be permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough—

The Board proceeds to read and pass orders on the following proceedings of the Medical Board—

Resolution of the Governor in Council dated 26th October 1802—

Ordered that the abstract of Patients inoculated for the Small Pox by Mr. Surgeon Dalton be published for General information; together with the abstract of

Medical Board, 25th October 1802.

Received a letter from Mr. Surgeon James Dalton, with an abstract of Natives of different Casts inoculated by him with small pox virus, between the 25th of August and

From the Medical Board, Forward Copy of a letter from Mr. Surgeon J. Dalton together with an Abstract of persons inoculated by him for the Small Pox at the Presidency—Transmit also an Abstract of the Number of persons inoculated by Swamy Naick a Native Doctor as certified by Mr. Dalton, and recommend that he may be authorized to receive the regulated Reward—

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of persons inoculated by the Native Sauvny Naick, and that directions be given to the Sub-Treasurer for the payment of the reward due to that person on his application.-

23d Instant; Copies of which the Medical Board have the honor to forward for the information of Government, and it is with particular satisfaction they find that at the same time that the benefit of general inoculation may thus be established and experienced, thousands of Inhabitants may be saved from penury and want by the means adopted, in a manner so exemplary to humanity, by the Right Honorable the Governor, and so well according with the sentiments stated in some of their late proceedings and that the good effects

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effects of his Lordships benevolence may be fully understood - the Medical Board would recommend that, the accompanying abstract be advertised in every suitable way, to give it publicity at this Presidency, where they have no doubt His Lordship's Zeal thus intimated, will be attended with the same success, as has been experienced by the exertions of Collectors, in subordinate Districts. -

The Medical Board have also the honor to forward Copy of a letter from Mr. Surgeon Dalton, with

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with a certified abstract of Two hundred and Twenty nine Natives that have been inoculated by Swamy Naik late Black Doctor of the second Madras Native Battalion, from the 24th. of June till the 13th. of August last, by which it appears that not a casualty had occurred — they are highly satisfied with the general good Character of Swamy Naik, and with his Zeal and activity in personally extending the practice of Inoculation for the Small pox and beg leave to recommend that Government may

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may be pleased to authorize him to receive the regulated allowance of Twenty — Pagodas for 100 Patients inoculated. —

Signed J. Anderson

Physician General.

T. Gahagan M. D.

and Dr. Member Medical Board —

N. Mein.

2d. Member Medical Board —

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

(Signed) George Buchan

Secretary to Government

M. D. —

To

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To James Anderson Esqre M.D.
Physician General and President
T. Gahagan and N. Mein Esqrs. Members
Medical Board.

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to lay before you an Abstract of Natives inoculated with small pox (and who have taken the disease without a single casualty by Sawmy Naik, Native Doctor of this place, and to acquaint you that I have it in Command from the Right Honorable Lord Clive to do so in order that Sawmy Naik may be authorized to draw the established allowance for the same, may I therefore request you will be pleased to inform me from what office the said allowance is to be drawn — as the General Orders which I have seen, only provides for this allowance to be drawn at out stations. —

I trust your Board will not be offended. at my presuming to recommend

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any one to your attention, but I should deem myself highly culpable, were I not to state that the Zeal and activity of Swamy Naik has been such, as to render me, the most essential assistance, during the whole period I have had the honor of being employed inoculating at His Lordships Garden.-

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
24th. September 1802.

/Signed/ James Dalton
Surgeon

/A True Copy/
/Signed/ Wm. Horsman
Secretary Medical Board.

Abstract of Natives inoculated with small pox from the 25th. of August to the 23d. of October 802 at Madras.

Musulmen		Gentoos		Pariars		Casualties		Recovered and Recovering		Total inoculated
Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
99	90	104	69	18.	29	"	"	221.	188.	409.

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October 23d 1802.

/Signed/ Jas. Dalton.
Surgeon 16th Regt N. I.

A True Copy
/Signed/ Wm. Horsman Secy Med. Board.

To

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To James Anderson Esqre. M.D.

Physician General and President

T. Gahagan, and N. Mein Esqrs. Members

Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state to your Board, that upwards of four hundred persons have been inoculated by me with vaccine matter, since the 25th. of August last, and it affords me great satisfaction to add, without a single casualty, as the accompanying Abstract will shew, nor has an unfavorable symptom made its appearance on any one of the patients throughout the period they have been affected with the disease. —

My success in obtaining so many patients in so short a period of time, is to be ascribed to the benevolence of Lord Clive, rather than to any exertion of Mine, for altho' the Natives have observed, the favorable issue which has resulted from

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from inoculation, so strongly are they prejudiced against it at this place, that every argument I could bring forward in its favor (by conversing with them in their own language on the uniform success with which it has been attended to the Northward and Southward) would have proved useless, had not His Lordship extended his liberality towards them, by Ordering Rice to be given to all those who voluntarily presented themselves for inoculation, which has induced numbers to solicit to be inoculated who otherwise never could have been persuaded to so desirable an object.-

I have the honor to be &c.a.

(Signed) James Dalton

Surgeon of the 16th Regiment

N. I.

Fort St. George

23d October 1802.

A true Copy

Signed Wm. Horsman

Secretary Medical Board

Abstract

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Abstract of Natives Inoculated with Small pox by Swamy Naick Native Doctor, who have taken the disease from the 24th. of June to the 13th. of August 1802 at Madras.-

Mussulmen		Gentoos		Pariars		Casualties		Recovered		Total of those inoculated who have taken the disease
Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
50	38.	60	54	15	12	"	"	125	104	229.

Fort St. George
24th. October 1802.-

/Signed/ Swamy Naick
" Jas. Dalton
Surgeon 16th. Regt. N. I.

A true Copy
Signed/ Wm. Horsman
Secretary Medical Board.-

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.-

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord.

1. We have the honor to report that the necessary orders have been given in consequence of the receipt of Letters from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department dated the 14th and 25th September—

2. In conformity with the orders of your Lordship in Council communicated in a letter from the Chief Secretary of Government bearing date the 3d July 1802. we have the honor to submit the following draft of Regulations for the Establishment of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam.—

1 Ordnance Carriages and all other articles at present supplied by the Gun Carriage &Co. Contractors shall in future be constructed by Artificers in the pay of the Honorable Company, and of Materials provided at the public expense—

2. The Manufactory for these articles shall be established at Seringapatam under the

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the General Orders and direction of the Military Board. and the immediate Conduct and Superintendance of an Agent appointed for that duty.-

3 The Salary allowed by Government to the Agent for his personal trouble and the expense of the writers and Stationary of his Office Establishment, shall be the only emolument which he shall be entitled to derive from his situation as Agent.-

4 The following shall for the present be considered as the regular Establishment of Artificers &ca. in Monthly pay attached to the Manufactory subject to such Modifications as circumstances may hereafter induce the Military Board to recommend for the sanction of Government.-

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1 2d. Do. 10

1 Brass founder 10

1 Cooper ..... 8.

1 Wheel wright head ..... 15.

3 Do. ..... each at ..... 10.

Natives

1 Carpenter Maistry head at ..... 8.

6 Do. ..... Do. each at ..... 6.

1 Smith Maistry head ..... 8.

6 Do. Do. each at ..... 6.

1 Brass Smith Maistry at ..... 6.

1 Sawyer head ..... 6.

12 Do. each at 3½

1 Turner head ..... 6.

4 Do. each at ..... 4.

1 Filer head ..... 6.

6 Filers each at 4

30 Carpenters Do. 4

30 Smiths ..... Do. ..... 4.

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30 Hammermen each	at	2.
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5 The above Establishment to be under the immediate controul of the Agent who shall be empowered on his sole authority to dismiss any Individual employed in the Manufactory whose conduct may appear to him to be improper, reporting the circumstances to the Officer Commanding Seringapatam and to the Military Board—

6 The above establishment shall be Mustered Monthly by the Officer Commanding Seringapatam or by a Staff Officer authorized by him and the Agent is to make a monthly Return of this establishment to the Military Board—

7 In addition to the Establishment of Artificers &ca. on Monthly Pay (as detailed in the 4th Paragraph) the agent is empowered to entertain on daily Pay such Number of Subordinate Artificers of Various discriptions as the extent and nature of the work in hand may render necessary—

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8 Daily entries of the Number, description and pay of extra Artificers thus employed at the manufactory shall be inserted in a Book to be kept by the Agent for that purpose, and at all times open to the inspection of the Officer Commanding at Seringapatam. The Agent to make weekly Reports of the Number of such Artificers daily employed to the Officer Commanding Seringapatam and Monthly Reports of a similar nature to the Military Board.—

9 The pay of all Occasional Artificers to be regulated by the Established rates of the station as certified monthly by the Officer Commanding Seringapatam and the Superintendant of the Police whose certificate must accompany the Abstracts of the Agent.—

10 The salary of the Agent and the pay of his Establishment, Occasional and fixed (including the pay of the Company of Store Lascars attached) shall be drawn by him in arrear from the Paymaster of Seringapatam on a Monthly

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Abstract signed by the Agent and Countersigned by the officer Commanding Seringapatam. The pay of the Conductor attached to, be included but drawn in advance. Each Abstract to bear annexed a declaration on honor by the Agent that the various Payments charged in such Abstract have been or will be bona fide disbursed by him to the Persons and for the purposes stated in the Abstract and that he neither directly or indirectly has derived or will derive any benefit or advantage whatsoever from the same beyond the Established Salary allowed to him by the Regulations of Government.

11 The agent is authorized to draw from the Paymaster of Seringapatam an Estimate which he will prepare on the 1st of every Month. the Sum which may be necessary for the payment of Occasional Artificers to be employed during that Month. The Estimate to be submitted to and Countersigned by the Officer Commanding Seringapatam and the amount of advances when made are

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are to be entered by the Paymaster in a suspence account and carried to the personal debit of the Agent until regularly accounted for by him in the settlement of his next abstract for the pay of his Establishment—

12. A similar mode is to be adopted regarding the advances required, when circumstances may induce the Military Board to employ the Agent on the purchase of Materials for the Manufactory, His Bills for Materials so supplied are to bear a declaration on honor similar in effect to that required with the Abstracts for his Establishment, and the advances made are to be placed to his personal debit until the Bill of Purchases has been regularly passed for payment by the Military Board—

13 Timber for the use of the Manufactory shall be procured by Contract for felling and piling in the Woods such Trees as are of a proper quality and growth, and by purchase of such kind of Timber, as the Forests do not produce on the borders of Mysore. What is there felled will be

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be removed to Seringapatam and delivered to the Agent under the detailed Regulations for that branch of the Department which are hereunto annexed.

14. Brass, Steel, Iron, and all other Materials, together with Tools for Artificers and such other implements required in the Manufactory, as cannot be there made, shall be supplied to the Agent from the Public Stores on quarterly Indents to be prepared by him, countersigned by the Officer Commanding Seringapatam, and transmitted for Sanction to the Military Board.

15. When articles are required which cannot be furnished from the Public Stores, the circumstance is to be reported without delay to the Military Board; who will take measures for procuring them by other means.

16. In all cases of supply either from the public Stores or by purchase under authority, the Agent will be held responsible that the Articles furnished are good and perfectly fit for the service

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service, — as it will be his duty to object against receiving any that are not of this description — on all receipts of Stores of any kind he must apply for a Committee to examine and report on the Articles tendered for the use of the Department; this Committee of which the Agent is to be a Member, will be ordered on his application by the Officer Commanding Seringapatam, and its proceedings must be transmitted to the Military Board —

17. The Agent shall keep regular Books, stating in the most clear and explicit manner the receipts, issues, and remains of Materials of every kind, and he will be held responsible that under a reasonable allowance for loss in working up, the quantity of Materials expended corresponds with the articles fabricated and delivered into Store. These Books shall be made up monthly, and a Copy shall be forwarded quarterly to the Military Board, accompanied by a return of Tools,

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exhibiting under the several heads of serviceable, repairable, and unserviceable, the state of each—

a return of Articles prepared at the Manufac-tory and delivered into store during the preceding quarter—and a Statement of component parts and unfinished work on hand.—

18 When the Manufactory has been properly established and a sufficient time for preparation has elapsed, it shall be considered as a fixed Regulation that no Timber shall be used in the construction of Ordnance Carriages or other articles of Military Store, that has not been felled at least two years: nor shall any of the component parts of Ordnance or other Carri-ages be fitted together, until such parts shall have been blocked out in the rough, and piled in that state to season, for at least six months—

19 All Ordnance Carriages and other articles of Military Store prepared at the Manufactory shall be subjected to the following inspection

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inspection and surveys — Vizt. —

1st. The wood work as blocked out, after having been piled six months to season —

2nd. The component parts of wood, iron, and brass, when ready to be put together —

3d. The Wheels and other parts of Carriages when fitted together, before the Tier of the Wheels, Bolts, Screws, and other parts of iron work are fixed and revitted. —

4th. — The entire work when complete and ready for delivery to the Commissary of Stores, who must invariably be a member of these Committees. —

In these several stages of its progress the Agent will apply to the Officer Commanding Seringapatam to order a Competent Committee of Survey to inspect the work, as often as the quantity ready for inspection may render it expedient. —

20. — It will be the duties of the Committees of inspection and survey, to reject on each stage of preparation such parts of Carriages or other

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articles of Store produced to them, as they may consider objectionable either from defective Materials or workmanship - But it is to be clearly understood that as the Agent is empowered and required to reject in the first instance all materials which are not of the best quality, and as it is his duty to see them put together in a proper and workmanlike manner, the reports of such Committees in no degree relieve the Agent from his responsibility for the efficiency of all Carriages and other articles of Store, prepared by him -

21. The reports of the Committees to be delivered to the Officer Commanding Seringapatam for transmission to the Military Board -

22. When Ordnance Carriages and other articles of Military Equipment prepared at the Manufactory are finished and have been approved by the inspecting Committees, they shall be marked with the Company's mark, the initials of the Agents name and the year of their construction, and delivered unpainted to the charge of the Commissary of Stores at Seringapatam on his receipt

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Reports of all such deliveries shall be made monthly by the Agent to the Military Board—

23d The various models now lodged in the Arsenal of Fort S. George and the patterns of carriages in use under the Presidency of Fort S. George shall be delivered to the Agent at Seringapatam and lodged in his Custody — together with Patterns of the other articles of Military Store which the manufactory at Seringapatam is ultimately intended to supply— From these Patterns no deviation is to be made — unless authorized by the previous sanction of the — Military Board—

24 — The number of Carriages to be constructed monthly by the Agent will be fixed by the orders of the Military Board — and the determination of the Board on this point will necessarily regulate the number and nature of extra Artificers which the Agent will be permitted to employ — but as it must be considered as a rule never to be departed from but under the most pressing — exigency of Service, that no ordnance Carriages,

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Ammunition Boxes, or other articles of that nature are to be put together during the rainy season, the Agent will so arrange the destribution and employment of his Artificers as to prepare during the rainy months the iron work and other Component parts in such proportions as may enable him to put together and finish in the dryest season the Number of Carriages required in the year on the average computation of the Number ordered to be made each month.

25 In order to ascertain the relative expense of the proposed System, compared with the former charges under a System of Contract the Paymaster of Seringapatam will furnish to the Secretary of the Military Board an annual Statement on the 1st day of March exhibiting the amount of all Payments made by him on account of the Gun Carriage &c. Manufactory during the preceding year. This Account to include the Agents Salary – Pay of his Department fixed and variable – Bills of Contractor for Timber and

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Amount of Purchases made on account of the Manufactory — From this account and the Statement of Issues to the Manufactory from the Public Stores, the Secretary of the Military Board shall prepare and annually submit to the Board an account, carrying the aggregate amount of Charges to the debit, and the computed Value of articles supplied to the Stores and of Stock on Land to the Credit of the manufactory. The Value of Articles which have been supplied being estimated at the average rate of their Cost under the System of Contract or Agency for the last ten years, — a Table of which shall, for that purpose, be prepared by the Secretary of the Board —

26 — In order to simplify this Comparison, the business of the Manufactory must for the first two years be confined to the construction of new Ordnance Carriages and Carts, which form the Chief Items of expense in this Department. Should the System be found in this particular to answer expectation, the

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provision of all the smaller Articles, and the repair of Carriages for the supply of the Mysore and adjacent Districts may be added to the duties of the Agent, with equal if not superior benefit to the public Interests.—

27— As Government have been pleased to grant a very liberal allowance to the Agent, and considerable Confidence is reposed in him, these advantages are necessarily connected with proportionate responsibility on his part—and that responsibility for the proper and efficient conduct of every branch of the important Department confided to his management is hereby declared to attach to him in the fullest manner.—

Regulations for the Provision of Timber for the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Serin-gapatam.—

1. Timber for the consumption of the Manufactory shall be annually provided by Contract to be entered into under the authority of the Military Board.—

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2. The Contractor shall engage to cut Wood of the best quality, and of the kind and dimensions prescribed by the Military Board.

3. A Conductor with a small Party of Lascars and Sepoys shall be employed in superintending the cutting of Timber, and the conductor shall continue in charge of it while it remains in the Forest.

4. The Timber after it is felled shall be squared, numbered, marked with the scantling of each piece and the date of its being cut, and collected into Piles in Stations of the Forest accessible to the Company's Carriages and Cattle by the Contractor, under the direction and inspection of the Conductor.

5. After the Timber is collected into Piles it shall be delivered over by the Contractor to the Conductor, who will grant receipts for the quantity transferred to his charge.

6. Previously to the Collection of the Timber into piles, the Conductor shall ascertain

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ascertain that it is of the prescribed quality and Dimension, squared, marked, and numbered - and that the Situation of the Proposed Pile is accessible to the Companys Carriages and Cattle. He is to enter in a Register the number of Beams received - the dimensions of each, and the number and date marked upon it. -

7. The Conductor shall prepare Copies of this Register in duplicate - one to be transmitted to the Agent, the other to the Officer Commanding at Seringapatam -

8. The Contractor shall be paid by the Paymaster of Seringapatam on his Bill for the quantity of Timber felled and delivered agreeably to Contract, supported by the Conductor's receipts - such Bill being first transmitted by the Paymaster to the Military Board and passed by the Boards authority for payment. -

9. When the Timber piled in the Forest is in some degree seasoned the Conductor shall report its state to the Agent who will

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indent on the officer in charge of Public Cattle for Bullocks to convey it to Seringapatam.-

10. On the arrival of the Timber at Seringapatam the Agent will receive Charge of it and place it in piles to season.-

11. The Agent will be held responsible that the quantities brought to account at the Manufactory shall correspond with those entered on the Conductors' Register, Should there appear to be any difference either in quantity or quality on its arrival at Seringapatam, the Agent will report the circumstance to the Officer Commanding that Garison who will order a Committee to ascertain the Cause and forward its proceedings to the Military Board.-

12. The Agent shall keep a separate account of Timber received and issued, writing off from his Stock in hand the quantity issued from time to time for the use of the Manufactory, on the previous authority of the Military Board, to whom he will state the quantity required

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required for the probable consumption of the &c. Department as often as he may find it expedient to do so.—

3 We beg leave to state that the terms of Contract lately entered into by the Honorable Colonel Wellesley appear to us to be such as should in future be adopted—and his Instructions to the Conductor in the Forest We recommend for the approval and confirmation of your Lordship in Council.—

4th * We transmit Statement of the damaged and unserviceable Articles of Provision Store, and Articles connected therewith, remaining at the Presidency, and at the different Out Stations on the 30th April last, and beg leave to recommend that the immediate disposal thereof by public Auction, may be authorized—

5 We enclose Copy of a letter from the Commissary of Stores at the Arsenal, and beg to recommend that the request therein contained may be complied with.—

† Lodged in the Military Department We

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6. We also enclose and recommend Payment of the following Bills Vizt.

No. 1. Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Mysore for Paddy purchased and stored at Chittledroog, amounting to Pagodas 5839. 4. 45.

No. 2. Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Mysore for Gram purchased and laid up in Store at Chittledroog, amounting to Pagodas 1,225. 37. 77.

No. 3 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Mysore for Provision Stores purchased at Hullial by order of the Military Board dated 1st May 1801. amounting to Pagodas 1,640. 15. 62.

No. 4. Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Mysore for 400,000 Billets of Firewood provided and Stored at Chittledroog, amounting to Pagodas 487. 38.

We have the honor to be &ca.

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27th September 1802.

(Signed) I. Stuart
D. Smith
E. Trapaud
P. A. Agnew
J. Brunton
Alex Orr

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The Secretary to the Military Board.

Sir,

In consequence of the Order, in your letter of the 25th instant, directing me, "to receive into the "Arsenal, such Ordnance and Stores, as His Excellency "Vice Admiral Rainier may think proper to land "from His Majesty's Ships in the Roads," I must request you will represent to the Military Board, the in- sufficiency of Store Room at the Arsenal, for such purpose.-

There are, at this present time, in deposit in it, more articles belonging to different Ships of the Squadron than I have the means of furnishing proper cover for, (the several Gun Sheds and Godowns in my Department being quite full of the Honorable Company's Stores,) and, as it may be expected, that the Ordnance and Stores yet to be landed, will be very considerable, I do most earnestly entreat, not only on account of the perfect Security thereof, while in my Charge, but to provide against probable confusion and mistakes

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hereafter, by lodging in Godowns already too much lumbered, to admit of any general arrangement; the Stores of the two Services, that the Board will immediately recommend to Government, to allot other suitable places for the reception of all such, of His Majesty's Naval Ordnance Stores, as His Excellency Vice Admiral Rainier, may find it necessary to leave at Madras—

(Signed) T. Clarke

Comy. of Stores

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27th September 1802— A true Copy.

(Signed) John Macleane

Secretary Military Board—

The Regulations proposed for the Conduct of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam being approved by the Board; Resolved that they be published in General Orders—

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to submit for the information of the Board a Return of the quantity and description of Timber at present applicable to the purposes

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of the manufactory.—

Resolved to inform the Military Board that the Board approves its recommendation for the disposal of the damaged and unserviceable provisions in Store under this Presidency, and is of opinion that the Military Board will suggest for the consideration of the Governor in Council an arrangement for the accommodation of the Guns and Stores of His Majesty's Ships, with reference to the probable reembarcation of the articles at an early period of time.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

1st

We have to acknowledge the receipt of Letters from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, under date the 30th September, 6th and 11th October.—

2d

We are happy to find that by the recommendation contained in our letter to your Lordship in Council, under date the 6th Septr.

From the Military Board—Have anticipated the desire of the Governor General in Council respecting the sale of Provisions returned from the Red Sea—Have directed that the Stores required by Messrs. Abbott and Maitland may be issued to them, and have ordered the Embarkation of such ordnance &c.

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September, We had anticipated the wishes of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, respecting the sale of Provisions returned from the Red Sea.—

3d We have directed that the Stores required by Messrs. Abbott and Maitland for the defence of the Ship Friendship, shall be issued to those Gentlemen from the Arsenal; they paying for the same — and we have instructed the Commissary of Stores to embark for Columbo on the Honorable Company's Ship, Bengal, such of the Ordnance and Stores applied for by His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon, as can be supplied from the Arsenal.—

4th Pursuant to your Lordship's orders under date the 24th July last, We called upon the Superintendent of the Stud in the District of Ganjam, to report his opinion of the Horses purchased from Major Malcolm for the Stud by Captain Montgomery — and we have now the honour to enclose Extract of a Letter from

&c. as can be supplied agreeably to the application of the Governor of Ceylon on the Honorable Companys Ship Bengal — Forward Extract of a letter from the Superintendant of the Stud at Ganjam, containing his opinion of the Horses lately purchased from Captain Montgomery — State their opinion that all Buildings proposed to be erected in the Ceded Districts should be deferred until the Reports of the Committee of Survey shall have been received — with the exception of an Hospital for 50 Men of His Majesty's 25th Dragoons recommended to be constructed near Ballary — Forward Copy of a letter from the Barrack Master in the Ceded Provinces and state that the necessity for making up new Cotts may be obviated by removing those in Store at Sera — Recommend payment of the enclosed Bills.—

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from Captain Evans containing his report upon that subject.—

5 We are of opinion that all the buildings and repairs proposed to be undertaken at Gooty, Bellary, and Chittledroog, and which have not yet been commenced upon, should be postponed until the Committees appointed for the inspection of the Fortresses in Mysore, and the Ceded Provinces, shall have made their reports, with exception of an Hospital for 50 men of His Majesty's 25th Regiment Light Dragoons, of the necessity for which we have received a second representation from Major General Campbell; and which we recommend should be immediately erected at the Cantonment of the 25th Light Dragoons near Bellary—

6th We enclose Copy of a letter from the Barrack master in the Ceded Provinces and beg to be honored with your Lordship's orders respecting the application it contains— The necessity of making up new Cotts in addition to the number already authorized for the Troops at Bellary, may,

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we apprehend be obviated by the removal to that Station of upwards of 600 Barrack Cotts now in Store at Sera — provided it is not intended to send a larger European force into Mysore.—

7th. — We enclose and recommend Payment of the following Bills Viz.t—

No. 1. Bill of the Barrack Master in the Ceded Provinces for Barrack Cotts made up by him and approved upon Survey, — amounting to Pagodas 1137: 21: —0.—

No. 2. — Bill of the Superintendent of the Stud in the District of Ganjam for Stabling &ca. erected for the Company's Stud, amounting to Pagodas 11,107: 33: 30.—

No. 3.— Bill of the Superinten-dent of the Stud in the District of Ganjam for the purchase of Brood Mares, amounting to Pag.s 3815: —.—

We have the honor to be &ca.

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12th October 1802.

/Signed/ J. Stuart
D. Smith
E. Frapaud
P. A. Agnew
J. Brunton
Alex. Orr.

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Extract from a Letter from the Superintendent of the Honorable Company's Stud in the District of Ganjam, to the Military Board - dated 2d. September 1802.

"In reply to your letter of the 7th. "august covering an Extract of a letter from the Secretary "to Government, on the Subject of Major Malcolm's "Horses, I feel no reluctance in declaring that they "are very clever Horses, of a mixed Breed, extremely "powerful and well proportioned, they are Highly "Esteemed in Persia as a most valuable Strain of "Cattle, and were spared for the Stud as a favour by "Major Malcolm, as they were purchased by "Captain Montgomery the Agent for the purchase "of Horses, who has on all occasions shewn great "Zeal for the success of the Stud - I placed them "on the returns when they arrived, and let them "cover two mares each before the receipt of your "Letter."

The Committee have however "objected to those Horses, and to two English Thunders[?] Mallions

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"Stallions as they seem to think from the present appear-
"ance of the young Stock now in the Stud, got by arabs,
"that no other description of Stallions should be
"admitted into the Stud, but well bred Arabian,
"and what is called the thorough bred English
"Horse — The opinion of the Committee will no doubt
"be laid before the Military Board, but I trust
"that in the first Instance, The Board may be
"pleased to recommend that Major Malcolm should
"be paid for those Horses. I shall take measures
"for disposing of them so that no loss may be sustained
"by Government —"

A True Extract

(Signed) John Macleane

Secretary Military Board —

The Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

Be pleased to submit to the Board the accompanying Bill for Barrack Cotts, delivered to the Division of His Majesty's 73d Regiment at Gooty, with my request, that the authority

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of Government may be procured for its being passed for payment.

I beg to state for the information of the Board, that the number of Barrack Cotts, originally ordered by Government for the European Troops serving in the Ceded Districts, (Vizt. 500) does not compleat the Garrison of Gooty with the proportion required for its present Strength; and that Hitherto I am neither furnished with Instructions or authority to make up Cotts for the Troops doing duty at Ballari and Cantonment near it, Vizt. His Majesty's 25th Light Dragoons, Five Companies of His Majesty's 73d. Regiment, and a Company of Artillery:—on this Subject therefore I beg to be honoured with the Commands of the Board.— I shall not trouble the Board with the many and unexpected difficulties I have Experienced in procuring Timber at Gooty, which alone has occasioned the Delay in making up the Number of Cotts ordered; I am happy however in being able to say that these Difficulties are in

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a great measure Removed, and am now hopeful the work will go on without interruption.—

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

/Signed/ Alex.r Strachan Major

Barrack Master Ceded Districts

Ballari
27th September 1802.

A true Copy

/Signed/ John Macleane

Secretary Military Board.

As the six Stallions purchased in Bengal are not found to be adapted to the purposes of the Stud at Ganjam; Resolved to inform the Military Board that the Board does not deem it to be expedient to retain those horses on account of the Company, and to desire accordingly that they may be returned to the Owner.—

Resolved in compliance with the recommendation of the Military Board, to authorize the construction of an Hospital for the use of the sick of His Majesty's 25th Regiment of Dragoons at the Cantonment near Bellary.—

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Bellary.

Resolved to inform the Military Board that the Board entirely approves its recommendation for discontinuing the preparation of a further Number of Cotts for the use of Troops in the ceded Districts, and to desire that the number which may be required for that purpose may be supplied from the Stock of Barrack Cotts at Sera.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board - Forward Copy of a Letter from Major Symons - reporting his having experienced further interruption in adjusting the Bullock accounts and request orders on the subject - Forward Copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer at the Residency regarding the purchase of a House in North Street of Fort St. George, and request instructions for their guidance - submit Estimates of the Expence of Repairs required to

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2. We enclose Copy of a letter from Major Symons reporting his having experienced a further interruption in the adjustment of the Bullock accounts and beg to be honored with your Lordships instructions respecting the measures to be

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to the Barracks at Arcot occupied by His Majestys 19th Dragoons and recommend the Execution of them. Recommend payment of the enclosed Bills.

be adopted for the removal of the obstacles complained of.—

3d We also request the instructions of your Lordship in Council, on the subject of the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency, under date the 15th October.—

4 We also enclose Estimates of the expence of repairs required to the Barracks at Arcot, occupied by His Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons and beg leave to recommend that the execution thereof may be authorized—

5 We also recommend payment of the following enclosed Bills Viz.t—

No.1. Bill of the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency for expences incurred in repairing the damaged part of the roof of the Officers Quarters in the Fort of Poonamallee — amounting to Pagodas 41—24—73.

No.2. Bill of the Superintending Engineer for expences incurred in laying the floor

of

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of the Hospital at Poonamallee on flues, the total for the Two ranges amounting to Pagodas 352. 43: 70-

No. 3 — Bill of the Superintending Engineer for repairs to the Fortifications of Fort St. George in the Month of June 1802. amounting to Pagodas 208. 40. 57. the Balance due being Pagodas 139. 40- 57-

No. 4 — Bill of the Superintending Engineer for repairs executed to the Fortifications of Fort St. George for the Month of July 1802 amounting to Pagodas 198. 9. 18. the Balance remaining due being Pagodas 132- 9- 18-

No. 5 — Bill of the Superintending Engineer for escpences incurred in enclosing the Magazine at St. Thomas's Mount Cantonment with a Wall, and for constructing a new Terrace for drying Powder amounting to Pagodas 642- 13- 48- the Balance due being Pagodas 436. 9. 18.

No. 6. Bill of the Superintending Engineer for constructing an additional Cook Room and necessary for the use of the 2nd Battn

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of Artillery at St. Thomas's Mount Cantonment amount-
-ing to Pagodas 433. 42. 67 the Balance due being Pagodas
295: 38: 18.

No. 7. Bill of the Superintending
Engineer for enclosing the Gun shed Yard at the Mount
with a wall, and for repairing the Adjutants office,
Gun Shed, Conjee house and necessary, amounting to
Pagodas 528: 1: 79: the Balance due being Pagodas
380. 9. 71.

No. 8. Bill of the Collector for expen-
-ces incurred in transporting Stores from the out Posts
down the Cavary to Trichinopoly amounting to Rupees
573 5/2/16.

No. 9 Two Bills of the Garrison Store
-keeper in Canara for Repairs performed the Moodkistnahs
at Jemalabad, and Beekul amounting together to
Pagodas 105. 12.

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

Jas Stuart
D. Smith
E. Frapaud
J. Brunton
A. Orr

Fort St George
18th October 1802.

(Signed)

To

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To the President and Members
of the Military Board

Gentlemen

Para 1st I am sorry to be under the necessity of troubling you, again on the subject of an other obstacle which has occurred to impede the settlement of the accounts. Two of the Head Owners named Chinnyah Naick and Mootoo Cumrapah Pillay having quarrelled about some private Transactions connected with the Department have referred and preferred the matter to Mr. Greenway the Judge in the Jaghire who has sent summons to the several other Ministers, whose attendance upon him will protract the settlement, and there is no saying when one will be accomplished except some measures are adopted to oblige them to come to an immediate adjustment after which they had better settle their private disputes at the Judical Courts.-

Para 2 The Head Owners who are present, are very delatory in coming forward and

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and require coercion if it could be adopted with safety—

/signed/ J. H. Symons
Major

/A True Copy/
/signed/ John Macleane
Secretary Military Board.

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

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Military Board that I have in conjunction with the Town Major of Fort St. George, endeavoured to conclude an agreement with the proprietor of the house occupied by Mr. Goodall, but as the sum required namely 4000 Pagodas exceeds that Captain Wilks and myself conceive to be its real value by 500 Pagodas, I have to request that you will beg of the Board to report to Government this stage of the negociation and to solicit his Lordships further instructions on the subject.—

/signed/ Thomas Fraser
Superintending Engineer

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15th October 1802.

A true Copy
/signed/ John Macleane
Secy. Mily Board

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Estimate for Building a New Cook Room for His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Dragoons the Cook Room to be 40 feet in length and 15 in Breadth, mud and Brick walls painted with Chum and a Field Roof with Palmira Rafters and Bamboo Reepers, the Walls 10 feet high including Foundation and 1. 6. Inches thick

1560 Cubic Feet @ 32 Cubic Ft. ℔ S. Pagoda	44.	22	"
140 Palmiras for Rafters @ 12 fanams ℔ Palmira	37.	15	"
70 Bundles of Bamboos @ 5 fanams ℔ Bundle	7	35	"
20 Large Bamboos @ 2-20 fanams each	1	5	"
Nails	7	22	40.
Carpenters work	15	22	40.
20,000 Tiles @ 3000 ℔ S. Pagoda	6.	32	"
240. Madras Mercals of Chunam @ 80 M. ℔ Pagoda	3	"	"
Sand and Beating Chunam	3	15	"
Jaggery	1	22	40.
Coolies and Bricklayers for digging Foundation	16.	22	40.
Building walls and roofing &ca. &ca.	9	"	"
Cooley Mastries	173.	29.	40

Estimate for Repairing and new Thatching a necessy

To new Roofing and Thatching	15.	22.	40.
To repairing Walls and taking off the present roof	6.	22.	40
	22.	"	"

(Signed) W. H. Torriano
Lieutt. and Engineer Vellore

Arcot
9th September 1802

True Copy
(Signed) J. Macleane
Secretary Mily Board

Estimate

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Estimate for Repairing Six Lodging Rooms employed as Barracks for His Majestys 19th Regiment of Dragoons

9000	New Tiles at 3000 ℔ Star Pagoda	30	"	"
	To Cartage of Do. from the Tiles to the Cantonment	11.	22.	40.
1440	Madras Mercals of Chunam @ 80 Mercals ℔ Sr. Pagoda	18	"	"
	To Sand and Cooley for beating Chunam	22.	22.	40.
360	Large Bamboos @ 2. 20 fanams each	18	"	"
	To Cartage of Bamboos	2	22	40
160	Bundles of Small Bamboos 30 in each Bundles @ 5 fans.	17	35	"
	To Coir Rope for tying the Reepers	8	22	"
	Nails	7	16	"
500.	New Bamboo Mats	22	26	"
	To Carpenters works	12.	22	40.
	To Cooley and Bricklayers work	64	32	"
400 lb	Jaggery @ 16. lb. ℔ Rupee	6.	20	"
	To Cooley hire for untiling the present Roofs &c.	36.	22	40.
	To Pots and Chunam Beaters	6	22	40
	To 9 Window Shutters Hooks &c. &c.	4	22	40
	To Repairing the old doors and windows &c.	3	16	"
	To Replacing 57 Staples 86 Hooks and 28. Eyes	5	22.	40.
	To 2 Pairs of Window Shutters with Hinges &c.	4.	22.	40.
	To Cooley Maistries	12.	"	"
		315.	9.	40.

/ Signed W. H. Torriano
Lieut. and Engineer Vellore.

Arcot
9th Septr 1802

A true Copy
/ Signed J. Macleane
Secy Mily Board

Resolved

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Resolved to inform the Military Board that the difficulty stated in the letter of Major Symons has been removed by the decision of the cause referred by the Bullock Owners to the judge of Adulies in the Jaghire.—

As the sum of 3500 Pagodas is considered to be a reasonable price for the house situated in the North Street of Fort St. George. Resolved to inform the Military Board that the Board does not deem it to be expedient to authorize the payment of a larger sum on that account.—

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the Bills and advances of money recommended in the above letters of the Military Board.—

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General.—

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

1 I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council Copy of a letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Colonel K. Macalister on the Subject of a retrenchment on account of the price of Two horses drawn by him to replace two others which died of an Epidemical disease, one on the 9th of January, the other on the 27th February 1798—

From the Military Auditor General— Forwards Copy of a letter from Lieut.t Colonel K. Macalister on the Subject of a Retrenchment on account of the price of two horses drawn by him to replace two others which died of an Epidemical disease— states the circumstances under which he conceives the retrenchment may be remitted—

2. I was precluded from passing this Charge my Lord, in consequence of intimation from Government bearing date 10th January 1798. that in future Specific applications should be made to them for all Claims of that nature and submitted to their decision, but on a late reference to your Lordship in Council of the Outstanding Retrenchments in the Accounts of Mr. J. H. Shardon formerly Paymaster at Vellore &c.a Charges of a Similar Nature and made nearly

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nearly at the same time by Lieutenant Colonel Orr, Captain Delmonto and Mr. Assistant Surgeon Dalton were remitted in consequence of their having been incurred previous to the receipt of the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors (published in G. O. dated 29th. September 1800) for discontinuing the allowances of a compensation to Officers of Cavalry for the loss of their horses.-

3. Lieutenant Colonel Macalister produced at the time he made the charge the vouchers and documents which were required to substantiate that the horses actually died of an Epedemical distemper and which are fully sufficient to warrant his claim to a reimbursement on that account, I must here my Lord beg leave to remark, in justice to Lieutenant Colonel Macalister, that had the charge been made previous to my receiving the intimation from Government, above alluded to, I should not have hesitated to admit it.-

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4. Under these circumstances, perhaps your Lordship in Council may be induced to exonerate Lieutenant Colonel Macalister from the Retrenchment in question, and authorize me to direct his being reimbursed in the amount refunded.—

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor General.

Military auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
9th October 1802.

To Lieutenant Colonel James Brunton
Military Auditor General.

Sir,

I enclose to you a Copy of a Retrench-
ment made against me, and confirmed on re-
audit, Amounting to Star Pagodas Four hundred
[400] being for the price of two horses drawn by
me, to replace two others, which died of Epidi-
mical disorders, according to the existing Orders
and Regulations of the Service at the time.
The retrenchment is occasioned by the Office of
Audit

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Audit having applied an order of Government expost facto which I cannot conceive was the meaning of the Vice President in Council, when he published the instructions to the Auditor General, under date 10th January 1798. and if I am well informed Government have, in some instances, relieved officers from Retrenchments similar to mine, If I am right, it will rest with you to bring such instances forward to the notice of Government, in Justice to me, and which your Records must put in your power, whilst the means are denied me of quoting particular instances, I shall therefore trust implicitly to your Candour, to represent my Case to Government in the way best calculated (consistent with your situation) to produce the effect in my favor.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Madras
6th October 1802

(Signed) K. Macalister
Lieutt Coll. Commg. 5th Regt
Cavalry.

A true Copy
(Signed) James Brunton
Military Auditor General.
Extract

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Extract of the Retrenchments, continued and not admitted on reaudit by the Military Auditor General from the disbursements of Vellore &ca. Paymaster for the year 1797 &c.

March 1798.

147. Major R. Macalister draws for 2. Regimental horses died of an Expedimical disorder on the 9th January and 27th February as ✠ Certificate . . . . . Pags. 400 - - -

Government having intimated to the M. A. General that Specific applications are to be made, in future for all claims of this nature, and submitted to their decision the Charge is therefore in the first instance retrenched - 400 - - -

A True Extract -

(Signed) J. Brunton

Mily. Audr. General

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. H. Skardon

Paymaster -

Under

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Under the explanation stated in regard to the retrenchment against Lieutenant Colonel Macalister for the Value of two horses; Resolved to desire that it may be remitted, and the amount repaid to that Officer.

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

My Lord,

I have been honored with your Lordships Commands by the Secretary in the Military Department under date the 13th. Instant referring for my opinion a demands made a second time by the Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship Centurion for a further Compensation of Seven Rupees ℔ diem for himself and two Rupees ℔ diem for his assistant for attendance on Sick of His Majesty's 12th Regiment of Foot at the Blockade of Batavia over and above the one Rupee and a half admitted to him on your Lordships authority on the same account under date the 10th of March last, in support of this

Charge

From the Military Auditor General Report on the further application made by the Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship Centurion for the Medical attendance on the Sick of His Majesty's 12th Regiment during the Blockade of Batavia.

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charge Mr. Sheild forwards a Document in the form of an account Current in which it appears that of the Total Sum of three Thousand Three hundred and Sixty one Rupees, fanams Six (3361 — 6 —) formerly received by him he was obliged to pay Mr. Hoseason Naval Agent on account of Captain Ball of His Majesty's Ship Dodalus for refreshment he furnished on account of the forementioned Sick in Hospital — Rupees Two Thousand six hundred and thirty nine, fanams six (2639 — 6). which left a balance in his own favor of only Rupees Seven hundred and Twenty one-fanams Six (721 — 6) which balance he alledges was very nearly expended by him for other articles supplied the Sick, under this assertion, this second claim of the Surgeon appears to merit your Lordships favorable consideration, particularly because it is moderate, if therefore your Lordship should be pleased to sanction the payment an authenticated Copy of Captain Balls Bill together with the receipt of the assistant Surgeon for his share of the amount, should be furnished by the Surgeon

of

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of the Centurion, and in authorizing the Charge, permit me to recommend to your Lordship, that it shall be understood that the peculiar situation, in which the Surgeon of the Centurion was placed in the Blackade of Batavia alone induced you to bestow further remuneration on him for his services on that Occasion, in Order that your Lordships bounty in the present instance may not be drawn into a precedent -

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed J. Brunton

Military Auditor General

Military auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
14th October 1802-

In consideration of the difficulties which attended the situation of the Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship Centurion while in Charge of the Sick of the Detachment of European Troops employed in the Blockade of Batavia, Resolved to desire if it shall be established in a satisfactory manner that the stated expence was incurred by the Surgeon in the purchase

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purchase of supplies for the use of the sick that a farther Sum of Seven Rupees ℔ diem may be paid to him as a recompense for his trouble, with the additional Sum of Two Rupees ℔ diem to his Assistant.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &ca &ca &ca

My Lord,

1. Conformably to your Lordships orders communicated to me by the Secretary to Government in the Military Department under date the 30th Ultimo I took occasion to call on Captain Lennon of the Corps of Engineers to produce such Vouchers as he was possessed of in support of the Retrenchments outstanding against him in my Office amounting to Pagodas Twelve Thousand four Hundred and Sixteen, fanams three, and Cash Seventy (Pags 12416-3-70) being advances which he received from Captain Meuth Paymaster to the expedition against the Moluccas in March 1796 to enable him to

From the Military Auditor General submits the Papers he has received from Captain Lennon of the Engineers, in reply to his Instructions to that Officer to produce such Vouchers as he might possess in support of the retrenchments outstanding against him - States his opinion on the Subject -

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to carry on certain works proposed for the defence of the Islands of Amboyna and Banda -

2. In consequence of which Captn Lennon has laid before me, an original letter of Admiral Rainier's addressed to him under date the 25th Ultimo, which letter together with an account Current which accompanied it are herewith forwarded, Tending to elucidate the manner in which the above advances were accounted for, and by which your Lordship will perceive that of the original amount advanced Pagodas One Thousand eight hundred and Sixty (Pagodas 1860) are stated to have been expended on the Fortifications at Amboyna, and Pagodas Two thousand six hundred and sixty four, fanams six, and Cash forty on works executed at Banda, a balance of Pagodas one Thousand seven hundred and forty one, fanams, Thirty nine, and Cash thirty is said to have been paid into the Treasury at Amboyna as by copy of a receipt of Mr. Upton

Jones

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Jones at that time Commercial Resident there, and that the residue amounting to Pagodas six Thousand and one hundred and fifty was after Captain Lennons return to Madras deposited in the hands of Messrs Chase Sewell and Chase for the purpose of being paid into the Honorable Company's Treasury - Captain Lennon sailed for Europe in March 1797 but the money does not appear to have been appropriated as he intended until his return to this Country by the Britannia early in September last when as per original receipt of Mr. William Jones Sub-Treasurer to Government the above sum with Interest at Eight P Cent P annum was paid under date the 16th September 1802 making a Total of Principal and Interest of Pagodas Eight Thousand Eight hundred and sixty fanl. four and Cash sixteen (Pagodas 8860. 4 - 16.) -

38 Along with the account Current detailing the above particulars, Captain Lennon furnished me with a Copy of a letter from

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from His Excellency Admiral Rainier to him of the 18th March 1797 which is also enclosed and by which it appears that His Excellency was of opinion that one thousand Pagodas (1000) should have been deducted from the amount stated for some particular works therein specified which should it be your Lordships pleasure to confirm, must yet be accounted for by Captain Lennon in addition to the sums already repaid—

4 For the amount disbursed in the execution of public works I am not furnished with any detailed Bills nor has there been forthcoming agreeably to the regulations of the service proceedings of the Committees reporting upon the due and proper execution of the works according to Estimate for which Charges against the public have been exhibited—

5 Captain Lennon has not explained to me the reasons why the balance deposited by him was not paid into the public Treasury at the time it was lodged for that purpose, it remains however for your Lordship to decide whether the rate of Interest Viz. 8 ℔ Cent ℔ annum paid on the balance is sufficient, houses of Agency having been in the habit for

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many years past, and still continue to be of paying 10 ℔ Cent. ℔ annum for money and should it be your Lordships pleasure that Captain Lennon shall be called on to make good the deduction stated by His Excellency The Admiral, Interest on that amount will of course be included in the demand, The Voucher No. 4 alluded to in the account Current has not been forwarded to me.-

6. On this subject it further occurs to me that the Balance should not have been paid into the hands of the Sub Treasurer, but to the Military Paymaster General where the Credit would have had its due effect on the final settlement of Captn. Meulhs accounts in which the original advances appear.-

I have the honor to be &ca.

(Signed) J. Brunton M. A. G.

Mily. audr. Genls. Office
Fort St. George 19th October 1802.

Captain C. Lennon.

Sir

I enclose for your use if you think it will be so, Copy of a letter taken Out of my letter Book respecting my audit of your accounts, which you may refer to me in your address to Government on the present Occasion. I am almost certain the account Current was looked over and approved by the then Auditor General Major General Sydenham.-

I remain &ca. &ca.

(Signed) P. Rainier

Admirals house
Fort 26th September 1802.

Dr.

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D.r The Honorable Company in Account
of Engineers for Works carried on and

1796 July	7th	To repairs executed by myself at Amboina, previous to my quitting that Island from ill health, on the 7th. July 1796 consisting of a partial deepening of the Ditch of the Fort, Stockading nearly round the Land Side of the Fort new forming the Glacis and covert way and repairing several platforms on the works —	1860	
		To partial repairs of the Government house, and several redouts at Banda also at Hila and other works at Amboina ordered by His Excellency Admiral Rainier, partly executed and afterwards countermanded, carried on by the Paymaster Captain Meuth after my departure; the account of which I collected from Captain Meuth upon his return in March 1797 —	2664	6.40
		To Cash remaining unexpended in Captain Meuths hands of such Bills as he was able to negociate, and paid by him into the Treasury at Amboina amounting to S. Dollars 2700 as ℔ Voucher N.o 1. —	1741	39.30
		To Balance deposited in the hands of the acting Prize Agents for the Eastern expedition to be carried to the Companys credit on the final adjustment of that concern as ℔ Vouchers N.o 2. 3 ℔ 4 on the 12th. March 1796 —	650.	a
		Total Pagodas	12416.	370

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Current with Captain W. Caulfield Lennon Cr

money received at Amboyna in 1796 –

1796 March — By amount of Bills drawn on Madras Government in favor of the Agents of Captain Meulk, and for which I made myself responsible being drawn through necessity in advance — 12,416. 3 70

× The voucher No. 4 is the letter from His Excellency Admiral Rainier of the 13th March 1797 which appears on the records of Government

No. 13 – The exchange of the Dollars settled By General Orders was Spanish Dollars 15½ for 10 Pags

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E. E.

Total Pags 12,416 3 70 –

(Signed) W. C. Lennon
Captn. of Engineers

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Amboina 29th of November 1796.

Received from Captain Thomas Meulh paymaster by order of His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier on account of Captain Lennon of Engineers, the Sum of Two thousand Seven hundred (2700) Spanish Dollars Cash remaining for works not executed.—

(Signed) Wm Jones
Paymaster

Spanish D. 2700.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Vigors
Madras 16th September 1802.

Received from Captain W.C. Lennon by the payment of Messrs Chase, Chinnery and Mc Douall the Sum of Pagodas Eight Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty fanams four, Cash Sixteen — (Pagodas 8,860 4 16-) being the principal Sum of Pags 6130. — and Interest thereon at 8 p Cent from 13th March 1797 to this day for account of the Honorable Company.—

(Signed) W. Jones
Sub-Treasurer

Captain

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Captain Lennon

Engineer &ca.

Sir

In reply to your reference on the deposit of Star Pagodas 6150 placed by you in the year 1797 with the firm of Messrs Chase, Sewell and Chase, we are to inform you, that that Sum is now with us having been accordingly transferred into the Books of our present house and we are prepared to disburse the same to your order, when called upon for that purpose, with Interest upon it at the rate of £8 ℔ Cent ℔ annum.-

We are &ca &ca

Fort St George
13th September 1802.

(signed) Shaw, Shunnery and
Mc Dowall

Captain Walter Caulfield Lennon.
of the Engineers Fort St George

Sir.

Agreeably to your request I have audited your Account Current with the Honorable Company which is herewith returned and am,

Sir

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opinion a deduction should be made of Star Pagodas 1000 from the three following Articles Vizt.

Repairs of Government-house at Banda.

Amount of labour and Materials expended in the redoubt ordered to be erected to defend the Channel of Celamise.

Amount of Materials laid in for the repairs of the Fort of Hila and the redoubt ordered for Hitoclama afterwards countermanded.

Respecting the Article of expences incurred for erecting a Bangalo for the Resident, am desirous, you should enquire of Captain Meulk the Deputy Paymaster whether its not included in his account of particulars for which the Cash was advanced from the public Treasury as he had my derections to do.

Admirals house Fort
18th March 1802.

Iremain &c.
(Signed) Peter Rainier

Resolved to desire that the expe incurred by Captain Lennon in the execution of

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works at Amboyna and Banda under the authority of His Excellency Admiral Rainier may be admitted, and that Captain Lennon may be held responsible for any Charge not sanctioned by His Excellency.-

The Board considers it to be just that the money remaining in the hands of Captain Lennon's Agents during the period of his absence in England should be accounted for, at the rate of Interest current at this place during that time; Resolved therefore to desire that Captain Lennon may be held responsible for that rate of Interest.-

Resolved to inform the Military Auditor General that the Sub-Treasurer will be instructed to transfer to the Military Paymaster General the balance of money paid into his hands by Captain Lennon.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &ca. &ca. &ca.

My Lord,

At the request of Captain Boles

who

From the Military Auditor General-

Refers-

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Reasons for decision — claims brought forward by Captain Boles, late in command of a Detachmt. of Troops recently arrived from the Molucca Islands for arrears on family Certificates stated to be due to the Individuals specified in the accompanying paper. States that the Vouchers required by the regulations have not been produced, but explains the circumstances under which they might in the present Instance be dispensed with. There are other similar claims which are not yet prepared to be brought forward —

Sir

I have the honor to refer for the decision of your Lordship in Council claims brought forward by that Officer on behalf of certain Individuals as specified in the accompanying Paper for arrears stated to be due to them on family Certificates, but which Captain Boles cannot support by the necessary Vouchers to enable me to authorize their payment. —

2 The Vouchers which I require and which Captain Boles cannot produce are the Certificates of the Paymaster at the Moluccas of the date to which Stoppages were made from the Pay of the men on whose account the claims to arrears are submitted, nor will Captain Boles be answerable for the correctness of the demands from the circumstance of the men having at different times been under the charge of different Officers from whom it is now impossible to obtain Certificates or declarations on Honor, as to the justness of those Claims Captain Boles and Lieutenant Stocko Officers who served with the Detachment, are however willing to Certify that to their certain knowledge,

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Monthly Stoppages were regularly made from the Pay of these men during the time they were under their respective Commands, and that they have every reason to believe the regular Stoppages took place for the previous period, it therefore rests with your Lordship in Council to decide whether under the circumstances in which these men are placed and their long absence on foreign service, the required Certificates shall be in this instance dispensed with.-

3d. It may be proper to add that with the exception of the Certificates beforementioned the claims appear to be correct.-

4 Captain Boles also states that there are a few other men of his Detachment who have similar claims but which he is not yet prepared to bring forward from not having received the Certificates of Paym.rs which he has applied for, Your Lordship will probably therefore deem it proper to permit the decision on the present case to be my guide on those yet to be made by Captain Boles.-

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) J. Brunton
M. A. G.-

Mily. Audr. Genls Office
Fort S. George 19th October 1802.-

Account

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Account of Sums due to the Men of Detachment for Stoppages for Family Certife.

Names.	Present Rank	Former Rank	Former Corps	Sum monthly P.	F.	C.
Shaik Hussain	Subidar	Jemidar	17th Bn	4	"	"
Shaik Muctoom	Do	Havildar drafted into the 1st Bn 15th N. Rt	17 Bn	2	31	40
Emaum Beg	Jemidar	Sepoy	17th Bn	1	24	"
Mohomed Gollop	Havildar	Do	Do	1	24	"
Sheriffe Beg	Sepoy	Do	Do	1	"	"
Hasaloo	Do	Do	Do			
Shak Shabas	Havildar	Do	11th Do	1	6	"
Ibram Cawn	Sepoy	Do	Do	1	6	"
Ramah	Jemidar	Naigue	Do	1	30	"
Sellanah	Naigue	Sepoy	Do	"	36	"
Drogadoss	Do	Do	Do	1	6	"
Gudgurdroo	Do	Do	Do	1	6	"
Ramasawmy	Sepoy	Do	Do	1	6	"
Vencataram	Do	Do	Do	1	6	"

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Captain Boles's Volunteer Corps and Lieutenant Stokoes —

cates. —

Where last Payable	Encreased	Sum Monthly P.	F.	C.	Encreased Sum Payable from what Period —	To what Period the full amount was deducted	Sums due — P.	F.	C.
Ellore	encreased	4	"	"	1st March 1801.	30th June 1802	64	"	"
Do.	Do.	3	10	40.	Do.	Do.	48	168	"
Masulipatam	Do.	2.	18	"	Do.	Do.	33	312	"
Ellore	Do.	"	18	"	Do.	Do.	"	288	"
Masulipatam	Do.	"	21	"	Do.	Do.	1	336	"
		1	"	"		Do.	16.	"	"
Ellore	Do.	"	12	"	1st Do. 1799	Do.	"	480	"
Hydrabad	Do.	"	12	"	Do.	Do.	"	480	"
Chicacole	Do.	1	"	"	Do.	1st July 1802	40	"	"
Hd. 2nd. 2d. Bn. 9th Regt	Do.	"	30	"	Do.	Do.	"	1200	"
Ellore	Do.	"	18	"	Do.	Do.	"	720	"
Chicacole	Do.	"	12	"	Do.	Do.	"	480	"
Do.	Do.	"	18	"	Do.	Do.	"	720	"
Vizagapatam	Do.	"	18	"	Do.	Do.	"	720	"

Total Pagodas — 342. 24 "

(Signed) T. Boles Captn. Comg. the Volunteer Corps &ca.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. Prendergast

Asst. Mily. Audr. General

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As the Claim stated by Captain Boles for arrears due to the men specified in the above list appears to be well founded, Resolved in consideration of their long absence on foreign service to dispense in this instance with the production of the Customary Certificates in support of the claim, and to desire the Military Auditor General to authorize the amount, being Star Pagodas 342.24 to be issued on the application of Captain Boles provided that it shall be certified by that officer that the proper deductions for family payments were made while the Detachment remained under his Command.-

Resolved to desire the Military Auditor General to take such farther precautions as may appear to him to be proper for preventing any loss to the Company in consequence of this indulgence.-

Read the following Letters from the Military Paymaster General.-

To

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To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

Upon closing accounts with Mr. Mc Dowall late Paymaster at Trincomallee and Columbo there appears a few Sums still to his debit Viz.t.-

From the Military Paymaster General - Reports that certain Sums stand to the debit of Mr. Mc Dowall late Paymaster at Trincomalee and requests that authority may be given for their adjustment -

Pagodas 1354. 26. being the differ-rence between the Sums advanced by the Paymaster at the Presidency and the Sums credited by him on account of Artificers embarked on the expedition against Ceylon -

Pagodas 425. 29 - being the differ-rence between the Sums advanced by the Resident at Negapatam and the Credit given by him on that account for advances to the Artificers embarked on the expedition. Copies of the correspondence that passed at the time between Mr. Mc Dowall, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cochrane, are enclosed and on this head I beg leave to refer to Mr. Mc Dowalls accounts for August, September, and November 1795, wherein it will be perceived that no

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no Pay or Batta was inserted upon his disbursements at tho the Artificers are therein specified for the period the advance of one and Two Months had been made to them at the Presidency and at Nagore.—

Pagodas 60 amount of a draft upon Ensign La Hay Paymaster 19th Regiment Foot drawn by Lieutenant Jones of the same Corps in favor of Captain R. Young Deputy Paymaster General Kings Troops a Copy of the attested Copy in my Office is now enclosed.—

Pagodas P. 7. 70 Payments made by the Presidency Paymaster agreeably to the G. O. of the 6th September 1796. The Vouchers for this Sum I suppose have miscarried, Copies however I herewith enclose.—

Pagodas 152 " 26 " 65 short credited by him on account of Copper coins sent to Trincomallee and Columbo his letter on this subject is herewith forwarded—

I request you will lay

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the above matters before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council in order that Mr. Mc Dowalls accounts may be finally adjusted in my Department.-

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George
26th October 1802.

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Military Payr. General.

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to report his opinion on the references above stated relative to charges in the accounts of the late Paymaster at Trincomallee and Columbo.-

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Sir.

From the Military Payr. General Forwards Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at the Presidency together with Copy of a letter from the Officer in Command of the Cadet Company requesting to be informed whether the pay Office at Chingleput shall be transferred to. Trincomalee.-

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a letter from Mr. Paymaster Maxton with Copy of its enclosures from Captain P. Rose which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.-

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George
16th October 1802

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Military Payr. General

To

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To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith Copy of a letter just received from the Officer Commanding at Chingleput, which it will be necessary, I suppose to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, for I do not conceive myself authorized to comply with Captain Boses request till I have the sanction of Government for so doing. In order however to avoid as much as possible any inconvenience arising to the Corps under the Command of Captain Bose I trust you will take the spedient measures to obtain the necessary orders on this point in question.—

Fort St. George
15th October 1802

I have the honor to be &ca.
(Signed) Chas. Maxtone
Mily Payr. Gl.

(A True Copy)
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Military Payr. Genl.

To

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To the Military Paymaster
of Fort St. George

Sir,

The Garrison of Chingleput is ordered to be removed to Trepassore I beg to be informed therefore whether or not the Post Office, and Pay-masters Departments are to accompany it that Station also—

The usual conveyances for water, for the use of the Garrison of Chinglehut namely four Puckallies and Two water Carts will I hope be allowed for that of Trepassore as that Article is supplied at the latter Station from the River Cortelar which is at a considerable distance from the Fort—

As I have no time to receive your answer to this latter previous to our removal from hence which is ordered to commence on the morning of the 16th Instant I shall take the Pay Office Servants with me as they complain of having no protection for the Cash the

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here after my departure and as they have some Cash still in their possession belonging to the Garrison, and at Tripassore they will be as near as can be desired, in case their removal to the Presidency should be deemed expedient.-

(signed) P. Rose Captain Comg.

A True Copy

(signed) C. Maxtone

Military Paymaster

Chingleput
14th. October 1802.

Resolved to desire that the Servants belonging to the Pay office at Chingleput, together with the other establishments of a Military discription attached to that Garrison may be transferred to Tripasore.-

Resolved that a letter be dispatched from the public Department to the Post Master General directing him to state his opinion whether it may be practicable to transfer the Tappal establishment from Chingle-put to Tripasore without inconvenience to the public Service.-

To

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To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

I have the Honor to enclose Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Madura of the 20th August last together with the Original Bill for extra servants employed by him amounting to — Pagodas 105. which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. Mr. Whitehall had no doubt much business to bring up when he took charge of his Office from the Conduct of his Predecessors whose delays in the transmission of his accounts I had at different times reported to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, I have to observe that Mr. Whitehall when under my Department has always been punctual in the execution of his duty and since he has taken charge of the Pay Department at Madura he has been extremely active and Industrious, otherwise the Business of that Department could not have been in the forwardness and regular State it now is

From the Military Paymaster General — Encloses Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Madura together with a Bill containing a charge for extra Writers.—

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22d October 1802.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(signed) P. Roebuck.

Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General
at Fort St. George

Sir,

I was unwilling to represent the insufficiency of the Establishment of Servants allotted to my Office until I could ground an application for an encrease upon indisputable proofs of the necessity of the measure which the following particulars will fully substantiate and I trust induce you to recommend for the sanction of Government a reimbursement of the very heavy expence, exhibited in the enclosed Bill, which has attended my exertions to forward the public Service —

The period of my entering into office was the most unfavorable that can well be conceived —

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The derangement of every branch of business was very considerable nor had any attempt been made to remedy the evil. -

The accounts for May as well as the annual accounts were not commenced the Bullock accounts incomplete, and the claims of the owners unadjusted. -

The Retrenchments Twelve months in arrears -

Pay to the Troops became due for two months before I had time to draw Cash for their payment. The adjustment of my predecessors accounts had not taken place during any period of his being in office -

Returns of the Grain and provisions had not been forwarded for seven Months in addition to which quarterly and annual Statements were required -

The good of the public, the security of Individuals required that every exertion should be made to bring up the arrears of business

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business and more assistance was absolutely necessary - I accordingly employed eleven writers in addition to the Office Establishment the attendance of the whole has been constant and unremitting daily from 8 in the Morning till 4 in the afternoon and from 6 in the evening till 9 at night to accomplish so important an object.-

The Business I had to transact was as follows.-

The May accounts consisting of three sets of detailed disbursements containing exact copies of Two hundred and Seventy Bills and Abstracts filling of space of 71 Sheets of Paper of the size of medium to enter in detail as records to the Office, five hundred and sixty Vouchers and abstracts of Muster Rolls, two accounts Current, Two Abstracts of receipts and disbursements, Register of Bills, Lists of Commissions, Batta account, and a variety of other Vouchers which accompany the accounts -

The Bullock accounts

to

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to complete and the claims of the owners to adjust demanding an investigation into the whole of my Predecessors accounts with them.-

Upwards of 400 letters with 300 extracts of retrenchments annexed to transmit to the parties concerned and to take Copies of the Replies from every individual, to draw out the explanations for the Audit of Office, and to open an account with each, and finally to keep an abstract of the whole.-

In addition to the foregoing Statement I was obliged to examine the whole of my Predecessors public accounts from the time of his taking charge to the period of his decease to enable me to ascertain the correctness of the Cash account delivered to me on my arrival according to which a Balance appeared in his favor to the amount of Pagodas 135-22-62- but the result of my investigation proved a deficiency to exist of Pagodas 6997.29.44-

Whilst employed in the preceding

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preceding manner 600 Bills and Abstracts were presented for Payment for 1st June and 1st July, the charges and additions in which were to be examined and compared with accompanying Vouchers and Muster Rolls a great proportion of them returned for correction where they were to be discharged -

The examination and Payment of near 350 Family Certificates pay upon which was several Months due. -

A considerable Number of letters to reply to and to put into a train of recovery very large sums outstanding and to draw out various Bills to be forwarded and passed by the Office of Audit and the Military Board -

The whole of the foregoing business has been transacted in the following Order having commenced the 27th. June / the date of my arrival at Madura /. -

On the 2d. July the Bullock accounts were forwarded to Lieutenant Colonels

Agnew

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Agnew and Innes for their countersignatures -

By the 10th of July the Pay abstracts and Bills for June and July were examined and the Troops paid -

On the 16th the May accounts were dispatched -

By the 23d the whole of the Letters of Retrenchments were transmitted to the parties concerned -

On the 25th the accounts for June were forwarded being equally voluminous and numerous in Vouchers with those for May -

On the 2d August the Cash account of my Predecessor was forwarded to your Office and on the 10th August the accounts for July were sent off; an earlier period than has occurred since this Office was first established -

The Current Monthly business of my Department consists of 3 setts of detailed disbursements being Copies of above three hundred Abstracts &c -

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2. Account Current.

2. Abstracts of receipts and disbursements

2 Lists of Commissions

3 Registers of Bills granted in the course of the month:

Estimate of cash
Batta account.

To examine Pay abstracts &c. return most of them for correction and finally to discharge them. For the records of the office also, it is necessary the following should be entered in detail upwards of 500 Vouchers and Abstracts of Muster Rolls Copies taken of all letters dispatched from and of all papers and documents that pass thro' this office or that are forwarded by other Pay-masters.-

To furnish the parties concerned with Letters and extracts of Retrenchments and to keep Copies of their replies, to open an account with every individual, and to make out the explanations for each month for the Audit & office.-

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To send Monthly returns to the Military Board and to keep Copies of the whole. Besides a considerable correspondence with the — public officers and Individuals.—

To execute the foregoing extra and Current Business I am allowed an Esta=blishment of

1 Head Clerke.

2 Writers

1 Cash keeper and

1 Conicopoly.

The Two first only can render me any material assistance as the Cash keeper and Conicopoly do not write English.—

Whoever takes a review of the business transacted at this Office will readily perceive the insufficiency of the assistance afforded me—

I trust I shall be justified in suggesting an immediate augmentation of three Writers at 10 Pagodas each, and that

for

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for the obvious reason of preventing the confusion and
serious consequences that may again arise in
business purposes which I conceive of such impor-
tance to the public as to authorize the proposed
encrease otherwise the Public Service must
suffer.-

When the Establishment was
allotted it answered the purposes for which it
was instituted, the Troops there consisted of Two
Battalions of Native Infantry at Madura,
Palamcotah, Dindigul and Pylney, with a
few invalids, Pensioners, Store and Tent Lascars
at each of the above Stations. and the disbursements,
monthly Pagodas 8000 - The force now in these
Districts consists of 6 Battalions of N. I. and 1
Regiment of Native Cavalry. besides a large
proportion of Native Pensioners, European and
Native Invalids, Store Lascars attached to the
Garrison of Madura, Palamcottah and Dindi-
gul and the disbursements last month amount-
ed to Pagodas 45,000.-

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I must solicit your attention for a few minutes longer to state to you the small Salary annexed to my situation which tho' an adequate compensation at the time it was fixed for the Services required, is now from the very great increase of business and large augmentation of Military Force not proportionate to the trust and responsibility attached to the employ and the labour and unremitting attendance required. Under these circumstances, I trust you will recommend to the Board that I may be placed on footing in point of allowances with other Paymasters some of whom have less business and not so heavy a responsibility and that I may be permitted to draw the difference between Pagodas 250 and 300 from the period of my taking charge. To the last appointment I held, which Government was pleased to abolish the Salary annexed was superior to what I now enjoy - tho' established when the force did not consist of one fourth part of the Military strength of these districts and the business small

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in proportion, with due deference I beg leave to submit to Government the peculiar hardship of my case in which an extraordinary increase of duty, trust and responsibility has been attended with a deminution of allowances—

I have the honor to be &c.

Madras
20th August 1802

Signed/ C. Wetherell
Paymaster

A True Copy/
Signed/ B Roebuck
Military Paymaster Genl.

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to state his opinion relative to the application of the Paymaster at Madura for an encrease of his Office Establishment; and to desire that authority may be given for reimbursing to Mr. Wetherell the extraordinary charge for servants amounting to Pagodas 105 incurred by him in the execution of his official duties.—

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of Fort William.—

To

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To George Buchan Esqre

Secretary to the Government in the

Military Department

at Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed List of the names of One Subadar and Eight Troopers of His Excellency's Body Guard, who have been found unfit for further service and to request you will signify to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the recommendation of the Governor General in Council that those men may be admitted to the benefits of the Invalid and Pension Establish-ment under the Presidency of Fort St. George.

The Men proceed from hence on the Ship Neptune.

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

(Signed) L. Hook

Secretary to Government

Military Department

Fort William
4th October 1802.

Register.

From the Secretary at Fort William Forwards a List of the Men of the Governor General's Body Guard who have been found unfit for further service, and requests that they may be placed on the Invalid and Pension Establishment under this Presidency.

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Register Roll of Men of His Excel.z who are recommended for the Invalid and

Names	Rank	Years of Age	Size			Years of Service
			F.	I.		
Rehmaum Begg	Subedar	44	5.	6.	"	19.
Esoph Cawn	Trooper	26.	5.	7.	"	12.
Shaik Hussain	"	47	5	8.	"	20
Derish Mahomed	"	38.	5	7	"	16
Seid Emaum	"	28.	5	4	"	11.
Mahomed Hussain	"	36.	5	6	"	2.
Shaik Berry 1st	"	31.	5.	6.	"	16.
Seid Modien	"	20.	5.	4	"	2.
Mahomed Bram	"	25.	5.	7	"	16.

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N.B. The above men have received all pay
Generals Body Guard. up to the 30th

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-lency the Most Noble the Governor Generals Body Guard
Pension Establishment at Fort St. George.-

Cast	Colour	Country.	Why recommended-
Mogeel.	Dark.	Arcott	Worn out affected with the Piles
Patan	"	Tanjore.	Rupturee unfit for Cavalry duties
Shaik	"	Arcot -	Worn out.-
"	"	"	Do
Sied	"	Tiagar.	Insane
"	"	Cuddapah.	Worn out
Shack.	"	Amboor	Lost the use of his left Arm
Sied	"	Arcott. -	Lost his Eye at Exercise
Shaik	Light.	"	Worn out

Signed F. A. Daniell
Captain Comm^g. Govr Gen^ls Body Guard

and just dues from His Excellency The Most Noble the Governor
day of September 1802.-

Signed Francis Daniell
Captain Commanding Governor Generals
Body Guard

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Resolved that a Copy of the above letter be furnished to the Commander in Chief and that Lieutenant General Stuart be requested to give Orders for the inspection of the Men reserved to in the accompanying List. -

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to the Government at Bombay -

To John Chamier Esqre

Chief Secretary to the Government at Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Secretary at Bombay Requests to be informed of the result of the Search, which this Government announced its intention of prosecuting, regarding the accounts of the Detachment of Sepoys belonging to this Presidency which arrived at Fort St. George in 1784 from Mysoor -

I am directed by the Governor in Council to convey through you, his request to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to be informed of the result of the Search which His Lordship in Council announced in the 4th. Paragraph of his Lordships Letter, dated the 29th. October 1800 to have been ordered to be made for the Papers applied for in the Letter from the Governor in Council dated the 24th. of the preceding Month, as bearing reference to the accounts of the Detachment of Sepoys belonging to this Presidency

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which reached Fort S. George early in May 1784 from confinement, under the late Tippoo Sultaun, particularly such documents, as relate to the Commissariate Department, which was held by the late Mr. Wm. Henry Cowan a Civil Servant upon this Establishment.-

2. Your earliest compliance with this application will prove acceptable to the Governor in Council.-

Bombay Castle 11th. September 1802.

I have the honor &c. &c.

Signed James Grant

Secretary to Government.

As the Military Paymaster General has not yet furnished the information required from him on the subject of the foregoing letter; Resolved that he be required to conform to the directions formerly conveyed to him on that subject without further delay.-

Read the following letter from the late Special Agent.-

George

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George Buchan Esqre.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the late Special agent— Submits Statements shewing the — appropriation of the Tonnage of Transports — taken up at this Presidency for the expedition to the Red Sea— Explains circumstances connected with the Subject—

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th. of September with — enclosures, signifying the desire of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that a Statement be supplied shewing the appropriation of the whole of the Tonnage of Transports taken up at this Presidency for the embarkation of Troops, Stores, and Provisions destined for the Red Sea—

I beg the favor of you to state to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that my appointment as Special Agent for supplies on account of the expedition to Egypt did not take place until the 4th. of April 1801. since which period no Troops or Military Stores have been embarked on the Transports loaded under my superintendance the whole of the Articles shipped at this Presidency from that period consisting only of Provision Stores. I hasten therefore to lay before His Lordship in

Council

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Council such General Statement, and papers as I trust will appear to contain the information required from me.-

It will occur to your recollection that the period at which the Transports were taken up at this Presidency, exposed them to the risk of an adverse passage, and altho I was unacquainted with the destination of the Ships, I was instructed to keep that object in view in completing the Cargoes of the several Ships to be dispatched which will account for the variation in some instances of the proportion of Tonnage supplied with the measured Tonnages of the Transports.-

When I was directed to take charge of the Special Agency Department, the Ship Ann and Elizabith had completed her lading. It does not appear that attention had been given before my appointment to the object of loading the Transports to enable them to make an adverse passage, which will account for the Surplus Tonnage supplied to that Ship.-

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The Papers from No. 1 to No. 6. will shew the proportion of Tonnage of each Article of Provision which has been calculated agreeably to regulations adopted by the Military Board of this Presidency.-

Fort St. George
18th October 1802

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca
(Signed) C. Corner
late Special agent.

General

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Fort St. George 26th October 1802.

General Statement shewing the Tonnage of Sundry Articles of Provision Shipped by Order on account of the expedition to Egypt Vizt.

Names of the Ships	Tons	Rate of freight ⅌ month. Sr. P.	f.	c.	Articles Shipped	Quantity Shipped Tons	Bags	Remarks.
Aim and Elizabeth	300	1571.	19	10	Provisions	399.	5 3/4	Vide account particular accompanying marked No. 1.
Griffin	450	2500	"	"	Do.	492.	3/8	Do. Do. No. 2.
Lady Clive	400.	2500.	"	"	Do.	360	8 5/8	Do. Do. No. 3
Earl of Mornington	600.	2500	"	"	Do.	470	1 3/8	Do. Do. No. 4.
Commerce	400.	1571	19	10	Do.	373	10 3/4	Do. Do. No. 5
Breg Alexander	150	1000.	"	"	Do.	145.	3 5/8	Do. Do. No. 6.
Total	2300	11642.	38.	20	"	2241.	4 1/2	

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(Signed) C. Corner
Late Special Agent.

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Statement of Tonnage Calculated on account of Sundry Articles of Provision sent on Board the Ship Ann and Elizabeth as follows.-

Ship Ann and Elizabeth Tons 300	Garce	Mercals	Seers	Pounds	Quarts	Bags	"	Tons	Bags	Total
Rice in Bags 2127	36.	288	5 3/4.	3,39,908 13/16.	"	2127	@ 13 Bgs	163	8.	
Salt in Bags 121	1	326.	"	16.800 9/16	"	121.	@ do.	9	4.	
Boot Gram in do. 2	4	12.	"	227. 11/16.	"	2.	@ do.	"	2	
Biscuit in do. 174 Bs. 40 C. 9 M. 1 lb.										
Deduct Transferred to Ship Griffin 48. 11. 2. 18.										
126. 29. 6. 8. @ 4½ Bags ℔ C.	29 C.	6 M.	8 lb.	14,658	"	132.	@ do.	10.	2.	
Flour Casks 22 @ 4½ Bags each	"	"	"	8,514.	"	99.	@ do.	7	8.	
Sugar in Bags 12	3	18.	17	1967.	"	12.	at do.	"	12.	
Ghee Dubbers 50 @ 1 Bag each	13.	4.	½	6600½	"	50	@ do.	3	11.	
Beef Tierces 156. is lb. 52,416. at 480 lb. ℔ Hogshead is 109 3/16. Hogs Head at 6 Bags each	"	"	"	52,406.	"	655	@ do.	50	5.	
Pork hogshead 41 @ 6 Bags each	"	"	"	19,680.	"	246.	@ do.	18	12	
Pipper	"	"	"	10,195½	"	140	at do.	10	10	
Chillies Bundles 190 is lb. 21,977 at 50 lb. ℔ Bag	"	"	"	21,977	"	439½	at do.	33	10½	

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	lb	m	lb							
Turmarick in Bags 39	10	"	13	5,013	"	39	at do	3	"	
Garlick in Do 33	6	10	19	3,269	"	33	at do	2	7	
Cummen Seed in Do 1/2	"	"	"	44	"	1/2	at do	"	1/2	
Coriander Seed Do 7	"	18	16	466	"	7	at do	"	7	
Tamarind Do 128	41	17	5	20,930	"	128	at do	9	11	
Tobacco Candies 22. 11. 7½ lb at 50 lb ⅌ Bag	22	11	7½	11,282½	"	225¾	at do	17	4¾	
Beetle Nutt	31	12	15	15,815	"	120	at do	9	3	
Firewood Billets No 30,000 @ 82 lb ⅌ % is lb 24,600 at 2240 lb ⅌ Ton	"	"	"	"	"	143	at do	11	"	
Arrack Gallon 4905 at 150 Gallons ⅌ Leager is 32 3/49 at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	393	at do	30	3	
Venigar Gallon 371 at 150 Gallon ⅌ Leagers is 2½ at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	30	at do	2	4	
Madeira Pipes 5 at 10 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	50	at do	3	11	
										399 5¾

(Signed) C. Corner.
Late Special Agent.

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Statement of Tonnage calculated on account of Sundry Articles of Provision sent on Board the Ship Griffin as follows.—

Ship Griffin Ton 450	Garce	Mercal	Seer	Pounds	Quarts	Bags		Ton	Bags	Total
Rice in Bags 1823	30	282	$1\frac{3}{4}$	284223 13/16	"	1823	@ 13 Bags	140	3	
Salt in Do. 273	4	38.	"	37905 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	273	@ Do.	21	"	
Churah in Do. 43	"	258	"	5970 $\frac{7}{16}$	"	43	@ Do.	3	"	"
Pease Hogsheads 25 @ 6 Bags each	"	396	$4\frac{1}{2}$	9173	"	150.	at Do.	11	7	
Salt Beef Tierces 44 is lb. 14,784 @ 480 lb. Pr. Hogshead is 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 6 Bags each	"	"	"	14784.	"	$184\frac{1}{2}$	at Do.	14.	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
	Cands.	Md.	lb.							
Flour Casks 44 @ $4\frac{1}{2}$ Bags each	34	13	2.	17,327.	"	198	@ Do.	15	3	
Ghee in Hogsheads 20 @ 6 Bags each	18.	9.	$4\frac{1}{2}$	9,229 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	120	at Do.	9	3	
Bisquet Bags 445 or 104. 10m. 24 lb.										
Received from the Ship Anne & Elizabeth } 48. or 11. 2. 18										
493. or 115. 13. 17 @ $4\frac{1}{2}$ Bags pr. Candy	115.	13.	17	57,842	"	$520\frac{1}{2}$	at Do.	40	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Sugar Boxes 40 at $1\frac{1}{2}$ Bags each	21.	7	$19\frac{3}{4}$	10,694 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	60	at Do.	4	8.	
Tea Chests 34 @ 2 Bags each	4	10	11.	2261	"	68.	at Do.	5	3	
Raisins Chests 3 @ 3 Bags each	2.	12.	3	1303.	"	9	at Do.	"	9	

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Tamarind in Bags 74	24	10	22	12272	"	74	at do	5	9	
Chillies Bundles 12 @ 50 lb. ℔ Bag	2.	13	18	1343	"	26 7/8	at do	2	7/8	
Turmarick in Bags 9	1.	19	11.	986.	"	9	at do	"	9	
Yams Bags 56 @ 2 Bags each	25	13	3	12828.	"	112.	at do	8.	8.	
Tabacco Bags 46 @ 50 lb ℔ Bag.	9	19	1/2	4975 1/2	"	99 1/2	at do	7	8 1/2	
Wax Candles Chests 4.	"	9	22 1/2	247 1/2	"	4	at do	"	4.	
Firewood Billets No. 95899 or lb. 78637 3/10 @ 2240 lbs ℔ Ton	"	"	"	"	"	456.	at do	35	1.	
Salt Fish No. 25000 or Bundles 19 at 2 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	38	at do	2	12.	
Water Casks 169 or Gallons 20862 @ 150 Gallons is 139 at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	1668.	at do	128	4.	
Arrack Leager 36 or Gallons 5250 at 150 Gallon ℔ Leagers is 35 at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	420	at do	32	4	
Madeira Pipes 4 at 10 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	40	at do	3	1.	
Palmeras No. 80										492 3/8

(Signed) C. Corner

Late Special Agent

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(2)

Madras Roads

25th. April 1801.

We do hereby certify that the Ship Griffin employed on the Secret expedition is now completely filled and as well stowed as we could wish her to be stowed was she our own Ship.—

Signed Benjamin Ferguson

Chief Officer.

Benjamin Sevain

Second Officer.

N.B. The Ship now draws of the B. feet on 2. Inn.—

Forwd 16 feet. 6 Inn.

George

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(1)

George Taswell Esqre

Sir.

I have inspected into the State of the Griffin and find her perfectly full Stowed with Cargo both in Hold and Orlop Deck.-

The accompanying is a Certificate of the Ships present draft of Water-

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

/Signed/ C. Leslie

A. M. A.

Fort St George
27th April 1861-

A True Copy

/Signed/ C. Corner

Late Special Agent.

Statement

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Fort St. George 26th October 1802.

Statement of Tonnage Calculated on account of Sundry Articles of Provision Sent on Board the Ship Lady Clive as follows—

Ship Lady Clive Ton 400	Garce	Marcal	Seer	Pounds	Quarts	Bags		Ton	Bags
Rice in Bags 500	8	212	5	78,968.	"	500	at 13 Bs	38	6.
Salt in Do 87	1	122.	"	12079 3/4	"	87	at do	6	9
Dholl in Do 133	1	398.	"	16,359	"	133	at do	10	3
Beef Salt Hogshead 60 at 6 Bags each	"	"	"	28800.	"	360	at do	27	9.
Flour Casks 15 at 4 1/2 Bags each	Cands 11	Md. 12	lb. 18	5818.	"	67 1/2	at do	5	2 1/2
Ghee hogshead 20 at 6. Bags each	19	2.	14 1/2	9564 1/2	"	120	at do	9	3.
Sugar Boxes 40 at 1 1/2 do do	20	19.	14.	10489.	"	60	at do	4	8.
Biscuit in double Bags 340 or Candy 80 Md 8. lb 1 at 4 1/2 Bags ℔ Candy	80	8.	1.	40201.	"	361 3/4.	at do	27	10 3/4
Durham Mustard in Chests 3 at 3 1/2 Bags each	"	9	15	240	"	10 1/2.	at do	"	10 1/2
Tamarind in Bags 74	24	4	2.	12102.	"	74	at do	5	9.

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Garlick in do. 10	1	18.	5½	955½	"	10	at do.	"	10.
Yams in large Bags 45 at 2 Bags each	20	17	15	10440.	"	90	at do.	6	12.
Firewood Billets 42000 at 82 lb. ℔ % is 34,440 at 2240 ℔ Ton is 15 3/8	"	"	"	"	"	199 7/8	at do.	15.	4 7/8.
Salt Fish, in Bundles 15, or 38000 at 2 Bags ℔ Bundle	"	"	"	"	"	30	at do.	2	4.
Water in Casks 244, or Gallon 27,698. at 150 Gallon ℔ Leager 184 5/8. at 12. Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	2215½	at do.	170.	5½.
Arrack in Casks 27 or Gallons 4000 at 150 Gallons ℔ Leager is 26 5/8 at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	319½	at do.	24	7½
Madeira Pipe 4 at 10 Bags each						40	@ do.	3	1.
Sweet Oil Boxes 20 or	"	"	"	"	"	10	at do.	"	10.
Bombos Matts No. 600									360. 8 5/8.
Palmiras No. 100									

(Signed) C. Corner
Late Special Agent.

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Fort St. George 26th October 1802

George Tasuell Esqre.

Master attendant.

Sir,

Agreeable to your Order of this date, I have proceeded on Board, and examined the Ship Lady Clive, and find her fully laden, so as to have no Space to receive any further Cargo—

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant.

Signed C. Leslie

Assistant Master

Attendant.

P. S.

Fort St. George

11th. May 1803.

7334 Fort St. George 25th October 1802

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P. S. Ships draught of water forward 17 Feet

A Baft ..... 16.9 Inches

(True Copy)

(Signed) G. Taswell

Master Attendant

(A True Copy)

(Signed) C. Corner

Late Special Agent

Statement

7335

Fort St. George 26th October 1802

Statement of Tonnage Calculated on account of Sundry Articles of Provision sent on Board the Ship Earl of Mornington as follows—

Ship Earl of Mornington Ton 600.	Garce	Mercall	Seer	Pounds	Quarts	Bags		Ton	Bags	Total
Rice in Bags 800	13	310	3	127514	"	800	at 13 Bags	61.	7	
Salt in Do. 50	"	300	"	6942 3/8	"	50	at Do.	3	11	
Dholl in Do. 200	3	"	"	24600.	"	200.	at Do.	15	5	
Boot Gram in Do. 200	3	"	"	27769 1/2	"	200	at Do.	15.	5.	
Churah in Do. 11	"	64	"	608.	"	11.	at Do.	"	11.	
Peas 11 Butts and 2 Punchions is 13	1	48	"	10367	"	141.	at Do.	10	11.	
Salt Beef Europe Hogshead 1 & 22. Tierces and America Tierces 69 is 92. or lb. 21,578 at 480 lb. ℔ hogshead is 45 at 6 Bags each	"	"	"	21,578.	"	270.	at Do.	20	10.	
Salt Pork Europe 1 Hogshead and 18 Tierces and America Tierces 4 is 23 or lb. 6,594 1/2 at 480 lb. ℔ Hogshead is 13 3/4 at 6 Bags each	"	"	"	6,594 1/2	"	82 1/2	at Do.	6.	4 1/2	
Flour Leagers 12 and Hogshead 57 at 12 Bags ℔ Leager and at 6 Bags ℔ Hogshead	"	"	"	33937	"	450	at Do.	34.	8.	
Ghee Hogsheads 25 at 6 Bags each	Candy 23	Maund 14	lb. 15 1/2	11865 1/2	"	150	at Do.	11	7.	
Gingil Oil Hogsheads 6 at 6 Bags each	5.	16	11.	2911.	"	36.	at Do.	2	10.	
Sugar Boxes 80 at 1 1/2 Bags each	42	3	21.	21,096.	"	120.	at Do.	9	3	
Tea Chests 20 at 2 Bags each	2	13	5	1330.	"	40	at Do.	3	1.	

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Biscuits in double Bags 508 or 119. 11. 24. at 4 ½ Bag ℔ Candy	119	11	24	59,799	"	538.	at d°	41.	5.	
Chillies Bundles 10 or 2. 2. 11. at 50 lb. ℔ Bag	2.	2	11	1061.	"	21¼	at d°	1	8¼	
Tamarind in Bags 74.	21.	3	½	10,575½	"	74	at d°	5.	9.	
Tobacco Bundles 132. or 31. 1. 6. at 50 ℔ Bag	31.	1.	6.	15,531.	"	310⅝	at d°	23	11⅝	
Wax Candle Basket Box 6.	"	19	14¼	489¼	"	6.	at d°	"	6.	
Water Leagers 98 Butts 11 half Leagers 42 Pipes 26. and Punchious 28 is 205 or Gallons 22,557 at 150 Gallons ℔ Leager is 150⅜. at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	1,804½	at d°	138.	10½	
Arrack 27 Leagers or Gallons 4000 at 150 Gallons ℔ Leager is 26⅝. at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	319½	at d°	24.	7½	
Venigar Pipe 1 or Gallon 112	"	"	"	"	"	10.	at d°	"	10.	
Madeira Pipes 4 @ 4 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	40.	at d°	3	1.	
Port wine Hogshead 1.	"	"	"	"	"	6	at d°	"	6.	
Salt Fish Bundles 14 or N° 51,000 at 2 Bags ℔ Bundle	"	"	"	"	"	28.	at d°	2	2.	
Firewood Billets N° 84,720 at 82 lb ℔ % is lb. 69,470 at 2240 lb. ℔ Ton	"	"	"	"	"	403	at d°	31.	"	470 1⅜
Palmiras N° 250	"									
Bombos Matts N° 1010.	"									

(Signed) C. Cornor

Late special Agent -

7337

Fort St. George 26th October 1802.

George Tassell Esqre

Master Attendant

Sir

Agreeably to your Orders of this date, I have been on Board the Ship Earl of Mornington and examined the State of her hold and Decks which I find fully laden so as to have no space to receive any further Cargo.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant.

Signed C. Leslie

Assistant Master

Attendant.

P. L

Fort St. George

27th May 1802.

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Fort St. George 26th October 1802

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P. S. The Ships Draft of water

forward 15 feet - Aft 16 Feet.

(Signed) C. Leslie

A True Copy

(Signed) G. Taswell

Master Attendant.

A True Copy

(Signed) C. Corner

Late Special Agent.

Statement.

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Fort St. George 26th October 1802.

Statement of Tonnage Calculated on account of Sundry Articles of Provision sent on Board the Ship Commerce as follows.

Ship Commerce Ton 400	Garce	Mercal	Seer	Pounds	Quarts	Bags		Ton	Bags	Total
Rice in Bags 400	6.	385	2.	64452.	"	400.	at 13 Bags	30	10.	
Salt Do 30	"	180	"	4158 3/8	"	30	at Do	2	4.	
Dholl Do 20	"	122.	3 3/8	2501 5/8	"	20	at Do	1	7.	
Salt Beef Hogshead 100 at 6. Bags each	"	"	"	48000	"	600	at Do	46	2.	
Flour Butts 19 and Barrels 101. is 120	"	"	"	60,349	"	655	at Do	50	5	
Ghee Hogshead 20 at 6 Bags each	Cands. 19	Md. 2.	lb. "	9550	"	120	at Do	9	3	
Sugar Boxes 40 at 1½ Bag each	20	14	10¼	19360¼	"	60	at Do	4	8.	
Tea Chests 20 at 2. Bags each	2.	13	5	1330	"	40.	at Do	3	1.	
Biscuit Bags 200 or 46. 2. at 4½ Bags each	46.	2.	"	23950.	"	207½	at Do	15	12½.	
Tamarind in Bags 50	14	12.	4½	7304½	"	50.	at Do	3	11.	
Mustard Cases 3 Containing 10 Dozen lb. Squar flour Mustard 10 Do Half Do Mustard 20 Do Half Do Do in all 25 Dn. lb. at 3½ Bags, each	"	12.	"	300	"	10½	at Do	"	10½	

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Tobacco Bundles 41 or 9 C. 19 M. 1 lb. at 50 lb ℔ Bag	9	19	1	4976	"	99½ at d°	7	8½	
Wax Candle Basket Boxes 7	1	"	"	500	"	7 at d°	"	7	
Sweet Oil Boxes 64	"	"	"	"	"	32 at d°	2	6	
Water 43 Leagers 100 Butts 4 Pipes 18 Puncheons and 11 Hogs heads is 176 or Gallons 22,885 at 150 Gallons ℔ Leager 152½ at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	1800 at d°	140	10	
Arrack 27 Leagers and 1 Pipe is 27 or Gallon 4000 at 150 Gallons ℔ Leager is 26⅝ at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	319½ at d°	24	7½	
Vinigar Pipe N° 4 at 10 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	40 at d°	3	1	
Madeira Pipe N° 4 at 10 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	40 at d°	3	1	
Salt Fish 21 Bundles or N° 64000 at 2 Bags ℔ Bundle	"	"	"	"	"	42 at d°	3	3	
Firewood Billets N° 54,000 or lb. 44,280 at 2240 lb. ℔ Ton	"	"	"	"	"	256¾ at d°	19	9¾	373 10¾
Bombor Matts N° 140									

(Signed) C. Corner
Late Special Agent

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7341

Fort St. George 26th October 1802.

Henry Hall Esqre

Deputy Master Attendant

Sir

Agreeably to your Orders of this date, I have been on Board the Ship Commerce and examined the State of her hold and Decks which I find fully Laden so as to have no space to receive any further Cargo.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient

Servant

Signed C. Leslie

Assistant Master

Attendant.

Fort St. George

11th June 1802.

Sir

Your most Obedient

Servant

Signed C. Leslie

Assistant Master

Attendant.

P. S.

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Fort St. George 26th October 1802

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P. S. The Ships draft of water forward 14 3/4 feet

Aft. . . . . 15 1/4 D°

A True Copy.

Signed/ Henry Hall

Deputy Master Attendant

A True Copy

Signed/ C. Corner

Late Special Agent.

Statement.

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Fort S. George 26th October 1802

Henry Hall Esqre

Deputy Master Attendant

Sir

Agreeably to your Orders of this date, I have been on Board the Ship Commerce and examined the State of her hold and Decks which I find fully Laden so as to have no space to receive any further Cargo.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Servant

Signed C. Leslie

Assistant Master

Attendant

P. S.

Fort S. George

11th June 1802

7342 Fort St. George 26th October 1802

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P. S. The Ships draft of Water forward 14 3/4 feet

Aft. . . . . 15 1/4 Do.

A True Copy.

Signed/ Henry Hall

Deputy Master Attendant

A True Copy

Signed/ C. Corner

Late Special Agent.

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Statement.

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Statement of Tonnage Calculated on account of Sundry Articles of Provision sent on Board the Brig Alexander as follows.

Brig Alexander Ton. 150.	Garce	Mercal	Seer	Pounds	Quarts	Bags		Ton	Bags	Total
Rice in Bags 200	3	170.	2.	31.707	"	200.	at 13 Bags	15	5.	
Salt in Do. 20	"	120	"	2777.	"	20	at Do.	1	7.	
Churah in Do. 60	"	360	"	3402.	"	60.	at Do.	4	8.	
Salt Beef Tierces 54 or lb. 11228. at 480 lb ℔ Hogs-Head is 23 3/8 at 6 Bags each	"	"	"	11,228.	"	140 1/4	at Do.	10	10 1/4	
Salt Pork Tierces 44 or lb. 8,800 at 480 lb ℔ Hogs Head is 18 5/16 at 6 Bags each	"	"	"	8800.	"	109 7/8	at Do.	8.	5 7/8	
Flour Butts 24	"	"	"	23553	"	260.	at Do.	20	"	
Ghee Hogshead 10 at 6 Bags each	Candy 9	Mo 12	lb 24	4824 1/2	"	60	at Do.	4	8	
Gingil Oil Hogshead 3 at 6 Bags each	2	17	19.	1444	"	18.	at Do.	1	5.	
Sugar Boxes 20 at 1 1/2 Bag each	10	11	10	5285	"	30	at Do.	2	4	

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Tea Chests 10 at 2 Bags each	1	6	15.	665	"	20	at Do	1	7
Chillies Bundles 9 at 50 lb ℔ Bag	2	"	16.	1016.	"	20 3/8.	at Do	1	7 3/8.
Garlick in Bags 6	1.	5	7	632.	"	6.	at Do	"	6.
Tobacco, Bundles 20 or 5.4.5 at 50 lb. ℔ Bag	5.	4	5.	2605	"	52.	at Do	4	"
Wax Candles, Baskets Boxes 7	1	"	"	500.	"	7	at Do	"	7.
Water Butts 61 or Gallons 7746. at 150 Gallons ℔ Leager is 51 5/8 at 12 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	619 1/2	at Do	47	8 1/2
Arrack Gallon 1747 or 25 half Leagers at 150 Gallons ℔ Leager is 11 5/8 at 12 Bags	"	"	"	"	"	139 1/2	at Do	10	9 1/2
Madeira Pipes No. 4 at 10 Bags each	"	"	"	"	"	40	at Do	3	1.
Firewood Billets No. 18,000 at 82 lb. ℔ Do is lb. 14760 at 2240 lb. ℔ Ton	"	"	"	"	"	86 1/8.	at Do	6	8 1/8.
								145	3 5/8

Palmirals — No. 50

Bamboo Matts — No. 100.

(Signed) C. Corner

Late Special Agent.

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Fort St. George 26th October 1802

Henry Hall Esqre

Acting Master Attendant

Sir.

Agreeable to your order of yesterday I have been on Board the Brig Alexander and examined the State of her hold and Deck, which I find fully laden so as to have no space to receive any further Cargo.-

I have the Honor to be &ca &ca

Fort St George
29th June 1801

Signed Chs. Leslie Assistant
Master Attendant.

P. S. The Brigs draft of water forward - 10½ Feet
Aft . . . . . 12 - . Do

A True Copy
Signed C. Corner
Late Special Agent.

To lie on the Table — —

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following letter from the Military Board dated the 13th Ultimo with the following papers relating to the construction of Powder Works and to the Manufacture of Gun Powder upon an improved plan - being returned from Circulation are ordered to be Recorded.-

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord.

From the Military Board - Submits papers containing the result of the experiments made of the utility of Saddlers Curricle Guns - Submits a Report on the expence of supplying Spirituous Liquors at this Presidency, comparatively with the rates of supplying Spirits at Bombay - Submits papers on the subject of a deficiency in supplies, landed at Canarore, from the Honorable Company's Ship Britannia - Lays before the Board the papers connected with an improvement in the construction of the powder works, and recommends the adoption of the suggestions of the Committee appointed to report on that subject - Submits also the papers relating to the construction of a new bridge near the Governors Gardens - Recommends the payment of sundry bills and advances of money.-

1. We have the honor to report that the necessary Orders have been given in consequence of the receipt of Letters from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated the 2d. September.-

2d. In conformity to the Orders of your Lordship in Council under date the 4th August 1801. we directed experiments to be made with Saddlers 2 Pounder Curricle Gun by a Committee of Officers in order to ascertain its superiority over, or inferiority to the Ordnance hitherto in use on the Coast. Upon receipt of the report of the Committee, it appeared to us of some importance to ascertain how far both the light 18 Pounder of Mr. Saddlers construction, and the 2 Pounder Curricle Gun could be rendered useful when mounted on Galloper Carriages, similar in Pattern to those in use with the Cavalry under this Presidency we accordingly directed Carriages to be provided for them and appointed a Committee of which the Commandant of

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Artillery was President, to conduct a Set of experiments calculated to ascertain their utility or otherwise, As the Reports of these Committees appear to embrace every point upon which information can be required, we do ourselves the honor to forward Copies of both for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors -

3d We have also the Honor to enclose — in consequence of your Lordships Commands of the 20th August Copy of a letter from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors at this Presidency, and from the Circumstances therein Stated, we deem it our duty to recommend that no change may be made in the mode of providing that Article -

4. The removal to Bombay and other distant Stations, of the Gentlemen who were in charge of the Provision Department in the Provinces of — Malabar and Canara at the period of the delivery of the Britannias Cargo in 1800, has so much retarded our Communication with them, that it has not been practicable to reply sooner to your Lordships Command on the Subject of the Short deliveries by that Vessel

Communicated

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Communicated to us in the letter of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated the 5th May last From the letters we have received on this Subject both from the former and present Commissary of Provisions, it does not appear that any acknowledgement for the Amount of the Liquor Short delivered at Cannanore from the Britannia in October 1800 was either given by or demanded from the Commander of that Ship, nor any explanation relative to the cause of deficiency, required. It would seem however that the Military Board at Bombay were regularly apprized of the extent of the deficiency for Mr. Cornellis, who was then Commissary of Grain and Provisions in Malabar, has forwarded to us Copy of a letter to the Secretary to that Board, in which he states that the Purser of the Britannia attended the guage and landing of the Liquor, and obtained a receipt for the actual number of Casks and Gallons landed. Copy of this Letter of the Guage of the Liquor landed, and of the Survey Reports on the Casks which contained the Spirits, and statement of the quantity of Arrack

Shipped

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Shipped at Bombay, with the Invoice price of the proportion received as also of the quantity Short delivered are herewith forwarded for your Lordships information, as well as the Original accounts Short delivery.-

5th. We enclose Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed in obedience to your Lordships Orders of the 6th. May last, accompanied by Plans Sections, and Elevations of Buildings of which they recommend the construction. The necessity for the removal of the present ruinous Bridge on the Mount Road, near the Angle of the Government Gardens is indisputable. we cannot therefore hesitate to second the proposal of the Committee for the erection of a new one, and as we understand the Estimate which accompanies their Report to be more Oeconomical than any other that has been prepared, and consider the Plan of construction to be judicious we beg to recommend it to your Lordships favorable consideration. of the Powder works we have to observe, that the late explosion in addition to the radical defects of the old Mills, has rendered them nearly useless-

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useless, that to enable the Superintendent to recommence the manufacture with success even the limited scale to which he has been hitherto confined, extensive — and every expensive repairs are necessary, and that these if completed, not only would not preclude the recurrence of fatal accounts, but would still leave us dependent upon Bengal for half our annual expenditure of Gun Powder, to be imported at a — loss of nearly 150 ℔ Cent upon each Candy, as will clearly appear from the Documents that accompany the Committees Report. On this account, and from a consideration of the importance of our being — rendered independent of any other Presidency for sup- -plies of so essential an Article as Gun Powder. we should be induced to recommend to your Lordship in Council the erection of New Mills, and the conversion of the present ones, as proposed by the Committee, into a Grand Magazine. The Papers that accompany the Report of the Committee have however furnished a still stronger inducement for

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our pressing this Subject on your Lordships Notice as they clearly prove, that besides securing the above advantages, the saving which would accrue from the adoption of the Plan of the Committee, would, in the Course of one years from the commencement of working the new Mills, repay the expence of their erection. and as these Papers appear to refer to a change in the mode of manufacturing Gun Powder which we have been informed is about to be proposed to your Lordship in Council, by a Process to the different Stages of which the Resent Powder works are by no means adopted, it may be proper to remark that in the event of the new mode of manufacturing Gun Powder being established the erection of new Mills is unavoidable of the other proposals of the Committee we beg to recommend the adoption.—

6th We beg leave to recommend Payment of the following Bills, and advances of Cash &c.

No 1 Bill of the Commissary of supplies

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Supplies at Seringapatam for six 6 Pounder Gun Carriages with Limbers &ca completed amounting to Pagodas 1200 —o——

No. 2 Bill of the Garrison Store=keeper in Malabar marked A. for Coolies &ca employed in stowing Grain at Mangalore amounting to Pagodas 52. 26–5 1/2–

No. 3 Bill of the Garrison Store=keeper in Malabar, marked B for Coolies &ca employed in airing Shifting, and stowing Rice at Cundapore amounting to Pagodas 11. 11. 27–

No. 4 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Malabar marked C. for Coolies employed in airing Shifting and stowing Rice at Jemaulabad amounting to Pagodas 3. 5–

No. 5 Bill of the Garrison Store=keeper in Malabar marked D for Coolies employed in shifting airing, and stowing Rice at Beckull amounting to Pagodas 1. 28——

No. 6 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in

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in Malabar, marked E. for Cooly hire for conveying Stores from Goa to Hullial and back again amounting to Pagodas 14. 31. 40.

An advance of Pagodas 1390. 19. 70 to the Engineer at Seringapatam, being one third of the estimated Cost of converting the Zenana at that Station into an Hospital for European Sick.

An advance of Pagodas 244. 14. 39. to the Superintending Engineer being one third of the estimated expense of repairs ordered to be executed by him at Tripassore.

We have the honor to be

&ca &ca

Fort St. George
13th September 1802.

J. Stuart
D. Smith
(Signed) E. Trapaud
P. A. Agnew
J. Brunton
Alexr. Orr

To

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To Lieutenant General James Stuart

President &c. Members of the

Military Board.

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of the 30th Ultimo, and having had the perusal of the Letter from the Bombay Government dated the 24th July last enclosing one from Messrs. Scott and Asburner of the 20th of the same month, proposing to supply the Troops on the Malabar Coast with Salsette Rum I beg leave to lay before you my opinion on the same.—

In order to form a correct judgement how far it will be advantageous to comply with the recommendation of the Government of Bombay, it will be necessary to draw a comparative view of the Liquor purchased on account of the Honorable Company at Bombay, and that laid in by me here calculated upon the Cost of one Leager containing 150 Guaged Gallons and 350 Bombay Rupees

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Rupees ℔ 100 Star Pagodas —

Messrs Scott and Ashburner State as follows —

That the Cost of Bengal Rum imported at Bombay stands By Rupees 1. 2. 99. ℔ Gallon or B. Rupees 262. 50. ℔ Leager equal to Star Pagodas — } 74 - 3 - 40

That the Medium Cost of Batavia arrack at Bombay from September 1788 to March 1795 comes to By Rupees 1. 2. 20 ℔ Gallon or By Rupees 232. 2. 0 ℔ Leager equal to Star Pagodas — } 66. 8. —

That the rate they have supplied the Bombay Government with Salette during the War is B. Rupees 1. 3. 0. ℔ Gallon or B. Rupees 262. 2. 2. ℔ Leager equal to Star Pagodas — } 75 - 4 - —

But they say, it is of such a strength that the Garrison Storekeeper before issuing it dilutes it with 12 ℔ Cent water in order to reduce it to the Ordinary strength of — Batavia } 9 - 4 - —

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Batavia Arrack. I shall therefore deduct 12 ℔ Cent from the amount Cost being equal to ———

The Nett Cost of one Leager of Salesette Rum when reduced to Batavia arrack proof Stands at Star Pagodas ——— } 66. u —

By the above it appears that they supplied the Company with Salsette Rum at 18 Sanams ℔ Leager less than the Medium rate of Batavia arrack, and at Star Pagodas 8. 37. 40 less than the Bengal Rum, but as they do not state the Proof of the Bengal Rum, no correct comparison can be formed, only I have myself imported into Bombay this year, Bengal Rum of London Proof which at the utmost does not exceed ℔ Leager of 150 Gallons Star Pagodas 66-

Messrs. Scott and Ashburner then proceed to say, that in consequence of the Peace they will agree to supply Salsette Rum at Batavia arrack proof at B. Rupees 1. 1. ℔ Gallon or B. Rupees 1872. ℔ Leager of 150 Gallons equal to St. Pags. 53. 24 —

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The Honorable Company to find Casks which may be reckoned at ..... } 5-0-0

So that the rate the Salsette Rum may be reckoned at ₰ Leager of 150 Gallons 58. 24. is Star Pagodas .....

I shall now state the Medium rates at which the Liquor ₰ Leager of 150 Gallons has been purchased by me for these seven years past -

Medium rate for the year 1795/96 St. P. 36. 27. 48.

1796/97 ..... 35. 37. 30.

1797/98 ..... 45. 12. 6.

1798/99 ..... 47. 32. 16.

1799/1800 ..... 41. 27. 2.

1800/1801 ..... 40. - 5. 60

1801/1802 ..... - 38. 13. 44.

Total Star Pag.s - 285. 29. 46.

The Medium of the 7. years has only stood Government Star Pagodas ..... } 40. 34. 18.

and now that Peace is established, I am in hopes of being able to reduce the price very considerably

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so much so, that I am in full confidence after my Vatts are completed, which I am now busy about of having it in my power to lay in the annual Stock of Liquor at the respective Garrisons on the Malabar Coast, and even at Bombay if required, at Batavia Arrack Proof, the same as proposed by Messrs. Scott and Ashburner, and after it has been in Store at least one year, at the rate of Star Pagodas 50 ₱ Leaguer, and the Spirit I can safely vouch will be of a far superior quality to what has been lately landed from the Earl Mornington Transport, returned from the Red sea marked on the Casks, Bombay Rum of Batavia arrack proof which I suppose forms part of what was supplied by Messrs. Scott, and Ashburner, Musters of which were lately examined by your Board, and compared with some Rum manufactured on this Coast by Mr. Campbell, and you must be sensible that the former has a most disagreeable taste, whereas the Rum Manufactured by Mr. Campbell under the immediate direction of an old Jamaica Distiller has actually the flavour of Jamaica Rum,

and

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and when kept in vatts for one year, will be far superior to any spirit that has ever been manufactured in India.

Messrs Scott and Ashburner lay great stress upon the Report of Mr. Lickie but he can only form his Judgement upon the Muster laid before him at Bombay which I suppose were old of course mellow in point of taste the Liquor that he may have seen when imported into Madras, may have been a little fiery but after being kept one year in Store it is perfectly mild and ready for use—

I have even been a strenuous Friend and supporter of our own manufactures so long as the Distillers were moderate in their demands, and shewed an inclination to make improvements in points of quality so as to make the Rum perfectly pure and free of the taste of the Molasses, of which it is made, and it is with great satisfaction, I inform you, that from the Two Manufactures on this Coast Viz^t in the Ganjam District under Mr. Colley, and the Tanjore Country under Mr.

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Mr. Campbell, I have every prospect of being supplied with Rum of a superior quality, and very different from what has been landed from the Earl Mornington as stated above.—

The Arrack made at Columbo is of an excellent quality when kept in Store one complete year which with the period it remains on the Island before being exported, the passage from thence, after being one year in Store here, in going to the Garrisons and remaining there until used the Liquor may on an average be reckoned two years old before it is consumed, this Liquor is very Cheap being this year only Star Pagodas 34 ₰ Leager, the Rum I expect to get at Pagodas 40. so that by taking an equal quantity of each the average rate will be Pagodas 37 ₰ Leager, and when the two Spirits are mixed together, it is much approved of by the Troops.—

From the above Statement it will clearly appear how much cheaper I have been able to lay in the supplies of Liquor for Government here than has been done at Bombay, and how very —

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Unreasonable the demand of Messrs Scott and Ashburner is, in expecting that Government should pay them Star Pagodas 54. 24. ₰ Leager without Casks equal to Pagodas 58. 24 with Casks when the average rate of the supplies laid in by me during the War for these seven years past, only amounts to Star Pagodas 40: 33: 18. and now that Peace is established I expect to be able to reduce the price at least Star Pagodas 3 ₰ Leager.—

My success I entirely attribute to the confidence your Board were pleased to place in me for taking such steps as I thought proper for laying in the public supplies and being contractor for supplying the Navy at the same time I have had it my power to command the markets and as Merchants continue to bring spirits to the market, it is a clear proof that the prices paid by me are sufficient, otherwise they would relinquish the Trade.—

Any engagement on the part of Government to take spirits from particular manufactures, must be injurious to the supply which will

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always be best procured by encouraging a fair competition in the market I under the authority and supported by the confidence of the Board will always purchase Liquor of the best quality at the most reasonable rate. If the Salesette Rum will bear that test I shall purchase it readily, if it will not, or in other words (as I believe to be the case) if better Spirits can be procured from other Quarters and at a cheaper rate I shall reject what might be offered from the Bombay Manufacture.

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

/Signed/ B. Cochrane

Fort St. George
7th September 1802.

A True Copy

/Signed/ J. Maclane

Secretary Military Board.

To Francis Warden Esqre.

Secretary to the Military Board.

Bombay

Sir

I have the pleasure to transmit you a particular account of the receipts of Provisions and Arrack consigned from Bombay, on the Honorable Company's Ship Britannia and the Country Ship Fletcher, also

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three Proceedings of Committees for the purpose therein mentioned from a request of mine to ascertain the cause of the great deficiency in the Spirits The Purser of the Britannia attended the Guage, and landing of the above to whom I have passed a receipt for the actual Number of Gallons landed as well as Casks. on the Dholl and Biscuit. received from Captain Basden, a deficiency on the former appears 36 Bombay Maunds, the latter 2 lbs and in the Rice there is an overplus of 88 Surat Maunds and 28 4/5 Pounds; which shall be carried to the Honorable Companys Credit in Octobers General Return —

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed/ G. Corsellis

Prov.l Commissary of Provisions

Tellicherry
3d November 1800.

A True Copy

/ Signed/ G. Corsellis

A True Copy

/ Signed/ J. Macleane

Secretary Military Board

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List of Spirit Liquors disembarked from on Board of the Honorable Companys Ship Britannia

October	Casks	No. Gallons	Octr Casks	No. Gallons	Octr Casks	No. Gallons
17	1.	2. 150	23	1.	61.	131.
"	"	115	163	"	"	1
"	"	8.	178.	"	"	103
"	"	30	180	"	"	83
"	"	49	174	"	"	84
"	"	40	178.	"	"	114
"	"	80	155	"	"	31.
"	"	19	160.	"	"	22
"	"	23	120	"	"	14
"	"	54	154	"	"	4
"	"	35	127	"	"	24
"	"	168.	130	"	"	117
"	"	57	175	"	"	28.
"	"	7	178.	"	"	75
"	"	99	176	"	"	64.
"	"	94	236.	"	"	73
"	"	96	173	"	"	43
"	"	91.	136.	"	"	163
"	"	72.	130	"	"	150
"	"	59	134	"	"	149
"	"	30	184	"	"	155
"	"	45	180	"	"	153
"	"	7	204	"	"	174
"	"	6	178.	"	"	255
"	"	25	122.	"	"	181
"	"	34	171.	"	"	157
"	"	51.	118.	"	"	61.
"	"	27	182	"	"	165
"	"	38.	178.	"	"	175
"	"	1.	180.	"	"	147
"	"	28.	179.	"	"	162
"	"	10	128.	"	"	171.
"	"	48.	159.	31½	"	179
"	"	116.	69.	½	"	164
"						
	34	"	"	5543	"	"
				100½	"	"
				5442½	"	"
				21.	164	"
	37	"	"	5485	"	"

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Casks

Brought over	74	1098 3/4
Do. Do.	34	55.43
	108	1652 6 3/4

Deducted

For filling		453 3/4
3 Casks Empty	434	907 3/4

Nett Gallons - 1569.

I Signed G. Corsellis

Commissary of Provisions

The Letter F. placed against the Number of Gallons is the quantity of Spirits actually found in the Casks on their coming on shore from the Ship, and afterwards made use of filling the Casks that required it -

I Signed G. Corselles
P.C.P.

True Copy
I Signed G. Corsellis

A true Copy
I Signed J. Maclane
Lt. Military Board

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Proceedings of a Committee assembled by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Blachford Commandg 17th October 1800.

Major R. F. Heath President

Captain W. East } Members } Captain T. Gibson

To examine the condition of Arrack Leagers landed from the Britannia -

The Committee assembled on the Beach where Mr Corsellis Commissary shewed them Thirty four Leagers of arrack on which the Committee pass the following Report -

Ligt.	Casks
One Cask Moved half empty	Unserviceable
Fourteen Do leaky old	Do
Nineteen Do Sound	Serviceable

with the addition of Twenty Hoops

/ Signed / R. F. Heath Major President.

True Copy

/ Signed / G. Corsellis

A True Copy

/ Signed / John Maclane

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Proceedings of a Committee held by order of Colonel J. C. Sartorius Cannanore 27th October 1800.

Major R. T. Heath President

Captain W. East } Members } Captain J. Gibson.

The Committee met on Cannanore beach agreeably to Provincial Orders to inspect Casks landed from the Britannia.

Mr Carsellis Commissary attending points out to the Committee Nine Casks on which they pass the following Report Viz.

Eight Casks very old leaky. . . Unserviceable

One Do reported to have come on shore empty without the Invoice marks. - Serviceable.

(Signed) R. T. Heath Mayor President

Cannanore

28th October 1800.

(Signed) J. C. Sartorius

Colonel Commanding

True Copy

(Signed) G. Carsellis

A True Copy

(Signed) John Macleane

Secy. Mily Board

Statement

Statement of the quantity of Arrack Shipped at Bombay on the Honorable Companys Ship Britannia Captain Barrow consigned to Goa, Mangalore and Cannanore with the Invoice price of the proportion received, as also of the quantity Short delivered -

		Rs	Fs	R
As p Invoice dated 28 September 1800.				
235 Casks of Columbo Arrack contg.		36786	—	
100 Kegs ..... Do:		632	—	
	Gallons	37418	—	
@ 1. 3. 50 p Gallon			70158.	3
Rupees ...		70158.	3	

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				R.	Fs R.
As p the Storekeepers Returns			Gallons		
1800	received at Goa		19499		
Septr. October	Received at Cannanore ...		15619		
			35118	65846	1.
Deficiency @ 1. 3. 50 p Gallon			2300	4312	2
Rupees —				70158	3

(Signed) John Macleane
Secretary Military Bd

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Account Short delivery of Military Stores & Ship Britannia Commander Captain Barrow from the Presidency of Bombay consigned to Goa Mangalore and Cannanore

		Goa	Rs.	Qr.	P.	f.	c.
1800 Septr.	30th	Turn Keys	14	1	1	88	
		Cannanore					
Octr.	7th	Musket with Bayts. Repble	3	13	1	25	
		Tents one Poled	2	33	"	8	
		" " Unsble	2	99	"	24	
		Poles Tent Repble	53	17	2	49	
		Sticks Door	17	"	2	89	
		Caps for Tent Pole Unsble	"	4	2	"	
		Mallets Tent	6	3	"	"	
		Poles	2	2	"	"	
		Pigs	464	2	1	28	
		Sticks Door	9	1	"	50	
		Flints	35,000	262	2	"	
		Casks for Do.	10	30	"	"	
		Ropes Locking	18	36	"	"	
		Colours exercising	2	45	"	"	
		" Camp	24	48	"	"	
		Carried over Rs.	597	"	61	"	

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Brought forward Rs. 597 - - 61 -

Canara -

1800 October 9th - Shells Empty 8 Jt. Unable 11 is lb 490 } 32 - - 40
" " 5½ . . . 11 — 88

Rupees . . 629. 1. (a)

350 Rs. ⅌ 100 Star Pagodas . . . — 179. 33 22 -

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Mily Bd. Office
29th July 1801 -

(Signed) J. Macleane
Secretary & Accountant Military Board -

Account Short delivery of Arrack Shipped at Bombay on Board the Ship Britannia Captain Barrow consigned to Goa, Mangalore, and Cannanore -

Ps. fs. C -

Deficient

	Rupees	Qr.	Rs.
Arrack Gallons 2,300 @ 1. 3. 50 ⅌ Gn.	4,312 -	2 . -	-
@ 3½ Rupees ⅌ Pagoda is Pagodas - - -			1,232. 6 -

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Military Board Office
29th September 1801.

(Signed) John Macleane
Secry. and accounts. Military Board -

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List of Papers and Plans respecting the proposed Powder works and Bridge near the Governors Garden

No. 1 Report of the Committee

2 Statement A

3 Do. B

4 Do. C

5 Do. D

6 Do. E

7 Probable Estimate of the Expense of Constructing the new Powder works agreeably to the accompanying Plans No. 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5.

8. Probable Estimate of the Expense of converting the Present Powder Mills into a Grand Magazine and for enclosing the whole with a wall agreeably to the accompanying Plan No. 6 & 7.

9. Probable Estimate of the expense of building a new Bridge over Chintatrepet River near the Governors Garden house.

Plans.

1 Plan of the proposed new Powder works

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2 Plan and Elevation of one of the Cylinder Mills.

3 Plan Elevation, and section of the refining house and a Press house &c. &c. &c. and Terrace for Salt Petre.

4 Plan and section of the Charcoal Furnace.

5 Plan and section of the Drying Place.

6 Plan shewing the alterations for converting the present Powder works into a Grand Magazine.

7 Plan, Elevation, and section of the wall proposed to be erected round the present Powder works.

8 Plan, Elevation and section of the new Bridge proposed to be erected over the River near the Governor Garden.

9 Perspective Sketch of the Present old Bridge near the Governor Garden.

Report of a Committee of the Military Board consisting of the Commandant of Artillery and Senior Engineer appointed in meeting the 11th May 1802 for the purpose of surveying the Powder works

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works and Magazines at the Presidency, and the Bridge in the Vicinity of the Governors Garden-

1. The decayed State of the Powder Mills from Age and accidents renders it absolutely necessary to rebuild them, before they can be worked; the lower ends of the upright Timbers, being entirely decayed. many of the Sheathing Boards of the roof of the Eastern Mill having been forced off by the late explosion, and the Metalic Bed is rendered quite unserviceable. The machinery being connected with the Shell of the Mill instead of being supported by strong upright and horizontal Timbers, causes the whole Fabrick to move when the Cylenders are in motion, which consequently makes expensive repairs constantly necessary. but situated as they are, within a Fortified Town. Adjacents to Private Buildings embarced by public Roads on their Eastern and Northern sides and being erected on a Bed of loose Sand, which during the Manufactoring Season is blown over the whole of the Buildings, and which consequently exposes them to frequent

explosions

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explosions, besides their confined situation will ever prevent the manufacture from being conducted on an extensive Scale, and considering the great expence and risk attending the supply of Gun Powder from Bengal, the Committee are induced to recommend the reform as exhibited on Plan No. 1. by which will be seen that the safety of the People employed has been attentively considered & as well as the efficiency of the manufacture. The frequent accidents which have already happened may be attributed to Sand having been mixed accidently with the composition, again of which under the heavy Cylinders is fully adequate to produce an explosion.—

2. Having pointed out the disadvantages of the present Scite of the Powder works, as well as the errors in their construction, the Committee now beg leave to shew the advantages which will accrue from the adoption of the proposed reform. In the first place it will admit of the manufacture being carried on to that extent, which will supercede the necessity of importing Gun Powder from Bengal, the

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the annual expense of which may be seen in Paper A and in the second the present Powder Works with trifling alterations may be converted into a Magazine of sufficient dimensions, to contain the quantity of Gun Powder required for the service of this Presidency the safety of the Persons employed is provided for as far as the nature of the manufacture will admit of, and lastly the annual charge for Powder will be reduced upwards of one half—

3 By the present mode of supplying Gun Powder each Candy costs the Company on an average Ps 54-13-6- which may be seen by Statement A and by the proposed new System it is probable that Gun Powder of a superior quality, will be furnished at the low rate of Pagodas 23 ℔ Candy. now, since the monthly expenditure is ascertained to be Candies 88. 3. 8. - at the average rate of Pagodas 54-13. 6- ℔ Candy amounts to Pagodas 4752-39-48= monthly and the same quantity by the proposed System will cost Government only 2024 Pagodas being a saving of upwards of one hundred ℔ cent. the annual

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annual saving will therefore be 33,265 Pagodas, which will in less than one years defray the expense to be incurred in constructing the new Powder works, and relieve the public, from the heavy expence and risk, attending the supply of Gun Powder from Bengal -

4 The quantity of Gun Powder required for the defence of Fort St. George alone, will be seen by the following calculate, as estimated for a Seige of six Months - The Cannon and Mortars have been allotted for its defence as hereafter detailed, with an allowance of 600 Round Shot, and 20 Grape to all Calibres above 18 Pounders, and 800 round and the same number of Grape Shot to all Calibres below 18 Pounders -

Ordnance attached for its defence -

Iron Guns -	42	Pdr	3. 600 Shot	. . 20 Grape
	32	"	32 "	" " "
	24	"	54 "	" " "
	18	"	39 "	" " "
	12	"	96. 800	- " "
	6	—	2 "	" " "

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	32	"	32 "	" "
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	18	"	39 "	" "
	12	"	96 800	" "
	6	"	2 "	" "

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Brass Mortars.	13	Pdrs 8	at 200	Shells each.
	10	" 12	" 300	Do "
	8	" 12	" 300	Do "
	5½	" 10	500	Do "

The Powder therefore which will be requisite is found to be as hereafter specified.—

For 42 Pounders	498	15
32 "	3570	12 "
24 "	4512	30 "
18 "	2499	16 "
12 "	5288	"
6 "	61	10 "
13 Inch Mortar	346	40 "
10 " "	400	" "
8 " "	240	" "
5½ "	145	50 "
60 lb Barrels	17590	" "

5 The above calculation has only adverted to the Artillery, as the ammunition for Infantry must depend upon the Numbers within the Fort, which cannot be ascertained; State them however to

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600 Men at 150 rounds a man, these would require 45260 lb Barrels, and allow for Mines 500 Barrels. The whole quantity of Powder necessary for a six months seige will be 18.542. 60 lb. Barrels. — This quantity at least — should always be kept up, independent of another — quantity which should be reserved for the supply of subordinate Stations, and an Army in the field. In the accompanying Statement B the annual expen= -diture of Gun Powder on the Coast is estimated at Candies 1063. 3-25. and as the quantity of Powder remaining at any time in the Magazines, is not equal to half the quantity requires for the defence of Fort St. George and considering it as the grand Depot from whence the large annual demands must be supplied, it will at once appear that a new system for the supply of this important Article adequate to the demand is not only desireable but absolutely necessary.-

6th. The whole of the Magazines at the Presidency will only contain 13,000, 60 lb Barrels it is therefore requisite that a new Powder Magazine capable of containing at least the quantity of Powder necessary

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Brass Mortars	13 Pdrs	8	at 200	shells each	
	10 "	12	" 300	Do "	
	8 "	12	" 300	Do	
	5½ "	10	500	Do	

The Powder therefore which will be requisite is found to be as hereafter specified.

For 42 Pounders	498	15 "
32 "	3,570	12 " "
24 "	4512	30 "
18 "	2499	16 "
12 "	5,288	"
6 "	61	10 "
13 Inch Mortar	346	40 "
10 " "	400	" "
8 "	240	" "
5½ "	145	50 "
60 lb Barrels	17,590	" "

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600 men at 150 rounds a man, these would require 45260 lb Barrels, and allow for Mines 500 Barrels. The whole quantity of Powder necessary for a six months seige will be 18.542-60 lb. Barrels. — This quantity at least — should always be kept up, independent of another — quantity which should be reserved for the supply of Subordinate Stations, and an Army in the field. In the accompanying Statement B the annual expen- -diture of Gun Powder on the Coast is estimated at Candies 1063. 3-28. and as the quantity of Powder remaining at any time in the Magazines, is not equal to half the quantity required for the defence of Fort St. George and considering it as the grand Depot from whence the large annual demands must be supplied, it will at once appear that a new system for the supply of this important Article adequate to the demand is not only desireable but absolutely necessary.

6th The whole of the Magazines at the Presidency will only contain 13,000, 60 lb Barrels it is therefore requisite that a new Powder Magazine capable of containing at least the quantity of Powder necessary

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necessary for the defence of Fort St. George should be constructed, which is estimated at Pagodas 15.500. but by the adoption of the new mode of supply, this heavy expence may be avoided, as the present Mills though very objectionable as Powder works, are well calculated for a grand Magazine, and will with very trifling alterations contain at least 25,000 Barrels see plan No. 7.

The Committee having sufficiently proved the advantage which the proposed System of supplying Gun Powder will be of to the Company, now beg leave to say a few words regarding the construction and arrangement of the several Buildings.

It is proposed that the whole of the Buildings shall be so secured by mounds of Earth that an explosion happening in one, will not affect any of the others - a reference to the Plan will also shew that one overseer will be sufficient for the superintendence of the four Cylinder Mills. 8.

The errors in the construction of the present Mills have been avoided. See Plan and Elevation No. 2. it is proposed to construct these Buildings in

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in Brick in Chunam with a light Tiled roof - the arched openings in the side walls to be covered by double Matts hanging from Hooks secured under the Eves so that in the event of an explosion the persons employed — may escape with their lives, by being thrown against this screen which will give to the slightest touch.-

9 The same attention has been — paid in planning the other Buildings; and the whole are to be surrounded by a ditch 40 feet in width: which will give complete security to the manufactory, as well as furnish the quantity of earth necessary for the mounds —

10 It being difficult to ascertain with any degree of accuracy, the expense to be — incurred in the construction of the machinery of the Cylinder Mills &c. the Committee have therefore omitted estimating the Metallic Beds &c. &c. &c. and recommend that those works be executed by the superintending Engineer upon Honor, under the direction of the Superintendent of the Gun Powder — Manufacture —

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11 The Committee recommend that the proposed works be erected on the Plain to the Northwest of Black Town.-

12 The Committee also beg leave to recommend that the ditch surrounding the manufacture be connected with the Canal, as by that means the Powder may be removed to the Grand depot in a barge, the firewood and other Materials may be conveyed to the Manufacture in the same manner at a decreased expence.-

13 The Committee cannot close this part of their report without mentioning the great assistance which they have received during this investigation from the Superintendent of the Gun Powder manufactory in arranging the plan of the works, in the investigation of the present and proposed modes of supply, and in the useful suggestions with which he has furnished them on every point connected with the objects of their enquiry.-

14 The Magazines within the Fort are in good Condition, but are too few in number to hold

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hold the quantity of Powder necessary for the defence of the Garrison, the Committee therefore recommend that a magazine capable of containing 7,300. 60 lb. Barrels be constructed, the ground between the house occupied by the Admiral and that of the Honorable Basil Cochrane on the Sea face, appears to the Committee the most eligible Spot for this Building -

15 The Committee beg leave to recommend that the house near the Gorge of the South East Demi Bastion, the property of yellapah Chitty be purchased and demolished, it being so near the Magazine in the flank of the Bastion that it endangers the safety of that face of the Fort, and for the better security of the Magazine that, a Railing be thrown across the Gorge of the Bastion -

16. The Magazine on the Island is in good condition and is useful as an expense Magazine in sending off Gun Powder to the subordinate Stations -

17 As the Committee understand that the nature of the Manufacture and the manner of conducting it, is detailed in the report of the

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the Committee appointed to investigate that subject, the Committee forbear touching on that head, or on the properties of Gun Powder, and have to observe that during this investigation they have confined themselves entirely to the construction and arrangement of the several Buildings, and the advantage which a reform in the manufacture will be of to the public.

Bridge in the vicinity of the Governors Gardens.

18 The ruinous and dangerous state of this Bridge is too well known to require a particular description however it may be proper to observe that the Timbers of the Flat Arches are entirely decayed and the foundations of those of a circular Form are sunk, so that the Piers have swerved from their perpendicular, and consequently opened the Crowns of the Arches. The accompanying perspective sketch will show its present state better than any description which can be given here.

19th The Committee on the whole are of opinion that a new Bridge is indispensibly necessary, and under that impression beg leave to submit the

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accompanying Plan see No. 8 and as the Estimate is extremely moderate they trust the Board will not hesitate to recommend the measure to Government.-

20 The benefit which the settlement well derive from its construction by facilitating the intercourse with the Fort during the Monsoon, is too evident to require further comment, and at the same time it will be a lasting monument of the prosperity and munificence of the Government by which it was erected.-

Signed D. Smith
Major General
C. Trapaud.
Lieuts Colonel.

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Signed John Macleane
Secretary Military Board-

The present System of supplying Gun Powder is under the direction of a Superintendent appointed by Government, who draws all his Materials from the Arsenal, and is subject to regulations detailed at length and printed-

The Cost of Gun Powder made by the

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the Superintendent in which only is included the price of ingredients, labour Bullocks, and his Salary of Pagodas 60 ℔ Mensem amounts to Pagodas 27. 22-40 subject to some inconsiderable variation arising from more or less of the utensils breaking. But the actual Cost of the Gun Powder expended on the Coast can only be determined as follows, and in order that this may not be erroneously stated, care has been taken to appreciate such instances as were dubious at an under rate -

The proportion of expence for annual repair of the works will amount to Pagodas P. 13. 23 on each Candy vide Statement C.

The Contingent expence not taken into the foregoing account and of which an Estimate cannot be determined, consisting in the repair of Machinery wear and tear of utensils of Copper and Iron with the pay of a Tindal and six Lascars will positively not be less on one Candy than Pagodas 2.

The interest on the amount of the original

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original Buildings and subsequent repair of them taken at an under rate of Pagodas 30,000 will amount on one Candy to Pagodas 5. 2.5. Vide Paper D

These Sums collected will give for the real Cost of Gun Powder made at this Presidency — ℔ Candy Pagodas 43–15–63–

But the Gun Powder actually — expended on the Coast, Costs the Company a yet higher rate, as will be made evident from what will hereafter follow.——

The Monthly expenditure of Gun Powder on this Coast will not be less than is estimated in the accompanying Paper B which is candies 88: 11. 22– Thirty six Candy of this has been made on the Coast and Cost ℔ Candy as has been made evident Pagodas 43–15–63. And 43–11–17 has been imported from Bengal vide account marked E and has Cost ℔ Candy 65: 10: 30

This account therefore quotes only a monthly expenditure of Candies 77: 11: 17 The difference has been occasioned by an encreased Army and the new regulations, and is ℔ Mensem Candy 8: 2: 5: which

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for the present to avoid error will be rejected-

Taking therefore the monthly expence of Powder on the Coast at Candy 79. 11. 17. instead of Candy 88. 11. 22- as stated in Paper B it has Cost as follows-

36 Candy made at Madras at Pagodas 43. 15. 63- ℔ Candy 43. 11. 17. Imported from Bengal at 63. 10. 30. the mean rate of which quotes for the real Cost of Gun Powder which has been used on this Establishment Pagodas 54. 13. 6- ℔ Candy. These data will prove a saving by the new system of the sums here under stated-

The Monthly expenditure of Powder is 88. 11. 22. by Paper B It has Cost Government ℔ Candy Pagodas 54-13-6-

The Monthly expence therefore is at present Pagodas 4809-36-62-

The same quantity by the proposed System of supply will Cost at P.s 23 the Candy 2037. 29. 63.-

This gives a saving ℔ Month of Pagodas 2772-6-79

In one year . . . . . 33.265-38-68.

In six Years 199.595-7-88-

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Secretary Military Board

Specification of the annual and Monthly expenditure of Gun Powder on this Coast –

19 Regiments Native Infantry at 2400 Men each 45,600

1 Corps of Volunteers 1000

2 Madras Battalion 2000

4 Revenue Corps 4000

1 Malay Do. 1000

1 Tinnevelly Battalion 1200

9 Kings Regiments ..... 9000.

Total ... 63,800.

Every 100 Men are allowed to ... practice at a Target with 2,400 Shotted Cartridges, to make these it will require ℔ annum Gun Powder Candies ... 95. 14 – –

℔ Blunt ammunition each man is allowed 120 Rounds. The above number of Men therefore will require ℔ annum Gun Powder Candies 448. 11. 22 –

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Two Battalions of Artillery for small Arm exercise, exclusive of the additions lately made to each Battalion, and seven Regiments Native Cavalry will require by the regulations ℔ Annum.—

Gun Powder Candies . . . . . 20. 15. 12.

The annual Gun and Mortar practice of two Battalions of Artillery will require by the Regulations ℔ annum Gun Powder Candies 41. — — —

It is judged that no less than 30 Stations fire Morning and Evening Guns, take the Guns on a mean as 12 Pdrs the expence of Gun Powder ℔ annum is — Candies . . . . . 172—

Thirty nine months Salutes at Fort St. George, extracted from the Salute Book from November 1798 to February 1801. does amount to ℔ Annum Gun Powder Candies . . . . . 6, 6, 6.

Assume the same quantity for Salutes fired at all other Stations, the expence of Gun Powder ℔ annum will be Candies . . . 6. 6. 6.

The regulated portion of Powder to be kept up at Fort St. George is 60 lbs Barrels 13,000 or — Candy.

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Candy 1800 assume the same quantity as Stock for all other Stations (it is however certainly much more) the amount will be 3,600 Candy. This quantity is directed to be dried and sifted every three years, and loses in the operation never less than 10 ℘ Cent. the expence therefore of this at present, necessary regulation is ℘ annum Gun Powder Candies . . . . . 120. -

The Contingent expences incurred by practising recruits of Cavalry, Artillery, and Infantry, and breaking in horses which are allowed tho' not detailed in the regulations will certainly not be less ℘ annum than Candies . . . . . 10 - - -

The losses by the damage of ammunition with Corps may be thus estimated without danger of any Material error creeping into the account.

The field allowance for the Army has always been 130 rounds a man for Infantry, 40 for the Cavalry, and 20 for the Artillery, they however always carry more to make up ammunition then for the Army it will require for the

Infantry

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Infantry Gun Powder Candies - 518. 3. 12.

Cavalry . . . . . 8. 8. 8.

Artillery 1. 17. 13

528- 10. 18.

Ammunition even in Store will not keep more than 5 years. Six months marching in the Field will generally render it necessary to break it up when returned into Store, as it would not be again taken by Corps in that state. It will therefore scarcely be erroneous to say that the ammunition for the whole Army is made new every three years. Half the Powder at least from breaking it up will be lost or unserviceable, the annual expence therefore on this account will be Candies.

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The full complement of men has been assumed in this Caculate. Because Officers Commanding Corps are always allowed to draw the regulated quantity besides which powder and materials sufficient for a complete relief are always carried with an Army or Corps on distant service which has not been considered in this account. therefore the annual expenditure stated

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stated on this occasion will probably be less than the quantity actually consumed—

Distruction of Gun ammunition

both in Store and on marches, is very considerable, it will not keep in Store more than six months, on account of an insect which distroys the flannel and which in this Country cannot by any means yet known, be prevented. A complete equipment for a Detachment has been destroyed in the Madras Laboratory in three months. In Camp it will keep much longer, the motion of the Carriages perhaps prevents the insect from breeding. The whole however is frequently refixed, and with fresh Gun Powder, for that taken from Gun Cartridges always require to be dried and sifted, and always is when circumstances will admit of its being done, — this loss therefore with the Powder occasionally drawn from filled shells, and the quantity used in Laboratory compositions may be stated without apprehending any great mistake at Candies — . . . . . 50 — 0 — 0

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The losses sustained by accidents damage in Magazine, on marches and by sea, may be estimated at an under rate of Candies. . . . . 5.

These expenses being collected will stand as follows.-

Annual practice with shotted ammunition	95.	14.	—
" . . . . . with Blunt Do. . .	448	11.	22.
" . . . For Cavalry and Artillery . . .	20.	13.	12.
Gun and Mortar annual practice for Two Battalions of Artillery	41	—	—
Morning and Evening Guns	172.	—	—
Salutes at Madras	6.	6.	6.
Do. at out Stations	6.	6.	6.
Annual loss by Triennial drying & sifting	120.	—	—
Contingent expences	10.	—	—
Loss by damage of ammunition	88.	—	—
Loss by destruction of Gun ammunition	50	—	—
Loss by accidents &ca.	5	—	—
Expence of one year	1063.	3.	24.
of one month.	88.	11.	22.

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The conquered and Ceded Countries have not been taken into this account, any further than they regard the annual practice of Troops, Saluting, and Morning and Evening Guns. Nor has the supply of His Majesty's Squadron been adverted to, but taking these into consideration the expence of Gun Powder, and consequently the demande must be greater than what has been herein detailed, especially as the Powder expended on actual service has not been considered.—

A True Copy

(Signed) John Macleane

Secretary Military Board—

The expence of repairing the Mills in the year 1794. and 1795 amounted as p Estimate recorded in the Military Board Office to Pagodas 7178. 41. 30.—

Admitting that three hundred 60 lb Barrels or 36 Candy of Gun Powder has been made monthly, which is the full extent of the manufacture

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on an average, and the above sum to be the expence of repair for 24 Months, then the expence of repair on one Candy will be Pagodas 9. 13. 23.-

Could the amount of expence for repair be obtained for a more extended period. there can be no doubt but the rate hereafter stated would be found considerably under the actual Cost. for some repairs have been made in former years which did amount to double what has been before stated, but the particulars cannot now be ascertained.-

(A True Copy)

/Signed/ John Macleane

Secy Military Board-

Original Buildings and subsequent repairs estimated by assumption only at the bare rate of Pagodas 30,000 at 8 ℔ Cent ℔ annum. taken for a short period of Ten years quotes Pagodas 24,000-

Ten years or 120 Months at 36 Candy ℔ Mensem gives for the expence on one Candy of Gun Powder Pagodas 8. 25-

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					Ps.	F.	C.
For 120.	24000.	200d.	36.	---	5.	25	—

This Estimate is calculated on a sum which cannot amount to one fourth of the actual Cost of building and repair, therefore the error here is against the principles by which the real Cost of Gun Powder is endeavoured to be ascertained.—

a — Monthly proportion of Interest on 30,000 Pagodas only considered on simple ℘ Centage not upon accumulated Interest which actually does take place—

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Quantity

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Quantity of Gun Powder imported at this Presidency from Bengal between the Periods here under stated

Years	Ships	100 lb. Barrels	60 lb. Barrels
1796.	Laurel	1000.	
	Mercury	1982.	
	Albion	549.	
1797	Chichester	695	
	Minewa	531.	
	Busbridge	248.	
	Britannia	394.	
	Houghton	577	
	Rose	291.	
	Lascells	296.	
	Royal Admiral	243	
	Brisk	200.	
	Hercules	219.	
	Calcutta	330.	

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	Ajax	168.	
	Abercrombie	258.	
	Busbridge and Crown	698.	
1798.	Macartney Betsey Campden and Ajax	173	
1799	Hope		2,400.
	Suzannah		984.
	Zoaroaster		1000.
	Commerce		790.
1800.	Dundas		1,816.
	Total	8,852.	7000
			14,753
	Total — 60 lb. Barrels		21,753

or Candy 2610. 7. 5. in 5 years which is equal to an importation ℔ —

Annum of Candy . . . 522. 1. 11. and ℔.

Month . . . 43. 11. 17.

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Probable Estimate of the Expence of constructing the new Powder works agreeably to the accompanying Plans No. 1. 2. 3. 4. and 5.

Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. square	Supl. feet	Cub feet	One Cylinder Mill	Prices P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	Pags	Fans	Cash
5. 3	6	"	"	"	"	16. wells each	14	"	"	each	224	"	"			
16. 6.	9	8.	"	"	4752	Foundation for 4 Piers each										
9 "	4	4	"	"	576.	4 Piers above the foundation to the Spring of the Arches each										
11. 3	4	4	"	"	720	4 Do. to the cornices each										
7 "	48.	4	"	"	70,454	8 Spandrits each										
			Total		70,934	Brick work in chunam	"	2	20	P. cub ft	380	"	"			
38.	4	2.	"	"	1216	4 Arches in chunam	"	4	"	Do.	115.	34	"			
164.	1	9	"	"	123	Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	40	Do.	10.	10	40.			
41. 6.	47	"	19.	50½.	"	Roofing with Teak wood rafters Reepers, flat and pan Tiles with Chunam Borders	20	"	"	P. Sqr.	390.	4	16.			
						Levelling the floor with 6 Inches Jelly and Clay	"	"	"	"	20	"	"			
28. 1.	6.	1.	6.	"	"	315 5. Duggies each										
22. 1.	1.	"	"	"	176.	8. Artics each	1	10.	40	P. C. ft.	613.	31.	40			

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								Total one Mill	17.53.	38.	16		
								Total Four Cylinder Mills				7015	26 64
								Circular Shed for the Overseer					
45.	4	3	"	"	540			Foundation					
45.	2.	1. 6.	"	"	135			Wall above Do					
10.	2.	2.	"	"	320			8 Piers each					
			Total		995			Brick work in Chunam	2	20	20 ℔ Cft.	53.	12. 60
80.	8	"	6.	40	"			Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2	"	" ℔ Sqre	12.	33 48.
27	10. 6.	"	2.	83½	"			Roofing with Palmira Rafters					
								Reepers flat and Pan Files with Chunam Borders	12	"	" Do	34.	" 67.
50	" 6	" 6.	"	"	12½			Breast Summers	1	10	40 ℔ Cft.	15.	26 20.
								1 Turned Ball for the Top				2.	" "
												117.	31. 35.
								One Press house					
100.	4.	2. 6.	"	"	1000.			Foundation					
100.	13.	1. 6.	"	"	1950.			Wall above Do					
			Total		2950			Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20 ℔ Cft.	158.	1 40
100	1	1. 3.	"	"	125			Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	20 Do	9.	28. 20
								Carried over				267	29 60
												7133.	16. 19.

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. 1 yr.	Supl. feet	Cub feet		Prices: P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
						Brought Over					167	29	60	7133	16	19
100	26	"	26	"	"	Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2	"	"	℔ Sqr.	52	"	"			
25	36	"	9	"	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam Borders	12	"	"	Do.	108	"	"			
7	64	6	"	"	67½	"	2 Door frames each	"	8	"	℔ Sqr. feet	12	36	"		
7	4	"	"	56	"	2 Baker Doors complete	"	10	"	Do.	13	14	"			
25	25	"	6	25	"	Jelly and Chunam 6 Inches Thick	3	"	"	℔ Sft.	18	31	40			
		Supl. yards			26	Red Painting 3 Coats with Linseed Oil	"	4	"	℔ Supd.	2	20	"			
											375	5	20			
						Another Press house the same as above					375	5	20	750	10	40
						The Two Corning houses the same as the Press house								750	10	40
						The two separating houses Do. Do. Do.	"	"						750	10	40
						The two heading houses Do. Do. Do.								750	10	40

Drying Place.

133	4	3	"	"	1596	Foundation
133	10	1.6	"	"	1995	Wall above Do.

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18.	4.	3.6	"	"	252.	Foundation										
18	10	24	"	"	420	Wall above Do.										
34	3	2.	"	"	204	Foundation for the Plat forms										
26	6.	1.	"	"	156.	Wall above the Do.										
		Total	—		4,623	Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ Cft.	247.	27	60.			
151	20	"	30	20	"	Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2.	"	"	℔ Sqe.	60.	16	64.			
47	21	"	9	87	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters, Reepers, flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam Bordees	12	"	"	Do.	118.	18.	38.			
40	13	"	5	20	"	Jelly and Chunam 6 Inches thick	3	"	"	Do.	15.	25.	16.	442.	4.	18
						Magazine										
140.	5.	4.	"	"	2,800	Foundation										
140	20.	3.	"	"	8,400.	Wall above Do.										
		Total			11,200	Brick Work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ Cft	600	"	"			
140	1.	1.3.	"	"	175.	Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	20	Do.	13	22.	60.			
140	40	56	"	"		Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2	"	"	℔ Sc.	112.	"	"			
						Carried over					725.	22	60	10,576	20	37.

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Measurement							Prices									
Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. feet	Cub: feet		P	F	C		P	F	C	P	F	C
						Brought Over					725	22	60	10,576	20	37
50	28	"	14	"	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters, Reepers flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam Borders	12	"	"	℔ Sq.	168	"	"			
7.6.	46.	"	"	33¾	"	1 Door frame	"	8.	"	℔ Sup. ft.	6	18	"			
7	4.	"	"	28.	"	1 Batten Door complete	"	10	"	Do.	6	28	"			
45	20	"	9	"	"	Jelly and Chunam 6 Inches thick	3	"	"	℔ Sq.	27	"	"			
			Supl. Yds.		13	Red painting 3 Coats with Linseed Oil	"	4	"	Supl. Yd.	1	10	"			
														934	36	60
						Magazine Bridge										
						9 wells	10	"	"	each	90	"	"			
9	3	4	"	"	324	Foundation for 3 Piers each										
8	12.	2.6.	"	"	720	Wall above the Do.										
19	8.	3	"	"	912.	2 Side walls each										
			Total		1956	Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ bft	104	33	"			
24	10	"	7	20	"	3 Piers each										

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. feet	Cub. feet		Prices: P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
						Brought over								12007	39	"
4	4	4	"	"	704	Foundation for 11 Piers each										
15	2.	2	"	"	660	11 Piers above the Do.										
280	3.	3	"	"	2520	Foundation for the Plat form.										
280	3	2.	"	"	1680	Wall above the Do.										
60	2.	4	"	"	480	Foundation for Cistern										
60	15.6.	2	"	"	1860	Wall above the Do.										
			Total		9578.3½	Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ cft.	5131	10	70			
					360	Arch work in Chunam	"	3	40	Do.	30	"	"			
					1500	Cornice Do. Do.	"	3	20	Do.	116	3	"			
50	90	"	45	"	"	Brick on edge One Course in Chunam and										
20	10	"	2	"	"	one Course wall										
	Total		47	"	"	Bricks underneath	3	"	"	℔ Sq.	141	"	"			
1446.6.	40	"	578.	60	"											
245	30	"	73	50	"	Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2	"	"	Do.	1367	33	48.			
165	8	"	13	20	"											
60	31.	"	18.	60	"											

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		Total	683	90											
678	20	"	135	60	"	Paving with wall Brick one Course in									
130	15	"	49	50	"	Chunam and one Course in Clay									
						Underneath	2	"	"	Do	370	8	32		
		Total	185	10	"										
678	36	"	244	8	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers,									
333	18	"	59	94	"	flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam	12	"	"	Do	3648	10	6		
						Borders									
7	6	4	6	6	7½	18 Door frames each	"	8	"	℔ Sq ft	115	30	"		
7	4	"	5	4	"	18 Pairs of Batten Doors Complete @									
12	8	2	1	92	"	1 Pair Gate Doors Do	"	10	"	Do	165	30	"		
		Total	6	96											
						6 Hooks laid in Blue Stones	1	"	"	each	6	"	"		
		Supl. Yds		"	198	Red Painting 3 Coats with Linseed Oil	"	4	"	℔ Yd	18	20	"		
														11110	19 76
						Mixing and weighing Room									
180	4	2	6	"	"	1800 Foundation									
180	13	1	6	"	"	3510 Wall above Do									
		Total			5310	Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ Cft	284	19	40		
										Carried Over	284	19	40	23118	16 76

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Measurement							Prices									
Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. Feet	Cub feet		P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
						Brought over					284.	19.	40	23,118.	16	76.
180	26.	"	46.	80	"	Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2	"	"	℔ Sq.	93	25	16.			
180	1	1	"	"	180	Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	20	℔ C ft	13	39	"			
					40	Arch Do. Do.	"	3	40	Do.	3	14	"			
60	14	"	8	40.	"	Paving with 6 Inches square Bricks one Course in Chunam and one Course wall Bricks underneath	3	"	"	℔ Sq.	25.	8.	32.			
60	28.	"	16.	80	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters, Reepers flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam Borders	10	"	"	Do.	168.	"	"			
6. 6.	4	"	"	52	"	2 Door frames each }										
5.	3. 6.	"	"	70	"	4 Windows each }	"	8	"	℔ Sft.	23	10	"			
		Total	1	22	"											
6	36	"	"	42	"	2 Pairs Batten Doors complete each }										
4. 6.	3	"	"	54	"	4 Pairs window Shutters each }	"	10	"	Do.	22	30	"			
		Total		96												

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		Supl. yds.	—	48.	Red Painting 3 Coats with Linseed Oil	—	"	4	"	₱ yd.	4	24	"	639.	2	8.
					Shed for Firewood-											
200	3	2. 6.	"	"	1500	Foundation										
200	9	1. 6.	"	"	2700	Wall above Do.										
			Total		4200	Brick work in Chunam	—	"	2	20	₱ C ft.	225	"	"		
200	1	1	"	"	200	Cornice work in Chunam	—	"	3	20	Do.	15	20	"		
					110	Arch work in Chunam	—	"	3	40	Do.	9	7	"		
200	18	"	36.	"	"	Plastering 1 Coat Chunam	—	1	15	60	₱ Sq.	49	21	"		
100	24	"	24	"	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers and Pan Tiles	—	8	"	"	Do.	192	"	"		
6. 6.	4.	"	"	52.	"	2 Door frames each										
4	3	"	"	48	"	4 Windows each.	—	"	8.	"	₱ Sft.	19	2	"		
		Total 1														
						Carried over						510	8	"	23,757	19. 4

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supe: Sq.	Supe: feet	Cub. feet		Prices: P.	Pf.	C.		P.	Pf.	C.	P.	Pf.	C.
						Brought over					510	8	"	23757	19	4
6	3.6	"	"	42	"	2 Batten Doors complete each										
3.6	2.6	"	"	35	"	4 Pairs of Shutters Do	"	10	"	℔ Supl. ft.	18	14				
			Total	77												
						2 Door Locks of 7 Inches	1	31	40	each	3	21	"			
			Supl. yards	39		Red Painting 3 Coats with Linseed oil	"	4	"	℔ yd.	3	30	"	535	31	"
						Dwelling for the Europeans										
233.6	3	2.6	"	"	1751¼	Foundation										
166.6	11	1.6	"	"	2747½	Wall above Do										
7	1.6	1.6	"	"	78¾	5 Piers each										
14	3	1.6	"	"	189	3 Gable ends each										
			Total		4766¼	Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ C ft.	255	14	5			
					76	Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	20	Do	5	37	"			
					150	Arch work in Do	"	3	40	Do	12	21	"			

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166.	22	"	36.	52										
35.	6.	"	2.	10										
		Total	38.	62	"	Plastering 2 Coasts Chunam	2	"	"	℔ Sq.ᵉ	77	10	6.	
47.6.	24.	"	11.	40	"	Paving with 6 Inch Square Bricks, One Course in Chunam and one Course wall Bricks underneath	3	"	"	D.ᵒ	34	8	32	
47.6.	31	"	14	72.	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam Borders	10	"	"	D.ᵒ	147.	8.	32.	
6.6.	4	"	1	4	"	4 Door frames each								
5..	3:6	...	..	70	"	4 Windows each	"	8	"	℔ Sq.ᵉ ft.	33.	6	"	
		Total	1	74										
6.	3.6.	"	"	84	"	4 Pairs Batten Doors complete each								
4.6	3 "	"	"	54	"	4 Pairs Batten Shutters D.ᵒ	"	10	"	D.ᵒ	32	36	"	
		Total	1	38.										
						4 Iron Rimed Locks of 8 Inches	2	21.	"	each	10	"	"	
						Carried over					608.	14	75	24293. 8. 4.

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. feet	Cubic feet		Prices P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
						Brought over					608	14	75	24293	8	4
			Supl. yds.		96	Red Painting 3 Coats with Linseed Oil	"	4	"	℔ Sq.	9	6	"			
						Cookroom and necessary for the Europeans								617	20	75
84	3	2.6	"	"	630	Foundation										
5	9	1.6	"	"	756	Wall above Do.										
26	6	1.6	"	"	234	Do.										
			Total		1620	Brick work in Clay	"	1	50	℔ Cft.	62	28	40			
					63	Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	20	Do.	4	36	60			
					35	Arch Do. Do.	"	3	40	Do.	2	38	40			
84	16	"	13	44	"	Plastering 1 Coat Chunam	1	15	60	℔ Sq.	18	20	13			
25	8	"	2	"	"	Paving with wall Bricks in Chunam	1	21	"	Do.	3	"	"			
25	12	"	3	"	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers and Pan Tiles	7	"	"	Do.	21	"	"			
6	4	"	"	24	"	2 Door frames	"	8	"	℔ Sq.	8	"	"			
6	3	"	"	18	"											
			Total	42												

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5.6.3.6.	"	"	19¼	"	} 2 Doors complete	"	10	"	Do	7	36	"		
5.6.2.6.	"	"	13¾	"										
	Total 33													
	Supl. yds			16.	Red Painting 3 Coats with Linseed Oil	"	4	"	℔ yd	1	22	"	130	13 73

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96.	4	3	"	"	1152	Foundation								
200.	5	3	"	"	3000	Do								
96.	14	2	"	"	2688.	Wall above Do								
7	1.6.	1.6.	"	"	315	20 Piers each								
			Total		7155	Brick Work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ Cft	383	12	60	
96.	1	1.	"	"	96	Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	20	Do	7	18	"	
						Carried over					390	30	60	25041 " 72

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sqr.	Supl. Fot.	Cubft.		Prices P	F	C		P	F	C	P	F	C
						Brought over					390	30	60	250	41	72
					170	Arch work in Chunam	"	3	40	℔ Cft	16	7	"			
96	30	"	28	80	"	Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2	21	"	℔ Sqr.	93	"	"			
140	6	"	8	40	"											
	Total		37	20	"											
50	50	"	25	"	"	Paving with 8 Inches Square Bricks in Chunam	3	21	"	Do.	87	28	"			
50	64	"	32	"	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam Borders	12	"	"	Do.	384	"	"			
7.6	4.6	"	"	6½	"	2 Door frames each										
6	4	"	1	44	"	6 Windows each	"	8	"	℔ Sft	40	12	"			
	Total		2	11½												
7	4	"	"	56	"	2 Pairs Venetion Doors complete										
5.6	36	"	1	15½	"	6 Pairs Venetion Shutters Do.	"	13	"	Do.	53	3	40			

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Total	1	71½	"													
						2	Brass Door Locks of 8 Inches	3	21	"	each	7	"	"		
			Supt. Yd		63		Green Painting 3 Coat with Linseed Oil	"	4	"	Yd	6	"	"		
															1077	32 20
							Necessary for the Superintendant									
36	3	2.6	"	"	270		Foundation									
26	9	1.6	"	"	351		Wall above Do									
10	6	1.6	"	"	90		Do									
			Total		711		Brick work in clay	"	1	50	Yd Cft	27	21	30		
					22½		Cornice work in chunam	"	3	20	Do	1	31	10		
10	8	"	"	80	"		Paving with wall Bricks in chunam	1	21	"	Yd Sqr	1	8	32		
					15		Arch work in chunam	"	3	40	Yd Cft	1	10	40		
10	12	"	1	20	"		Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers and Pan Tiles	7	"	"	Yd Sqr	8	16	64		
6	3	"	"	18	"		1 Door frame	"	8	"	Yd Sft	3	18	"		
							Carried over					43	22	16	2,6118	32 12

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. feet	Cub feet		Prices P	F	C		P	F	C	P	F	C
						Brought over					43	22	16	26118	33	12
5.6	2.6	"	"	13¾	"	1 Door Complete	"	10	"	℔ Sq. ft.	3	11	40			
		Supl. Yds.			7	Red Painting 3 Coats with Linseed Oil	"	4	"	℔ Yd.	"	28	"	47	19	56
						Bridge leading to the Manufactory the same as the Magazine Bridge								496	23	63

Charcoal Furnace

82	2.6	4	"	"	820	Foundation
82	8.6	1.6	"	"	1045½	Wall above Do.
24	2.6	4	"	"	240	Foundation for the arch Wall.
24	4	1.6	"	"	144	Wall above Do.
5	2.6	4	"	"	250	Foundation for 10 Piers
80	1.6	1.6	"	"	180	Piers above the Do.

			Total	2679		Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ Cf	143	22	70		
24	11	16	"	"	396	Arch work in Chunam	"	3	40	Do	33	"	"		
57	25	"	14	25	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers and Pan Tiles	7	"	"	℔ Sq	99	31	40		
			8	80	"	Jelly and Chunam for flooring	3	"	"	Do	26	16	64		
						Sundries					100	"	"	402	29	14
yds 2747	yds 8	yds 4	" yds	—	87904	Excavating the ditch	2	"	"	℔ 100 yds				1758	3	29
ft	ft	ft														
2650	30	15	"	f Rds	18617 3/16	Constructing the mounds of separation	"	5	20	℔ Cft				2327	6	19
										Pagodas				31,150	31	33

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Probable Estimate of the Expence of converting the Present Powder Mills into a Grand Magazine and for enclosing the whole with a wall agreeably to the accompanying Plan No. 6. and 7.

Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sqr.	Supl. feet	Cubfeet		Prices: P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
						Compound Wall No.										
2496	3.6	2.6	"	"	21,840	Foundation for the compound Wall										
2496	8.3	1.6	"	"	30,888.	Above the Do.										
218	1.6	6	"	"	163½	Pilaster										
			Total		52891½	Brick work in Clay		1	50	p. C. ft.	2,046	16	55			
3	4	3	"	"	72	Foundation for 2 Piers each										
10	2.6	2	"	"	100	Above the Do.										
			Total		172.	Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	Do.	9	9	"			
3	1.6	1.3	"	"	84⅜	Arch work for 15 drains each	"	3	40	Do.	7	1	25.			
2496	2.6	"	62	40	"	Jelly in Chunam	1	"	"	ft. Sqr.	62	16	64.			
2714	18	"	488	52.	"	Plastering 1 Coat Chunam	1	15	60	Do.	671	30	2			
						30 Red wood Pins 1 Candy	"	"	"	"	6	"	"			

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						Cooly hire for Do	"	"	"	"	"	6	"			
						Carpenters and Sawyers Cooly	"	"	"	—	1	"	"			
						4 Hooks laid in Blue stones	"	31	40	each	3	"	"			
8. 6.	10	" 2	"	170	"	1 Pair of Pannel Door Complete	"	12	"	℔ Sft.	48.	24	"			
														2855	19	66.

Grand Magazine

180	4	3	"	"	2160	Foundation										
180	13.6.	2.	"	"	4860	Wall above the Do										
3.	4	3	"	"	432	Foundation for 12 Piers										
20	2.	2.	"	"	960	12 Piers above the Do										
			Total	–	8412	Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	℔ Cft.	450	27	"			
180	1	" 9	"	"	136½	Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	20	Do	10	23	50.			
172	36	"	61.	92	"	Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam Borders	12	"	"	℔ Sq.	743	1	54.			
190	27	"	51.	30	"	Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2	"	"	℔ Sq.	141	"	"			
240	8.	"	19	20.	"											
	Total		70	50												
170	26.	"	44	20	"	Paving with 6 Inches Square Bricks in Chunam	3	"	"	Do	132	25	16	1477	35	40
										Pagodas				4333	13	26

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Probable Estimate of the Expence of converting the Present Powder Mills into a Grand Magazine and for enclosing the whole with a wall agreeably to the accompanying Plan No. 6. and 7.

Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. feet	Cubfeet		Prices:						
						Compound Wall No.							
2496	3.6	2.6	"	"	21,840	Foundation for the compound Wall							
2496	8.3	1.6	"	"	30,888	Above the Do.							
218	1.6	6	"	"	163½	Pilaster							
			Total		52891½	Brick work in Clay		1	50	p. C. ft.	2,046	16	55
3	4	3	"	"	72	Foundation for 2 Piers each							
10	2.6	2	"	"	100	Above the Do.							
			Total		172	Brick work in Chunam	"	2	20	Do.	9	9	"
3	1.6	1.3	"	"	84⅜	Arch work for 15 drains each	"	3	40	Do.	7	1	25
2496	2.6	"	62	40	"	Jelly in Chunam	1	"	"	℔ Sq.	62	16	64
2714	18	"	488	52	"	Plastering 1 Coat Chunam	1	15	60	Do.	671	30	2
						30 Red wood Pins 1 Candy	"	"	"	"	6	"	"

						Cooly hire for Do						6		
						Carpenters and Sawyers Coolys						1		
						4 Hooks laid in Blue Stones			31	40	each	3		
8.	6.	10	2		170	1 Pair of Pannel Door Complete			12		☐ft.	48.	24	
													2855.	19 66.

Grand Magazine

180	4	3			2160	Foundation								
180	13	6	2		4860	Wall above the Do								
3	4	3			432	Foundation for 12 Piers								
20	2	2			960	12 Piers above the Do								
		Total			8412	Brick work in Chunam			2	20	☐ft.	450	27	
180	1	9			136½	Cornice work in chunam			3	20	Do	10	23	50
172	36		61.	92		Roofing with Palmira Rafters Reepers flat and Pan Tiles with Chunam Borders			12		☐ft.	743	1	54.
190	27		51.	30		Plastering 2 Coats Chunam			2		☐ft.	141		
240	8.		19	20.										
		Total	70	50										
170	26.		44	20		Paving with 6 Inches Square Bricks in chunam			3		Do	132	25	16
													1477	35 40
												Pagodas	4333	13 26

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A. C.

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26th October 1802.

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Probable Estimate of the Expence of Building a new Bridge over Chintatrepet River near the Governors Garden house; agreeably to the accompanying Plan, Elevation, and Section.

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. Feet	Cubfeet		Prices P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
						Wells under the Foundation										
6	7	"	"	"	"	56 Wells	16	"	"	each	896	"	"			
5	7	"	"	"	"	28 Do.	13	3	50	Do.	366	17	40			
4.9	7	"	"	"	"	28 Do.	12	21	"	Do.	350	"	"			
4.6	7	"	"	"	"	28 Do.	12	"	"	Do.	336	"	"			
4	7	"	"	"	"	28 Do.	11	"	"	Do.	308	"	"			
51.	13.4	7	"	"	9520	Foundation for 2 Piers each										
51.	12.3	7	"	"	8746½	Do. 2 Do. each										
51.	11.4	7	"	"	8092	Do. 2 Do. each										
51	10.6	7	"	"	7497	Do. 2 Do. each										
51	9.1	7	"	"	6485½	Do. 2 Do. each										
42	8.4	4	"	"	2800	2 Piers above the Foundation each										
41	37.3	4	"	"	2392½	2 Do. Do. each										

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41.3	7.3	4	"	"	2392½	2	Do									
40.6	6.4	4	"	"	2052	2	Do									
39.9	5.6	4	"	"	1749	2	Do									
39.1	4.7	4	"	"	1433	2	Do									
38.5	4.1	4	"	"	1255	2	Do									
					2598		Additional Piers to Do									
200	5	7	"	"	7000		Foundation for part of side walls									
380	4	4.6	"	"	6840		Do Parapet									
4.6	4	5	"	"	2880		Do for 32 Buttresses									
800	3	2	"	"	4800		Wall above the Arch to support the Parapet									
1580	1.3	3.6	"	"	6912½		Parapet Wall									
11.6	4	3.6	"	"	2576		16 Buttresses									
3.	4.	3.6	"	"	636		16 Do									
					41940¾		Spandrets									
			Total		135048¼		Brick work in Chunam	"	2	40	℔ Cft.	8038	24	50		
1000	1.3	1	"	"	1250		Cornice work in Chunam	"	3	40	Do	104	7	"		
			5	"	"		Blue Stone work for 5 Piers									
			7	20	"		Do for 12									
			6	40	"		Do for Paving									
											Carried over				10399	7 10

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. feet	Cubic feet		Prices: Pi	Pf	C		Pi	Pf	C	Pi	Pf	C
						Brought over					10399	7	10			
800	5	"	40	"	"	Stone pathway for foot Passengers										
	Total		58	60	"	Blue stone work in chunam	"	6	40	℔ Sft.	906	38	"			
5	1	"	"	"	"	4 Blue stone posts for the Angles	2	28	"	each	10	"	"			
55.6	34.6	3	"	"	5744¼	1 Arch work										
51.3	34.5	2.8	"	"	9430	2 Do each										
46	34.6	2.4	"	"	7406	2 Do each										
42	34.6	2	"	"	5796	2 Do each										
34.3	34.6	1.8	"	"	3938¾	2 Do each										
31.6	34.6	1.4	"	"	2898	2 Do each										
	Total				35213	Arch work in chunam	"	4	"	℔ ft	3353	28	"			
241	8	"	19	28	"	Plastering 3 Coats cement chunam	3	21	"	℔ Sq.	381	18	5			
260	34.6	"	89	70	"											
	Total		108	98												
800	6	"	48	"	"	Plastering 2 Coats chunam for the Parapet Wall &c.	2	"	"	Do	350	"	"			
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1600	7	"	112	"	"						
	Total		175	"							
300	30	3	270	"	"	Telling in with Earth and making the Road with Jelly and Gravel	2 " "	Do	540 " "		
						Cooly hire for taking down the old Bridge			500 " "	16441	5. 15.
						Sundries for laying the Foundation &ca &ca for 15 Pickotahs water Bailers &ca					
						15 Pieces large red wood	4 " "	each	60 " "		
						30 Trincomalle wood	1 " "	Do	30. " "		
						300 Palmiras			60 " "		
						30 Large Bamboos	"		10 " "		
						15 Small Do			2 31. 40.		
						70 Skains of Leather ropes			5 " "		
						15 Tubs			30 " "		
						500 water Bailing Bailing Baskets			40 " "		
						Carried over			252. 31. 40.	16441. 5. 15.	

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Measurement: Length	Breadth	Thickness	Supl. Sq.	Supl. Feet	Cub feet		Prices P.	F.	C.		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
						Brought over					252	31	40	16441	5	15
						100 Sheathing Boards for 25 spouts					60	"	"			
						20 Country Planks for 10 Do.					25	"	"			
						2 Barrels Pitch, 20 Viss Cotton and 2 Pieces long Cloth					30	"	"			
						200 water Bailers for 180 days										
						Carpenters Cooly	"	3	"	# day	2142	36	"			
						Smiths Do.					25	"	"			
						Hammermens Do.					12	"	"			
						Bellows Boys Do.					6	"	"			
						Charcoal and Pady husk					3	"	"			
						170 Pieces Red wooding for Piling					6	"	"	2562	25	40
						200 Do. Do. of Small Size Do.					340	"	"			
						100 Redwood Rammers					250	"	"			
						100 Planks of 2 Inches					19	"	"			
						200 Country Sticks					400	"	"			
						Sundry Materials &ca.					17	28	"			
											400	"	"			
														1426	28	"
						Pagodas								20430	9	55

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(Signed) C. Trapaud
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List of the Packet . . . Date

Report of a Sett of experiments made at St.
Thos Mount by order of the Militay Bd
with a Common 3 Pds Brass Gun against
an Iron 3 Pr constructed by Mr. Sadler to
determine which Gun has the superiority
for field service accompanied with Genl
Remarks . . . . . 14th October 1801.

Report of a Committee of the Militay Board
consisting of the Commandant of Artillery
and senior Engineer on the properties of a Carrick
Gun and an Iron 18 Pounder invented by Mr.
Sadler with experiments thereon . . . . 2d Apl. 1802

Copy Letter from Agent for Spirituous Liquors
to the Militay Board . . . . . 7th Septr 1802

Copy Letter from Mr Corsellis provincial
Commissary of Provisions in Malabar
to the Secretary to the Militay Board
at Bombay . . . . . 3d Novr 1800

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Continued

Copy Account of Guage of Spirits received from the Honorable Company's Ship Britannia. . . . . — without date — Date

Copies of Two Survey Reports held on arrack Casks landed from the Britannia at Cananore — 17 and 27th. October 1800.

Statement of Arrack shipped at Bombay on the H. C. Ship Britannia consigned to Goa, Mangalore, and Cannanore, with the Invoice price of the proportion received as also of the quantity short delivered . . . . 13th. Sept. 1802.

Original accounts Short delivery of Arrack &c. Ship Britannia from the Presidency of Bombay consigned to Goa Mangalore and Cannanore . . . . . — 29th. July & 29th. Sept. 1801.

Copy Report of a Committee of the Military Board appointed for the purpose of survey-ing the Powder works and Magazines at the Presidency, and the Bridge in the vicinity of the Governors Gardens accom-panied by the Papers, Plans and Estimates contained in the List. . . . . — 29. Sept. 1802.

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Bill of the Commissary of supplies at Seringa-
-patam for 6 six Pounder Gun Carriages
with Limbers &c. complete ..... No. no date

5 Bills of the Garrison Storekeepers in Mala-
-bar marked A B C D & E. and Numbered 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6 ..... } 31st. July and 1st. August 1802-

Signed John Macleane
Secretary Military Board

Fort St. George
Military Board Office
13th. September 1802-

Minute

In my Minute of the 29th. January last, I informed the Board of my intention to appoint a Committee to examine the nature of certain important improvements in the manufacture of Gun Powder at this Presidency, which had been discovered by the present superintendant, Lieutenant Bishop. The Committee have entered into an able analysis of the subject; and the result of their Proceedings has fully established the justness of Lieutenant Bishops theories, and has shewn the extensive advantages which will be derived to the service from his discoveries. I have the honor

Minute of the Commander in chief lays before the Board the Memoir of Lieutenant Bishop superintendant of the Gun Powder Manufactory, together with the report and proceedings of the Committee appointed to examine the nature of certain improvements in the manufacture of Gun Powder & proposes the different arrangements which appear to be necessary for carrying into effect the recommendations of the Committee-

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honor to lay before the Board. Lieutenant Bishops original Memoir, together with the Report of the Committee. The Subject as it relates to the nature and preparation of the ingredients which are used in the composition of Gun Powder, to the Process of compounding them, to the Principles upon which Lieutenant Bishops improvements are founded, and the benefits which will result from them, is so thoroughly discussed in these papers that it is unnecessary for me to make any detailed observations on those points. I shall accordingly confine myself at present to state the measures which appear to be requisite to realize the advantages which are now presented to the service. These measures consist in providing materials of the best quality and supplying the means of working them up, according to the improved process discovered by Lieutenant Bishop.—

Charcoal is the ingredient first noticed both in Lieutenant Bishop's Memoir, and in the Proceedings of the Committee; and a variety of new, and important facts regarding the properties of

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of this article, and the best method of preparing it, have been ascertained. The Committee, after a full investigation of these points, have confirmed the conclusion of Lieutenant Bishop, that wood but lightly charred makes Stronger Gun Powder, than that which is urged by a longere continued heat, and have observed that "The rude manner in which the Charcoal hitherto used in the Madras Powder works has been prepared, and the extreme delicacy of the process, as we have already explained, renders the preparation of this Article under the immediate — direction of the Superintendant, a reform of the greatest importance to the success of the manufacture. It will therefore be necessary that the Military Board should be directed to discontinue the present mode of procuring charcoal by contract, and to employ the Superintendant of the Gun Powder Manufactory in preparing under his owne immediate inspection, and invariably from the Gram bush wood, the quantities of that Article which may be annually required, charging the expences, attending the preparation, upon honor, and at rates not exceeding

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Ten Pagodas ℔ Candy. The contract price of Charcoal is 12 Pagodas ℔ Candy - The Superintendant has stated that he will be able to prepare that article at the rate of ten Pagodas; and as 200 Candies will be required each year, an annual saving of 400 Pagodas will be made. The Committee have recommended that an apparatus shall be constructed for the purpose of charring the wood to the exact degree that is requisite and an estimate of the expence of this necessary work has been included in the General Plan proposed by the Committee of the Military Board which examined the State of the Powder Mills and Magazines. The expence of constructing the apparatus will not exceed the sum of 500 Pagodas, and this amount will be repaid in less than Two years from the saving which will result from the new mode of manufacturing Charcoal. This saving has not been noticed by the Committee of the Military Board on Powder Mills and Magazines -

The Committee, whose report I now submit to the Board have entered into a full investigation

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of the nature of Salt Petre, the other principal ingredient of Gun Powder. after examining the quality of the Salt Petre produced in different Countries, they have given a decided preference to that which is manufactured in the Palnaud District. It will be considerably cheaper than the Salt Petre which is imported from Bengal; it will lose less in refining, and be fitter after one boiling to enter into the composition of Gun Powder. A Thousand Candies of Salt Petre, will be required each year for the manufactary. By purchasing this Article from the Palnaud. an annual saving of 600 Pagodas will be gained, and a great benefit will be derived to that Province, and the neighbouring Districts. from the introduction into them of a considerable amount of Specie. On this head the Committee Remarks, "The annexed Statement exhibits the comparative prices of Bengal and Palnaud Salt Petre, as prepared to enter into the composition of Gun Powder, shewing the Bengal to Cost Pagodas 12 " 4 / " 35 - ℔ Candy, and the Palnaud Pagodas 7. 36. 66 -

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The enquiries and experiments of the Committee with respect to the composition of Gun Powder have produced a detail of very interesting particulars — The Committee have explained with much clearness the nature of the improvements discovered by Lieutenant Bishop, and have suggested the best practical means of carrying them into effect, The Buildings and apparatus which they have proposed for that purpose are included in the new Works recommended by the Committee from the Military Board. It may not be improper for me on this Occasion to express my opinion of the necessity of carrying those works into immediate execution. They are indeed indispensable. we must

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The Military Board should be directed, in conformity to the recommendation of the Committee, to take measures for preparing Metalic Cylenders, and beds; and to instruct the Superintendant to manufacture Gun Powder in future of one description only, namely the first grain now in use for Musquet ammunition. The Memoir of Lieutenant Bishop and the report of the Committee should also be forwarded to the Military Board to be entered on their records, and

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considered as instructions for their guidance hereafter in the management of the Gun Powder Department.

If Copies of these Papers were transmitted to Bengal, and Bombay they might conduce to the improvement of the manufacture of Gun Powder at those Presidencies and encourage the prosecution of further investigations regarding the Principles from which the inferences stated by Lieutenant Bishop, and by the Committee have resulted.—

It only remains for me to bring under the notice of the Board the claims of Lieutenant Bishop to the approbation and liberality of Government. The service is indebted for the perfection which the manufacture of Gun Powder at this Presidency has already acquired, to the ability and exertions of that Officer. He has advanced the proof range of Gun Powder from 1000, to nearly 1500 yards; and he has discovered a process which when introduced into the manufactory will, augment still more the strength of this

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Article; and effectually prevent its deterioration from the effects of time. Previous to the appointment of Lieutenant Bishop to the charge of the manufactory, the weakness of our Powder was a constant complaint on every service. It was often found inferior in strength to the Powder even of the Native Powers; It will soon be equal, perhaps superior to any powder in the world. The advantages to be derived from Lieutenant Bishops exertions in this Department cannot fairly be estimated by any calculation; they will be commensurate to the importance, and extensive use of Gun Powder; and no other article of Store is subservient to such a variety of Military purposes. I therefore trust that I act in conformity to the sense of the Board in proposing that a person whose Zealous exertions have so much contributed to the improvement of the most important branch of our equipments shall be placed upon a footing equally respectable and advantageous with that of the Military Departments of the service. The Committee from whose proceedings I have already quoted so much seem-

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to be particularly solicitous to impress the Government with an opinion of this officers services, and useful talents: they say "the exclusive merit of this discovery, and a large "portion of all the present and proposed improvements "belongs to Lieutenant Bishop. we should be wanting "in Common justice if we neglected to recommend in "the most earnest manner to your Excellency's notice, "and protection, the talents and Zeal of that respectable "Officer, and we trust it will not escape your Excellency's observation that the wisdom of our national jurisprudence has recognized as personal property, the value of useful inventions by securing to the author their exclusive benefit, and that this private property has been presented by Mr. Bishop to the service of his Country.

In referring to the establishment for the manufacture of Gun Powder at the other Presidencies, I find that the Agent at Bengal is directed to receive a Commission of 5 Rupees for every Barrel of Gun Powder which shall be received from him after proof; but in case this Commission shall fall short

short of 1500 Rupees ℔ Month the difference shall be made up to him.-

I mention the allowances granted at Bengal to the Agent, principally with a view to shew how far the importance of the Gun Powder Manufactory is appreciated at this Presidency. I am at the same time of opinion that the mode of fixing the Agents Salary which has been adopted there is highly judicious; and is proper to be introduced, with certain limitations under this Government. By granting a certain sum for each Barrel after proof, the Agents exertions to prepare the number of Barrels required for the purposes of the Service, will be excited by motives of Interest as well as of Zeal; and the proof by the Artillery officers will ascertain that the quality of the Powder produced from the manufactory is equal to the Standards. In proposing to follow the mode which obtains at Bengal, I do not intend to suggest that we should grant an allowance equal to what is established there; and in my judgement 2 Rupees upon each Barrel produced at the Manufactory

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21st September 1802.

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Before the year 1786. the Powder works at this Presidency, were conducted entirely on the principles followed by the Natives, the Manufactory was within the small Fort of Egmore where not only the Princi-ples, but their method was adopted in the fabrication of Gun Powder. It was also manufactured on the same principles at Vellore where Powder works had been likewise established but which of the two was first erected I have not been able to ascertain.

The new Powder works (as they are called) which are those now in use, were built under the direction of Colonel Montresor of the Corps of Engineers, about the year 1791 & these appear to have been taken from the French Encyclopedia, and are unquestionable upon erroneous principles.

The Method followed at Vellore and Egmore, was adopted at the new works, and the only advantage the Company obtained by their erection was that of stamping their ingredients in a Mill instead of Pilons worked by Coolies. The

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Mill encreased the price of the Powder in proportion to the sum expended in building it, which must have been considerable; but no improvement was made in the quality of the Gun Powder.-

On the appointment of William Petrie Esqre in the year 1786. to the office of Military Storekeeper: that Gentleman soon observed, the great defect in the quality of the Company's Gun Powder, not only from the general complaints of it, which were prevalent at the time, but from an examination of the principles followed in the mode of preparing it: and among the many improvements in a variety of Military equipment, which were made about that time, by this Gentleman and the Scientific Governor Sir Archibald Campbell, that of this important article was not among the least.-

When this Gentleman assumed charge of the Powder works, the daily proof ranges with a 4½ inch Mortar were only 27 yards. In the space of a few months, by his scientific knowledge in general, but particularly by his acquaintance

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with chimestry the Powder was so far improved, as to equal the Europe Powder in strength, both with the large and small mortar, which a reference to the proof reports made in his time will render manifest. It is therefore to the indefatigable exertions of this Gentleman, that the Company are indebted for the considerable degree of perfection to which the manufacture of this important article has been carried at this Presidency his principles are still followed with a trivial alteration in the proportion of Charcoal and Salthure and some difference in the manner of refining the Salt Petre.

The improvements and discoveries stated in the following paper have been erected on the basis laid by this Gentleman, but have not yet been carried into practice.

These improvements have been the result of experiment, both in the large and small way, in the former by myself at the Powder works, and the latter in conjunction with Benjamin Robiock Esqre who at his own expence, constructed an apparatus in

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in Miniature. which would make a pound of Gun Powder at each operation; with this, 86 Distinct experiments have been made, whereby those made in the large way, have been diversified, repeated, and confirmed. The Scientific knowledge of this Gentleman and a judicious manner of applying theory to practice, have so far involved themselves with what has been done in this business, that his name with Justice, cannot be separated or detached from any portion of merit that may be considered attached to it.

Mark Wilks Esqr.

Town Major of Fort St. George
&c &c &c

Sir,

Your knowledge in the science on which the following observations and discoveries in the fabrication of Gun Powder have been founded, has induced me to submit them without reserve to your consideration — should they appeear in your judgement to merit public attention - I shall consider it a particular favor, if you will have the kindness to point out the channel most

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Suitable thro' which they should be conducted to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council—

Fort St. George
1st December 1802

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

Signed B. Bishop

Charcoal.—

The Chemical properties of this substance will only be noticed so far as they relate to the Composition of Gun Powder.—

These are the following.—

It decomposes water, forming thereby Hydrogenous and Carbonic acid Gas. It dissolves fixt alkalis. Extracts the oxigene from sulphur. Decomposes the Nitric acid and all sulphuric salts. By a particular process it will decompose Salt Petre <u>without combustion</u>.— It is compounded of combustible matter, saline substances, and Earth, the proportion of the former varies in different Species of Coal but in the softer kinds it is always above one fourth part of the whole, finally this combustible part when in the act of combustion, has a greater affinity

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affinity with Oxigene than any other known substance.

Various have been the opinions of authors who have treated on this Subject with respect to its quantities for making Gun Powder; the Generality however agree that it should be such as has been completely and perfectly charred, but these Gentlemen can hardly have drawn their conclusions from actual experiments, it having been proved by incontroventable ones that pure Charcoal is not proper to enter the composition of Gun Powder. By pure Charcoal is meant such as has been prepared in Close Vessels and from which all the volatile part thereof has been driven off by heat.—

It has been reported by a Gentleman who lately saw the Powder works in England that, Charcoal burnt in Iron Cylinders and used in the fabrication of Gun Powder, encreased its strength one third; and that all the Charcoal which had been made in Pits, on the old System was in consequence of this discovery condemned and sold. An Iron Cylinder ten Inches in diameter and above five feet in length

length was obtained from Mr. Robuck, in it, some wood of the Milk hedge was burnt to the state of pure Charcoal by the application of a sufficient heat to drive off such parts as were volatile, with this, Gun Powder was made, and its strength was found on proof to have been weaker by one third, than Gun Powder made with the same species of Charcoal prepared in the common way, it must therefore have been the Charcoal which reduced the strength. But it does not follow from this experiment that Charcoal burnt in Cylinders is inferior for the purpose of making Gun Powder to that burnt in Pits, on the Contrary, there can be little doubt that Charcoal made in Cylinders would be preferable to that prepared by any other mode, for it has been demonstrated that Charcoal which was not entirely reduced by combustion to the state called pure Charcoal, which is known by its black colour, easy fracture, retaining the organic texture of the vegetable from which it was prepared, and being sonorous, will make much stronger powder than that which has

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has been perfectly burnt, there is then, in making Charcoal for Gun Powder a certain point at which the combustion should be put an end to, and this is, when the Vapour ascending from the Pile or Cylinder is just descernible by its being coloured with a violet blue tint: this point can be ascertained with greater precision in a Cylinder, than it possibly can either in a Pile or Pit: and the Combustion in the former, may be stopped instantaneously, whereas, in either of the latter it must be a work of time, and even at best, the crevices cannot be so entirely closed as to prevent the admission of a certain Portion of air, which would continue the combustion beyond that period at which a succession should take place; therefore, it is more than probable, that Cylinder Coal would make stronger powder than Coal prepared in any other manner.

The different Species of wood growing in the Vecinity of Madras, likely from their appearance to answer this purpose, have been Charred and made into Gun Powder — only three have as yet been found proper for this use. The Stalk of the common

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common Dholl - The Milk-hedge and the Castor Oil-nut Tree - The two former make powder of equal quality and strength, but require different quantities by weight, tho' their bulk has been observed to be the same - The Powder made from the Oil tree Coal with the same proportions by weight did not make the Powder quite equal to the other two, but very nearly so, and there is reason to conclude from its appearance if the exact proportion necessary were ascertained, that this Coal would make Powder equal, perhaps superior to the two former -

The exact proportions of the Milk Hedge and Gram Bush Charcoal, were not determined until upwards of an hundred Barrels of Powder had been made, with Quantities of Coal varying from one extreme towards the other -

It has been stated by M. Baume and the Chevalier D'arcy that all woods are equally proper for this purpose, whether dense or the contrary; but this Assertion has been found

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so contrary to facts founded on decisive experiments, when the same proportions of Coal are used by weight, that it would be given up without an instants hesitation; yet when bulk be attended to; from what has already been done, there are reasonable Grounds to suppose that this Report has not been made without good foundation, though it might have been deemed prudent at that time to withhold the necessary information to ensure success from the world at large; as the experiments of these Gentlemen were made by the express order of the late ill-fated King of France, with views solely to the improvement of Gun Powder. Experiments only can determine the truth of this: and the next years manufacture of powder it is expected, will place the subject beyond all further question.

Excellent Gunpowder however can be made with such wood as has been hitherto in use; equal to any made in Europe, and superior to all which has heretofore been fabricated in India; for the principal defect of Indian powder does not lie in the Charcoal, but in the mode

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followed in its manufacture as will be seen here - after -

Nevertheless, were it proved that any wood would make Charcoal proper for Gun Powder, and that no superiority existed amongst the different species; the price of that article would be proportionably reduced. and could Cylinders be obtained without difficulty, they would doubtless improve the manufacture; but as both can be dispensed with, they will not for the present be further insisted on, enough having been said and done to prove — that excellent Gun Powder can be made without them. —

Sulphur.

It will not be necessary to say any more on this article than bears relation to its qualities for making Gun Powder. The Sulphur obtained in the markets of this Country is in general the production of nature and mostly of the best quality; the natives however from motives of — interest often adulterate it with Oil in order to encrease its weight; — such Sulphur may be known by

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by breaking a lump thereof, the facture of which, will exhibit a confused arrangement of needle, like Crystals; and a rank smell will at the same time be given out. This adulterated sulphur should never enter the Composition of Gun Powder unless it be previously sublimed. for of all substances with which Powder can be adulterated; none has been found so prejudicial as oil: there is a large quantity of this kind in the Honorable Company's Stores and which has necessarily been used in the manufacture much to the prejudice of the powder made therewith. In endeavors which were made to find some substance which would fix Salt petre, and thereby prevent its deliquescent quality from Operating. Oil was found in a great measure to have this effect, and in consequence thereof 60 lb. of composition were incorporated with 1 lb of drying Linseed Oil - On the powder being corned dried &c as usual and tried in the mortar its strength was found almost completely annihilated, the usual quantity of one Ounce not having a sufficient

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force to drive the shell out of the Mortar, instead of projecting it from 120 to 150 yards the Customary proof ranges.—

Sulphur does not appear to be of such material consequence in the composition of Gun Powder; tho' very strong Powder cannot perhaps be made without it; for varying the quantity of this article, in the Composition of Gun Powder, so as to admit of a greater or less proportion of Charcoals which becomes necessary when different species of Coal are used—does not affect the strength of the powder: and as strong powder as any made formerly in Madras has been fabricated with salt. petre and Charcoal only.—

The action of Sulphur in the explosion of Gun Powder seems principally to be that of forming a Coat of film over the other two substances; thereby enabling them to expand with greater violence—but as Charcoal decomposes this substance and forms the two Gases by that act, which have been adverted to before in

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in the observations on Charcoal; some additional effect may be supposed to be added by their combination and expansion with the other Gasses generated by the explosion.—

Salt Petre

Even as it relates to Gun powder it not perfectly understood. when by Chemical modes it has been refined until brought to the State called by chemists, and the faculty perfectly pure, it is unfit for making strong Gun Powder, and probably from it defective State when so refined. the former have been led to erroneous conclusions and the latter may not have experienced that effect from it which they probably expected—

Pure Nitre consists of a completely saturated solution of the Nitrous, or Nitric acid, (for either will produce it artificially) with the Vegetable Alkali. When the point of saturation has been accurably arrived at, the Crystals of the Saltpetre invariably take the form of perfectly regular hexagonal prisms, terminated by summits of the same form— Salt Petre in this State

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is very seldom obtained; and in any other it is improper to incorporate with Composition for Gun Powder.— Amongst the numerous Samples which have been subjected to experiment only one has been found to consist of perfect Nitre. This was obtained from Doctor Heyne and made as he informed me near Innaconda — Nitre of this kind will make Gun Powder Stronger by a difference of 200 yards in the usual proof range with a 10 inch Mortar.—

When salt Petre is defective, it has lost a portion of one of its constituent parts, the parts so dissipated, if it had ever been perfected, is principally the Oxigene of the acid; this substance is but feebly united with the nitre when the latter is in extreme division by solution, and is in that state easily driven off, tho' the Oxigene of Nitre in Crystals, does not begin to operate, till it has been some time in a state of fusion, and has attained a red heat; — but as the excellence of Salt petre for Gun Powder depends principally upon its containing a due portion of oxigene the great

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art in refining, is to adopt such a process, as will least affect this Gaseous part of the Composition. Defective Nitre has of late years invariably been imported from Bengal, and from what is already known with respect to the natural formation of Nitre, it will not be unreasonable to infer that, in a few years the Salt-petre Grounds in the provinces of Bengal will be materially injured- especially if the same System, which has for a long time obtained be persevered in— they are worked it has been stated annually, when a Period perhaps if at least three years would be required to carry the Nitre to perfection.—

The Base of Nitre, and Azot, all the Moderns agree, are furnished from the Earth, while the Oxigene, one of the Constituent parts of the acid, is afforded by the Atmosphere; the unity of these matters generate Salt-petre, Animal putrefaction furnishes Azot or Nitrogene, and by exposing Pot-ash to the Gas arising during the putrefactive process, it is said Pure Nitre will be generated.— To bring the natural Union to perfection considerable time

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time is required; but how long a period may be requisite is not at present ascertained.. The salt petre imported from Bengal however, is a proof that the time allowed in the provinces which produce it, has not been sufficient to generate a perfect nitre. The salt petre made on this Coast by Doctor Heyne was made from lands which had not been disturbed for years, perhaps for Centuries; and here the nitre was found in the most perfect state. may not these facts induce Government to take into consideration the propriety of suspending for a while the working of the salt petre lands of Bengal,? especially as the salt petre on the Coast has been found superior, and may, it has been Stated, be procured in any quantity.

When salt petre is defective, it may be known at once by the formation of its Crystals; these are invariably of a broad Malacte-cal form and Covered with facets either Cubical Rhomb-like or in parallellogroms these phe-nomena invariably take place whether the nitre be defective from a want of or a superabundance of the

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the acid.—

Salt petre is capable of being super-saturated by art. either with the acid, or the alkale, tho' it is belived nature has never produced it with a superabundance of the former; in either case its crystals are a-like, broad, and covered with the facets aforementioned. they are an unerring Criterion by which its quality may be appreciated.

When salt petre is pure the common modes of refining it are very injudicious and prejudicial: they drive off or by some other means subduct the Oxygen, and render very indifferent Nitre, still worse for making powder.

The new mode adopted by Doctor Scott in Bombay, and a method, somewhat dissemilar in detail, but the same in principle by M. Chaptal in France, is highly defective, and the French Powder which is all made with salt-petre so refined, must be of very inferior quality.

This Method directs the Nitre to be pulverized, and then washed with determinate quantities of water,

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at two distinct periods; this process doubtless carries off the Common, and other injurious Salts, but at the same time it deprives the Nitre of its Oxygene, and thereby Materially injures it quality for making Powder. — The French should be suffered to continue in their errors, but the mode adopted in Bombay it would be prudent to discontinue.

Two samples of Bombay powder and several of French have been examined and found to be very inferior to the powder made lately at this Presidency — the comparative proof ranges differing nearly One half — The error in Bombay has been introduced by a defective mode of proof by which it appeared that the Powder made with the washed Salt-petre equalled the best Europe Powder — an Eprouvette — exactly of the same construction has been used here and shews by the Ranges very little difference between the best and the worst kind of Gun powder: this is owing to the quantity of Powder used, which is so great, as completely to fill the chamber of the eprouvette.

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eprouvette. The weight of the Ball therefore which is 61½ Pounds exerts a pressure on the powder, and encreases its action, in a degree proportionate to the weight acting on it. This would not be of such material Consequence were the same weight of different kinds of Powder, all of the same bulk; but this is never the Case, for an ounce of Coarse, will have a greater Volume than an ounce of fine Powder, even of the same manufacture; and Powder made with different doses of Charcoal will have a greater or a lesser Volume, in proportion to the quantity used, and the density or pulverulence of the Coal: hence proofs made with such an instrument as before mentioned will always lead to Conclusions extremely erroneous as has been eminently demonstrated, for Salt. Petre has been refined according to the process of Doctor Scott with the most scrupulous accuracy, and repeated six different times, as many Barrels of Gun Powder have been made with it, and the proof with a Ten inch. mortar in the usual manner never exceeded 900 yards, whereas the present powder made at this Presidency will range

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range from 1300 to 1450 Yards— No proof can be depended upon where the body to be projected comes in contact with the Powder used for the charge, nor should any proof be admitted finally, that is not made with a 10 inch Mortar as practised at this Presidency, at least until it can be proved that a superior mode has been discovered—

When salt Petre of a defective Quality is refined in a particular manner, and the Nitric Acid added to complete the saturation it again becomes perfect Nitre, and its Crystalization, is invariable and distinct; in this State it makes Gun Powder stronger by a difference of 200 yards in the 10 inch range than what can be made ## with imperfect Nitre, in fact it is the same as perfect Nitre produced by nature—

Much has been insisted on by theoretical argument, regarding the adulteration of Salt petre, by foreign Salts, and many laborious details have been laid down as the best Method of seperating them;— these arguments and details appear

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appear very Specious, and are certainly ingenious, but they are in fact of no consequence when a proper method of refining be known, for no foreign Salt will ever be detected in a Crystal of Pure Nitre; it is only when this article has been refined in confused masses that such Salts can be incorporated therewith. — such is the Nitre used in our Laboratories and hence the defective Qualities of most of our Combustibles used in War.—

It is believed by all authors which an opportunity has afforded of Consulting and its is Conjectured that the Principal of them have been examined, that pure Salt Petre suffers no alterations from exposure to the Atmosphere, and that it will not imbibe Moisture: here again has been introduced a notable error. For it has been proved that Salt petre, when exposed to the air under large surfaces, will embibe Moisture from the Atmosphere. The Salt Petre which has been used of late in the manufacture of Powder at Madras has been perfectly pure. It is a practice at this

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this Manufactory, tho an useless one, to mix the pulverized salt petre with a red wood Roller for two hours, grinding it backwards and forwards in a wooden trough. in this State it is susceptible of the most minute changes in the air. In the month of august, when the Land winds blow one hour, and the next perhaps will produce a shower of rain, the nitre may be observed in the first case, flying about the mixing room in the form of a fine powder, and in the second it will be seen to fall to the ground from having imbibed moisture and acquired thereby a sufficiency of gravity to oblige it to descend to the Earth; while the salt petre in the troughs will be found evidently moist tho a few minutes before it was so dry as to have no adherence whatever. Pure Crystals of Salt petre however exposed to the air do not acquire Weight and this circumstance has doubtless given Origin to this established errr. -

There has been observed a remarkable difference, between salt petre refined by

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washing. and that refined by boiling and Crystalization.
If an Ounce of the former be pulverized, and exposed
on a Sheet of Paper to the air, under as large a Suface
as possible an evident efforescence takes place and
the Nitre is found to loose by weight from three to
four Perbent. If the latter be treated in the same
manner it will acquire some encrease which will
generally be in proportion to the humidity of the air.
in very moist weather the increase has amounted to
3½ perbent in Nitre that has been perfectly pure.
That exposed in large surfaces at the powder works
as before related has been known to gain 6 Perbent.
in one hour and lose it the next.—

Gunpowder

As manufactured in India is highly defective, and contains the principle of its destruction in its first fabrication; this is owing to want of attention to the Materials of which it is compounded, the mode of forming the compound. and a defective process in drying the powder when made Great part of the Gun powder made in Europe

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Europe is free from the defect inherent in Indian powder but that it is so, appears to have been rather from the difference of Climate than from any superior knowledge in the art of making it -

Any sample of Indian made powder being taken, an ounce of it accurately weighed, and dried in a heat of 500° Fahrenheits scale will lose 150 per cent by weight, as well as undergo a complete change in its nature; the loss is moisture driven off by the heat - It has been seen under the article Saltpetre that nitre will imbibe a certain quantity of humidity. It has been proved that Charcoal in all cases will imbibe 6 p.cent of moisture by simple cooling; for if any specific quantity of charcoal in a pulverulent state, be dried with a heat of 500°. It will loose about 6 p.cent and gain by getting perfectly cool the same quantity. A considerable quantity of water is used in compounding the materials (at Madras about 2½ p.cent) therefore the powder when finished and ready for drying must contain

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from 8 to 10 per cent of moisture; The greatest heat it can be exposed to on the Tenaces cannot be equal to more than 150° and this is not sufficient to extract the whole of the water from the Mass. for it has been found to contain upwards of One per cent after having been dried in the hottest weather for five days successively—

The Moisture therefore which remains in the powder, when Barrelled up, and carried to the Magazines, is fully sufficient to induce an incipient Crystalization and this once began proceeds very slowly until an actual Crystalization of the salt Petre in each grain has taken place, this disturbs the intimity of the Mixture and renders the powder under proof, It is also the cause of Powder forming into Cakes, by the minute Crystals of Nitre shooting from one grain to the other, and thereby pinning them as it were together, this process once began proceeds from grain to grain until the whole mass takes the exact form of the Barrel, and is sufficiently compact to be taken out in this shape. all Indian

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powder is found in this state after lying in quiescence for three or four years. When it is taken from the Magazines to be refined the Cakes are broken, and the mass exposed to four or five hours sun, sifted, and put up again, it generally loses from 10 to 15 ℔ Cent by this Operation, but can never again be restored by this or any other known process to its original power. The Crystalization again goes on when the Powder is deposited in a state of rest, until it ultimately becomes quite unserviceable.

Gun Powder explodes exactly at the Six hundredth degree of heat by Fahrenheits Thermometer, at any degree under this it will not explode. When Gun powder therefore is Exposed to 500° it alters its nature altogether; not only the whole of the moisture is driven off, but the Salt petre and sulphure are actually reduced to fusion, both of which liquify under the above degree — The Powder on Cooling is found

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found to have changed its Colour from a grey, to a deep black, the grain has become extremely indurated, and by exposure even to very moist air it then suffers no alteration by embibing humidity, Gunpowder therefore thus dealt with, if well made in other respects, is as near to a state of perfection perhaps as it can be brought, the process improves its strength, and by having the power to resist moisture it will keep for any period of years, without caking or a diminution of its power.-

Mr. Napier, in a Paper laid before the Royal Society of London, Stated that in the Magazines at Purfleet he discovered a Barrel of fine grained Powder which by the marks, was found to have been made in the Reign of Charles the second. On Proof this Powder appeared equally strong with any which has been made of late years and not in the least caked. — If this be a fact, which can hardly admit of a doubt it would appear that much advancement in

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the improvement of Gun Powder has not been made in England these many years; and there can be no hesitation in believing that it must even in those days have been manufactured with great care, and that fire had been used to drive off the moisture, for had ever so small a quantity remained in the powder, when put into the magazine, it would infallibly have been destroyed many years ago=

Gun powder made after the present mode is united so as to make it granulate by pressure, this induces an inconsiderable degree of adhesion and is the only power by which the particles of the ingredients are united in each grain; when it has been dried by the heat before mentioned, an actual fusion both of the Salt petre and sulphur has been effected and the change in its nature before related will be found to have taken place. this material alteration will be easily comprehended by supposing that a

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a small quantity of Sulphur in very fine powder has been melted over a fire - before the fusion, it might have been divided almost to infinity,, but after that act had taken place and the Sulphur cooled, it becomes a solid mass of a considerable degree of hardness, similar to this is Gun powder before, and after the Operation of heat. -

Many considerable defects exist in the mode of Manufacturing Gun powder at this Presidency - wder. having been found by the present method of making it, to be so extremely prejudicial, that as little of it as possible is used in compounding the ingredients; the same appears to be the practice in Bengal and from this cause, the Powder is always soft, and dusty, in a proper state for imbibing moisture and easily reduced to pulverulence by Motion; were more water used, the grain would be so much hardened, as to prevent the action of the Sun from extracting enough of the moisture to admit of its keeping proof three months which has been

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satisfactorily proved.

Heterogeneous bodies, and such are the three ingredients of Gun Powder, can never be made to unite well when dry, and hence the old adage amongst Chemists "Corpora non agunt nisi fluida" water has been proved not to injure Gun Powder if driven out by a sufficient heat within a period of 36 hours, and by forming the ingredients into a paste by means of it, the powder may be better incorporated in half an hour, than it can without it, in a whole day; the difference between Gun Powder made with, and without a sufficiency of water, is very remarkable, that made very dry, if struck upon Paper, with a little Moisture on the finger, will exhibit a Coarse & rough streake, and the particles of sulphur will be evidently visible thereon but that made with a sufficiency of water leaves a streak as fine as good Indian Ink, when powder is ill made, it is always of an ashen Colour, when well

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manufactured it is of a deep Black. It is a mistaken notion therefore among artillerists who consider an ashen Colour in powder as a proof of its excellence. —

Heat has a Remarkable effect on Gunpowder, and it is certainly extraordinary that it should so long have passed Unnoticed. — Lavoisier and the Count of Rumford, have been very near the discovery, but both receded just as they arrived at the point, and the latter by missing it, has unquestionably drawn erroneous Conclusions from his very ingenious and important experiments on the force of Fired Gun Powder; for he concludes, that its Astonishing Power, is probably owing to the expansion of the water, combined with the Powder, and the water of Crystalization of the salt petre, into steam. Artillerists who have written on the subject of the Vents of Ordnance have also agreed to place them in improper situations, at least in situations which will not produce the greatest effect. — The conclusions of the Count

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of Rumford, and of Artillerists, will hardly be considered true, when the following experiments have been examined, which have been repeated so often as to place their results beyond all doubt.

The experiments were made with a 4½ inch Mortar. The elevation kept accurately at 45°. the same shell weighing 8. pounds was always used, and the powder was all taken from one heap and one Quart Tray used every fire. A mean of three firings each time was taken that error might be avoided as much as possible.

The mean of three firings stated the actual strength of the mass of Gunpowder from which all subsequent experiments were made at yards 1140 2/3.

The next three firings were made by introducing a piece of quick match under the shell so as to light or set fire to the Gun Powder at the extreme upper surface of the charge

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the Medium range was 42 1/3 Yards.-

The three firings which follow, were made with the mortar reversed so as the Powder might be set fire to at the bottom of the charge. The Medium range was 167 1/3 yards-

The astonishing difference produced by this mode of applying fire to the charge will be better understood by the following Diagram.-



The first three fires to determine the strength of the powder, were lighted as usual at 1.

The second at 2. by means of passing the quick match under the shell and letting it hang from the muzzle of the mortar as at 4, and the third time the charge was fired at 3 The Medium ranges collected were as follow.—

		Difference
At 1 —	140 2/3	
At 2 —	42 1/3	100 1/3 less
At 3 —	167 1/3	27 more

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An Ounce of the same Powder — was then heated in a Copper Pan to about 400° and fired at nearly this heat — The medium of three — firings as before was 24½ yards — The encrease of strength by combining it with heat is therefore 10½ yards, which is nearly double its former power —

This last experiment of combining the powder with heat and thereby nearly doubling its strength, must render the conclusions of Count Rumford very dubious, for in a heat of 400° no water can exist, the water used to Compound the ingredients must inevitably take the form of Vapour at 212° and if the adherence of the powder were so compact as to prevent its escape at that degree, — an expansion must take place, which would infallibly burst the grain; but no grains have been found to burst, even at a heat of 500° therefore the water must — have been driven off. The water of crystalization of the salt petre is also driven off at about 250° and it never has been found to contain quite 3 Per cent,

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therefore neither the water of composition, nor that of crystalization, could have excited in the powder, whose strength by its privation had, with the assistance of Calorio, been nearly doubled. - "had the Counts Theory been correct, the powder must have been reduced instead of increased in power. Wherefore it would appear that his conclusions have been drawne from incorrect Principles; and that the explosive force of fired Gun Powder, must have origin in a different cause from what the Count has assigned to it. - It would seem that Heat is the cause, and Expansion the effect; but as this Strange, tho' familiar Phaenomenon must involve such a Variety of decomposition and affinity of bodies, in a space of time absolutely too minute to make even a single, observation in: an explanation of it will not now be attempted; perhaps it will at all times, be better to conceive, than describe it -

From the third experiments it is evident, that the proper place for a vent in a piece

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piece of Ordnance, is at the bottom of the charge. The experiments of Count Rumford on heat led to this discovery; that Gentleman found it extremely difficult to conduct heat downwards. — Reflection soon taught that the natural direction of this intangible substance was in contra distinction to gravity, or in other words, its Princi-=ple was to ascend: and hence the idea of firing the powder at the bottom of the charge. Experiments which cannot be misconstrued have demonstrated the fact, and proved that the usual situation of vents in artillery are not in the best place to produce the greatest effect.

What has been alledged on the subject of Gun Powder, has been thrown together in a hasty manner merely for your present information. It is founded however on long experience and has been authenticated by experiments, which any one who thinks proper to repeat may assure himself of. They have therefore been stated with confidence under an assurance that they cannot be contraverted.

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December 1st. 1801.

/Signed/ B. Bishop.

His Excellency
Lieutenant General Stuart
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir.

In reporting to your Excellency on the subject of the manufacture of Gun powder referred to our investigation in your Secretary's letter, it becomes necessary, to give some explanation of the Causes which have delayed our report to so late a period.-

As it appeared to be your Excellency's intention to ground on the result of our enquiries your determination on the future management of a most important branch of the publick Service, it was incumbent on us to verify such of the experiments recorded in the ingenious

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ingenious Memoir of Lieutenant Bishop as had a direct application to that object, Facts arose in the Course of our investigation which determined us to institute an extensive Course of new experiments, which our other avocations only allowed us to prosecute at short and uncertain intervals, and the unfavorable effects of these experiments on the health of one of our Members at the same time, that it farther protracted our report, has induced us for the present to stop far short of the accuracy of result which at one period we had hoped to establish. We must therefore bespeak for our Report the degree of indulgence which your Excellency may consider due to these sources of imperfection. Of the degree of novelty or importance which may belong to the facts and inferences which we shall have

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occasion to submit - we shall not presume to form a judgement. It will be our exclusive object to state them with fidelity, and as far as we are able with plainness and precision. -

We shall follow the order in which this subject has been presented to our consideration, discussing first the several ingredients used in the Manufacture of Gun powder, before we proceed to consider the composition of the whole.

Charcoal.

It had been determined by repeated experiments as noticed in Mr. Bishops memoir that wood but lightly charred makes stronger Gunpowder than that which is urged by a longer continued heat. We accordingly proceeded to the investigation of this interesting fact in the following manner -

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Euphorbia Tiraculli.

Eight pounds of dry Milkhedge wood were charred in a close earthen Vessel to the extent which experience had determined to be most favorable for the manufacture of Gun powder. An equal quantity of the same wood was charred in a similar Vessel to excess. Of these two Specimens Gun powder was made by means of a small apparatus of Mr. Roebucks and the proportion of the Strength of the former to the latter proved as 4 to 1 nearly.—

Both Specimens of the wood were accurately weighed after charring and the latter was found to have lost lb 0. 5. 12. more than the former.

The loss of these 5. 12 in 8 lbs had rendered the Charcoal unfit for the manufacture of Gun powder and of course the substance thus lost is the principle on which depends its fitness for

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that important purpose.—

To ascertain therefore the precise nature of the gas which had escaped in this operation became an object of more than common interest, and we determined to institute a course of experiments with that express view.—

In selecting from a very numerous Collection those which are proper to be reported to your Excellency we shall not be induced by the apparent importance to general science of many which will not be noticed, to deviate from the exclusive object of our report, farther than may be necessary for the purpose of rendering our reasonings distinct and intelligible.—

To determine with rigorous exactness the point at which the charring ought to cease we have found from numerous

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numerous trials to be the most difficult part of the manufacture of Gun powder; and Coarse as the subject may appear, perhaps among the most delicate operations of Chemistry.

From this cause we have found Charcoal prepared from the same wood so nearly alike as to afford little or no ground of distinction from its exterior appearance vary, in the quantity of gas evolved from 100 grains, from 80 to 140 Cubic inches. In comparing the qualities of Charcoal produced from different kinds of wood, we have attempted to remedy this source of error by charring them in the same Vessel: the effect was remarkable it appeared to produce a community of properties, two specimens of almost any two woods yielding nearly an equal quantity of gas. but farther investigation

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provid. the fallacy of this method, as woods which had in this way afforded equal products, were found on being charred in separate vessels in the same furnace to require very unequal periods of time to arrive at the same point of charring, and to yield decidedly unequal and dissimilar products.-

Further experience will be required to ascertain the best practical mode of determining this point in a large manufactory: we shall in a future part of our report propose an apparatus to be employed at the powder Works of Fort St. George, and mean while shall only notice that the exact point at which the charring ought to stop appears to be that at which the last of the tarry substance has escaped.

Having endeavoured to regulate the charring process in experiments on small quantities with laborious perseverence

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and care, we shall proceed to state the uniform products, obtained by means of a pneumatic apparatus belonging to Captain Wilks, and analized according to the principles of the modren Chemistry, in the most accurate manner that our apparatus, and perhaps we ought to add our knowledge of the subject has admitted.—

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&
Euphorbia Tiraculli

The gram bush and milk hedge were selected for our experiments, the proportions of these woods required in 100 lbs of powder having long been determined at the mills by repeated trials, and thence furnishing data for comparing the quantities and effects of their respective gaseous products 100 grains of charcoal fit for gun Powder from the gram bush yielded 134 Cubic inches of gas which on the application of a taper burned with a violet coloured flame and a

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feible tendency to explosion.-

100 grains of Charcoal from the milk hedge
yielded 120 Cubic inches of gas which exhibited
nearly the same phenomena.

The analyzis of these gases shews
that in 100 parts the gram bush gas contains.

Carbonicacid gas	19. 44.
Oxigin & netrous gas	1. 66.
Pure Hydrogen	78-90.
Total	100-0-

The milk hedge gas contains

Carbonicacid gas	22. 72.
oxigen & Nitrous gas	4-0-
Pure Hydrogen	73-28-
	100-0-

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The Cubic contents were ascertained in the water apparatus, our mercurial trough not being sufficiently large for the purpose, the stated measurement may, consequently be some thing less than the truth, but in the analysis of the gases they were received through mercury. to prevent error from absorption in the water apparatus The proportion of Carbonicacid gas was determined by the diminution of Volume produced by agitating it with lime water in agreeduated glass tube; and oxigin and nitrous gas were reciprocally used with separate proportions of the gas to determine each other's presence.-

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In both instances it will be observed that the principal aeriform product of charcoal fit for gun powder is Hydrogen gas, and it has been seen that the loss of this substance has rendered it unfit for the manufacture of Gun powder. But the result of numerous and varied experiments as stated by Mr. Bishop shews that the quantity of milk hedge charcoal requisite for 100 lbs. of gun powder is 16 lbs. 2/3 and of gram bush 13 lbs. 1/3. the quantity however of pure hydrogen gas in these unequal quantities of Charcoal will be found on applying the above products to be the same or nearly so, adverting to the stated causes of variation the proportion of charcoal therefore which it is necessary to employ in the composition of Gun powder depends on the quantity of pure hydrogen gas which it contains and thus Hydrogen gas is proved to be the principle on which depends the fitness of all charcoal

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for the manufacture of Gun powder. we shall hereafter have occasion to discuss the mode of its operation —

The rude manner in which the Charcoal hitherto used in the Madras powder works has been prepared, and the extreme delicacy of the process as we have already explained renders the preparation of this article under the immediate direction of the Superintendant a reform of the greatest importance to the success of the manufacture.

From the discription which we have received of the Cylenders used in the Royal Works at Feversham, we are disposed to doubt whether that be the best possible apparatus for the preparation of Charcoal,

It has been seen that the charring ought to stop at the earliest possible stage consistently with the privation of moisture contained in the tarry substance, and

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with the capability of the Charcoal for being pulverized, or in other words, the greatest possible quantity (consistently with these objects) of Hydrogen gas ought to be retained in the wood. We have carefully observed the whole of the products as they are received in the Pneumatic apparatus during the charring of a piece of dry Milk hedge wood until all gas had been expelled, (this wood had been kept in a dry room of the Arsenal for upwards of two years) some smoke was given out at first which subsided in the form of fine Carbon, and the tar was gradually diffused over the surface of the water in the pneumatic trough: the gas was received in different Bells, and examined during every period of the process, but there was no material difference in the quality of the gas from the

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the first to the last of its evolution: it is
obvious therefore that every moment the
charring is prolonged beyond a certain point,
some thing is lost which ought to be
retained. Now in a Cylinder we are unable
to comprehend that the wood in the Center
shall be charred so soon as that at the
surface: that the substance nearly in
contact with the fire shall not receive
its influence more rapidly than that
which is more distant: it would seem
to follow that a portion of the wood
already sufficiently charred must
continue to be urged by heat and to involve
hydrogen, until the more distant portions
shall be sufficiently charred; and that
much is consequently lost which ought
to be retained. In examining the charcoal
in our earthern vessels at different
stages of the process, this difference
between the wood in the Center and at
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the surface was distinct and decided; and although iron is a better conductor of heat than earthen ware, we have no reason to attribute to it a more equal diffusion of heat at unequal distances from its surface.—

Appendix No. 3

The plates will last explain the apparatus which we propose to substitute. the principle consists in exposing a thin stratum of wood or an inclined plane to the action of heat: a valve in the superior part will allow the expulsion of smoke, and some gas which must necessarily escape to preserve the apparatus from bursting, and a stop cock below will let out the tar, and indicate the exact point of time at which it has ceased to flow. The tar procured from the manufacture at Feversham is said to be in some request as a preservative of coarse paling, and other wood

exposed to the weather, and the sale of that article is said to cover the whole expence of cleaning, this substance has a most offensive smell, and it will remain to be ascertained whether it can find purchasers at Madras.-

Appendix No 4

So far as our experiments have extended we are compelled to dissent from the position of Mr. Baume and the Chevalier D'Arcy that all woods whether dense or otherwise are equally proper for the manufacture of Gun powder it will readily be conceded that the fitness of wood for charcoal to enter into the Composition of Gun powder does not depend on its density; nor so far as has hitherto appeared does it seem to depend on the botanical Character of the plant. our experiments have been only extended to six different kinds. Of these, the two best have no botanical affinity to each other

Cytisus Cajan
Euphorbia Tirucalli.

other, and we have abundant reason to conclude that two others equally remote in all their characters are altogether unfit for Gun Powder. one of them (the porcea) being a close grained tenacious wood and the other the Agatty of rapid growth and uncommonly spongy.

Hibiscus Populneus –

Oschyronence grandiflora –

Before we quit the subject of charcoal, it may be proper to observe that it is capable of being dissolved in a due proportion of hydrogen gas. –

Although the proper proportions of grambush and milk hedge charcoal differ so materially – being as 8 to 10 there is no ground of preference with regard to the strength of the powder severally produced from those respective woods. Weighing however all the motives of convenience and Oeconomy we recommend the employment of the grambush. –

Sulphur

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Sulphur

The experiments noticed by Mr. Bishop prove sulphur to be the least important of the ingredients which enter into the Composition of Gun powder, and the causes to which we have already adverted have prevented our entering on any extensive course of experiments with this offensive substance.

It is dissolved by Hydrogen gas but in the few experiments we have made, we have not been able to attribute to this cause and still less to the solution of Carbon in Hydrogen gas any increase of the explosive effects hereafter to be noticed.-

The mode in which this substance is purified at the powder works appears to be simple and effectual and we doubt exceedingly whether sublimation would improve it.-

Powder

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Powder was made under our direction composed of sublimed Sulphur from the Medical Stores and afforded a very inferior proof—

We were at first disposed to attribute this deterioration of the Sulphur to the mixture of Sulphuric acid which during the process must necessarily be formed from the Oxigen of the Common air in the subliming Chamber, but on examining the directions for preparing this substance for medical purposes, we find that after sublimation it is washed in distilled water which necessarily frees it from the Sulphuric acid, but at the same time probably deprives it of some quality essential to its fitness as a component part of Gun powder. This suspicision is founded on an attempt made some years ago at the powder mills to levigate the Sulphure in water, which

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which invariably ruined it for the purposes of the manufacture -

The beautiful and rapidly encreasing discoveries of modern Chimistry will probably determine this hitherto — reputed simple to be a compound substance and will afford a solution of the part it performs in the explosive force of Gun powder, which the present state of the science does not appear to admit -

For the present the bolting machines in use at the powder mills reduces it to an impalpable powder — without injuring any of its qualities, & we are unable to propose any practical improvement in its preparation —

Salt Petre

In reference to the operation of the gasses it is only necessary to — state that on the application of heat this substance first gives out the whole

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of its oxigengas, the azot or Nitrogen is then expelled, and the residue is potash.

The quantity by measurement of oxigengas contained in any given quantity of pure nitre is determined by the French Chemists to be in the proportion of 1200 Cubic inches to one pound troy weight. We shall have occasion to recur to this datum, when discussing the composition of Gun powder.

With respect to the singular experiments stated in the Memoir of Mr. Bishop regarding the deterioration of Salt petre by the washing process, and its regeneration by means of the nitricacid, one of our members for the present with holds his assent from the full extent of the inferences which have been deduced from those experiments: and some circumstances connected with the state of our apparatus and with the

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interruption of the manufacture in consequence of the late explosion at the powder mills prevent our entering at present on the course of experiments which we had intended with a view to the farther investigation of this subject. On some future day — however we may possibly resume this pursuit —

In the mean while we entirely concur in the rejection of the washing process as practised at Bombay. The sand which may and perhaps must remain in the mass Constitutes a source of hazard which we cannot too earnestly deprecate, and limiting the enquiry to a discussion of mere Mechanical effect, it is obvious that salt petre treated in this manner cannot attain the highest degree of purity or of strength.

Without entering into the

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the abstract consideration of the infinite devisibility of matter, it will be easy to understand that the particles however small into which this substance is reduced can only be touched on their surfaces by the washing process, and that a minute center of each particle will remain unchanged and unimproved.

We accordingly perceive in the Color of the Specimens of Bengal Salt Petre which have been most carefully washed evidence of the presence of some portion of that impurity which had pervaded the whole mass of Chrystallization. Of the Chemical effects of the process we shall at present waive the consideration, as our experiments on this head have not been brought to a decisive issue.

Monsr. Baume the author as we believe of the washing process directs

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the Salt petre for Gun Powder after washing to be dissolved and feltered; and if hereafter we should see reason to assent to the mode of preparation practised at Bombay it is probable that we cannot recommend dispen-sing with that remaining part of Monsieur Baumé's method.

There is always reason to apprehend that salt petre mixed with a large proportion of extraneious substances may suffer injury from the repeated action of fire in the process of refinement; But we have obtained from Bengal salt petre — carefully refined by Mr. Bishop as — strong Gun powder as from the finest nitre of Coimbatoor or Palnaud, which are of a quality decidedly superior in the state they are brought to the market. We are accordingly disposed to reject the — opinion of any natural defect in the Salt petre of Bengal, and Mr. Bishop

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concurs in this result of our recent investi-
-gations—

It may be proper here to
notice that exclusively of the usual—
modes employed for separating the Common
Salt, it is material that the solution
should be perfectly limpid before it is
put to Chrystallize, the same solution
in a turbid or limped state will respec-
-tively produce imperfect nitre of a
confused Crystallization and hexagonal
prisms of the best quality. An animal
Mucilage from leather cuttings has
lately been found by Mr. Bishop to be
the best substance for clearing the solution
from all impurities, which by this
process rise to the surface in a substance
possessing the tenacity of leather—

Having reason to believe
that no exact information had been
obtained of the spot where the salt petre

examined

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examined by Committees of the Military Board had been manufactured. We obtained from Mr. Scott the late Collector of Guntoor and Paulnaud and from Mr. Reed of Coimbatoor Specimens of the Salt petre manufactured in those provinces. The Salt petre of Coimbatoor is of an excellent quality and the work men appear to have been well instructed in the process of refining, probably by some French men in the service of the late Tippoo Sultaun the price is five Pagodas a Candy on the spot, the Carriage is estimated by Mr. Read at about 4 Pagodas and one Pagoda may be considered about the value of the loss of weight and expence of one boiling — total 10 Pagodas P Candy, in a state to enter into the manufacture of Gun Powder. this Salt petre would accordingly —

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enter into serious Competition with that of Bengal.

The Guntoor Salt petre is cheap 3 Ps. 27: a Candy, at Mootapilly 2. 7. 75 - freight and charges to the warehouse at Madras but it contains about 35 ℘ Cent of Common salt and a large portion perhaps 15 ℘r. Cent more of other extraneous substances we have not thought it of sufficient importance to compensate the trouble that we should vary our experiments to the requisite extent on this very impure salt petre, We conclude how=ever that the expences of refining and loss of weight would render it the most expensive of any of the specimens, and we should be slow to recommend without a decided advantage in price an article which would add so much to the labor of the manufactory

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and to the hazard of being deteriorated by inattention in the tedious process of refining which it would require.

Bengal Salt petre loses as nearly as may be 25 ℔ Cent in refining principally of common salt.

Patnaud Salt petre contains a very trifling proportion of Common Salt. Having Chrystallized the small quantity we had obtained of this Nitre in a wooden Vessel in Consequence of having observed the solution to be decomposed in the latter part of the process by the Copper Vessels hitherto in use, we have not been able to determine the loss with rigorous precision, the quantity adhering to the wood and absorbed by it forming a proportion not easily ascertained in a small experiment. We are safe however in stating that the whole loss will not exceed 12 ℔ Cent and we are

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Sanguine that it will be less.

The annexed statement exhibits the comparative prices of Bengal and Palnaud Saltpetre as prepared to enter into the composition of Gun powder shewing the Bengal to cost Pagodas 12. 41. 35 ℔ Candy and the Paulnaud Pagodas 7. 36. 66.

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Concluding that there will be no hesitation in ordering from Paulnaud the whole quantity of this article required for the powder works of Fort S.t George, we likewise annex the original statements received from Mr. Scott in order that there may be no error with regard to the place (the Village of Goorjala) the person by whom it was prepared or the State in which it should be sent. The quality of that reported in these statements is unexceptionable,

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and when treated in the large way, will as we expect require but one boiling to yield nearly the whole of the pure nitre—

Even with Bengal salt petre it would be decidedly more Oconomical at Fort St George to rest satisfied with about 60 ℔ cent yielded by the first boiling, as the firewood employed in separating the remainder exceeds the value of the products.

We accordingly recommend that one boiling only shall in future be employed at the works, that a space of about 300 by 200 feet shall be enclosed with a low wall into which the residue shall always be thrown, together with the ashes from the different branches of the work: the disposition of this impure residue to regenerate

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is well known, the ashes furnish the potash and the Common air the two other component ingredients of nitre, and its formation will be accelerated by other ordinary Circumstances connected with the manufacture; no other expense than that of occasionally turning over this mass will be required to render a lexivium from it a source of additional supply of salt petre of a good quality after the first year.-

We have nothing farther to Recommend on the Subject of Salt petre except that in future it may be Chrystallized in wooden instead of Copper Vessels which are so evidently oxidated in the process as to discolour the solution particularly in tedious and repeated boilings.-

Appendix No.7-

The annexed short extract from proofs at the Mount under the direction

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direction of our president will exhibit at one view the prudence of being satisfied with the smallest number of boilings — and the advantage to be derived from the use of wooden Vessels -

Mr. Bishop has adverted to the defective mode of preparing salt petre in our laboratories; it is probable that the well known imperfection of our fuses may depend on this Cause alone but as we understand the present laboratory practise to be of long standing, it may possibly require revision in other respects -

Gun Powder

Experiments which have been varied with great care by Messrs Roebuck and Bishop appear to have established with sufficient accuracy that the best proportion for the ingredients which enter into the composition of Gun powder is in 100 lbs -

Salts

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Saltpetre 75

Gram bush charcoal .. 13 1/3

Milk hedge charcoal 16 2/3,

and sulphur making up the Complement to 100 according as one or the other sort of Charcoal is used, the proportion of the Nitre being invariable.

It has been shewn that these respective proportions of different Char-coal contain quantities nearly equal of hidrogen gas, and that a troy found of nitre yields 1200 Cubic inches of oscigen gas and an avoirdupoise lb (being that used in weighing the ingre-dients of Gun powder) of course 1456: 14:-

Hydrogen gas is a Combustible body, and oscigen is the only one of the gasses which supports flame, the Combustion of these two glasses in different proportions, produces all the varieties of effect, from a quiet flame to

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to the most violent detonations.-

After a considerable variety of experiments instituted with that view we have determined 3 measures of hydrogen to 2 of oxigen to be the proportion which produces the most powerful explosive effects.-

About four Cubic inches of this compound gas blown into soap bubbles and ignited in the open air exploded with a report equal to that of a 4½ inch mortar.-

It will be at least an object of curiosity to compare these proportions with the quantities of oxigen and Hydrogen gas respectively yielded by the ingredients — which enter into a hundred pounds of Gun powder taking the grambush coal as the datum for the proportion of hydrogen:

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a The Cubic inches of oxigen gas in 1 lb avoirdupoise of Nitre.-

b Pounds of Nitre in 100 of Gun powder

c Cubic inches of oxigen gas in 100 lb. of Gun powder.-

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The Cubic inches of hydrogen gas in the charcoal of 100 lb. of Gun powder vide appendix No. 2 are 98647.33. apply to those quantities the proportions of 3 to 2 as ascertained to be the best explosive mixture.

$$109210.50 \times 2 = 218421.00$$

$$98647.33 \times 3 = 295941.99$$

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It is also to be observed that the proportion of 3 to 2 as the best explosive mixture was determined by the effect of repeated trials on our organs of hearing, which cannot be regarded as a criterion sufficiently

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sufficiently exact to be applied to decimal calculations, instead therefore of expecting greater precision in these results, the approximation under all the stated circumstances affords ground of reasonable surprize -

In the prosecution of these enquiries we have been infinitely less solicitous for the erection of a system than for the establishment of facts. But if these facts have an irresistible tendency to shew that the explosive force of Gunpowder depends in a great degree if not exclusively on the combustion in due proportions of hydrogen and oxigen gas.

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experiments founded on rational principles and established data.

An analogy here presents itself to the mind of so simple and beautiful a nature, that we can scarcely apologize for being for once seduced from the plain path of our enquiry. — Among the few facts which have been added to philosophical knowledge by the ascent of balloons, it has been ascertained on decomposing the air of the higher regions that it contains a large portion of hydrogen gas; and the consequent explanation of the Causes of thunder founded on the ignition of hidrogen and oxigen gas by the electric fire has been received with approbation by the learned world.

Should these respective theories be verified by future observations, it may not be too sanguine to anticipate, that Chemical experiments and the

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Celestial phenomena will henceforth mutually illustrate each other, and that the "earthly thunder" will no longer be regarded as a figure of speech.

The Celebrated experiment of Mr. Cavendish in which he produced water from the Combustion of these gasses by means of electric fire explains the shower as well as the storm - the proportions requisite for this purpose 15 of hydrogen to 85 of oxigen differ in a remarkable degree from those necessary to strong detonation; but the various proportions in which the gasses will be found by a stream of lightning in its rapid course through clouds and various strata of the atmosphire would seem to furnish a reasonable solution of all the phenomena.

Having already deviated too far from the object of our Report we forbear to speculate on remote causes.

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We are aware that two substances of considerable bulk (the Sulphur and the potash of the nitre) must by the proposed theory either be considered inert, or together with the Carbon deprived of its hydrogen — merely assisting in the first act of ignition, or lastly as compound substances yielding severally hydrogen or oxigen; which last is the more probable hypothesis —

We had instituted a course of laborious experiments with this view, on potash in particular, which were interrupted by the causes already explained — the results which we had attained were highly interesting but bear no direct relation to the present subject —

The celebrated Guyton ci-devant Morveau has lately announced an analysis of lime and of the two alkalies hitherto reputed simple — according to this analysis potash contains a quantity of fixed

fixed hydrogen, and farther investigation will probably afford a more critical explanation of the explosive action of each of the ingredients.--

Lieutenant Bishops explanation of the great defect of Indian Gun-powder Viz. its unfitness for being kept any considerable period of time, is entirely satisfactory. The moisture which is permitted to remain in consequence of imperfect drying affords the means of gradual Chrystallization, and of course of separating from the Mixture the most important of the ingredients. The daring process by which he proposes to remedy this defect by subjecting the powder as its last stage in the manufacture to a heat of 500 of Farenheit for the purpose of expelling all the moisture and fusing the salt petre and sulphur, is a bold and happy conception of which he is entitled to

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the exclusive credit.-

We have not been able to ascertain the degree of heat to which Gun powder is exposed in the drying rooms of the English powder works nor indeed have we obtained much light from any of the publications to which we have referred to on the subject of this manufacture: the imaginary process of passing the powder in a state of paste through sieves for the purpose of granulation seems with other errors to have been copied by each successive author. In a subject which is full of hazard and posesses few attractions, Zealous or frequent investigation was scearcely to be expected.-

We are satisfied however that no degree of heat is to be obtained by solar exposure which is sufficient to make powder capable of being kept without rapid deterioration: and the experiments which

which have been made on the powder —
subjected to 500 of. Farenheit furnish every
Appendix No 8. evidence short of actual experience that
it is capable of being preserved for an inde-
finite period, without injury, under the
ordinary degrees of moisture to which
Gun powder in defective magazines or an
actual service is liable to be exposed —

We have reason to hope
that this process apparently so full of
peril will abridge the aggregate danger
of the manufacture, as the complete moisture
of the composition before it is put into the
Cylinder Mill, will entirely remove the
apprehension of danger from that part of
the work where it has most frequently
occurred.

We must again refer to
the plates for a particular explanation
of the drying apparatus proposed for this
part of the manufacture: but the process
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in its first aspect is calculated to excite so much alarm that we think it proper to explain the general principles of its structure.

Appendix No. 9.

The fire will be in a room altogether separate from the drying house, into which the heat will be conveyed so as to act on a horizontal iron plate. A flat copper Vessel made to contain 30lbs of powder spread as thinly as possible over its surface will be moved immediately over this plate by means of a lever and moveable pivot. the Sulphur and nitre of every separate grain having been completely fused in this Vessel, it will be returned by the same means and emptied on a tray to be instantly removed to another room where it will be cooled, barrelled, and sent to the heading house. The work men will be so placed as to have the greater portion of their heights below the level of the drying

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machinery and the remainder covered by a strong masonry with only an aperture for the purpose of work the whole opposite side of the building will be a light moveable frame of matting suspended by hinges and in the possible event of an explosition it will necessarily follow the line of least resistance and leave little to apprehend for the safety of the men.

for farther satisfaction regarding the safety of the workmen vide Appendix No 8.

To regulate the heat the following simple pyrometer has been proposed by one of our members. It is known that lead melts at 549 of Farenheit and tinat 442, and it is obvious that mixtures of these metals may be adopted to melt at any intermediate degree between those two extremes

An iron vessel with three Compartments will be exposed to the same heat which acts on the iron plate before mentioned, the metal in

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one Compartment will melt at 480 and give notice to the work men: the next compartment will shew a heat of 510 which will give about 500 to the Copper vessel, when the work may begin and be continued with safety and the 3d will shew a heat of 549 when it will be prudent to drop the damper and wait for a lower temperature, never approaching nearer than 51 degrees to 600 the point of ignition.

The Committee which had been appointed by Government to enquire into the state of the magazines and powder mills has communicated with us on the structure of the new powder works which we concur with them in considering as indespensable, and the plan which has been accordingly prepared will

Note The degrees of heat have been ascertained by a common Themometer elongated by Mr. Roebuck the point of 600 is ascertained by boiling oil on the authority of Bishop Watson. this point being exactly that at which we have found Gun powder to explode.

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will provide for this and all the proposed changes in the manufacture.-

We recommend however that all the Cylinders as well as their beds shall be Metallic. The present Cylinders are of Shistus on which portions of quartz are imbedded, and the presence of the latter substance is sufficient to account for almost all the dreadful accidents which have occurred at those Mills. The hazard will be materially abridged by the proposed moisture of the composition, but we recommend that it shall be altogether removed by the adoption of metallic Cylinders to which purpose a few condemned brass guns may be usefully applied-

We recommend that the powder to be manufactured at the new works shall be made of one description only, namely the finest grain now in use

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for musquet ammunition; Independently of the convenience of having all the powder in a magazine fit for all Military purposes, it is proved by the ingenious experiments of Count Rumford at the Arsenal of Munich that the large grains of powder will pass through a sheet of paper in a state of ignition at a distance of [a] yards from the mouth of the piece, and an Officer giving the word of Command on the right of a platoon or standing — yards in its front will be perfectly sensible that many grains have been expelled without assisting in the explosive force. We have observed that the powder of Pigou an English manufacture which is of the most diminutive grain is also the most powerful on which we

Appendix N. 10.

[a] Not being able immediately to refer to those experiments a few similar trials have been made as stated in the Appendix N. 10.

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we have made any experiment.

The proposed improvements in the manufacture will certainly not be attended with any addition to its current expenses. It is probable that the charcoal prepared by the superintendent will be less expensive than the present contract price of 12 Pagodas a Candy exclu=sively of its superior quality, and we conclude that the additional expence of the drying process will be at least compen=sated by the reduction of mixing Coolies consequent on wetting the composition more thoroughly before it is sent to the Cylinder. the difference in the price of Salt petre may however be safely estimated to reduce the future price of Gun powder from 25 to 23 Pagodas a Candy.--

the value of the tar we have not ventured to reckon -

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The Materials will now be prepared in so perfect a manner that the proof range formerly 1000 yards with a 10 inch Mortar loaded with two pounds of powder & shell 95 lb may without hesitation be fixed at 1400 and we shall have no doubt that the actual range will exceed 1500. The difference alone in the quality of the powder constitutes an important saving, and the expectation approaching to moral certainty that

a This is according to the Statement of the Committee appointed to examine the State of the magazines and powder works, founded on the estimate of 7 Pagodas as the price at Madras of Bengal salt petre. The invoices of that article frequently fluctuate in amount. Our Statement of the actual Cost is taken from information procured from Mr. Taylor the late Secretary to the Board of Trade, & would reduce the price to about 20 Pagodas: we have however preferred stating the highest probable rate.

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that the powder will keep to an indefinite
period renders altogether incalculable
the ultimate Economy of that improvement.

The exclusive merit of this
discovery and a large portion of all the
present and proposed improvements belongs
to Lieutenant Bishop. We should
be wanting in common justice if we
neglected to recommend in the most
earnest manner to your Excellency's
notice and protection the talents and
Zeal of that intelligent Officer; and
we trust it will not escape your
Excellencys observation, that the wisdom
of our national jurisprudence has
recognized as personal property the value
of useful inventions, by securing to the
author their exclusive benefit, and
that this private property has been
presented by Mr. Bishop to the service
of his Country.—

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The estimated price of the new powder works and the conversion of the present buildings into maga-zines is stated by the Committee appoint-ed for that purpose at Pagodas —. 31,150. 31. 3.3 —

These works and maga-zines will however provide for the manufacture and custody of all the Gun powder requried for the use of this Presidency and its depen-dencies and will obviate the neces-sity of importing from Bengal a large quantity of Gun Powder of a very inferior quality.

It will be unnecessary for us to go into any detail to shew the Economy of this measure as a statement prepared by the Committee of buildings from the data least — favorable to the new plan shews that

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that the expense of these buildings will be saved by the result of the new manufacture in the short period of one year after which there will remain a clear annual saving to the Company of Pagodas 33.265. 38. 68.—

The astonishing effect of heat on the power of Gun powder to the extent of doubling its projectile force is correctly stated by Mr. Bishop—

After finishing our proofs of the various sorts which we have examined, the powder being usually kept during the experiments in the ordinary temperature of a Coco a leaf shed, at the same hour of the day, we have occasionally exposed a Charge to the heat of the sun for a few minutes before being used, and the range has been invariably encreased in a remarkable degree in proportion to the time of exposure and the heat acquired.

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acquired. In many cases of actual service where the quality of Gun powder is defective, or the quantity insufficient, an Officer may be enabled to prolong a defence, or to complete the operations of a Seige, by a due attention to this interesting fact, and our President will take care that it shall be particularly impressed on the attention of the Officers of the Coast Artillery.

We have the honor to be &c.

Fort S. George
August 1802.

D. Smith
Major General

R. Roebuck

M. Wilks

Postscript

We have not repeated any of the experiments stated by Mr. Bishop, on which he has founded a suggestion for changing the situation of the vents in pieces of Ordnance: but we recommend

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recommend that a fair trial may be made at the Mount during the next general practise, and that one 5½ inch mortar and one 6 pounder brass gun shall be prepared for that purpose with two vents in the manner exhibited in the annexed plates.—

Appendix to the Postscript No. 1. and 2—

For the purpose of these experiments a female screw should be made in the direction of each vent with two male screws adapted to each, one of them solid, and the other pierced with a vent, the respective ranges produced with the ordinary and proposed vent may thus be ascertained on the same piece of ordnance, and the result may be more confidently relied on, than if conducted on different pieces although of the same Calibre, the pieces will be in no respect injured for service

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and if so in what ratio? If this proposition be determined in the affirmative a change in the situation of the vent will be most favorable to mortars - if in the negative, the improvement will be equally applicable to ordnance of every description. -

Signed D. Smith
Major General
B. Roebuck
M. Wilks.

Appendix No. 1.

Experiment the 1st To determine the difference between Charcoal burnt to excess, and that, which has only been sufficiently burnt, to be made into powder. -

8 Pounds of dried Milk-hedge were introduced into an earthen Vessel, and kept in a red heat long after the vapour had ceased to be visible from the mouth of the vessel -

8 pounds of the same wood were introduced into

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into another similar vessel, and the vessel removed from the fire so soon as the Charcoal had been sufficiently burnt to be reduced to powder, but while gas was yet in the act of issuing copiously from the mouth of the vessel. The vessels were both closely acted and set a side to cool.

The Charcoal was weighed and found as follows

That burnt to excess	lbs 1.	13:	8:
That properly prepared to make strong gun Powder	lbs. 2	3:	4:
Difference	0:	5:	12.

100 pounds of this wood will therefore yield, of

Charcoal improper for Gun powder . . . . . 22.

Proper for . . Do . . . . . 27.

Experiment the 2d. . Aquantity of salt petre, and sulphur, refined in the large way at the Companys powder works, were obtained, with these and the Charcoal burnt to excess. a sample of Gun Powder was made in a small apparatus belonging to Mr. Roebuck, capable of making about one pound each time. The proportions 45 parts salt petre, 5

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Sulphur and 10 Charcoal. The powder being finished it was proved and gave the following ranges with a 4½ inch mortar.-

1st fire . . . 44

2d . . . . . 36. 42 Medium.

3d . . . . 46.

N.B. In all experiments with this mortar The charge of powder was 1 ounce Troy: the shell 8 pounds weight and the elevation 45 degrees.-

Experiment 3d. With the same ingredients and proportions as before, but with the charcoal not burnt to excess, another sample of powder was made.-

It proved.

1st fire . . . 148

2d . . . . . 160 157 Medium

3d 163

Recapitulation

Proof of powder made with charcoal burnt to excess 42-

Do with charcoal properly prepared 157

Difference - 115

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Appendix No. 2.

Gram bash gas contains of pure hydrogen in 100 measure . . . 78.90

Milk hedge . . 73.28.

100 grains of Gram bush coal yields of Compound gas Cubic inches . . . . . 134.

Milk hedge 120

The Cubic inches of pure hydrogen gas therefore in 100 grains of each will be as follow.-

100 : 78.90 : : 134 : 105.72 Gram bush

100 : 73.28 : : 120 : 87.93 Milk hedge

The quantity of Charcoal required in the composition of 100 lb. of powder.-

	lb.	grains
is of Gram bush	13.33	or 9.3310
Milk hedge	16.66	or 11.6620

To establish the quantity of pure hydrogen in these respective quantities as 100 grains of each is to its respective Cubic product of hydrogen gas so are the grains of each in 100 lb. of Composition to their respective cubic products in 100 lb. of powder.-

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100: 105:72:: 93310: 98647:33 Gram bush

100: 87.93:: 116620: 131543.96. Milk hedge

The difference 32896. 63 being about 20 p Ct. while the difference in the purity of the Compound gasses originally envolved (Vizt. 105 and 87) is about 17 p Cent although it is in some degree an anticipation of a subsequent part of our Report, it is necessary here to remark that with equal quantities of oxigen in order to produce the greatest explosive effect, it is necessary to encrease the quantity of hydrogen gas in proportion to its impurity, in a ratio which we have not ascertained; but the Volume of impure gas required certainly contains a much larger portion of pure gas than would be required per se. The relation in this Case between the Cubic Contents respectively required of gasses of different purity, and the proportion of their respective purity is stated with a view to these observations. but much remains to be done to infer with precision from an analysis of the gas, the proportion of charcoal to be practically employed—

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Appendix N. 4.

To ascertain whether any other species of wood, besides those in use, the produce of this coast, would make good charcoal for Gunpowder, the following species were made into charcoal.

The bastard Cedar – Pubroma Guazuma –

Oil Tree . . . Ricenius Communis

Portia . . . Hybiscus populneus

Agatty . . . Oschynomene grandiflora

The bastard Cedar, with the same proportion of Charcoal as is used of Milk hedge gave a mean range of 144 Yards – several other proportions were tried but the above proved the best. This wood therefore would make very good gunpowder, but not quite equal to those in present use, the milk hedge and gram bush.

The Oil tree charcoal made gunpowder which gave a mean range of 140 yards.–

The Portia Charcoal was tried with several different proportions, but its greatest range was only a Medium of 70 yards.–

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The Agatty was also tried with a variety of proportions its greatest range was 57 yards.-

Appendix No. 5.

Bengal Saltpetre

Cost of 1 Candy in Bengal	6. 4. 16	
Freight to Madras	3. 3. 60	
Boat hire landing	2: -11.	
Cooley hire to the Warehouse	" -1 - 40.	9: 11: 47

Expenses of refining

137 billets of firewood	1-41-24.	
Coolies and Women	" -10- "	
25 ℘ Ct. loss on the Salt petre	1: 23: 44	3: 29: 68.
Total		12: 41: 35.
Cost of one Candy Palnaud vid next sheet		7: 36: 66.
Difference in favor of Salt petre from Palnaud		5: 4: 49.

Appendix No. 5

Palnaud.

Price at Mootapilly	4: 27: "	
Freight to Madras	1- 22. 25	
Boat hire to land	" 2. 11.	
Cooly to warehouse	" -1 - 40.	6. 7. 76.

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Expense of refining

66 billets of firewood -- " 41 - 40

Coolies and women -- " -- 7 " 40.

12 ℘ Ct. loss on the saltpetre -- " -- 24 - 70.

1: 28: 70.

7: 36: 66.

To Andrew Scott Esqr.

Collector of the Circar of Guntoor or Muctizanager

Palnaud &ca.

Daumara Vencata Sawmy humbly presents his salams and begs leave to state the following for your information.-

I agreeably to your Orders, I sent for a certain Quantity of Raw salt petre from one of the Villages of Innaconda in the Guntoor Circar, caused the same to be once boiled according to the prescribed custom - and also sent for a certain Quantity of raw salt petre from the Village of Goorjalah in the Palnaud District, and caused the same to be boiled dispatching the two different sorts of the above article in two respective Cavady loads, which I hope you will receive - The following is an account

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account of the Prices of the abovementioned different sorts.-

The Price of each Candy of Salt Petre manufactured in the Guntoor Circar is as follows.-

	M.P.	F.	C.
Established hire to the Salt Petre makers is per Candy	2	31.	40.
Bullock hire &ca. charges for Conveying the Salt Petre from the Spot to Mootupully is ⅌ Candy	"	31.	40.
Pagodas	3	27	"

The price of each Candy of Salt petre manufactured in the Paulnaud Distrect Vizt.-

Established hire to the Salt Petre makers is per Candy	3	"	"
Bullock hire &ca. charges for the conveying the Salt Petre from the Spot to Mutupully is per Candy	1.	27	"
Pagodas	4	27	"

I have also to inform you that in the Muckaumes or Places of the manufacture, is such Sort of Salt Petre as above mentioned

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but by the same being loaded upon Bullocks when dispatched from the spot, and unloden at mootupully it would be crumbled before it was put in the Godowns at that place. - Therefore I have thought proper to state the same for your Information begging that you will be pleased to peruse the same - Dated the 11th day of the decrease of the Moon Baulgunum in the year Devmittee or 29th March 1802 -

A true Copy of the translation

(Signed) Andw. Scott
Collector

To Andrew Scott Esqre.

Collector of the Circar of Guntoor or

Murtozanager Paulnaud &c.

Daumerlah Vencata Swamy humbly presents his Salams and begs leave to state as follows -

As you was pleased to favor me with a Letter dated on the 5th April, I have received it, and understood the particulars therein contained - you was pleased to direct me to send a statement shewing the particulars

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of the Expences that would attend the Manufac-
-ture of Salt Petre from the Commencement to the
end of its work - I have to inform you that
a Job had been settled with the Salt Petre -
makers to supply the said arbele ready made
at the rate of 2 m.P. 3 ₱ - 40 C. - ₱ Candy; therefore no
Cooly Charges were paid to have it manufactured
under Amauny - as you have required, I
estimated the same and formed a List on account
of the Guntoor Circar, and another on account
of the Palnaud District - which I enclose herein,
hoping that you will receive the same - I have
also to observe that, or the Ryots (or Salt Petre
makers) have contracted, they both women and
men) take indifatigable labor both day and
night therefore the manufacture of the Salt
Petre Costs them the amount abovementioned -
If this article is to be manufactured under
Amauny, it will cause much more Expence,
as it cannot be done for the above Cost - therefore
I have thought proper to state the foregoing for
your

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your information - Dated the 7th day of the increase of the moon Chaitrum in the year Doondubby - or 9th April 1802.-

A true Copy of the Translation
Signed Andw Scott
Collector

Estimate of the Expences that will cost in the manufacture of each Candy of Salt Petre in the Guntoor Circar, from the begining to the end of its work 9th April 1802.-

The Price of one Be Buffalo for Carrying the Salt Petre Earth	"	18 "
Do. of the Gunny Bags and Saddles for Do.	"	4-40
Mamuties & Iron Tools	"	2-20
The Price of Food for the Buffalo employed for carrying the Salt Petre Earth	"	9-"
Do. of Chunam and Bricks for Building salt Petre Beds	"	18-"
Coly Hire for Building Salt Petre Beds and Outkhanahs or water stands	"	9-"
Do. for Sweeping up the Salt Petre Earth	"	9-"
The Price of Pots	"	2-20
Do. of Fire wood for boiling the Salt Petre	"	6-60
Coly Hire for making Raw Salt Petre and for Boiling the same	"	24-60
Total Pagodas		2-31-40

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Estimate of the Expences that will cost the manufacture of each Candy of Salt Petre in the Palnaud District from the begining to the end of its works. — 9th April 1802. —

	Ps. Fs. C.
The Price of one He Buffalo for carrying the Salt Petre Earth	" 18. "
Do. of Gunny Bags and saddles for Do.	" 4-40.
Do. of Food for the Buffalo employed for Carrying the Salt Petre Earth	" 9 "
Maumuties &ca. Iron Tools	" 2-20.
The Price of Chunam and Bricks for Building the Salt Petre Beds	" 18 "
Cooly Hire for building Salt Petre Beds and Outkhanas or water stands	" 9 "
Do. for sweeping up the Salt Petre Earth	" 13-40.
Do. for making Row Salt Petre and for boiling the same	" 27 "
The Price of Pots	" 2-20.
Do. of Fire woods	" 4.40.
Total Pagodas	3 "

Three Pagodas

A true Copy of the traslation
(Signed) Andw. Scott
collector.

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Appendix No 7.

The Medium ranges extracted from the Official proof report, made by order of the Commandant of Artillery under the direction of Captain Taynton are as follows.—

Gun powder made with Coast Salt Petre 4 times refined . .	1493 1/3 yards
Do with nitre 3 times refined in Coppers	1515 2/3
Do with Do 3 times refined in Tubes	1564 —

Appendix No 8.

The loss of weight by the operation of fusion is stated in Mr Bishops former experiment at 2 3/4 ℔ Cent but this was in the month of December — our experiments have all been conducted during the hot season of the year and we have found the loss to vary from 2 to 2 1/2 ℔ Cent.—

That Gun powder subjected

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to this process has recovered no portion of its weight and moisture by exposure — during this season is not a sufficient criterion; it may accordingly be satisfactory to state an experiment made under the inspection of the late Major General Sydenham. 100 Grains of Gun powder previously fused were exposed on a sheet of writing paper during the whole of the N.E. monsoon in an open situation facing the north. 100 grains of the same powder not fused were exposed in the same situation.

The former gained no weight and of course imbibed no moisture.

The latter was reduced by the moisture of the atmosphere to nearly the state of paste.

It is to be observed however that powder to be subjected to this operation must be prepared with a larger proportion

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of water which admits of a perfect and intimate mixture of the ingredients.--

Powder made in the usual manner will not fuse in a perfect manner, the particles appear not to approach sufficiently to actual Contact.-

Whether the degrees of Farenheit stated in the report be perfectly correct does not seem to be material; the Pyrometer will be prepared so as to correspond with the actual circumstances of the process.

It is a fact no less satisfactory than singular, that on the application of a gradually encreasing heat gun powder will always give sufficient notice of approaching explosion, by becoming inveloped in a film of blue flame, when if the vessel be instantly raised there is no doubt that the explosion will be avoided. We have repeatedly succeeded in completing the entire combustion of Gun Powder without explosion, by regulating

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regulating the heat so as to continue the tempe=
=rature which produces the blue film.-

The whole of this process is sufficiently alarming until experience has reconciled the operator to its phonomena. In all cases it is necessary that a thick smoke (containing all the moisture) should rise from the surface of the powder.-

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Appendix No. 10.

Some coarse common powder was fired in a long Spanish fowling piece against a sheet of common musquet cartridge paper at different distances with a view to determine the quantity driven out unexploded.

3 discharges were made at 20 paces the paper was not struck.

3 Do. at 12 paces — two grains passed through —

The sheets actually employed in the other experiments are annexed for the purpose of exhibiting the number of perforations.

	Remarks.
Paper No. 1. one discharge at 10 paces.	about 36. perforations
Paper No. 2 One discharge at 8 paces	The number of perforations not so great of course from accidental Causes.
No. 3 One discharge at 4 paces	The perforations innumerable extending over a surface of about one foot diameter and including probably 1/5 of the whole charge.

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The piece was fired in the dark with the same large powder for the purpose of noticing its visible effects.- A thick shower of ignited — sparks were distinctly observed burning as they passed through the air- they appeared of different magnitudes and made ranges different from each other, but none were observed on fire at a greater distance than 10 or 12 yards from the — muzzle: few Officers will read this latter ex- -periment without having a similar appearance on service recalled to their recollection.-

Paper N. 4.

One discharge at 4 paces with Common fine grained musquet powder. - - - } Not one perforation nor any appearance of the paper having been struck.

It is altogether unnecessary to add any reasoning to such obvious facts.-

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I concur in opinion with the Com=
=mittee of the Military Board that the present
Powder Works were originally constructed upon
erroneous principles and that they are now in
a ruinous and very unsafe state for the ma=
=nufacture of Gun Powder and from the extent
of my own information collected from such
authorities as my other duties have enabled
me to consult, I am fully convinced that
Lieutenant Bishop, the Superintendant of the
Powder works, has introduced very important
and beneficial improvements in the Manufac=
=ture of Gun Powder. As far as I am competent
to judge from former not recent experience, the
projected new works, according to the Plans,
Elevations and Descriptions, which accompany
the Report, are upon just Principles and well
adapted to every part of the process of this
manufacture — His Lordship in Council must
be sensible of the impossibility of my following the

Minute of Mr. Petrie — Concurs in the opinion of the Committee — relative to the erro=neous construction of the present Powder Works and recom=mends the principles laid down by Lieut.t Bishop on that head — states his opinion that a considerable saving might be effected in the Expen=diture of Gunpowder — does not concur with the Committee in recommending the State of the proposed Powder works and Powder magazine — Recommends — suspending the present works till the authority of the Court of Directors for carrying them into execution shall have been received — Mr. Dick concurs in the last para=graph of the above Minute. —

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the Committee through the variety of the Details and Calculations which have been laid before Government; it would have been more practicable and have given me less trouble to have attended the Committee in their Enquiries than to examine and report to Government satisfactory opinions upon the various data from which they have drawn their conclusions. The following observations I submit with deference, but under the conviction that they are the result of the practical knowledge I formerly possessed upon this subject. - It appears to me that the Committee have assumed in all their calculations too large a consumption of Gun Powder for the general average of the Military Services upon the Coast, and that in all their reasonings upon this subject they have proceeded upon the Expenditure of War and allow no reduction for Periods of Peace. I am also of opinion from former Experience that the Committee have averaged the loss by wastage much too high and

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and that the supposition of 15.000 Barrels being in store in the Grand Magazine is not confirmed by facts. I was disposed to think that the interven=tion of a lining of the thinnest Country Paper would prevent the loss by Insects in the Flannel Cartridges and that no inconvenience would arise from this in quick Firing or from increase in bulk. But from a late communication which I have had with Lieutenant Bishop my recollection has been recalled to a trial which was formerly made of Paper lining to the Cartridges and which entirely failed in producing any good effect. It has been suggested by this ingenious well informed and Zealous Officer that if the Flannel of which the Cartridges are made, was to be previously dipped in a strong solution of arsenic, it would be effectually preserved to any length of time against the distructive effects of the Insects. Mr. Bishop correctly observes that "as arsenic is well known to destroy "both animal and Vegetable Life in every stage

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"of its existence this substance which may be procur-
"-red at a reasonable price in this Country might be
"introduced with great advantage not only in the
"preservation of Gun Cartridges, Flannel &ca. but
many other extensive articles and thereby effect
ultimately an important saving to the Company:
From the result of a variety of Experiments which
I have made for preserving animal and Vegetable
substances from the Insects of this Country by im-
-pregnating the Paper or Cloth with which they
were covered with a Solution of Arsenic. I
cannot entertain a doubt of a similar result if
applied in the way which Mr. Bishop recom-
-mends. I have long been convinced that a
considerable saving might be effected in the
usual Expenditure of Gun Powder under this
Presidency in time of Peace; at present I shall
only mention Complimentary Salutes and the
firing of morning and Evening Guns at so many
different Stations, being convinced that if any
reduction can be made by greater Economy and

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care in the use of Gun Powder by the different Corps in exercise and Gun Practise, it will not escape the attention of the Commander in Chief. I cannot concur with the Committee in recommending the site of the proposed Powder Works as an eligible situation for the Grand Magazine because it is not protected by the Guns of the Fort and because it is surrounded on two sides by the Streets and Houses in the Black Town. In case of an attack from an European Enemy it has never been supposed that the Black Town could be tenable for many hours as the Wall with which it is surrounded was merely intended for protecting the Inhabitants from the predatory incursions of Indian armies. which consideration in my opinion presents an insuperable objection to the recommendation of the Committee. I am obliged also to withhold my concurrence from their recommendation that an expense Magazine capable of holding

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7000 Barrels of Gun powder should be erected in the space between the Houses occupied by Admiral Rainier and Mr. Cochrane in the Fort, as no situation in the Place appears to me more exposed to fire than this.-

I beg leave to join in the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that the practise of contracting for Charcoal should be abolished, and that this important ingredient should hereafter be prepared under the immediate direction and superintendance of Lieutenant Bishop whose Experiments I think are decisive in favor of the Gram bush over every other Vegetable that has hitherto been tried as Charcoal for Gun Powder. I concur with the Committee in the expediency of constructing an apparatus at the Powder works for charring, and if the expence does not exceed 500 Pagodas as very material improvement will be obtained at a very small charge to the Public. As far as my information extends I think the

Committee

Committee will supported by facts and Experiments
in recommending the preference to be given to the
Salt Petre from the Province of Palnaud.

As the indefatigable exertions, —
extensive information, and scientific knowledge
of Lieutenant Bishop have been well known
to me for many years, I have sincere pleasure
in earnestly seconding the recommendation of the
Commander in Chief that his Public services —
may be properly appreciated by a suitable —
remuneration for the essential benefits which
I am convinced will result from his laborious
experiments and important improvements.

Upon the Estimated Expence
of the different Plans for the New Powder Works
I am not competent to offer any satisfactory
opinion to His Lordship in Council, I may however
be allowed to say that compared with the Esti-
mates of similar Buildings which I have had
an opportunity of examining, the present appear
to be considerably under the average of former charges.

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as the restoration of Peace in Europe, obviates in a great measure the urgency of the necessity of undertaking such expensive Works before we receive the sanction of the Honorable the Court of Directors and as I know from experience that any quantity of Gun Powder which we can require may be obtained from Bengal at a rate much under the Estimate given by the Committee. I beg leave to recommend to His Lordship in Council the propriety of referring this subject to the Honorable Court by the ensuing Dispatch — and to suspend the present works until we receive their authority for carrying them into execution.—

Signed Wm Petrie

Mr. Dick expresses his entire concurrence in the recommendation stated in the last paragraph of the above — Minute.—

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon.

Resolved to inform the Military Board that the papers containing the result of experiments made of the practical utility of Sadlers Curricle Gun have been transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that the report of the agent for the supply of Spirituous Liquors on the proposal for supplying Spirits from Bombay, has been transmitted to the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay.

Resolved that the information furnished by the Committee of the Military Board appointed for the purpose of reporting on the condition of the powder mills at the Presidency has established in a satisfactory manner, that the present buildings are unsafe and insufficient for the manufacture of Gun Powder.—

Resolved that it is expedient to connect the necessity for a reform in the present buildings, with the object of constructing mills for the manufacture of Gun Powder upon a

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a durable and an efficient plan.—

Resolved that the calculations detailed by the Committee have established that the manufacture of Gun powder at this Presidency, is less expensive than the supply of that article from the Presidency of Bengal.

Resolved that it is expedient as an object of Oconomy and of political consideration that the Powder mills at this Presidency should be constructed upon a scale sufficiently extensive to admit of the manufacture being enlarged to an extent equal to the consumption of Gunpowder in the territories under this Presidency.

Resolved that the plans proposed by the Committee appear to the Board to have been framed with every degree of attention to this object; and that the construction of the buildings according to the proposed plans will be calculated to afford every practicable degree of security against the accidents to which persons employed in the manufacture of Gun powder at this Presidency have been hitherto exposed.—

Resolved that the plans recommended by the Committee for the new buildings have been regulated with

with every degree of attention to Oconomy consistently with these considerations; and that a material saving of expense may be expected to be produced by the manufacture of Gun powder upon the improved plan.-

Resolved therefore that the plans and Estimates submitted with the letter of the Military Board, be approved, and that the Military Board be informed that the determination of the Governor in Council relative to the situation which it may be deemed to be expedient to adopt as the site of the new Powder mills will be communicated hereafter to that Board-

Resolved that the Board concurs in the grounds on which the Committee has recommended that the Metallic beds, and the other machinery of the new mills may be constructed upon Honor-

Resolved that it appears to the Board that the plan proposed by the Committee for converting the present powder mills to the purposes of a Grand Magazine is liable to objection, under the consideration that those buildings are not within the protection of the Guns of Fort St. George.-

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Resolved that the situation proposed by the Committee for the construction of a Powder Magazine in Fort St. George appears to the Board to be also liable to objection from its exposure.

Resolved therefore that the Military Board be directed to submit to the consideration of the Governor in Council a farther plan for the construction of buildings calculated for the accommodation of Gun powder, in situations more adapted to the purposes of protection and security.

Resolved that the Military Board be authorised to conclude an arrangement with Yellapy Chitty the proprietor of the House near the Gorge of the South East Bastion referred to in the report of the Committee for the sale of that property to the Honorable Company, in order that the building may be removed.

Resolved that the papers relating to an improvement in the manufacture of Gunpowder which have been laid before the Board by the Commander in Chief, appears to the

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Board to contain information of the most useful and important nature; and that the Commander in Chief be requested to convey to the Committee appointed to investigate that subject, the Boards approbation of the assiduity, talents and knowledge evinced in the laborious researches reported in the proceedings of the Committee.-

Resolved that the recommendations of the Committee relative to the preparation of Charcoal for the manufacture of Gunpowder be adopted.-

Resolved that directions be issued to the Military Board for discontinuing the present mode of providing Charcoal by Contract, and for placing the supply of that article under the Superintendant of the Gunpowder manufactary, to be provided by him upon honor.-

Resolved that authority be communicated to the Military Board for constructing the apparatus required for preparing Charcoal agreeably to the mode proposed in the

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the Report of the Committee

Resolved in consideration of the superior quality of the Salt Petre manufactured in the district of Palnaud, that an Extract of the Minute of the Commander in Chief on that subject be transmitted to the Board of Revenue, and that directions be given to that Board to instruct the Superintendant of the manufacture of Salt petre to take measures for providing a supply of one thousand candies of Salt-petre per annum - in the manner pointed out by the Commander in Chief -

Resolved that Copies of the Committees Report, and of the Memoir of the Superintendant of the manufacture of Gunpowder together with a Copy of the Minute of the Commander in Chief on that subject be transmitted to the Military Board for its information and Guidance. -

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to give orders for the manufacture in future of Gunpowder of the best quality, agreeably to the description stated in these papers. -

Resolved

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Resolved to refer for the opinion of the Military Board the suggestion stated in Mr Petries Minute relative to the use of Arsenic for preserving ammunition; and that an extract of Mr Petries Minute on that subject be accordingly transmitted to the Military Board.-

Resolved in consideration of the extraordinary Zeal and ability which has distinguished the conduct of the Superintendant of the Gunpowder manufactory, that the mode which has been proposed by the Commander in Chief for rewarding the ingenious and useful discoveries of that officer, be adopted, and that Lieutenant Bishop be in future allowed in addition to his present Salary of sixty Pagodas per month, the sum of two Rupees for each barrel of Gunpowder which may be manufactured under his Superintendence.

Resolved that Copies of the papers relating to the improved mode of manufacturing Gunpowder be transmitted to the Supreme Government, and to the Govern.t

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Government of Bombay agreeably to the recommen=dation of the Commander in Chief.—

Resolved that a decision relative to the construction of a new bridge on the Road in the vicinity of the Governors Gardens be postponed until the termination of the Monsoon.—

" Clive

" J. Stuart

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Ex Cpm W. Strange

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Received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Kirkpatrick, entered in M. B. No 60 is happy that the explanation offered by him regarding the Dustuck he had issued for the transit of Military Stores has proved satisfactory.

From the Resident at Hydrabad.

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Sent the following Letter.

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

Gentlemen.

Para 1st I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated the 4th 12th and 18th Instant.

2d As the six Stallions purchased in Bengal are not found to be adapted to the purposes of the Stud at Ganjam, the Governor in Council does not deem it to be expedient to retain these Horses on account of the Company, and desires accordingly that they may be returned to the Owner.

3d His Lordship in Council in compliance

To the Milty Board.. desiring that the Stallions recently purchased in Bengal for the use of the Stud may be returned to the Owner. Authorizing the Construction of an hospital for the use of the Sick of his Majesty's 25th Dragoons at the Cantonment near Bellary. His recommendation in discontinuing the preparation of a further number of Cots for the use of the Troops in the Ceded Districts approved. The number required for that purpose to be supplied from the stock of Barrack Cots at Seringapatam. The difficulty stated in the Letter of Major Simmons has been removed

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removed by the decision of the cause referred by the Bullock owners to the Judge of Adaulet in the Jaghire. It is not considered expedient to authorize the payment of a large sum than 3500 Pagodas for the house in the North street of Fort St. George. Authority has been given for the payment of the Bill of Advance of Money recommended by them.

Compliance with your recommendation is pleased to authorize the construction of an hospital for the use of the sick of H. M. 25th Regiment of Dragoons at the Cantonment near Bellary.—

4 His Lordship in Council entirely approves your recommendation for discontinuing the preparation of a farther number of Cotts for the use of the Troops in the Ceded Districts, and desires that the number which may be required for that purpose may be supplied from the Stock of Barrack Cotts at Sera.—

5 I am directed to acquaint you that the difficulty stated in the letter of Major Symons has been removed by the decision of the cause referred by the Bullock Owners to the Judge of Adaulet in the Jaghire.—

6. As the sum of 3500 Pagodas is considered to be a reasonable price for the house situated in the north street of Fort St. George, His Lordship in Council does not deem it to be expedient to authorize the payment of a large

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them on that account.-

7th Authority has been given for the Payment of the Bills and advances of money recommended by you.-

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

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(Signed) George Buchan
Secretary to Government.

Received and sentto the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. No 61. 62-63.

From Mr Roebuck. Forwards a

From the Milty Paymaster General. Statement of the expence of the Army for the month of November 1802.-

From Do Do From Do Do forwards an additional Estimate of Cash.-

From D. D. To Do Desiring that the Servants of the pay office hitherto attached to the Garrison of Chingleput may be transferred to Trepassore.-

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Friday the 29th October 1802.

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

Mungo Dick } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.—

Read the following Memorandum from the Commander in Chief—

Memorandum.

Minute of the Commander in Chief—Recommends that new Mills for Manufacturing Gun Powder may be erected & that Lt. Bishop may be appointed to superintend the Building of them with an allowance of the usual per Centage.

The fabrication of Gun Powder having Ceased since the explosion at the Manufactory it is necessary that the construction of the new Mills which has been approved of at the Board should be authorized without delay, the present season of the year is the most

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most favorable for clearing the ground at the place intended for the new Manufactory, and some time will be necessary to enable the person charged with the execution of this work to collect the requisite quantities of materials. For these reasons, I am of opinion that instructions for the execution of the proposed works should be issued immediately, in order that they may be commenced upon as soon as it may be found practicable after the Monsoon. The Superintendant Lieutenant Bishop appears to me on many accounts to be the person best qualified, and most proper to be entrusted with the execution of the new works, he is better acquainted than any other officer with the principles on which they are to be erected, he has himself supplied many of the plans and sections relative to them, and he has had some experience in works of this description as the advantages which Lieutenant Bishop is to receive in compensation for his

discoveries

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discoveries will not commence until the new works have been completed, it has also appeared to me to be an act of justice that he should be permitted to derive any benefit which may arise from superintending them, and I therefore propose that the percentage which is usually allowed to Officers of Engineers entrusted with the execution of public buildings may be granted to him for the amount to be disbursed. The works will of course be subjected in the several stages to the inspections and checks established by the regulations for public Buildings and works constructed under the inspection of Engineer Officers.

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The Right Honorable the President acquiesces in the recommendation of the Commander in Chief and proposes that the new works be executed under the Superintendance of Lieutenant Bishop, and that he be allowed to draw the percentage given to Officers of Engineers entrusted with the execution of Public Buildings.—

Mr. Petrie agrees to the proposition.

Mr. Dick desires that the orders of the Court of Directors lately received respecting the execution of public Buildings may be read. The Board deem it to be unnecessary to delay the proceedings for the production of the paper called for by Mr. Dick and pass the Resolution.—

Mr.

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Mr. Dick dissents to the resolution of the Board.—

" Clive

" Stuart

" W. Ethier

" M. Dick

Ex. Wm. Strange

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Received a Letter.—

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To The Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

My Lord,

Having received Instructions from His Excellency, the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, to send the Detachment of His Majesty's 80th Regiment, now serving under this Presidency, to the Coast of Malabar; We take this opportunity of acquainting Your Lordship in Council, that they will, this day, be embarked on the Honble Company's Ship Marquis Cornwallis, with orders to her Commander to land them at Cananore; to which effect, our Secretary has written to the Commanding Officer at that Station.—

From Bombay — state their intention of sending the Detachment of His Majesty's 80th Regiment serving at Bombay to Cannanore — The Commanding Officer at that Station has received a communication to that effect

We have the honor to be &ca &ca—

Bombay Castle
30th September 1802

(Signed) Jonn Duncan
J. W. Cherry
Thos Lechmere.

Sent

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Sent the following letters.—

To John Lumsden Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government

Fort William

Sir,

The institution of Courts of Judica=
=ture in the territories subject to the Presidency of
Fort St George as already communicated to His
Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General
in Council, and the Want of Medical Aid experi=
=enced by the Gentlemen of those Courts rendering
it expedient that Medical gentlemen should be
attached to the Courts of Judicature, I am directed
to request that you will express to His Excellency
the Most Noble the Governor General in Council
the Wish of the Right Honble the Governor in
Council to be informed in what manner the orders
of the Honble the Court of Directors of the 15th January
1796 for dividing the Medical Servants into Civil
and Military Clafses have been carried into effect
under the Presidency of Fort William, with the amount

and

To the Chief Secretary at Bengal - Requesting to be informed in what manner the orders of the Court of Directors for dividing the Medical Servants into Civil and Military Clafses have been carried into effect at Bengal, together with the amount & nature of the allowances granted to those Gentlemen of the Medical Service who have chosen the Civil Branch.

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and nature of the allowances granted to those gentle=
=men of the Medical Service, who have given a
preferrence to the civil line, in order that his Lordship
in Council may be enabled to carry a similar —
arrangement into effect under this Presidency, if the
introductions of such an arrangement should meet
the concurrence of the Most Noble the Governor
General in Council.—

I have the honor to be &c.a &c.a—

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/Signed/ John Chamier
Chief Sec.y to Government

To Robert Arbuthnot Esq.r

Chief Secretary to the Government at
Columbo

Sir,

To the Chief Secretary at Columbo — Expres=
=sing Concern that it is impracticable to supply from the arse=
=nal the articles of Militam stores spe=
=cified in a late — application from Ceylon, with the ex=
=ception of two 4½ Howitzers which have been shipped for — Columbo on the Bengal — Enclosing List of provisions embarked for the use of a detail of Ceylon N.I. which proceeded

Par. 1 I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 14th Ultimo, & I am directed
by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request
that you will expres to his Excellency the Governor
of Ceylon the concern of His Lordship in Council that
it has been found impracticable to supply from the
Arsenal of this Presidency the articles of Military Store

specified

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proceeded thither on that ship—

specified in the list, which accompanied your letter with the exception of two 4½ Inch Howitzers which were shipped for Columbo on the Honble Company's Ship Bengal.—

2 I have the honor to enclose a list of provisions embarked for the use of a detail of Ceylon Native Infantry which proceeded to Columbo on the Bengal.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) George Buchan
Secretary to Govt

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

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board — The Regulations proposed for the conduct of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam approved — Desiring that they will submit a Return of the quantity of timber at present applicable for that purpose — approving their Recommendation for the disposal of the damaged &c provisions in Store under this Presidency — They will submit an arrangement for the accommodation of the Guns &c of His Majesty's Squadron

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ult.o & to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council has approved the Regulations proposed by you for the conduct of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam, and has directed them to be published in General Orders.—

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30th.

Squadron - Transmitting Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Stud at Ganjam together with a Copy of Resolutions passed thereon and desiring that a Statement shewing the date at which each Mare arrived at the Stud and became fit for breeding & the number of Foals which have been bred from each Mare, may be submitted -

I am directed to desire that you will submit for the information of His Lordship in Council, a Return of the quantity & description of timber at present applicable to the purposes of the Manufactory.

His Lordship in Council approves Your recommendation for the disposal of the damaged and unserviceable provisions in Store under this Presidency

I am directed to desire that you will suggest for the consideration of the Governor in Council an arrangement for the accommodation of the Guns & Stores of His Majesty's Squadron with reference to the probable reembarkation of the articles at an early period of time -

I am directed by His Lordship in Council to transmit herewith for the information and guidance of the Military Board a Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Honble Company's Stud at Ganjam together with a Copy of the Resolutions passed thereon by His Lordship in Council -

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Her Lordship in Council desires that in addition to the information furnished by the Committee, the Military Board will submit a Statement shewing the period of time at which each Mare arrived at the Stud, and became fit for breeding, and the Number of Foals which have been bred from each Mare until the present time

I have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) George Buchan
Secy to Government

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General stating the consideration & conditions under which he is authorized to admit the Claim submitted by Captain Boles for arrears due to certain Troops recently arrived from the Eastward. Desiring that he will take measures to prevent any loss to the Company from this Indulgence.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Instant, and to inform you that as the claim stated by Captain Boles, for arrears due to the Men specified in the list enclosed with your letter appears to be well founded, the Governor in Council in consideration of their long absence on foreign Service, is pleased in this instance to dispense with the production of the customary certificates, in support of the claim; and to desire that you will authorize the amount being 11 Pag. 3/42-24

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30th to be issued on the application of Captain Boles, pro=
=vided that it shall be certified by that Officer, that
the proper deductions for family payments were —
=made, while the detachment remained under his
Command, and His Lordship in Council desires that
you will take such further precautions as may appear
to you to be proper for preventing any loss to the
Company in consequence of this indulgence. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) George Buchan
Secy to Government. —

Sent the undermentioned letters
entered in M. B. No. 64 - 65 - 66 - 67.

To the Military Auditor General —

To the Military Auditor General — Forwarding for his Examination an additional —
Estimate of Cash required for the Current month. —

To Ditto — Referring to his examination

To Ditto Ditto a General Estimate of Cash required for the ensuing month. —

To the Military Paymaster General —

To the Military Paymaster General Repeat the desire to be furnished with information on
the

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The subject of Supplies provided for the use of a detach=
=ment of Bombay Troops at this Presidency in the
Year 1784.—

To the Accountant General.—

To the Accountant General— enclo=
=sing Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster
General and desiring that he will state his opinion
whether the mode proposed by the Paymaster at
Masulipatam for the supply of Money for his
payments is consistent with the System which has
been adopted for regulating the appropriation of
the Revenues of that Division.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Lieutenant General James Stuart Com: in Chief

Tuesday the
2d November 1802

William Petrie
&
Mungo Dick } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved.—

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

The Commander in Chief has the honor to lay before the Board a Copy of the Orders issued by the Officer Commanding in Malabar on the occasion of the late disturbance in Wynaad. The Board will perceive from these Orders the arrangements which have been made to reenforce the posts in Wynaad, and to collect a force for active Operations should they become necessary. Besides the movements which took place on the Side of Malabar, a Native Battalion, the 1st of the 8th Regiment, marched into Wynaad from Seringapatam, and according to a report which I received yesterday from the Officer Commanding in Mysore, attacked and carried a stockade defended by Nairs at a pass on the — March from Kunkencottah to Sangalo. —

In the Ceded Districts Major General Campbell, in conformity to the instructions of Government has assembled a detachment at Adoni —

to

Minutes of the Commander in Chief — submits copy of orders issued by the Officer Commanding in Malabar in consequence of the late Disturbances in Wynaad — Reports that the Officer Commanding in the ceded Districts has assembled a detachment at Adoni to cooperate with the Nizams Troops in the province of Rachore — and details the field Equipment — Suggests that the Office of audit should be furnished with the necessary information on these subjects —

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to cooperate with His Highness the Nizams troops against the refractory Zemindars in the province of Rachore. Major General Campbell had previously consulted with the Chief Collector, regarding the safety of detaching a force from the Ceded Districts; and was satisfied that although any permanent reduction of the troops would encourage opposition to the Civil Government, yet that the temporary absence of part of them would not occasion any internal disturbances. The detachment assembled at Adoni consists of a Regiment of Native Cavalry, ten Companies of native Infantry of eighty Men each; with two brigades of Six Pounders, two Iron twelve Pounders, and the usual Complement of Artillery men and Lascars. The Commander in Chief has directed this force to be augmented with two Companies of His Majesty's 73d Regiment, a measure Consonant to the opinion of the Officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts, and to be Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Moneypenny, who is extremely well qualified for the charge.

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It will be necessary to instruct the Military Auditor General to admit the expences incident to the Movement of the troops ordered upon Field Service in Mysore, Malabar, and the Ceded Districts.—

Head Quarters Cananore Wednesday 13th October 1802

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Boles.—

Lieutenant Lighton will indent on Captain Duffy for two six Pounders Field Piece with their limbers and tumbrils complete, which are to — be sent out to Mantana with the following detail from the Artillery Viz.t—

1 Serjeant
1 Corporal
1 Gunner
11 Matrosses
1 Tindal
20 Lascars &
1 Beastie

160 Rounds, of round and 60 of Grape to be sent with this Detachment — as also any other — necessary

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necessary Store.—

The Guns and Tumbrils are to be embarked to Morrow morning on Jungars provided for the purpose and to be landed at Tellicherry

The Detachment with 44 Bullocks and a proportion of Drivers are to march at the same time to Tellicherry.—

A Field Detachment consisting of three Companies from the 2d. Battalion 5th Regiment of native Infantry is to march as soon as possible (Via Tamberchery) into Wynaad.— Captain Boswell to command, and on his arrival at Pullymyal, he will put himself under the Orders of Major — Drummond.—

Thirty six (36) rounds of ball Car=tridges are to be served out to each man of this Detachment, and a proper proportion of ammunition to be sent with it.—

Lieutenant Colonel Laurence will strengthen the Detachment at Cotiarry to one Company under

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under a European Officer

Friday 15th October 1802

The detail of Artillery doing duty at Cochin

are reduced to.—

1 Serjeant
1 Corporal
1 Gunner
11 Matrosses
1 1st Tyndall
1 2d Tyndall
24 Lascars &
1 Waterman

Lieutenant Colonel Grant will please to order all above this number to march to Cananore as soon as possible.—

Serjeant James Horton and Gunner John Newman are fixed on to come up to Cananore and all the Spare Arms and Accountrements belong=ing to the Artillery at Cochin are to be sent up under charge of Serjeant Horton & carried by the Lascars

The Bombay European Regiment is to march into Tellicherry on Sunday morning the 17th

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17th Instant and take up their quarters in the Fort.—

Two Companies from the 2d Battalion 5th Regiment agreeably to their present strength to march forthwith to Cotaparamba.—

Head Quarters 16th October 1802

Issued the same orders under this days date for Cotaparamba regarding the detail of Artillery as were given on the 13th instant for Monnatana.—

Major Howden with five Companies of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment of Native Infantry to march as soon as possible Completely equipped for field Service to Calicut.—

Sunday 17th October 1802

On Major Howden's Arrival at Calicut he is to relieve the Corps at that Station, Captain Skilton will as soon after as possible march with the 2d Battation of the 5th Regiment to Cotaparamba

Major Howden to command at Calicut

The Bombay Regiment to march immediately to Montana where Major Wallace—

will

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will put himself under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Laurence,—

Such of their Arms and Accountrements of that Corps as are bad are to be immediately exchanged; Thirty six Rounds to be served out to each Man;—

Head Quarters Cananore 18th October 1802

Lieutenant Colonel Spry with four Companies of His Majestys 77th Regiment not less than 300 Men two of which are to be Grenadiers, will embark on the receipt of this Order for Tellicherry for which purpose the Boat Master in Canara will immediately provide Tonnage, if any Tents are in Store they are to be brought with the Detachment, but at all events the Elephants must be dispatched over land—

Two Companies from the 1st of the 8th

One Grenadier and one Battalion Company completed to one hundred Men, will embark at the same time from Mangalore for Tellicherry—

Two Companies from the 2d of the 4th—

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One Grinadier and one Battalion Company, compleated to one hundred Men each are also to be embarked from Cundapore for Tellicherry, provided Boats can be procured, if not they must by forced marches overland, at least as far as Mangalore, where in all probability the Boat Master may be able to have tonnage in readiness.—

Lieutenant Colonel Grant, on the receipt of this order will immediately detach by forced marches three Companies of the 2d of the 8th compleated to 70 Rank and File, one Company to be Grenadiers under the Command of Captain Corsellis to Calicut.—

As there are no Tents in Store for the use of the European troops, Captain Bentley, with the whole of his Establishment will immediately — proceed to Colaparamba, and erect with all possible expedition, the best temporary Pandal he can for his Majesty's 77th Regiment. (300 Firelocks) he will also provide a temporary Barrack at Montana for the same Number of Men,—

One

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One hundred Pioneers to be immediately sent to Cotaparamba, where they will wait the orders of the Superintending Engineers.—

Mr. Richardson will immediately lay in at Montana One Months provisions for 300 Europeans, and 1,000 Natives and as soon as that is compleated he will provide the same supply at — Cotaparamba.—

Captain Osborne is appointed — Malabar Translator to Lieutenant Colonel Boles until the pleasure of the Commander in Chief is known.—

Mr. Surgeon Carnegie will take the earliest opportunity of joining his Corps at — Montana, where his Medical Services are indis- =pensibly required.—

Mr. Macneilance, the Superinten- =ding Surgeon will provide, agreeable to the existing regulations, Twenty Doolies for Field Service and send them out to Cotaparamba as soon as possible.—

The following Detachment to march from Cananore tomorrow morning at 2 o'clock under the

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the Command of Captain White, each Man to be supplied with four Flints and 36 Rounds of Ball Cartridges from His Majesty's 80th Regiment Viz.t—

1 Captain

2 Subalterns

8 Serjeants

3 Drums and Fifes &

92 Rank and File

From the 2d of the 2d Regiment

Viz.t 1 Subaltern

1 Subahdaur

1 Jemahdaur

2 Drums and Fifes

and

60 Rank and File

Assistant Surgeon Davis will accom=pany the Detachment and perform the Medical duties at Cotaparamba until further Orders.—

One Syrang, two Tyndals and one hundred Lascars are to march from hence (Vice Pellicherry) to Cotaparamba immediately, where they will put themselves under the Orders of the superintending Engineer

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Engineer.—

(Signed) A.t Osborne
Act.g Major of Brigade.

Resolved to transmit to the Military Auditor General for his information and guidance a Copy of the orders published by the Officer Commanding in Malabar, relative to the equipment of Troops in that province; together with an extract of the foregoing Minute detailing the Corps which have been ordered for field Service in the Ceded Districts.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief.—

1st The Commander in Chief submits to the Board the subjoined abstract Statement of Casualties that occurred in the several Corps, and Detachments of Corps, which were employed upon the late expedition to Egypt, between the periods of their embarkation for that Service and return from it.—

2d The Troop of His Majestys 8th Light Dragoons embarked at the Cape of Good Hope: as did

Minute of the Commander in Chief— Submits abstract of Casualties that occurred in the several Corps &c which were employed upon the late Expedition to Egypt, and List of the Names of the Troops who have died on the expedition and recommends that the established Pension be granted to them under the restriction expressed in G.O. of 2d. Instant— Submits an application from Mr. Surgeon Wilson to proceed to Europe on furlough— recommends that Lieutenant Colonels Trapaud and Orr may be appointed Members

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Members of the Committee instituted for enquiring into the Causes of the failure of the Gun Carriages executed by Contract - Recommend that Captain George Middlemore of His Majesty's 86 Regiment may be appointed Aid de Camp to Majr. General Baird -

did His Majesty's 80th. Foot from Trincomalee, and the other Detachments at Fort St. George -

3d. Abstract Statement of Casualties that occurred in the several Corps, and Detachments of Corps, during the late Service in Egypt -

	dead	deserted	total
Troop of H. M. 8th Light Dragoons	4	1	5.
A Company of 2d. Battalion Artillery	4.	"	4.
and Gun Lascars & Artificers, attached	26	7.	33.
His Majesty's 80th. Regiment	49.	3	52.
A small detail of Regiment de Meuron	19.	"	19.
Detachment of Pioneer Corps	2.	3.	5.
Lascars attached to Engineer department	1.	"	1
Total	105.	14.	119.

4th. From the reports of Commanding Officers, and the few Casualties that happened amongst the Troops from disease, the Commander in Chief has much pleasure in informing the Board that their general State of health was as good while serving in Egypt as it probably would have been on Service in any part of India -

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5th The Mortality in the small party of the Regiment de Meuron was occasioned by Ship-Wreck on an hostile Shore and from a consequent Want of Sustenance under Fatigue.—

6th The Commander in Chief lays before the Board Lists of the immediate Heirs of native Commissioned, non Commissioned, and Rank and File, of Gun Lascars, and Pioneers, who have died in battle, or otherwise, on Foreign Service in Egypt, and recommends that the established Pension be granted to them under the restriction expressed in General Order of 22d. Ultimo.—

7th The Commander in Chief submits to the favorable consideration of the Board an application from Mr. Wilson, Garrison Surgeon at Seringapatam, to be permitted to proceed to Europe on three years Furlough.—

8th The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud Senior Engineer, and Lieutenant Colonel Orr Quarter Master General of

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of the Army may be nominated Members of the Committee appointed by Government to enquire into the Causes of the Failures of Gun Carriages, in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew, Absent on duty, and Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, returned to Europe.—

9th The Commander in Chief recommends that Captain George Middlemore of His Majestys 86th Regiment may be appointed Aid De Camp to Major General Baird at the request of that Officer in the room of Captain Molle of His Majestys Scotch Brigade on Furlough to Europe.—

22d November 1802 (Signed) J. Stuart.

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List of the immediate Heirs, according to their respective Casts, of the native commissioned, Non Commissioned, and Rank and File, of the Corps of Gun Lascars, who died in Battle, or otherwise, on Foreign Service in Egypt.—

Names	Number	Rank	Corps	Heir, and what Relation to the deceased	Place of Residence
Cawder Saib—		Syrang—	2d. Battn. Artillery	Cossaim Saib, Son—	Mount—
Shaik Ally—		1. Tyndal	—Ditto—	Hussain Saib, Son—	—ditto—
Vencatauchellum		—ditto—	—ditto—	Veeramah Wife—	—ditto—
Collendah—		Lascar—	—ditto—	Poonen, Son—	Cuddalore—
Rangien—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Conden, Son—	Mount—
Shaik Hussain		—ditto—	—ditto—	Hussamiemah, Daughter—	—ditto—
Brandiee—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Shaik Abdul, Brothers Son	—ditto—
Sankerlingum		—ditto—	—ditto—	Soreemie— Wife—	—ditto—
Veyobbriee—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Tanzimie, Sister—	—ditto—
Shaik Bustee		—ditto—	—ditto—	Abbie, Wife—	—ditto—
Narrinah—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Lekhmie, Daughter—	—ditto—
Carllapen—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Vembeen, Son—	—ditto—
Ramah Samy		—ditto—	—ditto—	Vembly, Son—	—ditto—
Narsoo—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Venkattasawmey, Son	Trichinopoly—
Shaik Sebben		—ditto—	—ditto—	Pattamah, Wife—	Mount—
Puckeerah—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Ameed Saib, Son—	—ditto—
Commer Samy		—ditto—	—ditto—	Pappy, Daughter—	—ditto—
Lutchmener—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Vellatem, Mother—	—ditto—
Omroow—		—ditto—	—ditto—	Gurdal Sing, Brothers Son	—ditto—

Adjutant Generals Office
27th September 1802

(Signed) J. Stuart.

Cd. (Signed) Fred. Pierce
Dept. Adjt. Genl. of the Army

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List of the immediate Heirs, according to their respective Casts, of the Native Non Commissioned, and Rank and File, of the Corps of Pioneers, who died in Battle, or otherwise on foreign Service in Egypt.—

Names	Rank	Corps	Heir, and What Relation, to the deceased	Place of Residence
Mutaud	Havildar	Pioneer	Mongothy, Wife	Vellore.
Amma Mutoo	Private	ditto	Venatanchellum, Brother	ditto—

Adjt. Generals Office
27th September 1802

Signed/ J. Stuart.

Ex (Signed) Fred. Pierce Dep.y Adj.t
General of the army.—

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

My Lord,

I request the permission of your Lordship in Council to proceed to England on furlough for three years on account of my private affairs—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Seringapatam
October 21st 1802

(Signed) Geo. Wilson Surgeon
Garrison of Seringapatam

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Resolved that the foregoing account of Casualties among the troops employed in the expedition to Egypt be stated in a letter to the Secretary at the East India House for the information of the Court of Directors.—

Resolved that a general order be published directing the payment of the regulated pensions of the respective ranks to the Heirs of the Native Officers and Privates of the Corps of Gun-Lascars and Pioneers specified in the foregoing lists under the restriction expressed in the general Order of the 22d Ultimo with respect to persons receiving pay from the Company—

Resolved that Captain Middlemore of His Majestys 86th Regiment be appointed Aid de Camp to Major General Baird in conformity to the request of that Officer.—

Resolved that Mr. Surgeon Wilson be permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Prapard and Lieutenant Colonel Orr be appointed

members

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Members of the Committee formed for the purpose of investigating the circumstances connected with the failure of the Gun Carriages constructed by Contract.—

Read the following Letters from the Officer Commanding the Forces in Mysoor.—

The Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the report of a Committee which I ordered to survey the buildings used as Ordnance and Military Store Rooms at Cannanore, and estimates of the expence of carrying into execution, the repairs and improvements which this Committee have thought necessary.

As orders were sent at a very late period of the late Season for the repairs required to these buildings, nothing could be done to them; & in consequence the Ordnance and Stores have been much exposed to the Weather during the whole of the Monsoon. Cannanore is now the only place at which there are Stores upon the Coast; those heretofore

From the Officer Commanding in Mysore - Forwards a report of the Committee appointed to survey the buildings used as Ordnance & Military Store Houses at Cannanore, together with Estimates of the expence of carrying into execution the repairs and improvements which the Committee have thought necessary - and requests to be authorized to execute such of the repairs as may be necessary to preserve the Stores from damage.

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=tain a great loss in this important Article, if the
repairs required to these Store Rooms are not com-
=menced at an early period in the approaching fair
Season. —

It appears to me however that all
the Store Rooms examined and reported upon by this
Committee may not be necessary to contain the Stores
which it is intended to lodge at Cannanore; and
by repairing those only which are absolutely neces-
=ry, a great part of the estimated expence may be
saved. —

According to a plan approved of
by the Commander in Chief, it is my intention —
should circumstances permit, to visit the Corps &
stations in the Province of Malabar, as soon as the
Season is sufficiently advanced; and I propose
particularly to inspect the State of these Store Rooms
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of them should be put in repair without loss of time, I beg to have the permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, to order the repairs and improvements of such as may be requisite to contain the Stores, according to the estimates of the expence inclosed; provided those estimates meet with the approbation of the Military Board— and have the honor to be &c. &c.—

Seringapatam
October 24th 1802

(Signed) Arthur Wellesley
Colonel

Resolved that the Honble Col. Wellesley be authorized to use his discretion in carrying into effect such repairs as may be in his judgement immediately required to the Storerooms at Cannanore, and that a copy of the above letter with the enclosures be transmitted to the Military Board for its farther sentiments on that subject.—

The Chief Secretary of Government.

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding in Mysore— Reports

I have to report that the Stairs of the building occupied as a Barrack by the Europeans at this

Reports that the Stairs of the Building occupied as a Barrack by the Europeans at Seringapatam are entirely decayed & recommends that others may be built of Stone.—

this station are entirely worn out, and I beg to recommend that another may be built of stone. I have desired that an estimate of the expence of the new Stairs may be prepared to be forwarded to the Chief Engineer; and I find that the expence will not amount to 24 Pagodas.—

Seringapatam
October 24th 1802

I have the honor to be &c. &c.—

(Signed) Arthur Wellesley
Colonel.—

Resolved to authorize the construction of new Stairs for the European Barracks at Seringapatam at the estimated expence of twenty four Pagodas, agreeably to the recommendation of Colonel Wellesley.—

Read the following letters from the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Chief Secretary of Government.

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General—Reports that the Amt. of the Security he had taken

When Colonel McNeil left this for Europe, I took the usual Security of Pagodas 1,000. " " to answer any Demands that might appear against him

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taken from Lieut.t Colonel M.c Neile is unequal to the Demands against him - and requests that measures may be taken to recover the Balance from his Pay in England.

him, but from his having improperly interfered in the Pay Department, and having received — Money on account of Detachments that had left Amboyna in the Albion - that amount which I have received from his Attornies is inadequate to answer the Demands, against him, there appears at present a Demand against him of Pag.s 448.31.53. as p.r the accompanying Statement which I request you will lay together with this letter before the Right Honble the Governor in Council in order that the necessary Steps may be taken to recover it from his Pay in England.

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12.th October 1802

I am &c.a &c.a
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Statement

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Statement of Balance against Colonel M'Neil so far as has come to the knowledge of the Military Paymaster General 12th October 1802 — independent of the Amount received from his Securities after his departure —

Amount of Pay drawn by him at Amboyna and deposited with his Agents P Statement made up by him & paid into my Office agreeably to the military Auditor Generals letter to me 4th December 1801			1932. 21. 5/
Amount paid to the Individuals by the Paymaster Amboyana after Colonel M'Neils return to the Coast			1944. " "
Amount paid by me to the Individuals holding Certificates on their arrival on the Coast			379. 221. 30.
Amount of a	from Mr Paymaster		
Corbetts Accounts			15. " "
Ditto — Ditto	Mr Paymaster Wilson	38.	" "
		Paid Payt	2381 11 30.
		Balance Payt	448 31 50

(Signed)
Benjn Roebuck
M.P.G.

Resolved

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Resolved that the claim against Lieut. Colonel M.c Neile for the Sum of Pag.s 448.. 31.. 53. be stated to the Court of Directors in order that the amount may be recovered from that Officer in England

To the Chief Secretary of Government.

Sir,

The Securities of M.r Hugh Vaughan have applied to me for payment of the Sum of Pagodas 841.. 33.. 29 being the amount Credited by him on account of Batta gain in the Exchange & which the Honble the Court of Directors directed to be repaid to Paymasters of Stations - and as M.r Vaughan has lodged ample Security for the Balance against him - I request to know if it is the pleasure of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that I pay the amount on the receipt of M.r Vaughans Securities

From the Military Paymaster General - States that the Securities of M.r Vaughan have applied to him for the amount due to him on acct. of Batta in the Exchange and requests Instructions on the Subject -

I am &c.a &c.a -

(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Fort St George
12th October 1802

As it appears that a considerable - balance of Money stands to the debit of M.r Vaughan

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in the public accounts; Resolved to inform the
Military Paymaster General that the Board deems
it to be expedient to postpone a decision on the
claim for batta on exchange due to Mr Vaughan
until the Settlement of his accounts shall have been completed.—

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter
addressed to the Right Honble the Governor in
Council by Mr Paymaster Murray requesting
permission to visit the Presidency and which I
request you will be pleased to lay before
His Lordship.—

From Ditto Ditto—
Forwards a Request
from Mr Paymaster
Murray to visit
the Presidency—

I am &c &c

Fort St George
1st November 1802

(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

To the Military Paymaster General
Fort St George

Sir,

I will trouble you to forward
the accompanying application for leave of absence

to

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To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

Chicacole
15th October 1802

(Signed) L. G. K. Murray
Paymaster

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council

My Lord, Fort St George

I take the liberty of soliciting your Lordship's permission to proceed to the Presidency on leave of absence, on account of private business — Should I obtain your sanction to quit this Station Mr. Assistant Collector Aufrere has been so — obliging as promise to take charge of my employ during the period I am on leave. —

In compliance with the existing — orders of Government I addressed the Commanding — Officer of the District to know if there were any — objections to my quitting this Station — I transmit Copy of his reply intimating that it will not be inconvenient

I have the honor to remain &c &c —

Chicacole
14th October 1802

(Signed) L. G. K. Murray
Paymaster

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To the Honorable L. G. H. Marray

Military Paymaster Vizagapatam Districts

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of this day, informing me of your intention to apply for leave to visit the Presidency, &c and in reply thereto, have only to say that on my part I can see no cause of inconvenience in your doing so, or objection thereto.—

Head Qr.
Chicacole the 14th October 1802

(Signed) J Durand Lieut. Col.
Comg in the District of Vizagapatam

Resolved to permit the Paymaster at Vizagapatam to proceed to the Presidency on leave of absence from his Station.—

Read the following letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government at Columbo.—

To John Chamier Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government at
Fort St. George

Sir,

His Excellency the Governour having ordered an Adjustment and final Settlement to be

From the Chief Secretary at Columbo—Requests

made

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Requests that the Sums payable by the Securities of Mr Atkinson late Commissary General on Ceylon may be received and brought to the Credit of the Government of Ceylon in the General Books of this Presidency.—

made of the accounts of Mr Edward Atkinson, former=
=ly Military Paymaster at Columbo, and Commissary
General under the Honble Company on this Island,
a Balance remains against him of Nine thousand
eight hundred sixty eight St. Pagodas, Twenty —
Seven Fanams, Two Cash, and three fourths of a Cash.—

9868– 27– 2¾.—

In considering of the proper steps
to be taken for the recovery of this Sum, His Excel=
=lency has adverted to a letter from Mr Secretary
Turing to Mr Boyd, acting Secretary to this Govern
=ment under date of October the 27th 1800; wherein
it is expressed, "that Mr Atkinson has been permit=
"=ted to proceed to Europe on his having previously
"lodged sufficient Securities to answer all demands
"which may appear against him on the final adjust=
"=ment of his Accounts while he was Commissary
"of Provisions at Columbo."—

In consequence of that communication
and of being informed that Messrs Harrington, Barnaby,

and

and Company are the persons in whose Hands Mr. Atkinson's Security is lodged, the Governor has ordered a letter to be written to their House — stating the Sum due, and desiring that they will pay it over to the Treasury of His Lordship the Governor in Council; — and I have it in command from His Excellency to request that you will be pleased to move His Lordship in Council to order the same to be — received, and brought to the Credit of Ceylon in the general Books of His Lordships' Government. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Robt Arbuthnot

Chief Secretary to Govt

Columbo
October 14th — 1802

Resolved to transmit a Copy of the above letter to the Military Auditor General, and to desire that authority may be given to the Military Paymaster General for receiving the Sum of Pagodas 9868 — 27 — 2 3/4 due by the late Commissary of Provi = sions at Columbo, and for placing the amount to the credit of the Government of Ceylon. —

Read the following letter from Messrs —

Warrington & Co. —

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Messrs Harington & C. attornies to Mr Hugh Vaughan requests that the acts of Mr Vaughan as Paymaster at Madura may be finally adjusted.—

At the time Mr Hugh Vaughan resigned his situation as Paymaster &c of Madura in 1795 his State of Health was so much impaired as to render it impossible for him to settle his Accounts previous to his embarking for Europe, in consequence of which, he was obliged to lodge Security to the Extent of Pags 24321–27–5 being the amount then standing against him & from the period of his leaving the Country to the present time, no steps have been taken to bring his Accounts to a Conclusion, from an unfortunate Circumstance we are informed of having lost most part of his Accounts and Memorandums on his Passage. We have however signified to him that Copies of some of his Accounts were with us, and he has accordingly sent us instructions to obtain a final settlement thereof, and from the Copies of the Accounts that are

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in our possession, we are led to hope, that if not the whole amount at least part of the Sum stand=ing against him can be realised and adjusted— to effect so desireable a purpose, We beg leave to solicit your Lordship in Council will be pleased to give instructions to the Military Auditor and Military Paymaster Generals to afford us such Assistance as you may deem necessary to the end that we may be enabled to recover such Sums as may be practicable, particularly the amount stand=ing against Individuals.—

We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
27th October 1802

(Signed) Harrington Burnaby &
Cockburn Attys for
Mr. H. Vaughan.—

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to state the circumstances which may have attended the delay which appears to have occurred in the adjustment of the accounts of Mr. Vaughan late Paymaster at Madura—

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding at Arcot.—

Chief

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

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From Messrs Waring & C. attornies to Mr Hugh Vaughan requests that the acts of Mr Vaughan as Paymaster at Madura may be finally acquitted.—

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We have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
27th October 1802

(Signed) Barrington Burnaby &
Cockburn Attys for
Mr. H. Vaughan —

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Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Arcot —

Chief

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Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

From the Commandant at Arcot stating having paid to Major Bailey the difference between the half and full Batta of his Rank for the time that Officer commanded at Arcot being the period of his absence on duty as President of the Committee for enquiring into the State of the Stud at Ganjam — requests to be reimbursed in the amount

I have the honor to state that I have been called on, & have made good to Major Bailey, the difference between half and full Batta of his Rank for the months of August and September, during which periods he commanded this Cantonment, while I was absent on a public duty, authorized by Government — No General Order having notified my appointment to be President of the Committee of Inspection in the Ganjam District, the Paymaster of this Station could not pay Major Bailey the Cantonment allowance, considering me as liable to pay the same —

I beg leave to submit whether the present case does not come within the Regulation — under the Head of Pay & Allowances — Page 14 / on a reference from the Military Auditor General to the Secretary of Government, / wherein it is provided that Officers in Command of Stations by the appointment of Government, being called from their

their Posts to attend Courts Martial shall continue to draw full batta — & that the Officer on whom the Temporary Commands devolves, shall also draw the full batta of his Rank — It remains for the decision of Government whether in the present instance it — applies to me. — if so, your sanctioning the payment of these Abstracts, will reimburse what I have paid to Major Bailey —

Arcot 15th October 1802

(Signed) P. Maxwell
Lieut. Colonel Com.g Arcot

Resolved under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter, that authority be — given for the payment of the Abstracts therewith transmitted —

Read the following letters from the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope —

Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council &c.a &c.a &c.a
Madras —

My Lord,

It is with much Concern I am —

From the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope — reports that the

obliged to communicate to your Lordship in answer to

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the Ship Prince, had been seized upon by the Prisoners & carried into the Mauritius and mentions the arrival of Captain Brown with the Invalids under his Command - Encloses Copy of his Instructions to the Agent of the Company, to afford every accommodation to the Troops, and States having procured a passage for them to St Helena - Forwards the Report of Captain Brown on his arrival at the Cape of good Hope -

To your letter dated 14th October 1801 informing me that the Ship Prince was to proceed with French Prisoners to Great Britain that the said Ship on her passage to the Cape was seized upon by the Prisoners on board and carried into the Isle of France from whence Captain Browne with the Invalids under his Charge was permitted to depart on board the American Ship Portland and arrived safe at the Cape on the 7th of January last

The forementioned Detachment of Invalids under the Command of Captain Browne having remained here until the 23d of February last were provided with every accommodation & Assistance in my power to afford them agreeable to your Lordships Commands during their stay here, and am further to add for your Lordships' information that the Invalids with Captain Browne having been provided with a passage on board the Ship Duke of Clarence to St Helena sailed on the 23d February, having the honor to enclose Copy

of

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of a letter written by me authorizing the Honble Company's Agent here Mr Pringle to provide a passage for the Officer and Invalids beforemen=tioned, having thought necessary to direct that the Expences incurred upon this occasion should be placed to the account of the Honble East India Company.—

I also enclose for your Lord=Ships perusal (No. 2) the Report made to me by Captain Browne upon his arrival here, &

have the honor to remain.— &c &c—

(Signed) Frnc. Dundas.—

Cape of Good Hope
June 4th 1802
John Pringle Esqr.

Agent for the Honble East India Compy

Cape of Good Hope

Sir

The Detachment of Invalids embarked on board the Prison Ship Prince which sailed from Madras as a Cartel and was seized upon by the French Prisoners and carried into the Isle of France having been brought here in an American

Vessel

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Vessel from thence are to be forwarded without delay to the Island St Helena where a passage to Europe can be provided, and as the Ship — Duke of Clarence will receive on board the fore= =mentioned Detachment at the Rate of £15.— for each Officer and £3 for each Non Commissi= =oned Officer, Private Soldier and Woman I autho= =rize you to pay the same accordingly, the amount of the passage Money being to be charged to the account of the Honble E. India Company since the Invalids having belonged to the Army in India cannot be considered as any part of this Garrison, accident alone having occasioned their Arrival at the Cape.—

In Addition to the forementioned Detachment of Invalids under the charge of — Captain Browne, consisting of two Officers two — Serjeants, Forty Privates and one Woman, I have thought fit to direct that two Privates belonging to His Majestys Regiments in India who were wounded and taken on board the Kent Indiaman

should

should join the Invalids on board the Clarence, the two last mentioned having arrived here a few days ago from the Isle of France in His Majesty's Brig Penguin as totally unfit for His Majesty's Service.—

As the passage money before mentioned does not include the provisions for the Invalids, I have further to desire that such proportion of Meat and Bread as will be necessary for the Men on their passage to St Helena may be put on board the Clarence; likewise three dozen of Port Wine for the use of the Sick, it having been represented to me as absolutely necessary I remain &c &c

(Signed) Fra.s Dundas

Government House
18.th February 1802

To Major General Dundas
&c &c &c
Cape of Good Hope

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Return of Invalids of His Majesty's Regiments

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Regiments in India who were embarked for Europe on the Ship Prince at Madras, the 13th of October last, with 431 French Prisoners of War including Officers, and sailed on the 18th of the same month under Convoy of His Majesty's Ship Suffolk, Capt. William Clarke.—

I am sorry to add that the French Prisoners Rose and took the Ship on the Evening of the 28th of October in Lat. 2° 7' N° taking advantage of squalling weather, the Darkness of the Night and fast sailing of the Ship, (they succeeded in their plan) made all sail Possible, altered the Course & got away from the Convoy, which we saw nothing more of or any other Ship till our arrival at the Isle of France on the 20th of the following Month.—

A few days after our Arrival there I was informed the Portland an American Ship was about to sail for the North West Coast, and that the Captain was willing to take us on to the Cape provided the French Government had no objections.—

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I immediately applied for permission including the Invalids, which was granted, allowing us Provisions and Water only at the proportions of one pound of Bread, 4 Onzs. of Salt Meat - and three Pints of Water. each per Diem, and no part of the Passage Expences.— Myself Mr. Jones the Assistant Surgeon sent with me from Madras & Major — Greenhill of that Establishment who was a Passenger on the Prince, with Captain Dawn of the Ship — Bellona from Bengall taken near the Cape by a French Frigate in June last & carried to the — his Wife, the 2d & 3d. Mates of the Prince and several other Passengers settled for our Passage, When the Captain promised me he would take the Soldiers on board upon that Scanty allowance of Provisions saying he would trust to your — goodness for being paid for their Passage on his landing them at the Cape.—

In addition to the Soldiers sent from Madras there are three of those unfortunate

Men

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Men who were wounded and taken on the Kent Indiaman as you will perceive by the Note at the bottom of the Return.—

We sailed from the Isle of France on the 3d. Ultimo, Captain Mellis has a letter I believe from General Magallon for you which probably will give further Accounts of us.—

Several of the Men are a little Unwell from trifling Complaints which the Surgeons report that accompanies the Return will explain.—

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

Table Bay
Cape of Good Hope—
6th January 1802

(Signed) J. Browne

Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord

Madras.

From the Governor at the Cape of good Hope - States that the Ship Fanny had not arrived at the Cape of good Hope.—

I have been this day honoured with your Lordships letter dated 10th June 1801 - Duplicate and Triplicate having been before received Stating that the Ship Fanny had obtained permission to be laden with a Cargo of Rice at Madras

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Madras for the use of this Settlement and have to inform your Lordship, that the Fanny — through her arrival has been long expected, has not yet arrived at the Cape.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.—

Cape of Good Hope

(Signed) Fra.s Dundas

Ordered to lie on the Table.—

The following Minute of Mr. Dick having returned from circulation is ordered to be recorded.—

I dissented in the first instance to the proposition contained in the Minute of the — Commander in Chief, to place under the immediate Superintendence of Lieutenant Bishop, the erection of the intended powder Works, because my Motion to read the recent Orders of the Honble Court upon Public Buildings was rejected, and I have now only to add that my objection to the mode pro= =posed by General Stuart is satisfied by the — perusal of these Orders, particularly the 112 Para.

of

Minute of Mr. Dick — states that on a perusal of the Orders of the Court of Directors on the subject of Public Buildings, he is confirmed in the grounds of his Dissent to the proposition for placing the erection of the new Powder Works under the Superintendance of Lieutenant — Bishop — Mr Petrie concurs in the Minute above recorded so far as it relates to a — departure from the Orders of the Court of Directors.—

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of their letter in the Military Department under
date the 28th April 1802.—
30th October 1802 (Signed) Mungo Dick

Mr Petrie concurs in the fo-
regoing as far as relates to a departure from
the Orders of the Court of Directors.—

Mr Petrie records the follow-
-ing Minute.—

As it was determined by the
Right Honble the President in Council not to
suspend the execution of the Powder Works until
the subject could be referred to the Honble the
Court of Directors, agreeable to my recommenda-
-tion, I concurred with the Commander in Chief
in his proposition that, in the absence of the
Superintending Engineer upon Service, the Works
should be carried on under the immediate
direction and Superintendence of Lieutenant
Bishop of whose qualifications and integrity I
entertain the highest opinion, but on referring
to the orders of the Honble Court, dated the 28th of
April

Minute of Mr Petrie—States that on referring to the orders of the Court of Directors on Public Buildings, he finds them too positive to be departed from, by placing the Construction of the intended Powder Works under the superintendance of Lieut.t Bishop—recommends however that the internal Machinery to be erected may be put under his sole direction

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April 1802, Para. 112, I find they are too
positive and specific, "for placing all Public
"Works and Buildings at the Presidency, particu-
"larly those of a Military Nature," under the
direction and instructions of the Chief Engineer,
to be departed from, except on occasions far
more urgent than the present. I apprehend it
cannot be the intention to commence any Build-
ings of Brick and Mortar during the Season of
the Monsoon, and as I understand the super-
intending Engineer is expected at the Presidency,
immediately after the rains, the temporary absence
of that Officer, will not furnish us with sufficient
reason for transferring to another the charge
allotted to him by the orders of the Honble Court,
and I am well convinced that Lieutenant
Bishop will not withhold from the Superinten-
ding Engineer any assistance or information
which he can afford him in the erection of the
exterior Works of the Powder Mills. I beg leave

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Madras 1st November 1802

(Signed) Wm. Petrie

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Minute of the Commander in Chief—Explains the Considerations which satisfied him that in recommending that Lieutenant Bishop should be entrusted with the superintendence of the Gun powder Works, he proposed a measure in no respect inconsistent with the instructions of the Court of Directors.—

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and were an Engineer Officer charged with the
General Conduct of the whole, it would still be
indispensibly necessary to employ Lieutenant Bishop
in superintending the most difficult and most exten=
=sive parts of the Works. In place of this divided
System it has appeared to me to be more advan=
=tageous to the service to charge Lieutenant Bishop
with the full responsibility of executing the whole
Work, as he is certainly the best person qualified
to execute it with justice to the public. Had it
been a work of a common Military description
I should never have thought of removing it from
the superintendance of the Engineer Officers. Inde=
=pendantly of considerations of public advantage
it was an additional argument in favor of my
proposition that Lieutenant Bishop should derive
the benefit of the regulated amount of percentage
as a reward for his labours and discoveries. The
remuneration recommended in my Minute of
the 21st September will not take effect until the

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Works are completed, and it is probable that it will afford little advantage to Lieutenant Bishop, whose state of health will he is apprehensive oblige him, after he establishes the new process to return to Europe, and relinquish the advantages which have been held out to him.—

I have thus stated the reason — which have led me to conclude that the appoint-=ment of Lieutenant Bishop is not contrary to the instructions of the Court of Directors; and I shall only farther observe that I should at all times be equally averse with Mr. Dick to disobey the orders of the Honorable Court; but can have no hesitation in availing myself of every latitude, to employ, in situations of public trust, the — persons best qualified to execute it with advantage to the Service.—

22d November 1802 (Signed) J. Stuart.—

Lord Clive having already expressed his concurrence in the Grounds on which it has — been

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been recommended by the Commander in Chief that the Construction of the new powder works shall be entrusted to Lieut. Bishop; Resolved accordingly that directions be given for carrying into effect the resolution recorded on that subject in the Minutes of Council dated the 29th Ultimo.—

Lord Clive lays before the Board the following letter from the Resident at Hyderabad together with the following Memorandum containing the result of an enquiry which His Lordship directed to be made in regard to the claim of Shaik Soobar Ally, late Havildar in the Company's Service, and recommends under the circumstances detailed in these Papers, that an allowance equal to the Pay of a Havildar may be settled upon Shaik Soobar Ally from the date of his being discharged from the service of the Honble Company

To The Right Honble Lord Clive.

Governor in Council

My Lord, Fort St. George

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's Notice Translation of a Petition

From the Resident at Hyderabad - Submits for favorable consideration

presented

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consideration a Petition from Shaikh Sooban ally a Native Officer to whom he had promised the Rank of Havildar in the Company's Service.—

presented to me by Shaikh Sooban Ally a Person to whom in virtue of the latitude allowed me for the purpose by Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 22d November 1798, I promised the Post of Havildar in the Honble Company's Service.—

To the truth of the leading points set forth in the enclosed Petition, I can safely bear testimony, and as the Petitioner would appear to have received his dismission from the Service without any adequate cause being assigned, the circumstances of his case will I am persuaded not be deemed unworthy of your Lordships favorable Consideration.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Hyderabad
24th January 1802

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
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Translation of the Petition of Shaikh Sooban Ally which setteth forth

That he (the Petitioner) was originally in the Service of His Highness the Nizam together with Meer Bahadur Ally who in the hopes of amending his Condition waited on Major Desse,

who

who asked him if he could raise a thousand
recruits, to which he replied, that with the assist-
-ance of his Brother (meaning the Petitioner) he
would engage to furnish the Number required
and then sending for the Petitioner, advised him
to enter the Company's Service as both would obtain
Soobidars Commissions, and to agree for the Number
of Recruits. if this Petitioner thought that he could
raise them - This Petitioner accepted his Proposal and
waited on Major Dese with whom he left Baha-
-dur Ally and proceeded himself to enlist the
Number of Recruits. The Major offered to make
the Petitioner an Advance of Money which declined
receiving until the Recruits should be collected -
The Men thus raised in the City of Hyderabad
were sent as they entertained to the British lines -

About this time the War with
Tippoo broke out and Major Dese Marched with
the Detachment, having delivered over Meer Bahadur
Ally together with two Orderlies who mustered the
Recruits entertained by this Petitioner to Lieutenant
Lougan with a Request that in order to obtain

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promotion he would recommend them to the Resident as the persons employed in the recruiting Service — When the Number of Men was completed to seven hundred, this Petitioner joined the Party, and the Resident inspected the Corps and directed them to march to Masulipatam, under the Charge of seven persons whom he selected for the purpose — hereupon this Petitioner represented to Lieut.t Lougan that the recruits had all been entertained by him — and at his expence; that they were now ordered to Masulipatam, and one of this Petitioners hands being wounded, he was unable to carry a Musket — in reply to which Lieut.t Lougan said that it — was not customary in the Company's Service for — Native Officers to perform the Manual Exercise, and that at all events he would get this — Petitioner excused — This Petitioner accordingly — requested him to be furnished with a written Paper to such effect, which Lieut.t Lougan said was quite unnecessary, as he should continue — with the Corps — The Men received four Pice per

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Day from the Company, but in Consequence of the high Price of Grain, this Petitioner made them an additional allowance of six Pice until they reached Masulipatam.—

Lieut.t Lougan afterwards told this Petitioner that he had recommended him to the Commander in Chief, and that he expect=ed his Commission shortly and said that he was about to be relieved by Captain Creeve with whom this Petitioner should continue— On the arrival of Captain Creeve Lieut.t Lougan introduced this Petitioner, and the Subidars to him, when Captain Creeve desired this Petitioner to act as Havildar Major for fifteen days — after which he would procure this Petitioner a Jemidars Commission, hereupon this Petitioner represented the hardness of his case when the Subidars said that they were merely employed to drill the Recruits; and that this Petitioner would shortly be promoted to the Rank they enjoyed, and recommended this Petitioner to acquiesce in the Commanding

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Officers orders which he accordingly did. Shortly after this Petitioner was taken ill an Captain Crewe was relieved by Major Lemrick and some other Officers who took charge of the Battalion when the Subidars were relieved also, upon this Petitioners stating the particulars of his case to Major Lemrick, the Major told him that as he (the Petitioner) had not been originally promoted he must wait for a vacancy, and some time after gave this Petitioner his discharge.—

A true Translation

(Signed) Henry Russell

Aff.t Secretary—

Memorandum 6th April 1802.

The accompanying letter from the Resident at Hyderabad with the Petition of Shaik Sooban ally, late Havildar in the 2d Batt.n 15th Regiment was received several Months ago; but more information being required to substan= =tiate the truth of the Story set forth in the Petition, a particular enquiry into the Matter was instituted by desire of the Right Honble Lord Clive, of which the

Memorandum by Lord Clive— Recommends that a native Officer— named Shaikh— Soobanally may be pensioned on the pay of Havildar.

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the following is the result—

In the Year 1798 after the Re=
=duction of the French Party at Hyderabad, —
Lieutenant Col Deſse was directed to raise a
body of Sepoys from that Party, in order to form
an Extra Battalion at Masulipatam— The —
Petitioner Shaik Sooban ally, having enlisted —
700 Men from the disbanded Sepoys of the French
Party, was received from the Nizams into the —
Company's Service as a Havildar by virtue of the
Powers given to the Resident by the Government
of Madras, altho it was perfectly well known
at the time that the Petitioner, from a wound in
his hand, could not handle a Musket.—

The Petitioner was likewise pro=
=mised further Promotion by Captains Lengan &
Crew, who at different times commanded the
Masulipatam Extra Battalion, which some time
afterwards became the 2d Battalion 15th Regiment
under the Command of Major Lemrick.—

It may easily be imagined
from the change in the Establishment of the Corps
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itself, and from the variety of Officers who at different times commanded it, that the Merits of the Petitioner & the Circumstances under which he was at first admitted as a Havildar were overlooked; and consequently it does not appear so surprising, that Major Limrick should lately have discharged him for no other reason than that of his being unable from a Wound in his hand to handle a Musket. Major Limrick gives him in other respects an exceeding good character, but does not seem to have known the circumstance of his having raised 700 Men to the truth of which the Resident & Lieut.t Col.o Dese bear testimony.

Under the foregoing circumstances, the Petitioners case appears to be deserving of consi=deration; and although from length of Service he may not be entitled to be put upon the Invalided Establishment, he has nevertheless some claim upon the Company for a subsistence during his life for himself and a large family

N.B. This Petitioner was discharged from

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from the Service on the 30th June 1801; and having been assured, when he presented his Petition with the Resident's letter in February last, that he was to receive for life the Pay of a Havildar, he has since that time been enabled to subsist his family by borrowing Money on that assurance.

Resolved and ordered accordingly.

" Clive

" J. Stuart.

" Wm Petrie

" Hudleston

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Order of Council

Military Department

3d November 1802

Received the following letter from the Military Auditor General —

To The Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c —

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General — Reports on the General Estimate for the Current, and on the additional Estimate for the past Month —

Having examined the General Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of November 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 Four Lacks, eighty eight Thousand Nine hundred and forty Eight Pagodas, forty one fanams and thirty Seven Cash Pagodas 4,88,948 " 41 " 37 / is required for the Payment of Military charges, which became due on the 1st of this Month, and is payable —

as

3d as follows.—

From the General Treasury - - - -	1,24,685. 29. 29
By Bills on the Military Pay=master General - - - - -	3,64,263. 12. 8.
Pagodas	4,88,948 41. 37.

I have deducted from the amount of the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Seringa=patam the Sum of two thousand five hundred Pagodas (Pagodas 2,500) Estimated for on account of Subsistence to His Majestys Regiment De Meuron from the 25th November to the 24th December 1,802, as the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops has included in his Estimate the Sum of Three thousand Nine hundred Pagodas (Pagodas 3,900. - -) on account of Subsistence to that Regiment for the same period.—

For the same reason I have deducted the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pagodas (Pagodas 1,500. - -) from the amount of the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Trichinopoly on account of His Majesty's 12th Regiment of foot, and a like Sum from the amount of the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Mangalore on account of the 77th Regiment

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3d

I have deducted the Sum of two Thousand Pagodas / Pagodas 2,000 / from the amount of the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Masulipatam for the reason given in my Report to your Lordship in Council on the General Estimate for the Month of October last.—

The Military Paymaster at — Trichinopoly having stated a Balance on hand on the 1st. of October of One thousand One hundred and sixty five Pagodas, two Fanams, and twenty four Cash / Pags. 1,165. 2. 24. / I have accordingly deducted that Sum from the amount of his Estimate for the Current Month.—

I have also the honor to — report that the amount of the additional Esti- =mate for the preceding Month, Viz. Seven hundred Pagodas / Pags. 700 / which accompanied a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, under date the 29th Ultimo, is unobjectionable and issuable by Bills on the Military Paymaster General,

being

3d being required by the Military Paymaster at Masulipatam for the Payment of the Troops &c.a at Nellore in arrear for September, and advance for October, not Estimated for before by any other Paymaster.

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

Ordering that the Sum required on account of the General Estimate may be issued from the treasury

In consequence of the foregoing report, Ordered that the Sum of One Lack twenty four thousand Six hundred, and eighty five Pagodas twenty Nine fanams, and twenty nine Cash — (Pag.s 1,24,685. 29. 29.) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the General Estimate for the Current Month — enclosed in his letter of the 28.th Ultimo.—

By order of the Right Hon.ble the Governor in Council.—

(Signed) G. Buchan
Sec.y to Gov.t—

Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. N.os 1. 2. 3. 4.

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From Mr Edmonstone — Transmit-
-ting Copy of a letter from the Committee of Embar-
From the Secretary at Bengal.— -kation at that Presidency, regarding the Provisions
and Stores shipped on the Commerce together
with the several enclosures therein referred to.—

From the Board of Trade — Ac-
-knowledge Instructions relating to the Transfer
From the Board of Trade.— of Buildings to the Superintendence of the Mili-
-tary Board.—

To the Military Paymaster —
General, — Forwarding the Auditor Generals Report
To the Military Paymaster General on the General Estimate for the Current and
additional Estimate for the past month, and
acquainting him that the necessary orders have
been sent to the Treasury to issue the Sums —
required in consequence —

To the Officer Commanding the
Body Guard — Desiring that he will provide
To the Officer Com- for the Care and Feed of the horses lately —
-manding the — arrived from the Stud.—
Body Guard

4. Sent the following letters.—

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To the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr

Governor in Council at

Honble Sir, Bombay —

To Bombay - Transmitting for the information of the Governor in Council at Bombay a copy of the Report of the agent for spirituous Liquors on the proposal to supply spirits from Bombay - No Spirits required from Bombay for the Service of this Presidency

Para 1 We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the acting Governor in Council dated the 24th of July last, & to acquaint you that having referred the Papers therewith transmitted to the Military Board at this Presidency, that Board has submitted to us a Report from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors at this Presidency containing an account of the Prices attending the supply of Spirits on this Coast, contrasted with the Cost of Spirits at the Presidency of Bombay, of which we have deemed it to be proper to enclose a Copy for your information. —

2 We beg leave to express to the Honble the Governor in Council our acknowledgements for the Offer of a supply of Spirits for the use of the troops serving in the provinces of — Malabar and Canara; but as it appears to be

practicable

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4 practicable to provide spirits at this Presidency at less expence than can be done at Bombay, We are of opinion that it will be more economical that the supply of Spirits which may be required for the Service in these Provinces should be furnished from this Coast—

We have the honor to be &c &c—

Signed / Clive
" J. Stuart
" W. Petrie
" M. Dick

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To Robert Arbuthnot Esq.
Chief Secretary to the Government at
Columbo

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Ult.o and am directed to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has instructed the proper Officer at this Presidency to receive the amount being Pag.s 9,868.. 27.. 2¾. due by Mr. Atkinson on account of the Government of

To the Chief Secretary at Columbo—Informing him that Instructions have been transmitted to the proper Officer at this Presidency to receive the amount due by Mr Atkinson on acct of the Government of Ceylon, & for placing it to the Credit of that Government in the Books of this Presidency

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of Ceylon, & for placing the amount to the Credit of that Government in the Books of this Presidency.

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I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) George Buchan
Sec.y to Govt.

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 9th 14th & 19th Instant.—

2 His Lordship in Council under the explanation stated in regard to the Retrenchment against Lieut.t Col Macalister for the value of two Horses, is pleased to desire that it may be remitted, & the amount repaid to that Officer—

3 His Lordship in Council desires that the expence incurred by Captain Lennon in the execution of Works at Amboyna & Banda under the authority of His Excellency Admiral Rainier may be admitted, & that Captain Lennon may be held responsible for any charge not sanctioned

To the Military Auditor General — The Retrenchment against Lieut. Colonel Macalister for the value of two horses remitted — The expence incurred by Captain Lennon in the Execution of Works at Amboyna and Banda under the authority of Admiral Rainier to be admitted, but to be held responsible for any charge not so sanctioned — and desiring that Captain Lennon may be held responsible for the Current rate of Interest on the money remaining in the hands of his Agents during his absence in England — The Subtreasurer will be instructed to transfer to the Military Paymaster General the balance of money paid into his hands by that Officer — In addition to the expence incurred by the Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship Centurion

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4th sanctioned by His Excellency.—

4 His Lordship in Council considers it to be just that the Money remaining in the hands of Captain Lennon's Agents during the period of his absence in England, should be accounted for, at the rate of interest current at this place during that time, and I am directed to desire that Captain Lennon may be held responsible for that rate of interest.—

5 The Sub-treasurer will be instructed to transfer to the Military Paymaster General the balance of Money paid into his hands by Captain Lennon.—

6 In consideration of the difficulties which attended the situation of the Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship Centurion while in charge of the Sick of the detachment of European troops employed in the blockade of the port of Batavia, His Lordship in Council is pleased to desire that if it shall be established in a satisfactory Manner by the Surgeon, that the stated expence was incurred by him in the purchase of supplies for the use of the Sick

Centurion while at Batavia in the purchase of supplies for the Care of the Sick, the Sum of 7 Rupees ℔ Diem to be paid to him, with an additional Sum of two Rupees ℔ Diem to his assistant — Desiring that he will report his opinion upon the references stated in the enclosed copies of letters from the Military Paymaster Genl. relative to charges in the accounts of the late Paymaster at Trincomallie and Columbo & relative to the application of the Paymaster at Madura for an increase of his office Establishment — Desiring that authority may be given for reimbursing to Mr. Wetherell the extraordinary charge for Servants incurred by him agreeably to the enclosed bill — Desiring that he will authorise the payment of full Batta to Lieut. Colonel Chalmers while in the temporary Command of Chandernagherry — Extract of a Minute by the Commander in Chief enclosed — Desiring that he will authorise the payment of the allowance fixed as the Monthly Salary of the assistant to the Secretary to the Military Board from the date when the appointment was established — Desiring that he will authorise the payment of the bills & advances of money recommended in the accompanying Extracts of letters from the Military Board — Enclosing

Enclosing for his guidance Extract from the Minutes of Council containing the Resolution for granting a pension to Shaik Soobun ally late Havildar in the Company's Service

#4 Sick, a further Sum of seven Rupees per diem may be paid to him as a recompense for his trouble, with the additional Sum of two Rupees per diem to his Assistant.—

7 I am directed to enclose the Copies of letters from the Military Paymaster General & to desire that you will report your opinion upon the referrences therein stated relative to charges in the accounts of the late Paymaster at Trincomullee & Columbo, & relative to the application of the Paymaster at Madura for an encrease of his Office Establishment.—

8 His Lordship in Council is pleased to desire that authority may be given for reimbursing to Mr. Wetherell the extraordinary charge for Servants amounting to Pag.s 105 incurred by him in the execution of his official duties, agreeably to the enclosed bill.—

9 I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief, & to desire that you will authorize the payment of full batta to

Lieut.

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4th Lieut. Col. Chalmers, while in the temporary command of the post of Chandernagherry.

10 As an omission appears to have occurred in not communicating to the Office of Audit the amount of the Salary which His Lordship in Council has been pleased to attach to the Office of Assistant under the Secretary of the Military Board, I am directed to inform you that it has been fixed at the Sum of seventy five Pagodas per month, & to desire that you will authorize the payment of that allowance from the date when the appointment was established.

11 His Lordship in Council desires that you will authorize the payment of the bills and advances of Money recommended in the accompany-ing Extracts of letters from the Military Board.

12 I am directed by the Governor in Council to enclose for your information & guidance the accompanying Extract from the Minutes of Council containing the resolution of His Lordship in Council to bestow upon Shaik Sooban Ally late Havildar in the Honble Company's Service, a pension

equal

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4th equal to the Pay of a Havildar, and to desire that you will authorize accordingly the payment of that allowance.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) George Buchan
Secy to Govt

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To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to enclose the Copy of a letter from Messrs Harington & Co and to desire that you will state for His Lordship's information the circumstances which may have occasioned the delay which appears to have occurred in the adjustment of the accounts of Mr Vaughan late Paymaster at Madura.—

I am directed to enclose the copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Govern=ment at Columbo, & to desire that you will give authority to the Military Paymaster Genl for receiving the Sum of Pags 9868- 27: 2¾ due by the late Commissary of Provisions at Columbo, & for placing the amount in conformity to the request

To the Military Auditor General—Enclosing copy of a letter from Messrs Harington & Co. and desiring that he will state the Cause of the delay which has occurred in the adjustment of the accounts of Mr Vaughan late Paymaster at Madura—Desiring that he will give authority to the Military Paymaster General for receiving the amount due by the late Commissary of Provisions at Columbo and for placing it to the Credit of the Ceylon Government—Copy of the Secretary's letter on the Subject enclosed—Enclosing Copies of orders published by the Commanding Officer in Malabar relative to the Equipment of a field Force in that Province and stating that the 1st Battalion of the 8th Native Regiment has been directed to march to Wynaad from Seringapatam—Enclosing extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief detailing

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4th request of His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon to the credit of that Government.—

detailing the Corps which have been ordered for field Service in the ceded Districts.—Informing him of the instructions transmitted to the Officer Commanding the Body Guard relative to the horses recently arrived from the Stud.—

It having been deemed to be expedient to order into the field details of troops in the province of Malabar in the Ceded Districts, I am directed to enclose for your information & guidance the accompanying copies of orders published by the Officer Commanding in Malabar relative to the equipment in that province & to inform you that the 1st Battalion of the 8th Native Regt has been directed to march to Wynaud from Seringapatam.—

I am directed to enclose the extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief detailing the Corps which have been ordered for field Service in the Ceded Districts.

I am directed to acquaint you that the Officer Commanding the Body Guard has been instructed to provide for the care and feed of nine horses belonging to the Honble Company which were conveyed on board the Honble

Company's

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4th Company's Ship Marchioness of Exeter from Ganjam to this place.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) George Buchan
Sec.y to Govt

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To the Military Paymaster General.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 12th ult. & 1st Inst.

To the Military Paymaster General— The Claim against Lieut. Colonel M'Neile will be stated to the Court of Directors— The adjustment of the Claim for Batta on exchange due to Mr Vaughan — postponed — The Paymaster at Nizagapatum permitted to visit the Presidency

The claim against Lieut.t Col. M'Neile for the Sum of Pag.s 448-31-53. will in conformity to your recommendation be stated to the Honble Court of Directors in order that the amount may be recovered from that Officer in England.—

As it appears from a communication which has been recently made to this Lordship in Council, relative to the accounts of Mr. Vaughan, that a considerable balance of Money stands to his debit in the public

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4th Accounts, His Lordship in Council deems it to be expedient to postpone a decision on the claim for Batta on exchange, due to him until the settlement of Mr Vaughans accounts shall have been completed.—

His Lordship in Council is pleased to permit the Paymaster at Nizagapatam to proceed to the Presidency on leave of absence from his Station.—

I am &ca &ca

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(Signed) George Buchan
Secy to Govt

Sent the following letters entered in M.B. No 5. 6.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Military Board - Enclosing copies of two letters from the Officer Commanding in Mysoor recommending the execution of repairs and improvements at Cannanore and at Seringa=patam, together with a copy of the Instructions transmitted in consequence.— They will state their opinion on the subject of the Works stated to be required at Cannanore.—

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To the Officer Commanding in Mysore, authorizing him to use his discretion in executing such repairs as he may judge to be immediately required to the Store Rooms at Cannanore, and allowing the construction of new stairs for the European Barracks at Seringapatam.—

To the Officer Com-
-manding in Mysoor

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor and President
Lieutenant General James Stuart
Commander in Chief.—
William Petrie
& } Esqrs
Mungo Dick

Friday the 5th November 1802

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.—

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

Minute

The Commander in Chief has the honor to lay before the Right Honble the—

Governor

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Minute of the Commander in Chief submits Extracts of a letter from the Officer Commanding in Mysoor, regarding the necessity of collecting a force in Wynaad - and Reports having ordered reinforcements to proceed to Mysoor - Recommend that the principal Collector in Malabar may be directed to join Colonel Wellesley in Wynaad.—

Governor in Council. Extracts of a letter to him from Colonel The Honorable Arthur Wellesley dated the 31st October, in consequence of which he has judged it proper to order Five Companies of the 33d Regiment to march from Vellore and to join Colonel Wellesley in Mysore, and Five Companies of the 74th Regiment to march from Wallajahbad to Vellore to replace the Five Companies of the 33d.—

General Stuart recommends that the Chief Collector in Malabar may be instructed to join Colonel Wellesley in Wynaad as soon as the Colonel shall be prepared to Enter that district as suggested by that Officer in the 3d Paragraph of his abovementioned letter for the purpose of settling the Country &c &c—

5th November 1802 (Signed) J. Stuart

Copy

Extracts of a Letter from the Honble Colonel Wellesley to the Commander in Chief. Dated 31st Octr 1802

I have the honor to inform you that

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that I have received a letter from Captain Gurnell this day, from which I judge that it will be necessary to make arrangements to enter Wynaad in Force— He had advanced to Manantwoody from Sangaloo on the 28th 17 Miles; but he had been strongly opposed on the whole road, with trifling loss, only one Sepoy wounded of the Company's troops, but of the 200 of the Rajahs Horse who the Dewan sent with him 5 were killed, and some wounded, with 17 horses. The Communication between Manantwady and Sangaloo the boundary is entirely cut off, and the consequence is that Captain Gurnell will be obliged to return to Kankerracotta for fresh supplies. Captain Gurnell was about to move on the 29th to attack a party supposed to be at a Pagoda in the neighbourhood of Manantwady, and if he should fall in with this party, the Communication may be opened, and Matters may still go right, but if he should not, it is very

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obvious from what has passed already, that — although our Troops can march through the — Country without loss, one Battalion is not sufficiently strong to protect its baggage and supplies, that as long as the Country remains in its present — state, no supplies can be drawn from it, and that we must make more solid arrangements and enter the Country in such Force as not only to be able to march through it, but also to live in it by keeping up our communication with Mysore —

2 I now propose to make arrange = ments to collect forthwith, and to enter Wynaad in strength from this side at the earliest — possible period. With this view I have written to the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly to send here the Battalion which you have order = ed to be in readiness to join me, We have however no Europeans. You will observe that 300 Men of the 77th are ordered into Malabar — The remainder of the Corps are about 150 Men

and

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and as Lieut.t Colonel Boles has likewise drawn into Malabar the flank Companies of the native Corps in Canara, I almost doubt the propriety of drawing the remainder of the 77th to this place. At all events we ought to have more British troops than 150 Men, and I hope that you will have it in your power to send some— If we could get only four or five Companies of the 33d for a short time they would be sufficient— The plan for the expedition will be for the Bombay Troops to keep Cotiote & the lower Country in tranquility— and if possible to enter Wynaud from the Westward, while we enter from the Eastward— we must establish ourselves as we get on, and at least make our communication with Mysore certain, and I have no doubt but that in a short time the whole party will dispersé.—

3 What has happened lately points out the necessity of our obtaining possession of the Person of the Pyche Rajah. This can only be done

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done by settling the Country and dispersing the Troops, as soon as the Rebels shall have dispersed — But the Country cannot be settled without the Assistance of the civil authority; and I beg leave to suggest that the Collector may be desired to come round to join me as soon as I shall be prepared to enter the District.—

True Extracts.

(Signed) J. Stuart

The following draft of a letter to the Honorable Colonel Wellesley is read and approved.—

To the Officer Commanding the Forces in Mysore

Sir,

Par 1 The Commander in Chief having communicated to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the result of your Correspondence with Lieut.t General Stuart relative to the State of affairs in the province of Malabar, and the arrangements proposed by you for suppressing the commotion which has been excited in

To the Officer Commanding in Mysore — The arrangements submitted by him to the Commander in Chief, for suppressing the Commotions in Wynaad approved — His intention of proceeding to assume the Command of the detachment approved, and he is authorized to try by Summary process and

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and punish by death, all persons in arms against the British Government and desiring that he will make known those powers by proclamation – he will offer such Rewards for the apprehension of the persons of the Pychy Rajah or of his associates as he may judge proper

in that province, I am directed to convey to you the approbation of His Lordship in Council of your Suggestions on that subject.–

2 His Lordship in Council approves your intention of proceeding with the Force proposed by you to assume the command of the detachments which has been assembled in the districts of Wynaad & Cotiote, & in order that you may have the means of accomplishing with every practicable degree of promtitude and effect the farther measures which may be found necessary for restoring order in these districts, I am directed to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council has been pleased to vest you with the power of trying by summary process, & of – punishing by death all persons who shall be found opposing in Arms the authority of the British Government, or aiding & assisting the cause of the Rebels, & the Governor in Council desires that you will make known these powers through out the province of Malabar and –

district

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District of Wynaad by public proclamation.—

3 His Lordship in Council is like=
=wise pleased to authorize you to offer such rewards for the apprehension of the persons of the Pychy Rajah, or of his associates as shall appear in your judgement to be adequate for that purpose.—

4 I am directed to inform you that the Principal Collector in Malabar has been instructed to join the detachment assembled in that province for the purpose of acting in cooperation with you.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) George Buchan
Secy to Govt

Resolved that a letter be dispatch=
=ed from the Revenue department to the princi=
=pal Collector in Malabar directing him to join the detachment to be assembled under the command of Col Wellesley.—

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Board

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Board the following drafts of letters to the Governor General in Council

To His Excellency

The Most Noble

The Marquis Wellesley K.P.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord,

We have the honor to acquaint your Excellency in Council that a successful attempt has been made by a party of Nairs to surprize & cut off a small detachment of Bombay troops serving in the province of Wynaad: the Circumstances connected with that event are described in a Minute of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, of which we enclose a copy for the information of your Excellency in Council.—

To Bengal Reporting that an attempt had been made by a party of nairs to surprise a small Detachment of Bombay troops serving in the province of Wynaad and Enclosing Copy of a Minute of the Commander in Chief describing the circumstances connected with that Event.—

We entertain no doubt that the recent event on Wynaad has been produced by the cruel resentment of the Pychy Rajah; but as far as our present information extends,

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no reason exists for apprehending this outrage to be connected with any general plan of com= =motion, but your Excellency in Council will have no doubt that we shall take such pre= =cautions as may be best calculated to protect from serious disturbance the Honble Company's posessions in that quarter.—

We have the honor to inform your Excellency in Council that a considerable body of troops has been accordingly assembled in the districts of Wynaad & Cotiote by the Honble Colonel Wellesley which if events should require it we shall be prepared to augment.—

We have the honor to be &c &c.

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(Signed) Clive &c Council

To His Excellency
The Most Noble the Marquis Wellesley K.P.
Governor General in Council at
Fort William

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknow= =ledge the receipt of the letter of your Excellency in Council dated the 2d September last commun= =icating

To Ditto Ditto State the considerations on which it was consi= =dered expedient to dispatch

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dispatch the Marchio=
=ness of Exeter to Am=
=boyna, and to pro=
=ceed from thence to
England - and recom
=mend that the arrange=
=ments which may have
been made at Bengal
for the removal of the
Troops of that Presidency
from the Eastward, in
may be extended to
the troops of this Esta=
=blishment - Report
the Tonnage which will
be required for the
latter purpose - Pa=
=pers on the subject
enclosed. -

=cating to us your Excellency's approbation of the arrangement which it was in our contemplation to have adopted for conveying to this Coast the troops of this Establishment serving at the Moluccas Islands. —

His Excellency the Governor — General in Council has been informed of the cir= =cumstances under which we adopted the resolution of dispatching the Honble Company's Ship Britannia to England, & we have now the honor to acquaint Your Excellency in Council that there appeared to be reason to expect that a considerable interval of time might elapse before it might be practica= =ble to effect the arrangements connected with the restoration of the foreign Settlements at the Moluccas Islands, We have in conformity to the destination of the Honble Company's Ship Marchioness of Exeter dispatched that Ship to Amboyna for the purpose of receiving a cargo of Spices, and of proceeding from thence to Great Britain. —

Our determination relative to the disposal of the Marchioness of Exeter was guided by

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by the desire expressed by the Honble Court of Directors for the return of that Ship to England; & by a consideration of the advanced rate of freight at which that Ship is employed in the service of the Company & of the heavy expence for demurrage which would have been occasioned by her detention in India, & we trust that His Excellency the Governor General in Council will on these Grounds concur in the reasons which have induced us to relinquish the intention of employing that Ship for the conveyance of troops from the Eastward.—

In adverting to the present period of the Season which is unfavorable for the despatch of Vessels from this Presidency to the Molucca Islands, & to the facility with which it may pro=bably be practicable to procure tonnage at Fort William comparatively with the means possessed for that purpose at the Presidency of Fort St George, are induced to state to His Excellency the Governor General in Council our recommendation that the arrangement which has been made for the removal of the troops of the Presidency of Bengal from the

Eastern

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Eastern Settlements may be extended to the troops of this Establishment, & that the tonnage required for their accommodation may be engaged at — Fort William.—

We have the honor to acquaint Your Excellency in Council that the tonnage requi=red for that purpose inclusive of the Stores — belonging to the Honble Company amounts to about two thousand one hundred and thirty Tons, & We trust that it may be practicable to provide this additional quantity of tonnage at the — Presidency of Bengal without material inconve=nience to the arrangements of your Excellency — in Council.—

Having directed the Military Board to submit to us a detailed Estimate of — the tonnage which will be required, the papers on that subject will be transmitted by our Secretary for the purpose of being submitted to your — Excellency in Council.—

We have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) Clive &c Council

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The foregoing letters are approved and ordered to be despatched.—

" Clive

" J. Stuart

" Wm Elliot

" Ed Wm Strange

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Diary

6th Received the following letters.—

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c^a &c^a &c^a

My Lord,

1 We have to acknowledge the Receipt of Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated 23^d October

From the Military Board recommend that the Retrenchment against Lieutenant Colonel Griffin on account of Charges for the Carriage of Sick of the 1st Battalion 16th Regiment on its March to the Presidency from Trichinopoly may be remitted, that Officer having produced a Satisfactory Voucher.— Enclose an account of Saddles and Horse accoutrements made up for the use of the 5th Regiment of native Cavalry, and recommend that it may be passed for payment —Recommend payment of the enclosed Bills.—

2 Lieutenant Colonel Griffin having produced to the Military Auditor General, through the Paymaster of Extraordinaries, a satisfactory Voucher in support of his charge of 30 Pagodas for the carriage of Sick of the first Battalion 16th Regiment on its march to the Presidency from Trichinopoly, which was rejected at our recommendation in the Register of Extraordinaries for the month of August last, We beg leave to recommend that the charge may be admitted.—

3^d We enclose an account of Saddles and Horse Accoutrements made up for the use of

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6th the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry at the regu=
=lated Price, & beg leave to recommend that =
it may be passed for Payment, in order that
Lieutenant Colonel Macalister may receive
Credit for the Amount; which now stands to
his personal debit on the Books of the Paymaster
General's Department - being Pagodas 2,254: 21 "

4 We also recommend Payment
of the following enclosed bills Viz.t -

No 1 - Bill of the Engineer at Canna=
=nore for People employed and Materials expend=
=ed in filling a hollow upon the Esplanade in
front of the line of communication, and near
the Lunette, amounting to Pagodas 816. 29. 15.

No 2 - Bill of Lieutenant Breedy,
late in command of Semalahbad, for Repairs &c.a
performed by him at that Station under =
authority of the Officer Commanding the Province,
amounting to Pagodas 58. 134. " the Balance due
being Pagodas 44. 122. "

No 3 Bill of the Superintending
Engineer at the Presidency, for expenses incurred

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in repairing the Main Guard and the Cookroom and Necessary, amounting to Pagodas 213. 17. 14. the Balance remaining due being Pagodas 140. 34. 78.—

No. 4 Bill of the Superintending Engineer for repairing the apartments allotted to the Captain of the Day, amounting to Pagodas 165. 9. 58.— the Balance due being Pagodas 109. 6. 60.

No. 5 Bill of the Superintending Engineer for expenses incurred in repairing Broyer's Bridge amounting to Pagodas 464. 38. 32. the Balance due being Pagodas 316. 27. 16.—

No. 6. Bill of the Superintending Engineer for expenses incurred in building a Gateway to Assam Khan's Garden, and for constructing a Bridge across the Ditch at the Gateway, amounting to Pagodas 80. 21. 11.—

No. 7. Bill of the Superintending Engineer for lengthening the Bridges on the Mount-Road, amounting to Pagodas 504. 42. 5.

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No. 8 Bill of the Gun Carriage &c.a Contractors, amounting to Pagodas 4,093. 33. 60. for articles delivered into the Arsenal, and approved upon Survey by a Committee of the Military Board.—

No. 9. Bill of the Engineer at Seringa=patam for repairs performed to the Gun Shed, Store rooms, and Armoury at that Station, amounting to Pagodas 1,081. 1. 32.— the Balance due to the Engineer being Pagodas 384. 29. 62.

No. 10 — Bill of the Engineer at Seringa=patam for making a new Scaffold for holding small Stores &c.a in the Arsenal at Seringapatam, amounting to Pagodas 39. 1. 69. the Balance due thereon being Pagodas 26. 29 10.—

No. 11. Bill of the Engineer at Serin=gapatam for building up a Breach in the Counterscarp of the second Ditch on the East face of that Fortress, amounting to Pagodas 224. 29. 79. the Balance due being Pagodas 73. 20. 69.—

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We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Stuart

D. Smith

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J. Brunton

Alexr. Orr.

The Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving Your letter of the 23d Instant.—

From the Officer Commanding in Mysoor—Reports the measures he has adopted under the discretionary authority conveyed to him, regarding the evacuation of Goa

His Excellency the Commander in Chief having apprized me in his letter of the Instant of the probability that the Government of Bombay would send the Sir Edward Hughes to Goa to convey from thence the Battalion now stationed there, and that no orders had been received from Bengal for the entire evacuation of Goa, I wrote on the 13th Instant to the Commanding Officer at Goa to desire that he would not suffer the Battalion to embark till he should receive the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to that purport.—

By a letter however which I have received from

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6. from that Officer this day dated the 20th Instant, I learn that he has received orders from Major General Nicholson to embark on such Boats as will arrive, & send to Bombay the 1st Battalion 3d Regt leaving at Goa one Company for the care of the Stores; & that he intended to carry those orders into execution. It is possible that my letter of the 13th may reach him before the Boats will arrive at Goa; & in that case he will of course delay the embarkation of the Battalion tilt he will receive further orders from me.—

The Governor in Council of Bombay has sent me a copy of his letter of the 13th of October in the Secret department to the Right Honble the Governor in Council of Fort St George. I observe that he does not announce in that letter the receipt of Orders from the Supreme Government for the evacuation of Goa; & therefore I do not conceive myself authorized to allow the British troops to depart from thence in consequence of that communication. But I write orders to the Commanding Officer at Goa

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to detain there the boats which will be sent from Bombay for the Battalion, & to have all the preparatory arrangements made for the embarkation, in order that it may take place as soon as possible after I shall hear that orders for the evacuation of Goa have been given by the Most Noble the Governor General in Council.—

Seringapatam
October 29th 1802

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

Sent the following letters.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud &
Lieutenant Colonel Orr

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint you to be Members of the Committee which has been instituted for the purpose of investigating the circumstances connected with the failure of the Gun Carriages constructed by the Contractors.—

To Lieutenant Col. Trapaud and Lieut. Colonel Orr acquainting them that they are appointed Members of the Committee which has been instituted for investigating the failure of the Gun Carriages constructed by the Contractors.—

His Lordship in Council has directed me to refer you to the instructions which have

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To have been furnished to the Committee for your further proceeding on that subject.—

I am &c.a &c.a

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(Signed) George Buchan
Sec.y to Gov.t

To Major General Smith
President &.a Members of the Committee
for investigating the failure of Gun Carriages

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Lieut.t Col. Trapaud and Lieut.t Col. Orr to be members of the Committee which has been instituted for the purpose of investigating the failure of the Gun Carriages constructed at this Presidency.—

To the Committee for investigating the failure of Gun Carriages—Communicating the appointment of Lieutenant Col. Trapaud and Lieut. Colonel Orr to be Members of their Committee.—

I have the honor to be &c.a &c.a—

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(Signed) George Buchan
Sec.y to Gov.t

Received the following letters—

entered in M.B. No.s 7. 8.—

From Captain Hook— transmitting Invoice and Bill of lading of 22 Six pounder Brass Guns

From the Secretary at Fort William.—

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Brass Guns shipped on the Neptune for this Presidency.

From Mr Roebuck — Forwards an

From the Military Paymaster General

additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster in Malabar.—

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

From Mr. Grant — Forwards a

From the Secretary at Bombay.—

Packet addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency.—

To the Military Auditor

To the Military Auditor General.

General — Referring to his Report an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster in Malabar—

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Sent a letter to Captain Hook—

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

entered in M.B. No. 11.— Transmitting copy of the General Letter to the Court of Directors under date the 20th October.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Lieutenant General James Stuart Com.r in Chief

William Petrie
&
Mungo Dick
} Esq.rs

Tuesday the 9th November 1802

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

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

Minute of the Commander in Chief—

1st The Commander in Chief recommends a compliance with an application that he has the honor to submit to the Board from Captain Alexander Baillie of the 11th Regiment to be permitted to proceed to Europe upon Sick Certificate.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief submits an application from Captain A. Baillie to proceed to Europe on sick Certificate—submits and recommends for payment two Bills of Lieutenant Knox of His Majesty's 33d Regt. for the regulated allowance as acting Deputy Judge Advocate to a General Court martial held at Seringapatam

2nd The Commander in Chief lays before the Board two Bills from Lieutenant Knox of His Majesty's 33d Regiment for the regulated

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regulated allowance as acting Deputy Judge
Advocate at a General Court Martial; and
recommends that they may be transmitted
for payment to the Military Auditor General.

9th November 1802 (Signed) J. Stuart.

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose a
Certificate from two Surgeons declaring it
necessary for me to return to Europe for the
Recovery of my Health. May I therefore
beg leave to solicit your Lordship for per=
=mission to proceed to England agreeably
thereto on one of the Ships of the ensuing season

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12th October 1802

(Signed) Alex.r Baillie
Capt.n 2.d Battn. 11th Regt. N.I.

Certicate –

We William Orde, & Henry Wise,
Surgeons of the Madras Establishment, do
hereby declare on Oath that we are of opinion

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it is absolutely necessary, Captain Alexander Baillie of the eleventh native Regiment, should leave this Country and go to Europe for the recovery of his health.—

(Signed) William Orde, Surgeon
A. Wilse. S.

Sworn before me at
Madras 8th October 1802
(Signed) Walter Grant
Justice of Peace

General Order by the Honble Colonel Wellesley

A General Court Martial consisting of a President and fourteen Members is ordered to assemble for the Trial of all such prisoners as shall be brought before it, in the Officers room at the Main Guard in Seringapatam, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday the 1st day of September 1802—

Lieut.t Col.o William Orrock 1st Battn 8th Regt President

Detail

		Field Officers	Captains	Subalterns
The 7th Regiment N. Cavalry	to give	1	1	"
The 1st Battn of Artillery	"	1	1	"
M. M. Regiment de meuron	"	1	2	2
1st Battalion 2d Regt	"	"	1	"
2d Battn 3d Regiment	"	1	1	"
1st Battn 8th Regiment	"	"	"	1
2d Battn 18th Regiment	"	"	1	"
Total		4	7	3

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Prisoners and Evidences to be warned, and they are ordered to attend.—

The Proceedings of the foregoing General Court Martial will be conducted by Lieutenant John Knox— who is appointed to act as Judge Advocate, and to whom the Names and dates of Commissioners of the Officers ordered as Members of it, are to be transmitted

Lists of persons who may be required as Evidences at the General Court Martial are also to be forwarded to Lieut. Knox.—

(Signed) R. Barclay
Dep.y Adj.t Gen.l in Mysore

True Copy
(Signed) R. Barclay
Dy Adj.t Gen.l Mysore

Seringapatam
13th August 1802

Resolved that permission be given to Captain Alexander Baillie to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate.—

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the Bills for allowances due to Lieutenant Knox as acting Deputy Judge Advocate, if correct.—

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Read the following letters from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

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

My Lord,

1st We have the honor to report that the requisite instructions have been given in consequence of the receipt of Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Dep.t dated the 19th October.—

2 In reply to the letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Depart=ment under date the 6th Instant, We have the honor to report, that after a careful examination of our Records, it appears that the appropriation of the Tonnage engaged for the Expedition to the Red Sea was not entrusted to the Military Board, but that as we learn by Reports received from the different departments subsequent to the departure of the several Ships, the embarkation of the whole of the provision Stores (except Provisions and Water for three Months for 800 Men with their Followers

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From the Military Board Report that with the stated exception the embarkation of the whole of the Provision Stores for the Service at the Red Sea was conducted, previous to the appointment of a Special Agent under the orders of the Chief Secretary of Government & that the Military Stores were embarked under the authority of the Commander in Chief—Forward Copy of a Minute of the Military Auditor suggesting a new Mode of supplying Draft & Carriage Bullocks for the public Service—Enclose copy of a letter from Major Symons together with an Extract of another letter, requesting from stated considerations leave to return to Seringapatam & recommend that a period may be fixed for finally settling the Bullock Accounts—Transmit Statement of Tonnage required for the conveyance of the Troops and military Stores from Amboyna together

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together with a list of the Provisions requird on the passage — Recommends payment of the enclosed Bills —

which the Military Board were ordered to ship on the Wellesley Transport in the Service of Government, without being informed of her destination / was conducted, previous to the appointment of a Special Agent, under the Orders of the Chief Secretary to Government: and that the Military Stores were embarked under authority of the late President of the Military Board, in his Capacity of Commander of the Army in Chief. —

3 We have the honor to submit for the consideration of your Lordship in Council Copy of a Minute recorded on our Proceedings by the Military Auditor General. —

4 We enclose Copy of a letter from Major Symons dated the 11th instant and Extract from a Letter from that Officer dated the 19th instant, and as there appears to be a determination on the part of many of the Bullock Owners to resist every attempt to induce them to close their Accounts, and as not only from a wish to resume the duties of his appointment of Judge and Magistrate, but also on account of the present very impaired State of his health, Major Symons is desirous to be permitted

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to return to Seringapatam. We beg leave to recommend, as the only means by which we conceive an adjustment of the Accounts can be effected, that an Advertisement may be immediately published under the signature of the Chief Secretary to Government declaring that no Claims will be received at Madras after the 10th of November, and that all Persons having claims unsettled at that period, must present them for adjustment at the Cutcherry of Major Symons on, or before the 31st day of December next after which time no Claims whatever will be attended to.—

5. We transmit in conformity to your Lordship's commands communicated to us in the letter of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department dated 13th October — Statement of Tonnage that will be required for the removal of the European and Native Troops and their Followers, as also the Military Stores now at the Molucca Islands, and at Malacca, supposing the Voyage to last nine Weeks —

6. We also enclose List of Provisions that will be required for the consumption of the Troops

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Troops during the Voyage, and in order to facilitate the duties of the Person who may be charged with the embarkation of the Supplies of Provisions which it may be deemed necessary to send to complete the quantity required at the period of commencing the Voyage back to India. We enclose list of Provision Stores forwarded to Amboyna by the Honorable Company's Ship Marchioness of Exeter, and a Return of the quantity of Provisions remaining at the Moluca Islands on the 1st August last to which is subjoined a Statement of one Months consumption of each Article and an Account of the Period to which the Supply in Store would victual the respective Garrisons.—

7 We beg leave to recommend that an advance of Pagodas 1440. 26. 65. may be paid to the Garrison Store keeper at the Presidency on account of the Provision of Spars required for constructing a new Flag Staff for Fort St. George

8 We recommend Payment of the following enclosed Bills— Viz.t—

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No 1 Four Bills of the Garrison Store-keeper in Canara marked A, B, C, D. for Coolies employed, and articles purchased at Mangalore, Cundapore, Ismalabbad, and Beckeel in August and September 1802 amounting together to — Pagodas 90. 189. 15.

No 2 Bill of the Garrison Store-keeper in Canara marked E. for Slaughter Cattle purchased for the use of discharged Europeans proceeding to Bombay amounting to Rupees 45 " "

No 3. Bill of the Garrison Store-keeper in Canara for Provisions issued to several of the Honorable Company's armed Boats amounting to Rupees 217. 1. 53.

We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Stuart.
" D. Smith
" J. Brunton
" Alex.r Orr

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25th October 1802

Minute of the Military Auditor General on the subject of a new mode of supplying Draught and Carriage Bullocks for the public Service —

The Manner in which Bullocks were procured for the public Service during the late War

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War in Mysore, having been attended with difficulties and very considerable inconvenience to the public owing principally to the interference of Numbers of Natives under the appellation of Head Maistries whose influence through-out the whole of that Department has been fraught with unaccountable delays and procrastination in the Settlement of the public Accounts, and as the events of that War, & circumstances which have since occurred put the Honble Company in possession of nearly the whole Authority over the Countries both above and below the Ghauts, The Military Auditor General in giving the subject of the Bullock Department at large his particular attention, a more effectual and proper mode of supplying Cattle in the event of another War in India has in an extraordinary degree occupied his thoughts, and after having considered the subject in the many various Ways in which it has presented itself to his View, he proposes to the Military Board for the purpose of being laid before The Right Honorable The President in Council, the following heads of a

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Plan for the Provision of Bullocks in the Ordnance, Store & Provision Departments on field Service, - The Camp Equipage Department being by the adoption of the System lately introduced nearly — already provided for. —

First That it be recommended to the — Right Honorable the President in Council to — direct that measures shall be resorted to cause — the Collectors of the Revenue through-out the — Territories subject to the Company's authority to procure and forward to the Board of Revenue at such periods as His Lordship shall deem expedient, Returns of Bullocks fit for draught or Carriage within the limits of their Collections distinguishing Districts, the same information may be obtained from the Devan of the Rajah of Mysore thro' the Medium of the Resident. —

Second When this information shall have been obtained, the public Resources in this important Department become known, and when it may be deemed expedient to assemble a force for field Service — This Board being put in possession of

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the returns made by Collectors, will have the power of deciding on the Numbers of each description that will be required, and the quarter from which they ought to be furnished.—

Third — These points being decided on, a Communication to that effect should be made to Government when thro' the Medium of the Board of Revenue orders may be issued to Collectors to assemble the Numbers of each description required with the regulated quota of Drivers, allowing for Spare Bullocks Conformably to the regulations with directions for their being forwarded to the place of Rendezvous.—

Fourth — Collectors called upon to furnish Bullocks for the public Service will open Registers, wherein the Owners Names with the Numbers of Cattle furnished by them will be entered, and a Statement of the Advances made, regularly noted, and for every 500 head of Cattle, 1 head Manager and a Conicaply, is to be attached to be chosen by the Owners of the Cattle and to be paid at the Company's expence; The Numbers of Cattle to be

furnished

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furnished by individuals to be in proportion to his Stock at the descretion of the Collector who will have in View the good of the Service both as to the Cultivation, and the necessities of the Army in regard to Supplies

Fifth The Mode of payment for Cattle thus procured for the public Service may be arranged by the Collectors respectively settling a proportion payable in the field for the Maintenance of Drivers and procuring forage, the greater part of the hire being payable by them Monthly to the Owners.—

Sixth An Agent to be appointed by Government on an adequate Salary to superintend the whole of this Department, who will be furnish=ed by Collectors with accurate Returns of the Numbers of Bullocks of each description furnished by them with Drivers, and of the Advances made, of the Sums payable by them Monthly to the Owners, and the Residue to be paid in Camp to the Manager for the Maintenance of drivers &c.—

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Seventh — Independent of the Head Manager and Conicaply proposed for each 500 Bullock Owners may be permitted to send in charge of their Cattle such person as they may deem expe=dient, not exceeding in the proportion of two — persons per hundred Head.—

Eighth — And in order to supply defici=encies in consequence of Casualties, Collectors will be instructed to be careful to have in Readiness in the District nearest to the place where the Army may be, of which due information will be given to them by the Superintending Agent certain Numbers of draught and Carriage Bullocks — regarding the disposal of which due intimation will be furnished.—

Ninth — And to encourage the Owners of Cattle to hire them in the Service of the public, Government may propose to make some remune=ration for Casualties amongst the Cattle after they join the Army, not exceeding 1½ Pagoda for — every third Draught Bullock, and 1 Pagoda for every third Carriage Bullock. In bringing forward

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Forward this general head of a plan for supplying Bullocks for the Army, The Military Auditor General is aware that it may be considered obnoxi=ous to many objections, but having no other motive in view than the good of the Service at large, should his endeavours not meet with the approbation of his Superiors the hints he has thrown out may be improved upon by some person more able but not more zealous in the public cause.—

Experience has taught the Military Auditor General of the pressing necessity which exists for the application of an effectual re=medy to remove the difficulties which the furnish=ing of Bullocks through the Medium of Maistries occasions, and which is at this Moment so mani=fest in the pending Settlements submitted to Major Symons for adjustment— The obstacles which this formidable body of artful natives have opposed to bringing their accounts to final issue are well known to every Member of this Board, and that controversy and litigation are their sole and only objects, any plan therefore

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which can be devised by which these troublesome Men can be left entirely out of the question, and which shall be found likely to answer the end proposed, must be of the first consequence to the public; under the influence of this impression — The Military Auditor General has been induced to trouble the Board with this Minute, and if the general appearance of the reasoning on its Subject — Matter meets with approbation every further — endeavour to bring it to maturity shall be exerted.

Independent of the Serious consideration accruing from an exclusion of Head Masters in the Management of the Bullock Department in a collective State, The Mode proposed by the Military Auditor General of directing Collectors to acquire information as to Numbers and — description of Cattle within their District, and the authorizing of them to assemble the Cattle when necessary, are Circumstances well calculated to defeat the influence of these baneful Members of the Community in the Country and to vest the power of bringing together and subsequently —

managing

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managing the Department in a manner, that must by such arrangement be freed from the present great inconveniencies with which it is clogged, and the public will thereby be put in possession — . be exclusively of an authority formerly usurped — and successively maintained by unworthy individuals for the worst of purposes.—

Military Auditor Generals Office — Fort St George 23d October 1802

(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor General

N.B. It is not the intention of the Military Auditor General that the proposed Mode of obtaining Bullocks for the public — service shall interfere with the establishment of public Cattle at present kept up in Mysore or those employed with the subsidiary force.—

(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor General

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

To

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To the President and Members
of the
Military Board.

Gentlemen,

Para 1 On a Communication with the Head Bullock Owners, I find that very few of the Petty Ones and inferior Maistries are forthcoming to receive in Person the Balances due to them, but have had their Accounts and Demands settled & discharged by the former.—

2 The refractory Petty Owners who have not signed the Registers will not come to any Settlement, and say that they will let their Accounts be over in the same Manner as those of former Wars have done, and make no doubt of realizing their claims at some future period.—

3d When I was making my former Settlements, the inferior Maistries were present & some of them even signed a Register I had made for that purpose.—

4 Do you approve of my paying the Balances into the Hands of the Head Owners

and

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and holding them responsible to Government and closing the Books accompanied by the Accounts Current of the refractory Petty Owners with the subordinate Agents; there being no other practicable mode of accomplishing a final adjustment.—

(Signed) John Hilley Symons
Major

Race Stand
the 11th of October 1802

A true Copy
(Signed) John Macleane
Secy Mily Board.

Extracts of a letter from Major Symons Superintending the Adjustment of Bullock Accounts to the Military Board Dated 19th October 1802

I have received your letter of the 12th October in which you refer me to the Copy of the Government Letter of the 27th of September as a guide for my Conduct in settling the Accounts; however upon a Reference to that document, I find no Provision is made respecting the points stated in my Address of the 11th Instant, and as your Board may not have perfectly understood the subject, I deem it expedient to transmit a more particular

Explanation

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=ately connected with Lieutenant Colonel Dallas
and Captain Barclay's Settlements, there was not
Cash to discharge the claims of the Petty Owners
who had signed Registers, and I gave to their head
Owners a List of their Names and Account of their
respective claims agreeable to Pro.s that they
might be paid at a future period which is now
arrived and the Head Owners have presented
these Certificates for payment, and say they have
paid their petty Owners, who have gone to their
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Certificates to the Amount of four thousand Star
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of the late Grain Department, and he requires
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or Government decide upon the propriety of dis=
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by the Head Owners and Mr. Hart — The Petty
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=tion to me, and none having come forward, perhaps
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There are likewise disputes existing between the Head and Petty Owners about the correct-ness of their Accounts, and as I cannot legally decide upon them — I recommend that the litigated Sums may remain as a deposit in the Hands of Government and be paid to the Parties who may be lawfully authorized to receive them & I will furnish your Board "with a List of them specifying the Names and Sums."—

"It is incumbent upon me to inform "your Board that the Petty Owners who have had "recourse to the Supreme Court are positively deter-"-mined to come to no Settlement with Government "on any terms whatever, except their own, and it "is proper to remark that they have nothing or but a "Trifle to receive and some of them are even indebted "to the Public, consequently they have no inducement "to come to an Adjustment, this being the case, the only "practicable mode of closing the Accounts, is the lodging with "your Board the Account Current with each Individual who "Amount to Seventy in the Grain & about forty in the Store Dept."—

True Extracts
(Signed) John Macleane
Sec.y M.G. Board
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True Extracts
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Sec.y M.C.y Board

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List of Coolly Modelly and Veerasawmy Petty Owners to be paid in the Camp Equipage Department.

	Pags.	Fs.	Cs.
Maum Paweum Nunatta			
Arunga Mungalum Curta Modelly	59	33	.
Cuddupah Nuttum Dowalje	15	18	.
Chettavennaun Permaul Chetty	52	27	72
Nullum Vencata Naigen	33	36	.
Canatore Sawmy Naigen	215	27	.
Cannatore Rungapah Naigen	74	41	.
Chettawunnaun Ramoo Chetty	43	36	.
Sakee Pettah Vengennen	49	.	.
Cutchala Modelly	1	20	40
Chinna Poly Goorvapah Naigen	13	12	.
Sakee Pettah Narsoo	10	29	24
Conjeveram Soobaroya Modelly	12	40	24
Mundee Vencatauchellum	13	12	.
Chengulputt Condapen	10	41	48
Muttaul Chetty	29	5	14
Vencatapetty Naigen	16	2	44
Padavatan	41	13	.
Moottaul Cauen	21	35	40
Trenada Modelly	2	40	40
Ongole Govendoo	92	31	44
Golconda Vencata Ramen	41	5	44
Appecawn	49	3	48
Connatore Narnapah Naigen	16	37	20
	28	36	.
Total St Pagodas	947	39	22
By Cash received	516	35	60
Balance due	431	3	42

The Balance of four hundred and thirty One Star Pagodas three fanams forty two Cash to be paid on the delivery of this Certificate

(signed) J. H. Symons Superintending the Adjustment

A True Copy (signed) John Maclean Sec.y M.y Board

Statement

Madras
the 3d February 1801.

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Statement of Tonnage that will be required for the Removal of the European and Native Troops and their followers — as also the Military Stores now at the Molucca Islands and at Malacca, Supposing the Voyage to last Nine Weeks —

For the accommodation of 462 Europeans and 922 Natives at ½ Ton ℔ Man	"	"	"	"	695	"	"	"
For Provisions &c. required for the above Number of Troops & Followers —	"	"	"	"	785	1	2	6
For Military Stores at Malacca	318	7	3	10				
For D° D° at Amboyna	181	18	3	24				
For D° D° at Banda	82	5	1	19				
For D° D° at Ternate	71	12	3	25				
					654	5	"	22
Tons					2,134	6	3	"

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(Signed) John Macleane
Secy. M.y Board

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List of Provision Stores required for Nine Weeks consumption for the European and Native Troops and Followers of the Madras Establishment, on the Voyage from the Molucca Islands and Malacca to Madras with the estimated Tonnage thereof—

Articles		Quantity			In Packages		Supposed amt. of Tonnage.— Tons	cwt	
Biscuit	Candy-	44	4	13.	Bags	221.	17.	"	"
Rice	Garce-	15.	69.	"	Do	910.	70.	"	"
Dholl	"	2	172	9.	Do	146.	11	4	69.
Salt	"	"	363	"	Do	61.	4	13	95.
Flour	Candy-	8.	8.	12.	Hogs head	8	3.	13.	95.
Sugar	"	6.	6.	9.	Bags	50	3	16.	104.
Mustard	"	"	14	1.	Do	3	"	4.	69.
Vinegar	Gallons	263.	2.	"	Leager	2.	1.	16.	104
Arrack	"	1,474	8.	"	Do	11.	10.	3.	8.
Salt Beef and Pork	£	29,484	"	"	Hogshead	62.	28	12	35.
Firewood	Bittlts	175,140	"	"			64.	"	"
Water	Gallons	87,570	"	"	Leagur	583	538.	3.	8.
Ghee	Candy	13.	12.	7½	Hogshead	13.	6.	"	"
Tamirind	"	13.	12.	7½	Bags	54	4	3.	8.
Chillies	"	1.	10.	6.	Do	14	1.	1.	60.
Pepper	"	1	10.	6.	Do	9.	"	13.	95.
Coreander Seeds	"	1	10.	6.	Do	10.	"	15	43
Commin Seeds	"	"	15	3.	Do	3.	"	4	69
Garlick	"	1.	2.	18.	Do	6.	"	9	26
Turmarick	"	1.	2	18.	Do	6.	"	9	26
Onions		1	2	18.	Do	6.	"	9	26
Beetlenut	"	4	10	19.	Do	19.	1	9	26
Tobacco	"	9.	1	12½	Do	90.	6	18.	52
Salt Fish	No	58,086	—	—	Do	116.	8.	18	52
						Tons	785	1	62

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25th October 1802

(Signed) John Macleane
Sec.y M.y Board

Return

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Return of Arrack and Salt Provisions laden on Board the Honorable Companys Ship the Marchioness of Exeter for the use of the European Troops at the Molucca Islands and Consigned to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Amboyna.—

		Gallons	Drams
Arrack - 57 Leaquers Containing measured Gallons		8176.	
Salt Beef Europe 141 Tierces is	47,376		
Ditto Ditto 1 Hogs head is	480.		
142	47,856		
Ditto Pork Do 74 Fierces	23,532		
216	71,388 or	142.	15. 13.

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(Signed) John Macleane
Secy M.y Board

Estimate

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Estimate of the Quantity of Grain and Provisions at Amboyna

	Spiritu=ous Li=quors Arrack & Rum	Salt Prov.ns Beef & Pork	Rice	Salt	Dholl	Ghee	Tamarind	Pepper	Chillies	Garlick	Onions
	Gallons Drams	Candies Maunds Pounds	Garee Measures Seers	Garee Measures Seers	Garee Measures Seers	Candy Maunds Pounds	Candies Maunds Pounds	Candies Maunds Pounds	Candies Maunds Pounds	Candies Maunds Pounds	Candies Maunds Pounds
The quantity & quality of Grain and Provision at Amboyna Banda & Ternate on the 1st July 1802.	16871. 15	193. 1 6.	403	129 3/4	16	36 1/2	20. 389 5 1/2	106	18. 20 1/4	19	5 1/4
One Months Consumption	3,600 "	20. " "	30. " "	2 " "	2 " "	12 " "	12 " "	4 " "	2 " "	1 " "	1 " "
Balance on 1st August 1802	15271. 15	173 1 6.	373	129 9/4	14	36 1/2	18. 389 5 1/2	94	18 20 1/4	7	5 1/4
Specifying the time to above Quantity of Grain & Provisions may last upon an average according to the above expenditure		9 Months and 16 days	8 Months and 19 days	12 Months and 13 days	7 Months and 2 days	9 Months and 13 days	7 Months and 27 days	"	10 Months and 22 days	"	"

	42	19	19	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Amboyna 31st July 1802

A true Copy
(Signed) John

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Banda & Ternate on the 1st July 1802 and a Months Consumption

Turmarick			Beetlenutt			Tobacco			Livestock			Salt fish	Extra Articles: Madeira Wine	Brandy	Gin	Port Wine	Ale	Paddy			Wheat			Sugar			Vinegar
Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Bullocks	Baffaloes	Hogs	No.	Pipes	Gallons	Gallons	Pipes	Hogsheads	Garce	Mercals	Seirs	Garce	Mercals	Seirs	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Gallons
5	4	12	1	3.	21.	88	13	11½	"	8.	80.	"	29.	1,716.	715	2.	18.	1	199	11	14	339	"	8.	19.	1	109
1	"	"	4.	"	"	8.	"	"	"	"	80.	"	2.	60.	40	1.	6.	1	"	"	1	200	"	2.	"	"	30.
4	4	12.	"	"	"	80	13	11½	"	8	"	"	27.	1,656.	675	1	12	"	199	11	13	139	"	6	19	1.	79.
4 Months			"	—		10 Months			"			"	13 Months	27 Months	16 Months	1 Month	2 Months	1 Mth			8 Months			3 Months			2 Mths
and			"	—		and			"			"	and	and	and	"	"	"			and			and			and
6 days			"	—		3 days			"			"	15 days	15 days	20 days	"	"	"			25 days			14 days			20 days

Errors Excepted

(Signed) W. Geo. Waugh
Lieut
Acting Commissary
of Grain & Provisions

(Signed) J. Oliver
Col. Comy.

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The Board having considered the recommendations stated in the Minute of the Military Auditor General relative to the Conduct of the Bullock department, approves the attention bestowed by Lieutenant Colonel Brunton upon that subject, but is of opinion that the System of providing Cattle through the Medium of the Collectors would be calculated to impose upon the Officers of Revenue a degree of labor and responsibility incompatible with the extensive and important nature of the duties involved in the management of the public revenues; Resolved however that the Board of Revenue be directed to call upon the Collectors for Registers of the Cattle in their respective districts agreeably to the Suggestions stated in the Minute of the Military Auditor General

Resolved in compliance with the recommendation of the Military Board that an Advertisement be published for prescribing a limited period for the adjustment of all unsettled Claims connected with the late bullock department

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and that a Copy of the Advertisement be furnished to the Military Board.—

Resolved to desire that Major Symons may be instructed to close those Accounts of which the Settlement has been completed, in order that, that Officer may be enabled to return to Seringapatam.—

Resolved that the papers relating to the embarcation of the Troops stationed at the eastern Settlements be transmitted to Bengal for the information of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.—

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the Bills and Advances of Money recommended by the Military Board.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.—

To the Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor in Council
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My Lord,

1 The 2nd Battalion 4th Regiment and 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment of Native Infantry have

From the Military Auditor General—Requests

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Requests to be authorized to pass for payment, Batta to the Officers & Men lately employed in making Military Roads — Submits a letter from Major Strachan — formerly Brigade Major of Cavalry — on the subject of retrenchments made against him of the difference between half and full Batta which he drew in 1797/8 while employed in the Drill of certain Native Cavalry at Trichinopoly

have for some time past been employed in making Military Roads in the interior of the Country on which account Batta to the Officers and Men, and working Batta to parties of the Troops are charged in the paymasters Accounts, at Ballari and this Presidency, previous to sanctioning which, I beg leave to solicit the authority of your Lordship in Council, His Excellency the Commander in Chief has done me the honor to direct information to be transmitted to my Office, that those Corps are to be immediately halted during the Wet Season, and that all field Charges are on that account to cease on the 31st Instant.—

2 I embrace this occasion of laying before your Lordship a letter from Major Strachan formerly Brigade Major of Cavalry on the subject of retrenchments made against him of the difference between half and full Batta which he drew in the above capacity for the year 1797/8. amounting to Pagodas three hundred and seventy one Fanams ten and Cash forty (Pag.s 371.. 10. 40) and which he was not deemed entitled to, he has —

stated

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stated his case very fully in his letter to your Lordship, and on examining the Accounts. Disbursements at Trichinopoly for the period to which he refers, I find Batta was allowed to the parties detached from Cavalry Corps and assembled at Trichinopoly for the purpose of attending drill, but unless it shall be your Lordships' pleasure to grant Major Strachan a remission of the retrenchments in question as a remuneration for the fatigue and labor which he underwent in the above duty, such allowance having been admitted to the parties from Corps does not strengthen his claim, because it is the Custom of the Service to allow full Batta on such occasions, but full Batta altho' allowed to Brigade Majors attached to General Officers on the Staff, yet forms no part of the allowances of the Brigade Major of Cavalry, the situation held by Major Strachan at the period he drew the Batta in question, and which it was his duty to have obtained the sanction of Government for, thro' the regular Channel previous to drawing it.

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

(Signed) J. Brunton
M.G. Aud.r Gen.l

Auditor Generals Office
Military
Fort St George 28th October 1802

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive,

President in Council,

My Lord, &c.--&c.--&c.--

I beg leave to submit to your Lordship in Council, that in the month of April 1797 while Brigade Major to the Corps of Cavalry, I was directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief, Then Lieut. General Harris, to attend and be under the Orders of Major Floyd, at that time employed on a General inspection of the Cavalry serving on the Coast.—

Immediately after this Inspection, I again received His Excellency's Commands to — remain at Trichinopoly, for the purpose of assisting in the Drill of a Detail of Native Cavalry, Ordered to practise under M. General Floyd. I beg to state, that I was detained on this Duty until the Month of December 1798: That the fatigue and Labour of the Drill fell chiefly to my lot, and that Agreeably to the Rules of the Service, I then drew for, and received the difference between half and full Batta, An Indulgence granted to every —

Officer

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Officer, Private and Follower engaged with the Drill in question - But this, allow me to say well earned Gratuity has been lately retrenched from my allowances for that year, owing doubtless to some Informality on my part, of which however I am unconscious -

I am therefore constrained to lay the Circumstance before your Lordship in Council with the authority of the Commander in Chief by which I then acted; and to solicit, that should the case appear to merit a favorable consideration, You will be pleased to direct the Retrenchment now standing against Me under the above head, to be cancelled -

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

(Signed) Alex.r Strachan.
Major 6th Reg.t N. Cavalry

Ballari
24th September 1802

Major General Floyd

Sir,

The Commander in Chief has perused Your letter of the 9th Instant, and directed the riding Master and two rough Riders, from each Regiment,

to

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to attend you at Trichinopoly without delay. Brigade Major Strachan is to remain with you, agreeably to your desire. — On the subject of riding tackle, the General desires me to say that for the present, it must be provided by Regiments as heretofore. —

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16th December 1802

I have the honor to be &c &c —
(Signed) B.Y Close.

Resolved to desire that the charge for batta to the Officers and troops employed in making Military Roads be admitted. —

Under the explanation stated relative to the retrenchment against Major Strachan for batta drawn by that Officer while employed in the extraordinary duty of drill; Resolved to desire that the Retrenchment on that account be remitted. —

Read the following letter from His Excellency Vice Admiral Rainier. —

To The Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor in Council
Fort St George.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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From Admiral Rainier acknowledges communication regarding the mode to be adopted in the issue of Medicines to the Navy & states that he has given the necessary Instructions in consequence - Conceives that the price to be paid for such Medicines will be fixed at a permanent rate by the proper Department -

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the receipt of your Lordships' letter in Council dated 23d Ultimo, inclosing for my Information Extract of the Honorable Court of Directors Instructions to your Lordship taken from their General Letter dated 28th April last, directing that the Medicines which may be furnished from the Medical Stores of your Lordships' Presidency for the use of His Majesty's Ships or of the Naval Hospital at this place shall be paid for in future when issued from the Stores at reasonable prices -

I have to acquaint your Lordships in reply that I have apprised the Surgeon of the Naval Hospital here of the said regulation for his Government, and shall at convenient opportunities communicate the same to the Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships under my Command - The Price to be paid for such Medicines will I presume be fixed at a permanent rate in conformity to the Honorable Courts instructions, by the proper department, with your Lordships authority

I have the honor to be &c &c -

Centurion, Madras Roads
November 2nd 1802

(Signed) Peter Rainier

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The payment of Medicines issued from the public Stores at this Presidency to answer demands of an extraordinary Nature, having been usually made at the rate of an advanced charge of ten per Cent upon the Invoice prices; Resolved that directions be given for the observance of that Mode in the issue of the Medicines which may be required for the use of the Ships of His Majestys Squadron in India, & of His Majestys Naval Officer

Read the following letter from the Town Major of Fort St. George.—

The Chief Secretary of Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of my application to the Medical Board, & the certificate of the junior Member, recommending that Lieut.t Little pensioned Assistant Surgeon may be received into the Lunatic Hospital.

As this is not a case of immediate urgency, it waits the orders of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) M. Wilks Town Major.

From the Town Major of Fort St George encloses copy of his application to the Medical Board & the certificate of the Junior Member recommending that Mr. Little pensioned Assistant Surgeon may be admitted into the Lunatic Hospital.—

Town Majors Office
Fort St George 8th Novr 1802

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The Secretary of the Medical Board

Sir,

Having reason to believe that Mr. Little pensioned Assistant Surgeon is incapable of conducting his own affairs or even of giving me a satisfactory receipt for the pension drawn for him in my Abstracts, I have considerable Scruples in delivering his Subsistence to the Mercy of a Native Servant, and therefore request that he may be examined by a Member of the Medical Board for the purpose of ascertaining whether he may not be more properly placed under the Superintendant of the Lunatic Hospital

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
2d November 1802.

(Signed) M. Wilks
Town Major.

Certificate

Agreeably to the Request of the Town Major of Fort Saint George under date the 2d Instant - I do hereby certify, that I have this day examined Mr. Archibald Little pensioned Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, and have found him not only in the most helpless situation

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Fort St George
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Situation from disease, and Paralysis in his Right Arm, but his Memory, and intellectual faculties so totally impaired by a fall from a Terrace some years ago at Malacca, as renders him incapable of conducting his own affairs or Signing his Name

I do therefore consider him to be a very proper Object to be placed under the Super=intendant of the Lunatic Hospital.—

Given under my Hand at Madras this fourth day of November One thousand Eight Hundred and two.—

(Signed) Nicol Mein
3d Member of the Medical Board

Resolved to authorize the admission of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Little into the Lunatic Hospital

Read the following letter—

from the late Civil Engineer—

To the Chief Secretary of Government.

Sir,

A Retrenchment from my Bill for the Battery at the North East angle of the Black Town having been recommended by the Military Board, and approved by Government,

From the late Civil Engineer—Explains the Circumstances—under which he Re=quests that the Re=trenchment on his Bill for the Battery at

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at the North East Angle of the Black Town, may be remitted

I beg to state the following particulars, which I apprehend were not known to the Military Board at the time the recommendation was sent up—

A plan of a circular Battery was officially sent to me;— after the ground had been excavated for Foundation, a second plan was transmitted, with orders that the first was not to be executed; a new site was also chosen for the Battery; the earth before excavated was therefore filled in, and a second excavation formed for the Foundation according to the new Plan: the Ground about the Battery was high, and it became necessary to level it, to prevent the Battery being filled with Water during the Wet Season; the Sand however is liable to accumulate again, and from this circumstance it was thought advisable to increase the depth of the Brick Work under the Stone Plat-forms of the Mortars to 2 feet; additional Stone Work was also executed at the Sweeps. Sadlers Furnace was estimated at P. 42. f. 13. c. 8. but in the Estimate only 6 Iron bars & 3 Doors were

allowed

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allowed, while in executing the Work according to the English Model sent for my guidance, it became necessary to have 3 additional Bars, a small trough and a fourth door, with Machines for taking the hot Shot from the Furnace, making on the whole 118 additional Iron Work: the outside of the Furnace was also plastered with coarse & fine Chunam.—

I have measured the Work, including these additions, and for the satisfaction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, I have the honor to transmit the measurement, with its valuation according to the Prices in Lieut.t De Havilland's Estimate of the circular Battery: supposing these Prices correct, as they are said to be, it will appear, that the value of the Work is more than I have charged; but my Bill is not founded upon any Scale of rates, which may or may not be correct, it details merely the actual expense incurred by me for the Work, agreeably to the tenor of my appointment, I therefore make no claim to the surplus, but only to the amount of my Bill.—

From the Engineer— the Circums under wh = quests tha = trenchmen Bill for th

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I request you will be —
pleased to lay these circumstances before
the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council, and I have no doubt His —
Lordship will be pleased to order the —
Amount retrenched, being P. 69 fa. 35 Ch. 22
to be carried to my Credit. —

I have the honor to be

&c^a &c^a —

(Signed) I. Goldingham
late Civil Engineer

Fort St George
29 September 1802

Measurement —

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Measurement and Expense of a Barbette Battery for 10 Guns on Sweep Carriages; and a Furnace for heating Shot near the N. E. Angle of the Black Town. The Prices are taken from the Estimate of a Battery for this Situation, under date 6th March 1800, Signed by Lieut.t De Havilland & countersigned by Major General Rob.s

Measurement. Length.	Breadth.	Thickness.	Sup.l Sq.re feet	Cub. feet		Prices Pagodas Fanams Cash	Pagodas Fanams Cash
199.5	1.4	2 1½	"	764.5.2	Foundation to the Revetment East Side		
198.11	1.4	2.6	"	663.8	Do. to Do.		
198.5	1	2.2	1 "	482.3.2	Do. to Do.		
197.11	1.6	1.6	"	445.3.9	Above the base Do.		Do.
199 5	1.	1¾	2 11 "	666.5.5	Foundation to West Side		
198.11.	1	3¾	2 6 "	652.8.4	Do.		Do.
198.5.	1.	1½	2 "	446.5.3.	Do.		Do.
197.11.	1	10	1.6 "	544.3.3.	Above the Base		
7.5	1.	4	2.10½ "	56.10.6	Foundations to the Flanks		
7.11	1.	4	2.6 "	52 9.4	Do. to Do.		
8.5.	1.	2.	2.1 "	40.11 "	Do. to Do.		
8.11	1.	6	1.6 "	40 1.6.	Above the Base		
4.6	4.	6	1 "	202.6 "	Fixing 10 Pivots		
				5058.1.4.	Brick Work in Chunam	2 20 per Cub.t ft	2 10 40 60
413.8	1.	6	"	6.20.6 "	Brick on Edge in Chunam	2 21 " per Sq.re	15 21 42.
195 "	9	1	9 "	Rods 47. feet 53.	Filling in the Parapet	6 " per Cub.d Rod	6 34 77
48.10	1.	2	"	569.8.8 "	To 10 Sweeps each		
9 "	7	"	"	126	Laying 2 Mortar Platforms each		
				695.8 " 8 "			
				12.3 "	Deduct for 9 Joints		
				683.5.8 "	Laying 10 Sweeps & 2 Mortar Platforms of Blue Stones, with 3 Course of Wall Bricks flat, in Chunam & a levelling Course underneath	8 40 per Sup.l ft	138 13 40.
198.	21	"	41 58.	"	Flooring to the Battery with Jelly & Clay well rammed		
52	5.	"	5 20	"	Do. round the Mortar Platforms & Furnace		
				46 78.	Jelly & Clay	1 15 60 per Sq.re	64 13 43.
					Carried Over		495 40 22

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Measurement					Prices								
Length	Breadth	Thickness	Sup.ce Sq.re feet	Cub. feet	Pagodas Fanams Cash.			Pagodas	Fanams	Cash	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash.
					Brought Over						495	40	22.
					Additional Work -								
9. 7.	1. 1.	=	"	136. 6.	Brick in Chunam 5 Courses for 2 Mortar Platforms -	"	2 20 per Cub.ft	7.	13.	10			
					To 1413 yards - Foundation for Battery according to first Plan - filling it again, & levelling the Ground about the Battery	"	1 " per Sq.re	31	18.	"			
											38	31	10
													534 29 32.
					Sadler's Furnace as p.r Estimate								
				79. 10. 14	Brick in Chunam - - -	"	2 20 p.r Cub.ft	4	11.	53			
				13 3/4	" Wall Bricks flat 1 Course in Procelain Clay - - -	"	1 " "						
				36 3/8.	Arch Work in Chunam - -	"	4 40 per Cub.ft	3.	37	35.			
					Plastering the Inside with Procelain Clay Mixed with Sand - - - - -	"	1 " "						
					To 450 for 6 Iron Bars for the Grating & 3 Iron Doors with Frames, Hinges and Latches Complete - - - -	"	32. 6. "						
											42	13.	8.
					Additional Work not in the Estimate								
1. 28. 1.		=	"		Plastering with 3 Coats Chunam - - - - - -	"	3. " per Sq.re	3.	35	30.			
					To 118 lb for 1 Iron Door & Trough, 3 Iron Bars for the Grating, & Spoons for taking the hot Shot from the Furnace - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			8	24	61.			
											12	18	11
													54 31 19
											Pagodas		589 18 51.

Madras
29th September 1802.

(Signed) J. Goldingham
late Civil Engr.

Resolved

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Resolved that a Copy of the above letter be transmitted to the Military Board, & to direct that Board to state its opinion whether the explanation therein contained is satisfactory.—

Capn. Bose appointed to command at Tripassore,

The Commander in Chief having reported that in conformity to the resolution adopted by the Board on that subject, the removal of the Company of Gentlemen Cadets from Chingleput to Tripasore has taken place; Resolved that a General Order be published appointing Capt. Bose to command at Tripasore, & directing that the establishments hitherto attached to the garrison of Chengleput may be transferred to the former Station.—

" Clive

" Stuart

" Wm Fisher

" McDuff

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Diary

10th Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

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My Lord,

1. In reply to Mr. Secretary Buchan's letter of the 7th Instant, referring for my examination and Report an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster in Malabar, for the Current month, I have the honor to state that the Sum of Eight thousand and One hundred Pagodas (8,100. . .) is admissible and payable by Bills on the Military Paymaster General, said to be required for the payment of Field and Contingent Charges on account of the Detachment recently assembled in Wynaud & Coiote

2 I have deducted from the amount of the above Estimate the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Pagodas (2,500. . .) Estimated for on account of the 77th Regiment, as the Paymaster in Kanara included a Sum sufficient to answer the probable demands of that Regiment in his Estimate for the

Cuire

From the Military Auditor General Reports on the additional Estimate of the Paymaster in Malabar. States the consideration on which he has passed the amount under the Head of Field and Contingent charges.

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3.

I have also deducted the Sum of Three Thousand five hundred Pagodas (3,500. . . ./ Estimated for on account of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry, the amount of Pay &c. to that Battalion having been already Estimated for and allowed to the Paymaster in Mysore for the Current Month.—

4.

In consequence of the Report upon the Estimate in question having been called for by your Lordship in Council, thro' the Secretary in the Military Department, I have deemed it my duty to pass the amount stated under the head of field Contingent Charges, no Official Accounts having been received by me of Troops being in the field in the Wynaud and Cotiote Countries.—

Military Auditor Genl. Office I have the honor to be &c. &c.—
Fort St George 9th November 1802 (Signed) J. Brunton
Mr Audr Genl

Sent the following letter—

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To Captain Hook
Secretary to the Government at
Fort William

Sir,

In conformity to the intention stated in the letter from the Right Honble the Governor in Council to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council of the 5th Inst I am directed to transmit to you for the purpose of being submitted to His Excellency in Council the enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board at this Presidency together with the papers therein referred to, containing an Account of tonnage which will be required for the Conveyance to this Presidency of the Troops of this Establishment stationed at the Molucca Islands & at Malacca, with an Estimate of the Supplies of provisions which will be required for their use during the Voyage.

I have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) George Buchan
Sec.y to Gov.t

Received

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William - Transmitting Extract of a letter from the Military Board together with the papers therein referred to, containing an Acct of the Tonnage which will be required for the conveyance to this Presidency of the Troops stationed to the Eastward with an Estimate of the Supplies of Provisions which will be required for their use during the Voyage

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Received and sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 12. 13. 14.

From Mr. Lumsden - Transmitting copy of a Letter from the Marine Board, stating the discharge of the Ship Commerce from the public Service. -

From the Chief Secretary at Fort William. -

From Mr. Roebuck - Forwards an additional Estimate of Cash for the Current month.

From the Military Paymaster General. -

To the Military Paymaster General - Transmitting copy of the Military Auditor General's report on the additional Estimate. -

To the Military Paymaster General

11th

Sent a letter to the Barrack Master at the Presidency, entered in M. B. No 15 - Desiring that he will allot on the application of the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army, a Store Room for the Accommodation of the Workmen and Materials required for the preparation of the Cloathing of the Army for the present year. -

To the Barrack Master at the Presidency. -

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Lieutenant General James Stuart Comr in Chief

Friday the 12th November, 1802

William Petrie
&
Mungo Dick
} Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved.—

The following draft of a letter to His Excellency the Governor General in Council is Read & approved.—

To His Excellency
The Most Noble the Marquis Wellesley K.P.
Governor General in Council
Fort William.

My Lord,

Para. 1 We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of your Excellency in Council dated the 26th August last, conveying to us the desire of your Excellency in Council to be furnished

To Bengal. Acknowledges the receipt of the letter from His Excellency in Council of the 26th of August relative to the principle observed

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Observed in the Computation of the Tonnage engaged at this Presidency for the late expedition to the Red Sea — Transmits copies of letters and Statements received from the late Special Agent containing particular information on that subject — Explains the circumstances under which it is impracticable to furnish a particular account respecting the appropriation of tonnage on board of the Extra Ships Wellesley and Rockingham

furnished with particular information relative to the principle observed in the computation of the tonnage engaged at this Presidency for the late expedition to the Red Sea —

2 Having in compliance with the directions of your Excellency in Council called upon the late Special Agent whom we appointed for the provision of supplies for that Service, for an account of the Nature required by your Excellency in Council, We have the honor to transmit for your Excellency's information the copy of a letter from that Officer — to, containing a View of the tonnage freighted at this Presidency; of the Supplies embarked on each Ship; & of the tonnage occupied by the Supplies, contrasted with the measured tonnage of the Transports —

3 These Ships having been destined for the conveyance of Supplies for the troops employed at the Red Sea, it became an object of importance — under the difficulty of procuring tonnage at this Presidency to render the Supply of provisions sent by each Ship as extensive as was deemed to be compatible with

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with the Nature of the voyage to be performed & the adverse period of the Season at which the Vessels were generally despatched; & We trust that His Excellency the Governor General in Council will be satisfied on reference to the documents which we have the honor to transmit, that every degree of care was taken to render the distribution of tonnage engaged by us for that Service as œconomical as was practicable — consistently with the stated considerations —

4 We have the honor to acquaint Your Excellency in Council that previously to the appointment of a Special Agent for Supplies at this Presidency, the Extra Ships Marquis Wellesley and Rockingham were despatched from hence with troops & Stores for the purpose of joining the Armament — destined for the expedition to Egypt, which had been assembled at Trincomalle; but the former of these Ships failed to complete the Voyage to the Red Sea —

5 Our despatch to the Governor — General in Council of the 19th December 1800 will have apprized Your Excellency in Council of the Cir= =cumstances under which we determined to employ the Rockingham on that Service; The Nature of the

Service

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To His Excellency

Vice Admiral Rainier

Commander in Chief of all

His Majestys Ships and Vessels in the

East Indies

Sir,

To Admiral Rainier
Fixing the rate of price to be paid for Medicines when issued from the Company's Stores for the use of His Majesty's Ships.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 2nd Instant, and to acquaint your Excellency that the payment of Medicines issued from the public Stores at this Presidency having been usually made at the rate of an advanced Charge of 10 per Cent upon the Invoice prices, We shall accordingly direct that mode to be observed in the issue of the Medicines which may be required for the use of the Ships of His Majesty's Squadron in India and of His Majesty's Naval Hospital.

Fort St. George We have the honor &c. &c.

12th November 1802. (Signed) Clive &c. Council

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

Gentlemen!

To the Medical Board Forwarding Copy of a letter from Admiral Rainier, together with a Copy of the reply relative to the price to be paid for the Medecines which may be supplied from the public Stores for the use of the Sick of His Majesty's Navy.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose for your information and guidance the Copy of a Letter from His Excellency Vice Admiral Rainier, together with a Copy of the reply of His Lordship in Council, relative to the price to be paid for the Medecines which may be supplied from the public Stores for the use of the Sick of His Majesty's Navy in India.

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

Fort St. George (Signed) George Buchan

12th November 1802. Secretary to Government

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

Gentlemen!

To the Military Board Replying to the Minute of the Military Auditor General

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the

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the receipt of your Letters of the 25th Ultimo and 1st Instant.—

His Lordship in Council having considered the Recommendations Stated in the Minute of the Military Auditor General relative to the Conduct of the bullock Department approves the Attention bestowed by Lieutenant Colonel Brunton upon that subject, but is of opinion that the System of providing Cattle through the medium of the Collectors would be calculated to impose upon the Revenue Officers a degree of labour and responsibility incompatible with the extensive and important Nature of the duties involved in the Management of the public Revenues.—

His Lordship in Council has however directed that the Collectors shall be called upon to furnish a Return of the Cattle in their respective Districts agreeably to the suggestion Stated in the Minute of the Military Auditor General.—

His

General on the subject of a new mode of providing public Cattle, and stating the grounds on which his recommendation is not adopted— Registers of Cattle have however been called for from the Collectors— Enclosing Copy of the Advertisement published for the purpose of prescribing a period for the Adjustment of all unsettled Claims connected with the late Bullock Department— and desiring that Major Symons be instructed to close those Accounts of which the Settlement has been completed in Order that he may return to Seringapatam— the papers relating to the Embarkation of the Troops Stationed at the Eastern Settlements have been transmitted to Bengal— The Bills they recommended have been passed— Enclosing Copy of the Explanation of the late Civil Engineer relative to an overcharge for Work executed in the Military Department— and desiring their report thereon— Enclosing Copy of a letter from

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His Lordship in Council

From Bengal together with an Invoice and bill of lading for 22 brass guns shipped on the Neptune for this Presidency.—

has in Compliance with the recommendation of the Military Board directed publication of an Advertisement of which, I have the honor to enclose a Copy prescribing a limited period for the adjustment of all unsettled claims connected with the late Bullock Department and I am directed to desire that Major Symons may be instructed to close those Accounts of which the Settlement has been completed, in order that, that Officer may be enabled to return to Seringapatam.—

The papers relating to the embarkation of the Troops Stationed at the Eastern Settlements have been transmitted to Bengal for the information of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.—

I am directed to inform you that authority has been given for the payment of the Bills and Advances of Money recommended in your Letter.—

I have

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I have the honor to enclose the Copy of a letter from the late Civil Engineer containing an explanation relative to a supposed overcharge for work executed by him in the Military Department and His Lordship in Council desires that you will report your Opinion whether the explanation therein Stated is Satisfactory.—

I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance the Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Government at Fort William together with an Invoice and Bill of lading for twenty two Brass Guns shipped on the Neptune for this Presidency.—

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I have the honor to be— &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) George Buchan
Secy. to Government

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th. Ultimo and to— inform

To the Military Auditor General— In reply to his letter of the 28th Ultimo desiring him

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13th. inform you that the Governor in Council is pleased to desire that you will admit the Charge for batta to the Officers and Troops employed in making Military Roads.—

His Lordship in Council—

is pleased under the explanation relative to the Retrenchment against Major Strachan for batta drawn by that Officer while employed in the extraordinary duty of Drill, to desire that the Retrenchment on that account may be Remitted.—

I am directed to desire that you will authorise the payment of the enclosed bills of Lieutenant Knox of His Majesty's 33rd Regiment for the Allowances of acting Judge-Advocate, if correct.—

I am directed to inform you that the Governor in Council has authorized the admission of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Sibbald of the Non-effective Establishment into the Lunatic Hospital.—

His

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

(Signed) George Buchan

Secy. to Government

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To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th Ultimo and to inform

To the Military Auditor General. In reply to his letter of the 28th Ultimo directs him

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His

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His Lordship in Council desires that you will authorize the payment of the bills and Advances of Money recommended in the accompanying extracts of Letters from the Military Board.—

I have the honor to be &c.

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(Signed) George Buchan
Secretary to Government

To the Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

To the Resident at Hydrabad Requesting that he will use his endeavours to obtain at Hydrabad a Quantity of the best Carrot seeds & forward them to the Superintendant of the Stud at Ganjam.—

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council being desirous of promoting the culture of Carrots at Ganjam for the use of the Honorable Company's Stud of Horses establish=ed in that province, I am directed by His Lordship in Council to request that you will use your endeavours to obtain at Hydrabad a quantity of the best Carrot seeds which it may be practicable to procure, and forward them=

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in such manner as may be most expeditious to Captain Evans the Superintendant of the Stud at Ganjam.—

I have the honor to be—

Fort St. George &c. &c.

12th November 1802.— (Signed) George Buchan

Secy to Government

Received and sent the following Letters entered in Mc B. Nos 16, 17, 18, 19.—

From Messrs Chase Chinnery and Mc Donall— Requesting the payment of a demand for Medical Allowance and Victualling a Detachment of His Majesty's 19th Regiment while on board the Sybelle Amounting to— Pagodas 34.—35.—

From Messrs Chase Chinnery & Mac Donall

To the Military Auditor General— Refers to his examination the Additional Estimate of Cash required for the Current Month.—

To the Military Auditor General

To the Town Major— authorizes the admission of Mr Assistant Surgeon Little into

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into the Lunatic Hospital.—

From the Acting Company's Commercial Agent at Ceylon.—

To Mr. Gregory.— Transmits to him a letter to the Honorable Court of Directors to be forwarded by the Honorable Company's Ship Bengal.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive Governor and President

Tuesday the 16th November 1802.— Lieutenant General James Stuart Commander in Chief

William Petrie }
and } Esquires
Mungo Dick }

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Lord Clive lays before the Board the following Minute.—

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Minute of Lord Clive Proposes an Arrangement Founded on a Consideration of the State of the health of Troops in Fort St. George, for restraining the sale of Spirituous Liquors in the interior of the fort.—

The Superintending Surgeon of the Presidency Division has reported to me repeatedly and urgently that the extraordinary Number of patients in the Genral Hospital from his Majesty's Scotch Brigade arises principally if not exclusively from drunkenness, and this Statement is explicitly confirmed by the Regimental Surgeon.—

I have directed the most minute enquiries to be made into the relative Number of Cases referable to intoxication in this Corps and those now quartered at other Stations under this Presidency; and also into the relative Numbers of such cases in His Majesty's Scotch Brigade, and in other Corps formerly Stationed in the Garrison of Fort St. George: and the result of these enquiries has established.—

1st That the relative Number of Sick in the Garrison of Fort St. George considerably exceeds that at any other Military Station under this.

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this Presidency at this time.—

2d, That although the present Number of Sick in the Scotch Brigade (which has a large proportion of unseasoned Recruits) exceeds in a small degree the Average Number of Sick in other Corps formerly Stationed at Fort St. George,— yet that the Average Number of cases arising from intoxication at Fort St. George has at all times very considerably exceeded the Number at any other Station under this Presidency.—

3rd, That Fort St. George perhaps the most healthy of all the fixed Stations in the Peninsula, to persons whose education and habits induce a common degree of temperance, is the most unhealthy and fatal to the Soldiery: and that the prevailing diseases clearly point out intoxication as the predominant cause of general sickness.—

4th. That no care or vigilance in the Military Officers can prove an Adequate remedy for this evil so long as Spirits and other intoxicating

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liquors are exposed to open sale within the Walls of the Garrison.—

The latter proposition is distinctly explained in the recent report of the Town Major of Fort St. George dated the 28th Ultimo.—

A careful Consideration of these facts have convinced me that it is inconsistent with humanity, with a due regard to the morals and discipline of the Troops, and with true aconomy to tolerate any longer the public sale of intoxicating liquors within the Garrison of Fort St. George.—

I therefore propose that from and after the 1st January 1803 that practise shall be entirely prohibited, and that no liquors shall be permitted to enter the Garrison of Fort St. George except those belonging to the public Agent of the Company, and those intended bonâ fide for private use.—

That Carts shall be permitted

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to enter the Fort for the purpose of conveying out the Stock in hand of the dealers in liquors; and that the expence shall be defrayed by the Company on a Certificate of the Amount Sworn to, by the party, and Countersigned to be correct by the Town Major, according to such Checks as that Officer may find it practicable to establish; provided such Removal shall have taken place before the 1st. day of January 1803.—

16th November 1802.— (Signed) Clive

The Board concurs entirely in the reasons which have induced Lord Clive to recommend that measures shall be taken for restraining the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Garrison of Fort St. George; Resolved accordingly that a Copy of the above Minute be transmitted to the Town Major of Fort St. George for his information and guidance, and that the necessary directions be issued from the Revenue department for regulating the licences of the Shop Keepers who may

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reside in the Fort after the 1st. day of January—
next, in conformity to the principle proposed by
Lord Clive.—

Resolved that the Town Major
be directed to grant on the application of the
Shop keepers the Certificates which may be necessa-
-ry for the purpose of enabling them to remove
from the fort, the Stock of Liquors at present
on hand; and that directions be issued to the—
Collector of Madras for defraying the expence
which may be incurred on that Account.—

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

Read the following Minute
of the Commander in Chief.—

Memorandum

The General Agent for Cavalry
Supplies has in many instances experienced a
want of Co-operation with him on the part of
Collectors, in his endeavours to subsist the Corps
of

Minute of the Commander in Chief states that a want of Co-operation has been experienced on the part of Collectors in carrying into effect that late Arrangement for providing Cavalry Supplies.—

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of Cavalry with Gram:— in a late instance there has been a total failure of Supply, without the Agent having received from the Collector any intimation of the probability of such an occurrence; and a strong proof of want of exertion, if not of Zeal, on the part of the Collectors, is to be deduced from the Returns, received by the Military Board, of Average Prices of Gram at the several Cavalry Stations, from which it appears that the Estimates of the Collectors are higher than the Bazar rates of the Stations where the Regiments are quartered. Notwithstanding this disadvantage, the reductions which have been effected in those Stations where the exertions of the Agent have had their full effect, have been such as to operate a diminution of the general expenditure on account of Cavalry Supplies, of 11 per Cent between the actual Cost of Gram during the last quarter in which the subordinate Agents were in Office, and the expence of the Supplies for the quarter ending 31st Octr

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October, and the Estimate of Expense for the quarter ensuing.—

As the Collectors have the Command of the whole produce of their respective districts, and purchase the Gram furnished by them in considerable quantities, it is not to be doubted that they might be able to supply it at a much lower rate than is charged in the Bazars of the Stations where the Corps are quartered, provided their endeavours had been equally Zealous with those of the Agent, and the Commanding Officers and Quarter Masters whom he has found it necessary to employ, in Stations where there were no Collectors;— And as by such endeavours, had they been made, the very considerable Saving already mentioned, might have been much encreased, it appears absolutely necessary that the Collectors should be enjoined to afford the General Agent more chearful and active Assistance than they appear hitherto to have done.—

5th November 1802.— (Signed) J. Stuart.—

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Resolved to transmit a Copy of the above Minute to the Board of Revenue from the Revenue department, and to direct that Board to enjoin the Collectors under its Authority to observe a greater degree of vigilance in the execution of the Orders of the Governor in Council relative to the provision of Grain.—

Minute of Ditto Recommends the appointment of Captain Colebrooke to be Deputy Adjutant General of the Subsidiary force, of Lieutenant Blacker to be Assistant deputy Quarter Master General & Captain of Guides, & of Mr. Gilmour to be Garrison Surgeon of Seringapatam— Lays before the Board a letter and enclosure from the Officer Commanding at Gooty relative to repairs & recommends that the papers be referred to the Military Board. Recommends that an application which he submits to the Board from Captain W. Baynton of the 16th. Regiment N. I. for permission to resign his Commission in the Honorable Company's Services may be complied with.—

1. The Commander in Chief recommends that the following Appointments may be Ordered to take place.—

1st. Captain James Colebrooke of the 8th. Regiment of Native Infantry to be Deputy Adjutant General to the Subsidiary force, vice Wilson Appointed Barrack Master of the Northern Division of the Army.—

2nd. Lieutenant Valentine Blacker of the 1st. Regiment of Native Cavalry to be Assistant Deputy Quarter Master General and Captain of Guides in the department of the Quarter Master General of the Army; vice Colebrooke.—

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This Arrangement is introduced for the express purpose of rendering the Office of Captain of Guides a branch of the Quarter Master General's department without however incurring any additional Expense to Government, in consequence of the Appointment of Assistant Deputy Quarter Master General.—

3rd Mr. James Gilmour to be Garrison Surgeon of Seringapatam, vice Wilson, permitted to proceed on Furlough to Europe.—

2nd The Commander in Chief has the honor to lay before the Board a Letter and enclosure from the Officer Commanding Gooty; and recommends that they may be referred for report to the Military Board.—

3rd The Commander in Chief recommends that an Application which he submits to the Board from Captain William Bagster of the 16th Regiment of Native Infantry for permission to resign his Commission in the Honorable Company's Service, may be complied with.—

16th November 1802.— (Signed) J. Stuart.—

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The Right Honorable

The Governor in Council

My Lord,

Captain Fotheringham, of the Engineer Corps, having arrived here, to examine, and ascertain, the extent of the injury that the Works, at this Station, sustained, by a late heavy fall of rain, I have the honor to forward his Report, on the subject.— I considered it my duty to apprize the Military Board of the damage done to the Works, when the circumstance occurred, which Representation may prove explanatory of the accompanying Letter; but, I think it necessary to trouble your Lordship with a more particular Statement in this.—

I have the honor to be—

Gooty
3d November 1802.—

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Mc. Monypenny
Lieut. Colonel 73rd Regt.
Comm. g. Gooty.—

To

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To The Officer Commanding

Gooty

Sir,

I have examined the Remains of the outwork of Margooty Gateway, and am of Opinion that the Wall which gave way last rains ought to be rebuilt as soon as possible, both to preserve the Area between it and the gate, (which would otherwise be destroyed by another violent shower) and secure the Bastion defending the Gateway. The revetment and most likely the foundation of which seemed greatly strengthened by the wall now fallen, as it acted as a Buttress being built close to the Bastion whose immense height and slimsy materials certainly required such additional support.

The fortifications of Gooty throughout are of the same composition, Viz. unwrought Stone in mud, pointed with Chunam. The new wall may therefore be carried up in that manner differing only in its solidity which must be greater.

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It will be very laborious removing the Rubbish and opening a new foundation as also to repair the part of the paved road that was destroyed by the weight of the Wall in falling.—

The above work, and some breaches in the lower Fort Walls, I would Recommend to be executed by Tank-diggers, as the cheapest and most expeditious method; superintended however by my Masties, under my direction and According to my plan, in the mean time the plan and Estimate will be got ready to lay before the Senior Engineer, when I receive Orders from the Military Board to that effect.— I have taken the necessary measurements and profile.—

Goodly (Signed) R. H. Fothergham
November 2nd 1802.— Lieutt Engr C. P.s—

To His Excellency Lieutt General Stuart
Commander in Chief of the Coast Army

Sir

Finding the Climate of India disagree with

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with my Constitution: I beg permission to resign the Honble Company's Service: which request, having your sanction, I desire may be laid before the Right Honorable Lord Clive, Governor in Council.—

Madras 14th November 1802.—

(Signed) Wm. Bagster
Capt.n 1st Batt.n
N. Reg.t—

Resolved agreeably to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that Captain James Colebrooke be appointed Deputy Adjutant General of the Subsidiary force, vice Wilson; and that Lieutenant Valentine Blacker be appointed Assistant Deputy Quarter Master, and Captain of Guides in the Department of the Quarter-Master General; vice Colebrooke.—

Resolved that Mr. James Gilmour be appointed Garrison Surgeon of Seringapatam, vice Wilson.—

Resolved that Captain William Bagster—

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Bagster be permitted to resign his Commission in the Honorable Company's Army.—

Resolved that a Copy of the Letter from the Officer Commanding at Gooty be transmitted to the Military Board, with directions to that Board to report it's opinion relative to the Repairs therein recommended.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief.—

1st The Commander in Chief notifies to the Board the decease on the 9th Instant at the Mount of Captain Lieutenant George Sinclair of the 13th Regiment, and recommends that the subjoined promotion be ordered in that Corps in consequence Viz.t—

Minute of Ditto—Ditto Recommends that the subjoined promotion be ordered in the 13th Regiment N.I.—Submits to the Board a Bill Amounting to Pagodas 75 being the hire of Boats to convey a small detail of Bengal Artillery from the Southern provinces to Ceylon and recommends that it may be discharged.—

13th Regiment Native Infantry.—

Eldest Lieutenant George Munro to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Sinclair deceased: date of Commission 10th November 1802.—

2nd The Commander in Chief submits to the Board, with a Recommendation that it may

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be discharged, either by authorising the Collector, who paid the Money, to include it in his Accounts, or by ordering the Paymaster to repay the Amount to the Collector, a Bill Amounting to 75 Pagodas— being the hire of Boats furnished by Colonel Martenz, under Authority from Head Quarters, for the conveyance of a small detail of Bengal Artillery from the Southern Provinces to Ceylon.—

16th November 1802.— (Signed) J. Stuart.—

Resolved that the promotion Recommended in the foregoing Minute be ordered to take place.—

Resolved that directions be issued to the Civil Auditor, for adjusting the charge specified in the foregoing bill, for Military expenditure, Amounting to 75 Pagodas.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

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To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Board - Encloses Extracts from a Letter from the Public Agent for the construction of Ordnance Carriages at Seringapatam, and recommend that 5 Pagodas per Mensem be allowed to each of the European Workmen employed in the Manufactory - Recommend that the Sepoy Wood Naves and Fellies Commissioned by Captain Scott be received on Account of the Company - Recommend payment of the enclosed Bills. -

1. We have the honor to report that the necessary Orders have been given in consequence of the instructions from your Lordship in Council, conveyed to us in the Letter of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated the 28th. October. -

2. We enclose Extracts from a Letter from the Public Agent for the construction of Ordnance Carriages at Seringapatam, and beg- leave to Recommend that five Pagodas per Men- sem may be allowed to each of the European Workmen employed in the Gun Carriage Manufac- tory by order of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, until the Public Agent shall have sufficient experience of their several abilities to enable him to select from them the Number required

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to complete his fixed Establishment; and that an Additional Sum of three Pagodas per Month may be paid to one of their Number, to be appointed by Captain Scott to the Charge of the whole, and to Officiate as Serjeant Major, and Pay-Serjeant.—

3rd We also beg leave to recommend that the Sissoo Wood, Naves, and Fellies, Commission-ed by Captain Scott from Bengal, may be received on Account of the Company, and forwarded to the Gun Carriage Manufactory; and that the Bill for the same may, when presented, be passed for Payment under Authority of the Military Board.—

4th We recommend for Payment the following Bills, and Advances of Cash—viz.t—

No. 1.— Bill of the Engineer at Hullial amounting to Pagodas 31.. 17.. 32.— for expenses incurred on laying in Chunam the Ridge and Corner Tiles of all the Public Buildings within that Fort;

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Fort, agreeable to the Orders of the Military Board under date 4th June 1802.—

No. 2.— Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Palamcottah, for the purchase of Horse Gram on account of the Public Service in the Months of December 1801 and January 1802, Amounting to Pagodas 2,015.. 21.. 62.—

No. 3.— Bill of the Gun Carriage &c.a Contractors, Amounting to Pagodas 2,275.. 44.. 71. for Articles delivered into the Arsenal on the 4th Instant, and Approved upon Survey by a Committee of the Military Board.—

No. 4.— Bill of the Superintending Engineer in the Presidency Division, for repairing the Officers and Privates Guard Room at St. Thomas's Mount, and additional Work for the Security of the Magazine at that Cantonment, Amounting to Pagodas 176.. 9.. 15.—

No. 5.— Quarterly Account of the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency, Amounting

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to Pagodas 3,276. 28. 27. being the Amount of Articles supplied on Account of the Arsenal &c." during the Quarter ending 31st July 1802.—

An Advance of Pagodas 56. 32. 12. to the Engineer in the Ceded Provinces, being the Second third of the estimated Amount of fitting up the Granaries at Bellary.—

We have the honor to be— &c." &c."

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(Signed) D. Smith
" E. Trapaud
" J. Brunton
" Alex.r Orr—

Extracts of a Letter from the Public Agent for the construction of Ordnance Carriages to the Secretary to the Military Board— Dated 3rd November 1802.—

"As no provision had been made
"for procuring a Stock of Timber, best adapted
"for Naves and Fellies of Field Carriages, I lost
"no time after my Arrival here, in sending for
"Supplies of the Tumahcurrah and other jungle-
"wood

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"wood that experience has pointed out as well
"calculated for the purpose, I have been in some
"degree successful; but as time is required for season-
"ing the Timber previous to its being used, some
"Months must elapse before I can have the plea-
"sure of making a more favorable report to the
"Board. Understanding it to be one of the first
"objects with the Board completing the Corps of
Cavalry with new Horse Artillery Carriages, and
"that having the best seasoned Timber procuraible,
"in the Wheels a matter of the greatest importance,
"I commissioned from Bengal a sufficiency of Naves
"and Fellies of well seasoned Sissoo Wood that
"had been upwards of four Years felled, which
"lately Arrived on the Neptune from Calcutta,
"and are now in charge of Messieurs Binny and
"Dennison who will produce them for the inspec-
"tion of the Board.—

"I trust the Board will liberally
"conceive, that my sole motive in sending for those,

"was

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"was a wish to provide against the risk of disappoint-
"-ment in procuring proper materials for an equip-
"-ment of such consequence as the Cavalry Guns,
"and should they appear so to the Board, I can have
"no doubt of their being Recommended by them to be
"received on the public Account at prime Cost!"—

"By the enclosed Returns the Board
"will perceive that there are 28 Europeans, exclusive
"of one Wheel Wright and one second Carpenter already
"on the fixd establishment, now present at the
"Manufactory; and I hope the Board will take into
"their consideration a suitable temporary Allowance being
"granted to each, untill such time as those who may
"be hereafter approved are selected to be retained on
"the establishment to be admitted of."—

"Most of them Appear to be expert
"Workemen and I have no hesitation in saying their
"labor will turn to good Account."—

"True Extracts

(Signed) John Macleane
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Resolved to authorize for the present the rates of pay recommended for the European Workmen employed in the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam; as also the purchase of the timber required for the purposes described in the letter of the Agent; and that the Military Board be directed to submit a bill for the value of the timber to the Governor in Council.—

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the bills and Advance of Money recommended in the foregoing Letter.—

Read the following Letter from the Secretary of the Military Board.—

To The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Secretary to Dº. Requesting that an immediate Application may be made to Bengal for a supply of 2000 Sixty Pound Barrels of Gun Powder & that a similar application may be made to Bombay for a supply of 3,000 Sixty Pound barrels

I am directed by the President of the Military Board to desire that you will state to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, his request that an immediate Application may be made to the Most Noble the Governor Genl. in Council, for

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barrels of Gun Powder to be forwarded from Bombay to Cannanore for the Service of this Presidency.—

for a supply of 2,000 Sixty Pound Barrels of Gun Powder, to be forwarded by the earliest opportunity from Bengal for the Service of this Presidency. His Excellency also requests that a similar Application may be made to the Honorable the Governor of Bombay, for a supply of 3,000 Sixty Pound Barrels of Gun Powder to be forwarded from Bombay to Cannanore.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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(Signed) John Macleane

Secy. Military Board.

Resolved that an application be made to the Governor General in Council and to the Government of Bombay for the supply of Gun Powder required for the Service of this Presidency.—

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.—

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive.

Governor in Council

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

My Lord,

I Lieutenant Colonel St. John Commanding at

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Auditor General States a Claim of Lieutenant Colonel St. John to receive an Allowance of Captain's full Batta attached to the Command of Poonamalle during the period of his Attendance as a Member of a General Court Martial at Seringapatam.—

at Poonamallee was granted by your Lordship's Orders under date 2d. October 1799 an allowance equal to the full Batta of a Captain for having charge of French Prisoners of War.—

In July last year, Lieutenant Colonel St. John was ordered to Seringapatam as Member of a General Court Martial and in his absence the above allowance was drawn both by him and Major Swinton the next Officer in Seniority on the Spot, but retrenched in my Office from the former, because absent.—

Lieutenant Colonel St. John considers himself entitled to the Allowance in question because granted to him personally, and contends that he ought not to suffer in his finances because he was obliged to be absent on Duty, and a decision of your Lordship in a case nearly similar in the instances of Lieutenant Colonels Moneypenny and St. Leger who Commanded Brigades in the Ceded Districts, and in consequence drew Brigadiers allowances

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Allowances having been ordered on the same kind-
duty with Lieutenant Colonel St. John, a circumstance
which induced the Deputy Military Auditor General
in my absence to State an opinion to your Lordship
under date 10th August 1801 that Brigadiers Allowances
attached to the persons only immediately exercising
such Command, but that in reply you deemed —
Lieutenant Colonels Money penny and St. Leger
entitled to a Compensation equal to the loss they
sustained in consequence of being absent from their
Stations on Duty. —

It therefore rest with your Lord-
-ship in Council to determine whether a similar indul-
-gence should be extended to Lieutenant Colonel
St. John, or not, whose Absence from his Station
was occasioned by duty on his part unavoidable. —

I have the honor to be —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signd) J. Brunton

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Resolved

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Fort St. George
3.d November 1802. —

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Resolved to inform the Military Auditor General that the Board does not Consider the circumstances under which it was determined to grant a compensation to Lieutenant Colonel Money penny and Lieutenant Colonel Sentleger, for the loss of Allowances to be applicable to the case of Lieutenant Colonel St. John, and cannot therefore grant to that Officer the Allowance of batta solicited by him during the period of his absence from his Station at Poonamallee.

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

My Lord,

From D°. Submits for decision a reference made by Lieutenant Colonel Jeannerct of the Invalid Establishment relative to a retrenchment against him for the advanced batta of Major drawn by him previously to the publication of his promotion to that Rank.

At the instance of Lieutenant Colonel Jeannerct of the Invalid Establishment, I do myself the Honor to submit for the decision of your Lordship in Council a reference made by that Officer as set forth in a Letter addressed to me under date the 1st Instant a Copy of which

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is herewith transmitted together with the Retrenchment to which the Letter has a reference.—

I inclose also for your Lordship's particular information a Copy of the Orders of Government founded on instructions from the Honorable the Court of Directors making it a Regulation of the Service that Officers promoted shall only draw Allowances from the date of promotion promulgated in General Orders, and not from the date of Commission, and which bears date 15th March 1797, the allowances retrenched were drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Jeanneret in the April following at Columbo, and as he contends were received by him previous to the promulgation of the above prohibitory order, in justice to the Claim preferred it may be proper for me to observe, that it is very probable the Orders in question did not reach Columbo in time, to prevent his drawing from the date of Commission the difference between the Pay and Batta of Captain and Major to which latter rank he

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he was Advanced in consequence of the death of Major Kennedy which took place at Amboyna on the day on which Lieutenant Colonel Jeannerets Commission of Major is dated.—

I am the more warranted in— hazarding this conjecture, because Columbo being on the Island of Ceylon, and Letters for that— Presidency requiring to be forwarded a part of the way by Water, renders their delivery more— precarious and uncertain than those sent by regular land Tappals, it remains however with your— Lordship to decide whether Orders are to be— considered in force from their date, or from the— period of arrival at the place of destination.—

I have the honor— &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Brunton
Mil. Aud. General

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Lieut. Colonel James Brunton
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I do myself the honor of enclosing a

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Retrenchment of difference of Pay and Batta between the rank of Captain & that of a Major to the Amount of Pagodas 554. 60. 10. standing against me, together with my reply, which I humbly conceive will enable you to Admit the same upon Reaudit.—

It will readily occur to you, Sir, that as I have not the means of forwarding this explanation to you through the regular Channell of the Paymaster from whose disbursements the retrenchment was made, Mr. M.Donall having long since ceased to be Paymaster at Columbo, I am necessarily obliged to adopt this inofficial mode of Communication, and for that reason, will I hope not operate in your mind as a prejudice to my Claim.—

If however I should be so unfortunate as not to have been able to remove from your mind every objection to my Claim, I am sure I shall from your impartiality meet your ready concurrence in laying the same before Government.—

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

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(Signed) Samuel Jeannerett
Lieutt. Coll. Invalids.—

a true Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton
M. A. Gl.—

Retrenchm.

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Retrenchments from the Disbursements in April 1797 on Account of

No. of Voucher

P.F.C.P.F. 6

1 There is drawn difference between Captain and Major Jeannere this for 7 Months and 12 days viz. from the 20th July 96 to the 28th February 1797 ..... Pagodas ..... 140.—.—

From which there is deducted Captain's Gratuity for that Period ..... } 83.33.—

Pagodas ... 56.12.—

Difference of pay can only be admitted to Major Jeanerett from the Date of the publication of his Promotion in G.O. viz. 17th January 1797 — agreeable to the following abstract from the Orders of Government, 15th March last. —

"The President in Council therefore "desires it may be a Regulation of the Service, "founded on the Orders of the Honorable Court "of Directors that the Pay and Batta of "Officers promoted are not to Commence from "the Date of their Commissions, but, from "the publications of their Promotion in "General Orders." —

Difference between Captn. and Majors' Pay is accordingly admitted from 17th January to 28th February 1797 ..... Pags. ... 26.36.60

Deduct Captns. Gratuity for that Period ... 16.5.20

Spr. Pags. ... 10.31.40

The overcharge is Retrenched ... Spr. Pags. ... 45.22.40

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Of Mr. John Mc. Douall Paymaster at Columbo
Expences 1796/7.

No. of Vouchers		P. F.	C.	P. F.	C.
	Brought Forward	45	22	40	
1	Major Jeannerett draws difference between Captain and Majors Batta from 20th July 1796 to 31st January 1797 inclusive. —				
	Pagodas	552	4	40	
	Difference of Batta from 17th to 31st January can only be admitted Viz. Pags.	12	7	70	
	Vide remark on Major Jeannerett's Charge for difference of Pay				
	The overcharge is Retrenched	509	38	50	
	Total Star Pagodas	554	60	10	

A true Extract
(Signed) John Mc. Douall
Paymaster

a true Copy
(Signed) J. W. Hazard
Actg. Adjt.

Reply

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Reply-

"The Paragraph of a Letter from the
"Court of Directors dated the 27.th July 1796 which
"appears to have been the cause of this Retrenchment
"is Specifically applied to such Officers as were or
"Should be promoted in consequence of the new-
"Regulations, which was by no means my case, as
"I was promoted long before the new Regulations were
"in existence, or ever in contemplation- This I hum-
"bly conceive to be a good ground upon which my
"Claim ought to be Admitted, I have however fur-
"ther to State that my Commission as Major is
"dated Seven days antecedent to the Letter of the
"Court of Directors upon which the retrenchment
"is grounded, and Several Months prior to the
"Extract of that Letter being published in India;
"with respect to my Claims therefore, the Extract
"of the Letter and the resolution of the Right
"Honorable the Governor in Council founded upon
"it, both act as ex post facto Regulations which

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"I humbly conceive could not have been the intention
"either of the Honorable Court of Directors, nor of the
"Right Honorable the Governor in Council."—

(Signed) Samuel Jeanneret.—

Extract of a letter from Government to Major General
Sydenham Military Auditor General, dated the
15th March 1797.—

Para 2nd "In their Letter of the 27th July—
last, the Honorable the Court of Directors have
been pleased to order "That when the new regulations,
which accompanied their Secretary's Letter of the
8th January 1796, may have been carried into execu-
tion the Commissions to all Officers, who receive
promotion thereby, shall be dated the 8th January
aforesaid; but this is not to entitle them to the Pay
or Allowances of the Superior Ranks prior to the
Arrangements being carried into effect."— The
President in Council therefore desires, it may be
a regulation of the Service, founded on the Orders
of the Honorable Court, that the Pay and Batta
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of Officers promoted, are not to commence from the date of their Commissions; but from the publication of their promotion in General Orders.—

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. Brunton

Mil.y Auditor Gen.l.—

If it shall be established in a satisfactory manner that the Military Authorities on the Island of Ceylon were not Apprized of the general Order published at this Presidency for restricting the payment of Advanced Allowances to Officers promoted in the Army, at the period of time when the Advanced Allowances of Major were drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Jeannerett for a period anterior to the publication of his promotion to the rank of Major; Resolved to direct under that condition that the Retrenchment against Lieutenant Colonel Jeannerett on that account be remitted.—

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To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

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My Lord,

From Do. States the Cause of the delay in adjusting the Accounts of Mr. Vaughan; and the Objections which appear to oppose at present an adjustment of the Claim on the part of the Government of Ceylon against Mr. Atkinson — Attention will be paid to the Orders issued in the province of Malabar to the Minute of His Excellency the Commander in Chief relative to Assembling Troops in the Ceded Districts.

1. I have been honored with your Commands communicated to me in a Letter from the Secretary in the Military Department bearing date the 4th Instant requiring information of the circumstances which have occasioned the delay that has occurred in the adjustment of the Accounts of Mr. H. Vaughan formerly Paymaster at Madura, and in reply have the honor to state to your Lordship, that some time after the embarkation of that Gentleman for Europe, (he having previously lodged Security equal to the demands outstanding against him) persons were employed on his part to make Extracts from the Records of my Office of all the items not admitted on Reaudit for the purpose of obtaining further

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Authorities and urging more substantial Reasons for removal of the Outstanding Objectionable Charges, but in which nothing has ever been done by his Representatives in this Country, a circumstance which has hitherto prevented a final Adjustment of those Accounts.—

2. With respect to giving Authority to the Military Paymaster General to receive the Sum of Pagodas Nine Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty eight (Pagodas 9,868.....) alledged to be due by Mr. Edward Atkinson to the Presidency of Columbo whilst he held the Station of Commissary of Provisions there, it is my duty to State to your Lordship that Mr. Atkinson previous to his departure for Europe only left Security in the hands of his Agents here Messrs. Harington and Co. to Answer Retrenchments against him in his Accounts connected with this Presidency which not being as yet finally adjusted in consequence of its being necessary he should

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take Oath to Numbers of his Charges, it will therefore be expedient that His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon should wait the issue of an Adjustment of his Accounts with my Office previous to any part of the Amount lodged as a Security to Answer objectionable Charges here, being carried to the Credit of the Columbo Presidency.

3rd I shall implicitly attend to the orders issued in the Province of Malabar and to the Minute of His Excellency the Commander in Chief relative to the Assembling of Troops in the Ceded Districts.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) J. Brunton

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Gen.l's Office
Fort St. George
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Resolved to direct that measures may now be taken for the early adjustment of

Mr.

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Mr. Vaughan's Accounts as Paymaster at Madura.—

Read the following Letter from the Town Major.—

The Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

From the Town Major of Fort St. George Reporting that W. Wilkinson private of H.M. 80th Regiment has been sent to the Lunatic Hospital in conformity to an enclosed Certificate.

I have the honor to report that William Wilkinson Private of His Majesty's 80th Regiment has been sent to the Lunatic Hospital in conformity to the enclosed Certificate.

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
13th November 1802.—

I have the honor — &c. &c.
(Signed) M. Wilks
Town Major

I have examined William Wilkinson, of the 80th Regiment, and find him very much deranged in Mind; do therefore Recommend him to be sent to the Lunatic Hospital forthwith.—

November the 13th 1802.— (Signed) T. Cahagan M.D
&c. &c. Member Medical Board

Ordered

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Ordered that the necessary communi=
=cation be made to the Office of Audit relative
to the admission of the person mentioned in the
above Letter into the Lunatic Hospital.—

Read the following Letter from
the Senior Engineer.—

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

From the Senior Engineer Enclosing a letter received from Mr. Spyres, Assistant Draughtsman in the Engineer's Office requesting that his Application may be recommended as deserving attention.—

I have the honor to enclose a—
Letter received from Mr. Spyers Assistant—
Draughtsman in the Engineers' Office.—

It is with very great pleasure I bear Testimony to the Truth of the Letter in question, having been acquainted with Mr. Spyers many Years, great part of which time he has acted under the Orders of the Chief Engineer and myself, and has ever Conducted himself in an exemplary manner— I imagine he is as deserving the

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Bounty of Government as any of his predecessors
— may I request your laying his application —
before The Right Honorable the Governor in
Council, aided by your influence and support.—

Engineer's Office
Fort St. George
13th November 1802.—

(Signed) C. Frapaud
Sen.r Eng.r

To Lieutenant Colonel Frapaud
The Senior Engineer

Sir,

Conscious as I am from experience
that your exertions are never more ardent and
conspicuous than in the cause of individuals,—
particularly under your immediate Command,
yet unshackled as I feel, I should not have pre-
-sumed to Address you on the following subject
nor solicit your influence in forwarding my petition
did not Age, added to the infirmities, with which
I am oppressed, compel me however contrary

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to my feelings, to lay before you my unfortunate career, in hopes that Government upon your Recommendation, may be induced to espouse my request and relieve my mind from the idea of want in my old Age.—

After serving in a Military Capacity upwards of 18 Years the late Nabob Wallajaw &c.a I was, in the Year 1786 with five Brother Officers struck of the Establishment, and necessitated to accept a Bond, bearing Interest at the rate of Six (6) per Cent per Annum (which Bond is still in my possession) for Arrears due, Amounting to Pagodas 2,212 without being able to obtain any part thereof in Cash.—

After this, I had the good fortune to obtain a situation as Draughtsman in the Engineer's Office— If my endeavours and Attention during the Thirteen Years, I have had the Honor to hold it, have been such as merit the Approval, on which rests

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rests the offspring of my hopes— I trust I shall be thought by Government worthy of their Bounty and rank among those who have been enabled to spend their decline of Life in uninterupted retire-ment— I beg leave to add that I have been 31 Years on Service in the Country.—

Convinced of the aid my present application will meet from you and the favorable support Government are ever willing to forward similar pretensions— yet I do not strongly flatter myself with success, whatever may be the issue I shall ever Consider myself with Gratitude.—

Madras
13th November 1802.—

Your— &c &c &c
(Signed) Chas Spyer

Resolved to inform the Senior Engineer that the Board is well pleased at his Report relative to the Conduct of Mr Spyer as an Assistant in the Office of Engineers, and has

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no doubt that every degree of consideration will be bestowed upon his Claims when he may be incapacitated from the performance of further Service.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from the Officer Commanding at St. Thomas's Mount.—

To His Excellency
Lieutenant General Stuart
Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding at St. Thomas's Mount. Recommending the Release of the 18 Convicts who were sent from Amboor.—

I beg leave to represent to your Excellency the situation of the eighteen Convicts sent from Amboor, and confined at this Station since June last. For two Months past, they have generally been in a very deplorable State from Sickness, and the little work which those in health have been able to perform, is not to be

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placed as an equivalent for the expense they occasion; and at the present juncture, they are found to be an embarrassment, constantly requiring a Guard to be over them whose services are even now, and will be more particularly wanted if an Army takes the Field, for other purposes. Under these considerations, and sensible that what they have already suffered will be a sufficient lesson to themselves and others to be-ware of like misdemeanours in future, it appears to me a desirable thing, that they should be released from their present Confinement.—

Mount (Signed) D. Smith
16th November 1802.— Major General

The Board considering the period of time during which the Convicts who were Ordered to be sent from Amboor, have been employed in working on the public Roads, to be sufficient for the punishment of their offence; Resolved that

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that directions be given for their release.—

The Board proceeds to read and pass Orders on the General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 2nd June 1802.—

Resolutions on the General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 2nd of June 1802.—

Para: 1.— Date of Advices.— } Needs no Reply.—

2. at 4.— Claims to the Donation allowed in the War of Marquis Cornwallis in India.— } Resolved that a Copy of these Paragraphs be transmitted to the Military Auditor General, and that he be directed to furnish the information required on the points therein stated.—

Ordered

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Par. 3rd Mr. William Hargrave appointed a Cadet.

4. Leave of Captain Dallas prolonged.

Ordered that these Paragraphs be published in General Orders.

" Clive

" Stuart

" Wm. Petrie

" Mouck

Ex. Cpn. Strange

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We have the honor &c.

(Signed) J. Stuart
" D. Smith
" C. Trapaud
" J. Brunton
" A. Orr.

The Board having approved the recommendation of the Military Board for the disposal of the public quarters under this Presidency, with the exception of the quarters in the Garrison of Fort St. George and at Poonamallee; Resolved to desire that the necessary arrangements for that purpose may be made by the Military Board.

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the Bills recommended in the above letter.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

To

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To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &ca. &ca. &ca.

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General recommends that the paymaster at Madura be allowed another writer at Pagodas 10 ℘ month so long as he shall continue to pay the present Establishment of Troops and Posts within his range.

1 In obedience to your orders communicated to me by the Secretary in the Military Department under date the 4th Instant requiring my report on an application made by Mr. Paymaster Wetherell for an increase of his office Establishment, [illegible] myself the honor to state that about the end of July [illegible] Mr. Wetherell made an application to me direct on the same subject, which early in August, I submitted [illegible] your Lordships consideration, and on the 6th of that month I received your decision on my reference [illegible] went to allow Mr. Wetherell in addition to his pres[illegible] office Establishment seven Pagodas ℘ mensem [illegible] Conicoply and Shroff at Caliacoil which I then de[illegible] sufficient to enable him to carry on his busin[illegible] with ease. In his address to the Military Paym[illegible] General a Copy of which came inclosed to me, he [illegible] detailed with considerable perspicuity the nature and

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of the business which must necessarily be executed by him monthly, and I must allow that the addition of Troops and Military posts in his range of payments have been very considerably augmented since the first office Establish=ment for Madura &c was formed, being satisfied of this, I have no hesitation in recommending that he be further allowed another writer at Pagodas Ten (10/) ₰ month, so long as he shall continue to pay the present Establishment of Troops, and Posts within his range, this addition with the Seven (7/) Pagodas before recommend=ed to your Lordship, and admitted, I conceive to be fully and in every respect adequate to all the duties Mr Wetherell has to perform, and to afford him amply the means of completing his accounts within the period prescribed by the Orders of Government.

2 This Paymasters responsibility has also increased very considerably with the current business of his Office, and appears to give him a fair claim to an increase of his Salary in common with his Establishment, but as I consider that it is very

probable

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probable that the same details of either Troops or Stations at present under his payments will not be permanent it would perhaps not be advisable temporarily to increase his Salary, as he might feel a subsequent reduction more than he would the advantage which a temporary increase could afford him.—

Military Audr. Genls. Office Fort St. George 23d. November 1802. I have the honor to be (Signed) A. Brunton Military Audor Genl.

Resolved to authorize the increased establishment recommended by the Military Audr. General for the office of the Paymaster at Madura amounting to the sphere of Ten Pagodas ⅌ Month.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

To The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of From the Military Paymaster. a Letter from the Paymaster at Canara of the 8 to

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Paymaster General enclosing Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Canara of the 9th Instant soliciting permission to be absent from his Station for 2 Months at Bombay

I am instant soliciting permission to be absent from this Station for two Months at Bombay and proposing to make arrangements for the regular discharge of the Duties of this Office during that period which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George

17th November 1802.

/Signed/ Benjamin Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqre.

Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Business of an urgent nature requiring my presence at Bombay, I shall esteem myself much obliged by your laying my application to proceed thither and to be absent for the Space of Two Months before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and by your favoring me with an early communication of the decision of His Lordship in Council I shall make arrangement for the regular discharge of the duties of my Office during my absence.—

I have

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Mungalore
9th November 1802

I have the Honor to be &c.
(Signed) Fredk. Reeves
Paymaster in Canara

True Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck M.P.G.

Resolved that the Paymaster in Canara be permitted to proceed to Bombay on leave of absence for Two Months; provided that the Military Paymaster General shall be satisfied that the execution of the Duties of his Office will not be interrupted by the absence of Mr. Reeves.

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.-

To John Chamier Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army. Requesting to be informed whether Batta shall be granted

An arrangement having been made by the General Order under date the 12th of January 1802 regarding the public Servants of the Southern Division

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drawn for the Harcarahs under his orders agreeably to the former usage when employed on public duty.

of the Army authorizing 13 Pagodas ℳ Month to be drawn by the Officer in Command for such Harcarahs &c as he may deem necessary to employ, I must beg leave to State that as Batta has not been mentioned and I have been necessitated to send with the Corps now marching from this Station some of the above description of Men and may probably (Prompted by the calls of the Service) find it expedient hereafter to despatch others out for Intelligence and to ascertain the Roads &c. Whether it is the pleasure of the Right Honorable the Governor that Batta shall be drawn for them agreeably to the former usage when any of them happen in the like manner to be thus publickly employed. I feel myself though reluctantly urged to trouble you with this Representation by the Complaints of the Harcarrers on account of the uncertainty of the above allowance being granted them.-

I have the Honor &c.

(Signed) J. Pater

Colonel Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

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Resolved

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Resolved that authority be given for the payment of Batta to the Hercarrahs attached to the Command of the Southern Division on those occasions when they may be detached on public duty.

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Harington & Co.

To John Chamier Esqre.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Messrs. Harington & Co. requesting that the accounts of Mr. Vaughan, as Paymaster at Madura may be adjusted.

The Military Paymaster General has transmitted us copy of the orders of Government under date the 4th. Instant, relative to the claim for Batta on exchange due to Mr. Vaughan.

Referring to the unfortunate situation of Mr. Vaughan, as explained in our Letter to Government under date the 27th. Ultimo, and adverting to a large portion of his Property, originally deposited with the Government having been progressively realized, we are induced to request his Lordship in Council will be pleased to direct the proper Public office to furnish us, with a Statement of

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the same for the Satisfaction of our Constituent, Mr. Vaughan — And in order that he may not incur the heavy loss of Interest from his money lying dead in the Company's Treasury. We should hope indeed that his Lordship will think proper to direct the account of the public Securities in question to be made up — from the date of their deposit giving Mr. Vaughan's credit, for the Interest accruing on the Company's Bonds as it become due, and for the dividends from his Consolidated Bonds as they were received allowing a Current Interest thereon of 8 ℘ Cent. We further hope that the same Adjustment may be admitted with respect to future Receipts on account of accruing Interest, and Dividends and that the same due for Batta on Exchange referred to in Letter of Government to the Military Paymaster — General dated the 15th. Instant may be included. —

Upon this Principle of adjustment — we only solicit for Mr. Vaughan the lowest Current Interest on the Cash receipts into the Treasury from the Public Securities deposited by him, and we take the liberty of submitting that on the final Settlement of his accounts whatever Sum (if any) shall be retrenched against him

may

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may be passed to the Debit of this account with the same Interest from the Date of his Responsibility, and the Balance be held at his disposal.

We have the Honor to be &c.

Sir,

Your Most obedient Servants

(Signed) Harington, Barnaby, Cockburn

Resolved that the Accountant General be directed to report his opinion relative to the circumstances stated in the foregoing Letter.

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

To

John Cramer Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the

From the Secretary Most Noble the Governor General in Council to desire

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to the Government at Fort William — Requesting that a Genl. Statement of the Several Ships which were engaged at the Presidency of Fort St. George in the late expedition to Egypt may be transmitted for the information of the Governor Genl. in Council —

that you will transmit to me for His Excellency's — information a General Statement of the Several Ships of whatever denomination which were engaged at the Presidency of Fort St. George in the expedition to Egypt, distinguishing such as may not have actually entered the Red Sea, and Specifying the terms and conditions of freightment; together with a Return of the Military on Board of each Ship.

Fort William

14th October 1802.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedient

and humble Servant

(Signed) A. B. Edmonstone

Secretary to Government

Ordered that a Statement —

comprizing the information required in the foregoing

letter

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Letter relative to the Ships despatched from this Presidency to the Red Sea &c prepared and transmitted to Bengal.

" Clies

" Jno Pelly

" Hollis

Lt. Jno Malcolm
W. Strange

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Diary

24th. Received and sent the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 28. 29. 30.

From Lieutenant Colonel Brunton.

From the Military Auditor General

Reports the nett advances for the Month of July and the sums admitted upon the disbursements of the Paymasters together with the re-audits in the course of that Month.-

From Messrs Chase Chinnery and McDowall requesting payment of batta due to the Commander and Officers of His Majestys Ship Exeter.

From the Messrs Chase Chinnery and McDowall

Petition of Goolab Doss and Laulboy.

Petition of Goolab Doss and Laulboy.

Requesting that the enclosed Petition may be laid again before the Governor in Council.-

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army- acknowledges the receipt of his letter of the ... Instant and authorizes the payment of batta to Hircarrahs when employed on the public service

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army

To the accountant General.

Transmits copy of a letter from Messrs Harington & Co

and

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and desires his opinion relative to the circumstances thereon stated, connected with a claim of Mr. Hugh Vaughan for the value of public securities deposited by him in the Company's Treasury on account of unadjusted claims against Mr. Vaughan in the Military Department.—

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General

Transmits a letter from the Paymaster at Masulipatam for the purpose of its being submitted to the Governor in Council through the channel of the Military Paymaster General. a Statement of the coins received and issued by the Paymaster at Masulipatam to be submitted to the Governor in Council.

To Do. Do.

To Do. Do. The Paymaster of Canara permitted to proceed to Bombay for 2. Months provided that the duties of his office will not be interrupted by the absence of Mr. Reeves.

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Sent the following Letters.

To

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To The President and Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board, acknowledges the receipt of their letter of the 15th Instant and confirms their recommendation for the disposal of the public quarters at the Stations under this Presidency, with the exception of the quarters in the Garrison of Fort St. George, and at Poonamallee. The necessary arrangements to be made accordingly by the Military Board authority has been given for the payment of the Bills recommended in their letter. encloses a letter from the Superintending Engineer together with Bills for work executed under his Superintendance in the Garrison of Fort St. George and desires that all charges of that nature be submitted for the consideration of the Governor in Council through the channel of the Military Board. Transmits a petition from certain Bullock Owners employed in the public Service during the late war in Mysore and desires the opinion of the Military Board relative to the claim therein stated

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant and to inform you that His Lordship in Council is pleased to confirm your recommendation for the disposal of the public quarters at the Stations under this Presidency, with the exception of the quarters in the Garrisons of Fort St. George, and at Poonamallee. His Lordship in Council desires accordingly that the necessary arrangements for that purpose may be made by the Military Board.

2 I am directed to inform you that authority has been given for the payment of the Bills recommended in your Letter.

3d I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Superintending Engineer together with the Bills therein referred to containing charges for work executed under his Superintendence in the Garrison of

Fort

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Fort St. George, and am directed by the Governor in Council to desire that all charges of that nature may be submitted for the consideration of His Lordship in Council through the Channel of the Military Board.

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Petition from certain Bullock Owners stated to have been employed in the public Service during the late war in Mysoor, and to desire that you will report your opinion relative to the claim therein stated.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) George Buchan

Secretary to Government &c.

To The Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23d Instant and to inform you that the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the encreased establishment recommended by you for the Paymaster at Madura amounting to the expence of Ten Pagodas pr Month.

I am

To the Military Auditor General acknowledges the receipt of his letter of the 23d Instant The encreased Office establishment recommended by him for the Paymaster at Madura authorized. a Charge for Batta to the Officers of his Majesty's Ship Victor to be stated if correct to be informed

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Informed of the orders regarding the payment of Batta to the Hircarrahs attached to the officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army. Bills and advances recommended by the Military Board to be passed for payment.

I am directed to desire that you will give authority for the payment of the enclosed Bills for allowances due to the Officers of His Majestys Ships Victor if correct.-

I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance the Copy of a letter from the officer commanding the Southern Division of the Army, together with a Copy of the reply transmitted by the authority of His Lordship in Council relative to the allowance of Batta to Hircarrahs when detached on the public Service.-

His Lordship in Council desires that authority may be given for the payment of the Bills, and advance of money recommended in the enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board.-

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25th November 1802.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) G. Buchan
Secretary to Government M.D

From the Military Paymaster General.

Received a letter from Mr. Roebuck entered in M. B. № 35. encloses an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Vellore in the ensuing

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ensuing Month amounting to Pagodas 4000

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Friday the 26th. Novem=ber 1802.

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie } Esqrs
and
Mungo Dick. }

Minutes of last consultation read=

and approved.

Read the following Minutes of the=

Commander in Chief

Minute

His Excellency General Lake having published in General Orders to the Army in India the promotion of Colonel The Honorable Arthur Wellesley to the rank of Major General in the Army The Commander in Chief has the Honor to recommend to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that

Minute of the Commander in Chief recommending that Colonel The Honorable Arthur Wellesley being promoted to the rank of Major General in the Army, may be placed upon the Staff of this Establishment

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that that distinguished Officer may be placed upon the Staff of this establishment.-

26th. November (Signed) J. Stuart

Resolved in conformity to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that a Major General Officer be placed upon the General Staff of the Army of this Establishment.

Minute

Minute of the Commander in Chief recommends that Captain Walker may be appointed to purchase a Supply of Horses and Mares for the remount of the Cavalry - Lays before the Board a letter from Colonel Burr containing a claim which Lieutenant General Stuart has ascertained to be well founded.-

Para 8th. Circumstances render it necessary to Commission a lot of Remount Horses from the Cutch Country. When the Commander in Chief in his Minute of the 16th. March last, recommended the abolition of the Agency for Horses, he concluded that the lot then expected would complete the Cavalry, and that the casualties which should occur in time of Peace might be supplied by purchases in our own Country. But the Merchants of Cutch were unable that Season to procure the Number of Horses, that had been demanded. their failure has occasioned a considerable deficiency in the establishment of Horses with the Cavalry;

and

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and it has been found difficult to obtain, by purchase in our own possessions, horses of a proper description, to the extent that is required. The Commander in Chief does not mean to suggest the necessity of re-establishing the agency on its former footing. He proposes that a Public Staff Officer may be employed in conducting the requisite communications without any additional Salary, and that an Officer of Cavalry may be sent to Mangalore to receive the Remount Lot, when it arrives. Captain Walker the General Agent for Cavalry Supplies appears to be the Officer most proper to be charged with these communications; as he acted for the late Agent Captain Montgomery, is acquainted with the horse dealers, and with the channels of corresponding with them, and as this duty will not interfere with the exercise of his official avocations. The Commander in Chief, accordingly recommends that Captain Walker may be instructed to adopt immediate measures for the Supply of seven hundred horses and Mares from Cutch, and that

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he may be entrusted with authority, similar to that which was confided to Captain Montgomery to draw from the Collector of Canara such Sums as shall enable him to provide for the regular fulfilment of his engage-ments with the Dealers. Captain Walker will be subjected to the regulations and checks under which Captain Montgomery acted; and will be furnished by the Commander in Chief with such detailed instructions as may be requisite under present circumstances. - The number of horses which the Commander in Chief has recommended to be provided, has been founded upon a calculation of the actual deficiency, of the proportion required to meet the usual losses, and of that necessary for the most noble the Governor Generals Body Guard. The above arrange-ment has been proposed as a temporary measure only; for the Commander in Chief expects that the supplies of horses from the Stud will soon equal the annual demands of the Service.

2d. The Commander in Chief lays before the Board a Letter from Colonel Bird late Commandant

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Commanding Officer of the Troops at the Moluccas,
containing a claim which Lieutenant General Stuart
has ascertained from a reference to the Office of audit, to
be well founded.

26th November 1802.

(Signed) J. Stuart

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

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to lay before
your Lordship a Letter addressed to me by Captain
Boles, who acted as my Secretary, whilst honored
with the Command of the Molucca Islands, under
your Lordships authority, setting forth certain
arrears due to the Native Volunteers, who did duty
under my command at those Islands, on account
of short delivery of Provisions allowed to them by
your Lordships orders. which amount Dzit Pagodas
172 Fanams 24 and Cash 10. Captain Boles is
actually and Bona Fide, pay to the Volunteers.

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previous to their quitting Madras to join their Corps, in consequence of my having pledged myself to them, to that effect, may I therefore entreat that your Lordship will cause me to be reimbursed in the above amount, the sum having been expended exclusively on account of the public service. The papers connected with the subject are herewith submitted for your Lordships perusal, amongst which will be found the acquittance Rolls under the signature of each Individual to whom the payment was made.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) D. Burr, Colonel
late Commanding the Troops at the
Moluccas.

Madras
1st October 1802.

To Colonel Burr
late Commanding the Troops at the
Moluccas

Sir, I have the honor to inclose your Bills for Cash in lieu of Articles of Provision — that the Stores and not furnished to the Men of the Volunteer

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It is the intention of His Lordship in Council that the purchase of the Cattle at present required shall be guided by the same regulations with respect to your disbursements and under similar checks as were established for the conduct of the late Agency under the Superintendence of Captain Montgomery.

3 The Collector in the province of Canara will be instructed to comply with your drafts for the sums of money which you may require from that Officer. And an application has been made to the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay that your drafts on that Presidency may be honored to the extent which may be necessary to enable you to complete the purchase of remount horses.

4 The Governor in Council has directed me to inform you that it is not his intention that the execution of this Service shall interfere with your appointment of Agent for the Supply of Gram.

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Fort St. George
27th November 1802.

Sam Lea

(Signed) G. Buchan

Secretary to Government M. D

Resolved that the necessary communication be made to the Governor in Council at Bombay, and to the Collector in Canara, relative to the advance of Money to Captain Walker.

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the Bills recommended in the above Minute, for an allowance to Sepoys in lieu of provisions amounting to Pagodas 178. 17. 72. on the grounds stated in the letter of Colonel Burr.

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter from Mr. Paymaster Sibley covering Copies of Two Letters one from the Officer Commanding Vellore and the other from the Officer Commanding

Sir

From the Military Paymaster General enclosing Copy of Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore relative to the exchange of Pagodas into Rupees and requests instructions thereon.

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His Majesty's 33d. Regiment of Foot respecting a loss which the Soldier will sustain of two Cash upon each Portnova Pagoda issued from the Pay Department and which I have to request that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

Fort St. George
3d. November 1802

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Military Paymaster Genl.

The Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose herewith Letters from the Commanding Officer of this Garrison and the Officer Commanding His Majesty's 33d. Regiment. on the subject of the exchange on Porto Novo Pagodas issued by me, and to request

Your

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you will be kind enough to gain the Sanction of Government, as early as possible, for my carrying the Difference therein specified to the debit of the Honorable Company in my account Current with you.

I am
Sir
Your Most obedt Servant
(Signed) W. Lunley
Paymaster

Vellore
31st October 1809

A True Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Military Paymaster General

To William Lunley Esqre
Paymaster of Vellore

Sir,

I have used my influence as far as lays in my power to bring the Sheroffs of this place to exchange the Portnovo Pagodas issued by you to the Troops in Garrison at the Established rate according to the Regulations Viz. £20 —

Portnovo

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Portnova Pagodas P. 100 Stars or 37 Fanams 40 Cash
P. Portnova Pagoda, but find it impossible to prevail
on them to give more than 37 Fanams by which the
Soldiers will certainly lose 40 Cash on each Pagoda
I therefore think you will act right in Submitting
the Matter to Government, thro' the Paymaster
General, as it is not the intention, that the Troops
should lose by the exchange of Coins issued in their
Pay.

Vellore
30th. October 1802

I remain &c.
(Signed) Thomas Dallas
Lieut. Col. Commanding Vellore

True Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Military Paymaster General

Vellore 30th. October 1802

Sir,

Finding it impossible to procure
the proper exchange for the money which you have
disbursed this month for the payment of the 33d. Regiment
in

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in Portonovo Pagodas, I have to request that you will have the goodness to state to the Paymaster General of the Troops, that if they cannot be paid in a different coin, he will be kind enough to use his endeavours with Government to have the deficiency made up to the amount. Thirty Six Fanams could only at first be procured for the Pagoda which is a loss of one and half to the Soldier, and since the interference of the Commanding Officer of the Garrison, thirty seven appears to be the highest exchange, which there is any probability of receiving; and by which there will be still a loss of Forty Cash.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Walter Elliot

Major Commanding 33d. Regiment

A True Copy

(Signed) B. Roebuck A. P. G.

As the Military Paymaster General has omitted to state an opinion relative to the

circumstances

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circumstances under which it has been proposed to deviate from the relative exchange of Portonovo Pagodas established by the Orders of the Governor in Council, it is impracticable for the Board to decide on the reference of the Paymaster at Vellore on that subject. Resolved therefore to desire the Military Paymaster General in all cases where references of this nature may be necessary to State his sentiments for the consideration of the Governor in Council. -

Clive

W. Strange

Wm Petrie

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Fort St. George 4th November 1802

Diary

Received the following Letter

27th

To John Chamier Esqre

Chief Secretary to the Government of

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Buchans Letter of the 6th of September last with its enclosures, and to transmit to you the enclosed Extract from a Letter from the Marine Board dated the 27th Ultimo, together with a Copy of the account referred to therein.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. Lumsden

Chief Secretary to the Govt

Extract from a Letter from the Marine Board to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council under date the 27th October 1802.

For the purpose of furnishing the further particulars which the Military Board at Fort St. George appear to be in want of we have the

honor

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Honor to transmit a Copy of an account received by the Committee of Embarkation from the Agents of Transports of the Provisions supplied, expended, delivered, and remaining on Board of the Alexander, and submit that it be forwarded to Fort St. George, at which Presidency (where the Vessels was engaged, and where the freight is payable) the deficiency is to be settled and not in Bengal.

A True Extract

(Signed) J. Lumsden

Chief Secretary to Government

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To the Officer Commanding in Mysore, authorizing him to use his discretion in executing such repairs as he may judge to be immediately required to the Store Rooms at Cannanore, and allowing the construction of new stairs for the European Barracks at Seringapatam.—

To the Officer Com-
-manding in Mysoor

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor and President
Lieutenant General James Stuart
Commander in Chief.—
William Petrie
& } Esqrs
Mungo Dick

Friday the 5th November 1802

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.—

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

Minute

The Commander in Chief has the honor to lay before the Right Honble the—

Governor

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4th request of His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon to the credit of that Government.—

detailing the Corps which have been ordered for field Service in the ceded Districts.—Informing him of the instructions transmitted to the Officer Commanding the Body Guard relative to the horses recently arrived from the Stud.—

It having been deemed to be expedient to order into the field details of troops in the province of Malabar in the Ceded Districts, I am directed to enclose for your information & guidance the accompanying copies of orders published by the Officer Commanding in Malabar relative to the equipment in that province & to inform you that the 1st Battalion of the 8th Native Regt has been directed to march to Wynaud from Seringapatam.—

I am directed to enclose the extract of a Minute of the Commander in Chief detailing the Corps which have been ordered for field Service in the Ceded Districts.

I am directed to acquaint you that the Officer Commanding the Body Guard has been instructed to provide for the care and feed of nine horses belonging to the Honble Company which were conveyed on board the Honble

Company's

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4th Company's Ship Marchioness of Exeter from Ganjam to this place.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) George Buchan
Sec.y to Govt

Fort St George
4th November 1, 802

To the Military Paymaster General.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 12th ult. & 1st Inst.

To the Military Paymaster General— The Claim against Lieut. Colonel M'Neile will be stated to the Court of Directors— The adjustment of the Claim for Batta on exchange due to Mr Vaughan — postponed — The Paymaster at Nizagapatum permitted to visit the Presidency

The claim against Lieut.t Col. M'Neile for the Sum of Pag.s 448-31-53. will in conformity to your recommendation be stated to the Honble Court of Directors in order that the amount may be recovered from that Officer in England.—

As it appears from a communication which has been recently made to this Lordship in Council, relative to the accounts of Mr. Vaughan, that a considerable balance of Money stands to his debit in the public

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4th Accounts, His Lordship in Council deems it to be expedient to postpone a decision on the claim for Batta on exchange, due to him until the settlement of Mr Vaughans accounts shall have been completed.—

His Lordship in Council is pleased to permit the Paymaster at Nizagapatam to proceed to the Presidency on leave of absence from his Station.—

I am &ca &ca

Fort St George
4th November 1802

(Signed) George Buchan
Secy to Govt

Sent the following letters entered in M.B. No 5. 6.—

To the Military Board.—

To the Military Board - Enclosing copies of two letters from the Officer Commanding in Mysoor recommending the execution of repairs and improvements at Cannanore and at Seringa=patam, together with a copy of the Instructions transmitted in consequence.— They will state their opinion on the subject of the Works stated to be required at Cannanore.—

To