MILITARY

101-305

309-1

Fort St George 17th May 1803.

2283

have on every occasion most readily furnished him with every information he has required, and any Statements he might call for, and on the present occasion I ordered the Statement he wanted to be immediately prepared, but my people were busily employed on other busi= =ness, and did not execute it so soon as he wished.- Notwithstanding however the line of Conduct I have persued I conceive that the Accountant General has no right to call upon me for any Statements, unless by your Lordships' directions except those which the Rules of the Service have prescribed, or any explanations that may be required for the Adjustment of the General Accounts; and I trust your Lordship will excuse me troubling you on this occasion and request that You will be pleased to direct the Accountant General no more to address me in the Style of reprimand and Superiority

2284 Fort St George 17th May 1803

Superiority which he has assumed

Fort St George 3d May 1803. I have the honor to be &c &c

Military Paymaster Genls (Signed) Benj Roebuck

Office. M.G. Paym.r Genl.

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I have for several days succes=sively sent to your Office for the completion of a Memorandum forwarded to you, I think on Monday last of the Sums advanced at Madras, and by the Paymaster of Nellore, to Mr. John Goldingham, as Superintendant of Buildings here, and here as Civil Engineer, but have not been able yet to procure the required information although it is an Account which should not take two Hours in preparing—

You must be sensible of the very serious inconvenience attending such delay which I request may be avoided in future, and the account in question furnished without loss of time.—

Fort St George
Accountant General Office
28th April 1803

I am &c &c

(Signed) Cecil Smith

A General—

True Copy (Signed) B. Roebuck M.G.—

2285 Fort St George 17th May 1803

158

The Board disapprove the tenor of Mr Smith's Official correspondence, but are of opinion that it is the duty of the Military Paymaster General to furnish on all occasions such Statements or information as may be required by the Accountant General for the furtherance of the public Service.—

Ordered that the Gentlemen in question be apprized of the Sentiments of the Board, and that Mr. Smith be enjoined to be more attentive to decorum in the Style of his Official Correspondence.—

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Sir,

The annexed is Copy of a letter from Mr. Paymaster Lindsay requesting permission to visit the Presidency for a few Weeks, which I request that you will be pleased to obtain from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

From Dr Dirck Copy of a letter from the Paymaster at Vellore soliciting permission to visit the Presidency for a few weeks.—

I am &c &c

Signed/ Benj. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Fort St George
16th May 1803

The

2286 Fort St George 17th May 1803

The Military Paymaster General
Fort St George

Sir,

Being desirous of visiting the Presidency for a few weeks on my private affairs, I have to request you will be obliging enough to obtain for me the sanction of Government to that effect, so as to enable me to leave Vellore by the 1st of June.—

Vellore
15th May 1803

I have the Honor to be &c &c
(Signed) H. Linley
Paymaster.

Resolved that Mr. Linley be permitted to visit the Presidency, provided that the Military Paymaster General is satisfied, that his absence from his Station will not impede the execution of his duties.—

Read the following letters from Messrs Chase Chinnery and M.Dowall

To

2287

Fort St George 17th May 1803

159

To the Chief Secretary
to Government.-

Sir,

During the period which
Lord George Stuart, was in charge of H.M. Nava-
=val Hospital at Madras, His Lordship's Batta
from the Company, by Error was only drawn,
agreeably to the Rank of "Master and Commander",
but as it would appear in Europe that Officers
holding similar responsibility are considered as
entitled to the allowances of a "post Captain" - We
are instructed by Lord George Stuart to solicit
the compliance of Government for his Lordship's
Arrears in that respect being at the rate of £.
52. 3. 40. ₰ Mensem from the 1st September 1801
to 30th April 1802 - the more especially as
this advantage has been conceded to Captain -
Johnston & Lambert who have been subsequently
appointed to the charge of the Navy Hospital. -

We have the honor to be &c &c.

Signed / Chase Chinnery & McDowall

Fort St George
3d May 1803. -

From Messrs Chase Chinnery & McDowall stating that the allowances drawn by Lord G. Stuart during the time he had charge of H.M. Naval Hospital were equal to those of a Master and Commander only, & requesting, as Officers holding similar situations in Europe are entitled to the allowance of a Post Captain that the same may be granted to Lord G. Stuart.

To

2288 Fort St George 17th May 1803.

To the Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

We are instructed by Captain

From Dr D. requesting permission to draw on account of the Commander & Officers of H. M. Ship Lancaster, the Customary allowances of the Company.

William Fothergill Commanding H. M. S Lancaster, to draw the Company's allowance to him as usually granted to Officers of his Majestys Ships on this Station, and request that the Sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may accordingly be obtained for the disbursement of it—

We are also desired by the warrant Officers of the same Ship to draw the Company's allowance to the Ward-Room, as usual and request that this payment may have equal sanction by his Lordship's confirmation.—

May 16th 1803

We are &c &c

(Signed) Chase Chinnery & M'Dowall

The following reply is ordered to be returned.—

To

2289 Fort St George 17th May 1803

To Messrs Chase & Co.

Gentlemen,

Par 1 I am directed to acknow-

To Dr Dr in reply to the above two Letters — ledge the receipt of your Letters of the 3d and 6th inst, and to inform you that as the Governor in Council has not received any communication from His Excellency Vice Admiral Rainier on the subject of augmenting the allowance paid by the Honorable Company to the Officer in charge of His Majestys Naval Hospital at this Presidency, His Lordship in Council considers it to be inexpedient to comply with the application contained in your letter on that subject.—

2 His Lordship in Council has been pleased in compliance with your request to give authority for the payment of the customary allowances granted by the Honorable Company, on account of the Commander and Officer of His Majestys

2290 Fort St George 17th May 1803

Majesty's Ship Lancaster.

Fort St George
18th May 1803

Sam &c &c &c

(Signed) G. Strachey
Sec.y to Govern.t

Order thereon.

Ordered that Copies of the
foregoing letters and Reply be furnished
for the information and guidance of the
Military Auditor General.—

Read the following letter
from the Chief Secretary to the Government
at Columbo.—

To John Chamier Esq.re
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Fort St George

Sir,

I loose no time in acknow-
-ledging the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo
with the enclosed Papers relating to the claim
of this Government upon Mr. Edward Atkinson
which have but just reached me.—

I am directed by His Ex-
-cellency the Governor to request that you will
express

From the Chief Se-
cretary at Columbo
stating that the
Governor has no
objections to the
Securities deposi-
ted by Mr Atkin-
-son at Madras
being delivered up
to that Gentleman

2291 Fort St. George 17th May 1803.

161

express to the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort St George in Council, his sense of His Lord-=ships attention to assist and forward the claims of his Government in refusing to give up the Securities which Mr. Atkinson has lodged at Madras, until the demands upon him on Ceylon are satisfied. It is far from His Excellency's Wish to expose Mr. Atkin-=son to any unnecessary inconvenience — and as there are securities lodged here for a larger Sum than the Balance due by him, His Excellency requests that you will have the goodness to inform the Right Honor-=able the Governor in Council, that he has no objections to the Securities of Mr. Atkinson at Madras being given up to him. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Robt Arbuthnot

Chief Sec.y to Government

Pombadenia,
May 2d. 1803.

Ordered that the Military Paymaster General be furnished with a Copy

2292 Fort St George 17th May 1803

copy of the foregoing letter for his information and Guidance; and that he be instructed at the same time to return to Mr Atkinson the Securities deposited by that Gentleman at Fort St George; provided that the demands of this Government against him shall have been satisfied.—

" Close

Ex.d W.m Strange

" W.m Petrie

" John Cumming

Office Sec.t Consult. 17th May 1803.
Pages 74. Copied by S. Nagalingum

2293 Fort St. George 5th May 1803

167

Diary

Receives the following Letter

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 ack-

nowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo

and to request you that in consequence of the

recommendation of the Right Honorable the Governor

in Council communicated in Mr. Secretary Webbes

letter of the 17th of February 1798. Orders were imme-

diately issued to the Military Paymasters Generals

at this Presidency to pay Mr. Burette his monthly

pension. Mr. Burette was at the same time

informed of those orders

I herewith transmit Copies of the letters

to the Paymaster General and Mr. Burette on the Subject

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort William
the 5th May 1803.

/Signed/ L. Hook
Secretary to Govt

From the Secretary of Fort William transmitting Copies of letters to the Military Paymasters General and Mr. Burette on the subject of the pension granted by the Government to that Gentleman

2294 Fort St George — May 1803

To
Wm Farquharson Esqr
Medical Paymaster General

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that Mr. J. Burnelle pensioned Assistant Surgeon who has been permitted by the Government of Fort St George to reside in Bengal is to receive a pension equal to Twenty Star Pagodas a month from the 1st. of February last.

Council Chamber
the 13th March 1798

I am &c.
(Signed) L. Hooke
Secretary to Government

A true Copy.
(Signed) L. Hooke
Secretary to Government

To Mr. John Burnelle
Pensioned Assistant Surgeon

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that in consequence of a Letter from Fort St George Instructions have been sent to the Medical Auditor General

2295 Fort St. George 5th May 1803

183.

To

General and Military Paymaster General respecting

the payment of your pension which is Twenty Star Pags

a month and to be paid here from the 1st of last

month.

Council Chamber
The 15th March 1803

Jam. Gracey Jun.

/Signed/ L. Hook,
Secretary to Government M.D.

A true Copy.

/Signed/ L. Hook
Secretary to Government

Sent the following Letters

To Captain L. Hook,

Secretary to the Government
at Fort William

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th ultimo, and to request that you will lay before the Most Noble the Governor General in Council the accompanying General Return for the month of april of the Troops serving under this Presidency.—

To the Secretary at Fort William with a general return for the month of april of the Troops serving under this presidency prepared by the Officer commanding the Fencibles the Artillery and Pioneers.

I have

2298 Fort St. George 18th May 1803

To you an Extract from the proceedings of the Governor in Council in the Revenue Department containing the information required in your letter dated the 28th of February last, relative to the prices of labor and provisions and the freight of Ships in the Northern Division of Canara.

3. I am also directed to enclose for your information and guidance the accompanying Extracts of letters from and to the Board of Revenue relative to the supply of Cartridges required by the Collector at Guntoor.

Fort St. George
18th May 1803

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ George Strachey
Secretary to Government

To Lieutenant General Stuart
Commander in Chief
Sir

To the commander in Chief transmitting copy of a letter from the Governor General together with copy of the

I have the honor to transmit to you by the Command of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosed copy of a letter from

2299 Fort St. George — May 1803

19th

The orders recently passed at Bengal relative to the management of Military Bazars under that Presidency — to state his sentiments on the expediency of adopting similar regulations under the Presidency of Fort St. George.

From the Most Noble the Governor General in Council together with a Copy of the Orders recently passed by His Excellency in Council for abolishing perquisites of command arising from Military Bazars at the Presidency of Bengal and Jam directed to request that you will state to His Lordship in Council your opinion on the expediency of applying the amended regulations to the management of the Military Bazars under the Presidency of Fort St. George, under the orders of His Lordship in Council lately published on that subject.

Fort St. George
18th May 1803

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) George Stratchey
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

Paid

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that the Charge specified in the enclosed copy of a letter from

To the Military Auditor General, directing him to credit the Account of the agent for Bullocks for the charges therein stated in the enclosed copy of a letter from the Commander in Chief and

2298 . Fort St. George . . May 1803

18th

To you an Extract from the proceedings of the Governor in Council in the Revenue Department containing the information required in your letter dated the 28th of February last, relative to the prices of labor and provisions and the freight of Ships in the Northern Division of Canara.

3.

I am also directed to enclose for your information and guidance the accompanying Extracts of letters from and to the Board of Revenue relative to the supply of Cartridges required by the Collector at Guntoor.

Fort St. George
18th May 1803

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed / George Strachey
Secretary to Government

To Lieutenant General Stuart
Commander in Chief
Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you by the Command of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosed copy of a letter from

To the commander in Chief transmitting copy of a letter from the Governor General together with copy of the

2299 Fort St George — May 1803

19th

The orders recently passed at Bengal relative to the management of Military Bazars under that Presidency — to state his sentiments on the expediency of adopting similar regulations under the Presidency of Fort St George.

From the Right Noble the Governor General in Council together with a Copy of the Orders recently passed by His Excellency in Council for abolishing fees & perquisites of command arising from Military Bazars at the Presidency of Bengal and Jam directed to request that you will state to His Lordship in Council your opinion on the expediency of applying the amended regulations to the management of the Military Bazars under the Presidency of Fort St George under the orders of His Lordship in Council lately published on that subject.

Fort St George
18th May 1803.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

Paid

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that

To the military Auditor General directing him to credit the account of the agent for Bullocks for the charges specified in the enclosed copy of a letter from the Commissioner in Chief and

the Charges specified in the enclosed copy of a letter from

2300

Fort St. George 18th May 1803.

and to authorize the payment of the batta allowed by the Company to the Commanders and Officers of H.M. Ships Lancaster, copy of a letter from Mrs. Chase thereon on the subject enclosed to, together with copies of letters from the Secretary at Fort William relative to the pension granted to the wife of Mr. Heron, desiring them to submit the information required on that subject.

From the Commander in Chief may be admitted in the accounts of the agent for Cavalry Supplies when supported by the prescribed Vouchers.

2 The Governor in Council has directed me to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from Mrs. Chase & Sweeney and Macdowall, and to desire that authority may be given for the payment of the batta allowed by the Company to the Commanders and Officers of His Majesty's Ship Lancaster.

3 I am also directed to enclose the accompanying Copies of letters from the Secretary to the Government at Fort William and to desire that you will furnish the information required by the Most Noble the Governor General in Council relative to the continuance of the pension granted to the wife of Mr. Heron.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Government.

&c.

Fort St. George
18th May 1803

2301

Fort St. George — May 1803.

18th

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having taken into consideration your letter of the 2d Instant, directs me to desire that you will on all occasions consider it to be your duty to comply with the application of the Accountant General for any Statement or Official information which he may require for the furtherance of the public Service —

To the Military Paymaster &c. &c. &c. intimating them that he is to consider it his duty to comply with the applications of the Accountant General for any Statements or Official information which he may require for the furtherance of the public Service, and that the Style of the Accountant General's letter to him has been disapproved.

His Lordship in Council — directs me at the same time to acquaint you that he has disapproved the Style of the letter addressed to you by the Accountant General and has enjoined the observance of more decorum in the Official communications of that Officer —

I am Sir &c.

/Signed/ George Strachey

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

18th May 1803.

2302

Fort St. George — May 1802.

To the Accountant General.

Sir,

Para 1. The Military Paymaster General having brought under the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the subject of your letter to him of the 28th ultimo, His Lordship in Council directs me to transmit to you for your information and guidance a copy of the reply with which he has been furnished.

2. His Lordship in Council directs me accordingly to express to you his disapprobation of the tenor of your Official correspondence and to enjoin a greater degree of attention to decorum in communications of that nature.

3. I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed extract of a letter from the Board of Trade with the papers thereon referred to, relative to an unadjusted balance in the Books of the Import Warehouse Department amounting to the sum of Star Pagodas 4422. 5. 45 for the value

J

To the accountant General disapproving the Style of his late letter to the Military Paymaster General enclosing for his information copy of the reply to that Gentlemans complaints on the subject of a letter from the Board of Trade directing that an unadjusted balance in the Books of the Import Warehouse Department amounting to S.P. 4422. 5. 45 enclosed, in order that it may be adjusted in favor of the Contractors for Army Clothing

2303 Fort St. George — May 1803.

167

18th

of Cloth issued from the Stores to the late Contractors for clothing the Army in Conformity to the conditions of his contract, and his Lordship in Council desires that the balance may be adjusted in the General Books.

Fort St. George
18th May 1803

/Signed/ George Strachey
Secretary to Government

Received and sent the following

Letters entered in Mil. Nos. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.

From Major General Smith—

From the Officer commanding the Forces in the Carnatic

Submitting an application from Captain McGregor for permission to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health—

To Captain Hook—Transmitting

To the Secretary at Bengal—

Copy of a letter from this Government to the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department which was dispatched on the 9th Instant by the Baring—

To Captain Hook—Transmitting

To the Secretary at

Statements in continuation of payments made to

His

2302

Fort St. George — May 1802

To the Accountant General

Sir,

Para 1.

The Military Paymaster General having brought under the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the subject of your letter to him of the 28th ultimo, His Lordship in Council directs me to transmit to you for your information and guidance a copy of the reply with which he has been furnished.

2.

His Lordship in Council directs me accordingly to express to you his disapprobation of the tenor of your Official correspondence and to enjoin a greater degree of attention to decorum in communications of that nature.

3.

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed extract of a letter from the Board of Trade with the papers thereon referred to, relative to an unadjusted balance in the Books of the Import Warehouse Department amounting to the sum of Star Pagodas 4432. 5. 45 for the value of

To the accountant General disapproves the style of his letter to the Military Paymaster General in ordering for his information a copy of the reply to that Gentleman's complaint on the subject of a letter from the Board of Trade directing that an item in the Books of the Import Warehouse Department amounting to Rs. 4432, 5, 45 enclosed, are order that it may be adjusted as soon as possible Contingencies for army Clothing

2303 Fort St. George — May 1803.

167

15th

of Cloth issued from the Stores to the late Contractors for clothing the Army in Conformity to the conditions of his contract, and his Lordship in Council desires that the balance may be adjusted in the General Books.

Fort St. George
18th May 1803.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Government

Received and sent the following

Letters entered in Mn.to Nos. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.

From Major General Smith—

From the Officer commanding the forces on the Carnatic

Submitting an application from Captain McGregor for permission to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health—

To Captain Hooke—Transmitting

To the Secretary at Bengal—

Copy of a letter from this Government to the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department which was dispatched on the 9th Instant by the Baring—

To Captain Hooke—Transmitting

To the Secretary at

Statements in continuation of payments made to

His

2304

Fort St George — May 1803.

15th

His Majesty's forces serving under this Presidency

To the Military Paymaster —

To the Military Paymaster General

General — The Paymaster at Vellore permitted to visit the presidency in conformity to his application —

To Do.

To Ditto. With copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General relative to the additional estimate &c.

19th

Sent a letter to the Military —

To the Military Paymaster General

Paymaster General entered in M.B. No 29. Directing him to restore to Mr. Atkinson his Securities provided the demands of this Government against him shall have been satisfied — Copy of a letter from the Chief Secretary at Columbo enclosed —

20th

Received the following letter —

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Fort St George.

Sir,

I have to request that you will be pleased to lay the accompanying Copies of letters from Mr. Paymaster Richardson on the subject of a loss

From the Military Paymaster General submitting Copies of letters from Mr. Paymaster Richardson relative to a loss sustained in consequence of

2305 Fort St. George 7th May 1803

19th

164

of the alteration in the exchange of the different Coins issued, to him by the Collectors in Malabar

loss sustained in consequence of the alterations in the Exchange of the different Coins issued to him by the Collectors in Malabar before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. No 1 is his first letter on the subject which not appearing to me to be very full, I requested him to furnish me with a Register of the particular Coins he received with the rates at which they were issued to him for his Bills on me, and the rates at which he issued them to the Troops. This being done I now enclose copy of it with Copies of the papers it gave rise to — From which it appears that the loss sustained has originated in consequence of the proclamation establishing new rates of Exchange to take effect from the 15th September, by a subsequent communication with the Subordinate Collector he states that the new rates of Exchange were not to take place until the 6th October and in consequence the Paymaster of Malabar continued his old rates of payment until that day, after that date

date agreeable to the information he had received he commenced the new rates but to his surprise found on the 24th november that the Collector issued to him Cash at the old Rates, he however from the disturbances on Wynaad having time to wait the result of a reference and from the Articles to the Troops being furnished in the Bazars only at the new rates, thought it absolutely necessary for the good of the service to issue these coins at the new rates and in this he appears to be grounded.

The Subordinate Collector at Palghaut informed him under date the 23d march that he was not authorized to make any issues from his Treasury at these rates until novembes and in the letter for the Assistant to Collector at Cochin of the 24th march he says, I was not instructed until 2nd november to continue the issuing of money at the Old rates of Coins in all previous payments and if any had been

2307 Fort St George — May 1803.

19

169

been disbursed at the new rates to withhold the difference — But Wm Richardson it appears was not informed of this circumstance in time to prevent his completing his October payments at the new — Exchange, and as I have before observed it would appear that circumstances would have rendered such a measure even advisable —

Fort St. George
20th May 1803

I am Sir &c
/Signed/ Benj. Roebuck
Military Paymaster General

The Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In sending you my account Current for november I beg leave to observe that I have taken Credit for loss by Exchange and to explain to you the cause of my doing so — It is occasioned by the difference between the old rates of exchange in Pralaw and those established by the principal Collector on the 31st of August last, and which he Credited

2306 Fort St George 7th May 1802

19

date agreeable to the information he had received he
commenced the new rates had to his surprise found
on the 24th november that the Collector issued to
some Cash at the old Rates he however from the
disturbances on Wynaad from not having time
to wait the result of a reference and from the
Articles to the Troops being furnished in the
Bazars only at the new rates thought it abso-
lutely necessary for the good of the service to
issue these coins at the new rates and in this
he appears to be grounded.

The subordinate Collector
at Pollychaut informed them under date the
23d March that he was not authorized to make
any issues from his Treasury at these rates until
november and in the letter for the Assistant to
Collector at Cochin of the 24th March he says I
was not instructed until 2nd november to com-
mence the issuing of money at the Old rate of
Coins on all previous payments and if any Head
Carry

2307 Fort St George — May 1803.

19

169

been disbursed at the new rates to withhold the difference — But Mr. Beckwinson it appears was not informed of this circumstance in time to prevent his completing his October payments at the new rate of Exchange, and as I have before observed it would appear that circumstances would have rendered such a measure even advisable —

Fort St George
20th May 1803

I am &c.
/Signed/ Benj. Roebuck,
Military Paymaster General

The Military Paymaster General
Fort St George.

Sir,

In sending you my account Current for November I beg leave to observe that I have taken Credit for loss by Exchange and to explain to you the cause of my doing so — It is occasioned by the difference between the old rates of exchange in Malabar and those established by the principal Collector on the 20th of August last, and which he directed

2308

Fort St. George — 4 May 1808.

19

" ovices by this Proclamation I shall date to have
effect from the 1st of January which is about the 15th
of September. Enclosed is a Table of this new exchange
of Coins as furnished to me on my application
by the Subordinate Collector here. This however did
not take immediate effect in payments from
the Honorable Company's Treasuries in this
Province as I was informed it would not in con-
-versation with the Subordinate Collector here
He said that at Major Macleods desire he
informed me money would not be issued to me
at the new rates till the 1st of Feburary which is
the 1st of October. The consequence of this informa-
-tion payments were made at this Office at the
old rates till that day. After it they were of course
commenced at the new rates by me and would I
conceived have been so by the principal Collector,
but to my astonishment he continued his pay-
-ments to me at the old rates till the 24th
November notwithstanding this however, the

Disturbances

2309 Fort St. George — May 1803.

19

170

Disturbances in Wynaad having commenced the latter
end of October I conceived it my duty to begin the
payments for Cattle to and Wynaad at Cotaparamba
on the 1st. of november at the new rates as the
Troops might to be put to considerable inconvenience
had I waited for the result of a reference on the
subject as they could only buy articles in Camp at
the new rates. For the same reason it was at
those rates that I was also necessitated to pay for
all supplies for the Army and the hire of the
Cattle employed in the carriage of them.

I should have addressed you on
this subject earlier, but for the want of Official
information on it which I have not even yet
obtained although I have frequently applied for it,
and my idea that it would come with more pro-
priety with my account Current in which the
difference of Exchange would be charged which
of course I could not at that time (namely 1st. of
October) conceive would have been so long delayed

as

2308 Fort St. George — 4 May 1808.

19

"ovened by his Proclamation of that date to have
effect from the 1st of January which is about the 15th
of September. Enclosed is a Table of this new exchange
of Coins as furnished to me on my application
by the Subordinate Collector here. This however did
not take immediate effect in payments from
the Honorable Company's Treasuries in this
Province as I was informed it would not in con-
-versation with the Subordinate Collector here.
He said that at Mayor Macleods desire he
informed me money would not be issued to me
at the new rates till the 1st of January when it
the 1st of October. In consequence of this regula-
-tion payments were made at this Office at the
old rates till that day. After it they were of course
commenced at the new rates by me and would I
conceive have been so by the principal Collector,
but to my astonishment he continued his pay-
-ments to me at the old rates till the 24th
November. Notwithstanding this however, the

Disturbances

2309 Fort St. George — May 1803.

19

170

Disturbances in Wynaad having commenced the latter
end of October I conceived it my duty to begin the
payments for Cattle and Wynaad at Cotaparamba
on the 1st. of november at the new rates as the —
Troops may not be put to considerable inconvenience
had I waited for the result of a reference on the
subject as they could only buy articles in Camp at
the new rates. For the same reason it was at
those rates that I was also necessitated to pay for
all supplies for the Army and the hire of the —
Cattle employed in the carriage of them —

I should have addressed you on
this subject earlier, but for the want of Official —
information on it which I have not even yet —
obtained although I have frequently applied for it,
and my idea that it would come with more pro-
priety with my account Current in which the
difference of Exchange would be charged which
of course I could not at that time (namely 1st. of
October) conceive would have been so long delayed

as

2360 Fort St George — May 1803

19

as the present disturbances were not then even suspected.

Notwithstanding this want of official information for which I had applied 12 days before with the hope of obtaining before that time I addressed Lieutenant Colonel Boles then commanding Officer here on this subject on the first of October as I conceived it was likely objections would be made to this mode of payment. But I was happy to perceive there were not any in October as the people in the Bazars were not then in the habit of requiring payment at the new Exchange.

The whole loss by Exchange is now charged to enable you to judge of its correctness. Also send you a Table of the old rates of Exchange.

I beg leave to send you Registers of the Exchange at which the coins were received for payments in the early part of november with the letters stating the several subordinate Collectors reasons for issuing money at the abolished rates, and any extract of my letter to the principal Collector which

I

2311 Fort St. George — 10th May 1803.

19

171

I wrote under the impression that money was issued to me at the old rates by mistake to which I have not received any reply except the verbal one to the person managing my departments at Calicut that the difference of exchange would not be paid.

Military Pay Office
Tellicherry
3d April 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Obt. Servt.
(Signed) W. Richardson
Military Paymaster.

Extract of a letter addressed to the Principal — & Elector by the Paymaster in Malabar under date the thirty first of October 1802.

I beg leave to acquaint you that by an Invoice of Treasure furnished by my Clerk at Calicut, I perceive your Assistant in charge at that place has issued such Treasure to me at the old rates of exchange although the issue took — place long after the ~~sixteenth~~ of this month which was the time I understood it to be your intention that the old rates of exchange in payments should cease, and

guided

2312 Fort St. George — May 1803

19

guises my conduct in payments from this Office accordingly —

I must therefore request you will do me the favour to direct

that the difference between the old and new rates of exchange

on 22000 Pagodas which is the amount of my Bills under

date the 24th of October may be paid to my Clerk at Calicut

whom I have directed to wait on you for that purpose —

True Extract.

(Signed) H. Richardson

Military Paymaster

Calicut 25th October 1802.

Received from the Principal Collector —

Treasury the sum of Star Pagodas twenty two thousand 22000 —

in the following Coins —

11322. Porto Nove Pagodas @ 3/4 Rupees each ..... 10513.12 —

51 Old Bombay Gold Mohurs @ 16 Rs. each ..... 232. 6 —

7418. Venetians @ 5 Rupees each ..... 10597. 6 —

7426. Silver Fs. @ 5 ff a Rupee ..... 424.11.22.

2842. Gold Ds. @ 3/2 ff Ds. ..... 232 —

75 Rice Copper 3. 48

Total St. Pagodas 22000 —

(Signed) Mooneapah

A true Copy

(Signed) J. W. Babes

Cochin

2313 Fort St. George — May 1803

19

177

Cochin 31st October 1802 Received from James Drummond Esqre Assistant Collector the sum of Star Pagodas three thousand and six hundred being in part of a bill of Exchange drawn by Wm. Williams Richardson Military Paymaster in the Malabar Province on the Military Paymaster General at Fort St. George for the payment of the Troops in the Garrison of Cochin in the following Coins Viz.t @

52½ Silver Rupees ..... 15. — — —

7 Gold Dollars @ Star Pagodas 4. 24 each ..... 32 — — —

1 Star Pagoda ..... 1 — — —

20 Cahery Pagodas @ 1. 1. 3. 4 4/16 each 21. 29. 8¾

500 Venetians @ Star Pagodas 1. 11. 26 7/16 each 634. 38. 32½

200 Porto Novo Pagodas @ 35 M.fs. each ..... 166. 28 —

2750 Tellicherry fs. @ 19¼ per Star Pagoda ..... 142. 36 —

9 Gold Mohurs @ Star Pgs. 3. 39. 65 each ..... 35. 22. 25 —

396.57 Verroy fs. @ 14 12/16 per Star Pagoda 25 51. 14. 3¾

Star Pagodas 3600. — —

/Signed/ George Miles
for Wm. Richardson Esqre
Mily Paymr. Malabar Province

True Copy

/Signed/ Jas. Drummond
Asst. Collector

Received

2314

Fort St. George — May 1803

19

Received from Mr. Drummond the sum of Star Pagodas 500 — five hundred on account of a bill of Exchange for Star Pagodas 5600 five thousand six hundred —

Cochin 2d November 1802 / Signed / George Miles

/ 500 /

Star

The Contents of the within Receipt to Remain on the following Coins Wgt

572 9/16 Venice sequins @ 11 17/16 per Star Pagodas	388	—
13 Silver Rupees	3.	30
1 Porto Nove Pagoda	.	35
4 Cakeray Pagodas	1.	14. 7 3/4
52 Venetians or full weight 51 at Star Pags 1. 11 — 26 10/16 each	63.	17. 5 1/4
764 Bully Sal. @ 19 1/4 per Star Pagodas	39.	28. 7 3
3 1/2 Paulghaut Pagodas	.	18
Star Pagodas	500	—

/ Signed / George Miles

True Copy

/ Signed / Jas. Drummond

Assistant Resident

Cochin

2315 Fort St. George 5th May 1803

No. 173

Cochin 3rd November 1802. Received from James Drummond Esqr Assistant Collector the sum of Star Pagodas One thousand Six hundred and ninety three, two fanams and fifty three Cash, being on account of two Bills of Exchange drawn by Mr. Wm Richardson Military Paymaster in the Malabar Province on the Military Paymaster General at Fort St. George dated 26th and 28th October 1802. for Star Pagodas 1600 in the following Coins at Old rate Viz.

29628. Tellicherry fanams @ 17½ per Star Pagoda 1693 1 16

6¼ Bombay Copper Peice ..... 1 37.

Star Pagodas 1693 2 53.

(Signed) George Miles

per Wm. Richardson Esqre

Military Paymaster

P. Malabar

True Copy.

(Signed) Jas. Drummond

Assistant Collector.

Received

2314

4th

Fort St. George — May 1803

Received from Mr. Drummond the Sum of Star Pagodas

500 — five hundred on account of a Bill of Mills for

Star Pagodas 5600 — five thousand six hundred —

Cochin 2d November 1802 / Signed / George Miles

Star Pags 500

The Contents of the within Receipts Received

on the following Coins Viz.t

572 9/16 Venicians Sequins @ 11 27/32 per Star Pagoda ..... 388 " —

13 Silver Rupees ..... 3 . 30 —

1 Porto Nove Pagoda ..... " 35 —

4 Fakerry Pagodas ..... 4 . 14 . 7 3/4

52 Venicians or full weight of

51 at Star Pags. 1 . 11 — 26 10/16 each ..... 60 . 17 . 5 1/4

764 Bills &c. @ 19/4 per Star Pagoda ..... 39 . 28 . 13

3/2 Bankshall Coins ..... " . " 18

Star Pagodas 500 — .

/ Signed / George Miles

Treasurer

/ Signed / Jas. Drummond

Assistant Collector

Cochin

2315 Fort St. George May 1803

19

173

Cochin 3rd November 1802 Received from James Drummond Esqre Assistant Collector the sum of Star Pagodas One thousand Six hundred and ninety three Two fanams and fifty three Cash, being on account of two Bills of Exchange drawn by Mr. Wm. Richardson Military Paymaster in the Malabar Province on the Military Paymaster General at Fort St. George dated 26th and 28th October 1802. for Star Pagodas 1600 in the following Coins at Old rate Viz.t

2962 Tellicherry fanams @ 17½ per Pagoda 1693. 1. 16.

6¼ Bombay Copper Pice ..... 1. 37.

Star Pagodas 1693. 2. 53.

(Signed) George Miles

per Wm. Richardson Esqre

Military Paymaster

C. Malabar

True Copy.

(Signed) Jas. Drummond

Assistant Collector.

Received

2316 Fort St. George — May 1803.

19th

Received from the Principal Collector
Treasury at Calicut the sum of twenty Thousand
and Eight hundred new Pagodas as per Bill drawn
by William Richardson Esqre Military Paymaster
Malabar No. 2 Dated at Tellicherry October 1802
as following

Dgts

		Rs.	Fs.
15,995 New Gold fs. at 8/2 each	Rupees	14570	12734.12
92424 Old Gold fs. at 4 fs. each	Rupees	23106	6601.30
927 Venetians at 5 Rupees each		4635	1324.12
4 Old Gold Mohurs (a) 16 Rs. each		64	18.12
2300 Silver fs. at 5 fs. each	Rupees	460	131.18
Total	Rupees	42835	Fs. 20910

Calicut
4th November 1802.

(Signed) Mooneapah
(A true copy)
(Signed) J.W. Babes

A List

2317 Fort St. George the 1st May 1803

174

19

List of the Coins Composing the amount advances made to the Military Paymaster of Malabar from the Treasury of the Subordinate Collector of the Southern Divisions in November 1802.

8564. New Veragasiamant 1/4 7/16 per C. Star Pagodas	Star Pagodas	fs 6 R
	570	41 66
2½ Caudyhaut Copper Cos at 59,510 per C. Star Pagodas		11
	Star Pagodas	580

(Signed) Tho.s Warden
Collector.

Copy of a letter addressed to the Paymaster &c. &c. &c.
Malabar by the Subordinate Collector at Caudyhaut
under date the 23.d of March 1803.

I have received your letter of the 20.th your draft upon me in the month of October Vey.t No. 235. dated 3.d October Star Pagodas 4,522.
No. 240 dated 26.th October Star Pagodas 8,810
and No. 242. dated 28.th October Star Pagodas 12000 One
paid

2318 Fort St. George 7th May 1803

19

pass to your Agent at Calicut from the principal
Collector Treasury at that place I consequently refer
you to Calicut for a list of the Coins in which those
payments were made. I can only afford you a
list of the Coins in which your Draft was paid
No 252 dated 15th November for Star Pagodas 580.
Rec'd Enclosed

The Municipal Collectors pro-
clamation which established the new rates of
Exchange was published as you observe on the
31st of August, but I was not authorized to make
any issues from my Treasury agreeably to
those rates until November from the 1st of
which month to the 28th ultimo your several
drafts have been paid according to the said
rates

I am not therefore aware of
any deviation from established Rates having taken
place on my part in the instances to which you
allude

2316 Fort St George — May 1803

19th Allude —

175

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Richardson,
Military Paymaster Genl

Copy of a letter addressed to the Paymaster in Malabar by the Assistant Collector at Cochin, under date the 24th of march 1803

Agreeable to the request in your letter of the 20th Instant, Inclose Copies of the receipts granted by your agents for the payments in October and november I received the principal Collectors proclamation about the 10th or 12th of September and it was to take effect on the 15th or first of the present Malabar year conformable to which the Coins were issued I was not instructed till the 2nd " of November to continue the issuing of money at the old rate of Coins in all previous payments, and if any had been disbursed at the new rates to withhold the difference —

True Copy
/Signed/ W. Richardson
Military Paymaster

True Copies
/Signed/ Benjn. Roebuck
Military Paymaster General
Table

2320 Fort St. George the May 1803

14

Table of the Exchange of Coins in Malabar as fixed by the Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay

Coins			
1 Bombay Gold Anchour Pc,	16	4	24
1 Do Do New	15	4	12
1 Star Pagoda	3 2	1	
1 Porto Novo Pagoda	3 1		39
1 Surat or Bombay Rupee	1		12
1 New Viraty fanams	1		12
1 Do	1		12
5 Silver fanams	1		12
1 Venetian	5 7		18
1 Copper fuke	1		12

These were the only Coins generally Current in Malabar till the importation of Coins from Circulation.

(Signed) W Richardson
Military Paymaster

(Signed) W. Richardson
Military Paymaster

True Copies

(Signed) B Roebuck
Mr to G.

2321 Fort St. George the May 1803

1796

To
The Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your directions I have now the honor to send you a Register of Coins shewing the exchange at which they were received that at which they were spent and the consequent loss on each species of them which being added up of course shews the loss on the whole.

Allow me to observe that on the Bills I granted the Collectors for the sums received from them were calculated at 3½ Rupees per Star Pagoda and the Madras fanams at 12 to the Pagoda as has been usual in this Province, it being only lately that any Rupees or Madras fanams have been in Circulation principal

Coins are the new Gold or Varaly fanams current at 12¼ per Star Pagoda or at 3½ per Bombay Rupee and the Silver fanams which is to at 17½ per Star Pagoda or at 5 per Bombay Rupee I beg leave to add that it was not till money was received from Coimbatoor that the Madras fanams were current here and that

2322 Fort St. George — 6 May 1803

19

That this did not happen till about the middle of November when the Rupee was also reintroduced & it was at this time too that money was first issued to my Department at the new rates of exchange established by Major Macleod the late principal Collector —

Agreeably to your desire I also beg leave to send you a Copy of my letter to the Principal Collector on the 15th of September 1802. also of one under date the 31st of October last. Any other communications on this subject were verbal ones made through my Clerk at Calicut —

I have only now to observe that the reason why no loss is charged on 3129 22. 35. is that money was current at those Stations at the old exchange and the Troops were therefore paid at it —

I have the honor to be

Military Pay Office
Tellicherry 27th April
1803

Hon'ble Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W Richardson
Military Pay Mr.

Copy

2323 Fort St. George — May 1803. 127

19 Copy of a letter addressed to the Municipal Collector by the Paymaster in Malabar under date the 15th of September 1802 —

The purport of the Message you sent me through Mr. Gellie has been communicated by me to Lieutenant Colonel Wilks the Commanding Officer, who thinks it requisite that either he or Mr. Gellie should have some written information on the subject of the new exchanges in order that he may ground on it a request to Government to remunerate the Army for the loss by Exchange which they must suffer next month, and which the few will suffer who receive money after the 15th of this month which is unavoidably the case with the Barrack Master, the Superintending Engineer at Cananore, and is sometimes so with the Contingent Charges by other Officers —

Permit me therefore to intreat the favor of a written communication on this subject, which I cannot help observing is of more serious consequence with regard to the Army than you appear

2324 Fort St. George — May 1803.

19th

appear to think it

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ W. Richardson

Military Paymaster

Copy of a letter addressed to the Principal Collector by the Paymaster in Malabar under date the 8th of October 1803.

I beg leave to acquaint you that by an Invoice of Treasure furnished by my Clerk at Calicut I perceive your Assistant in charge at that place has issued such Treasure to me at the old rates of Exchange although the issue took place long after the 16th of this month, which was the time I understood it to be your intention that the old rates of exchange on payments should cease, and guided my conduct on payments from my Office accordingly. I must therefore request you will do me the favor to direct that the difference between the old and new rates of exchange on 22,000 Pagodas which is the amount of my Bills under date 24th October may be paid to my Clerk at Calicut whom I have directed to wait on you for

2325 Fort St. Louis May 1803.

19th

178

for that purpose—

I trust your early compliance —

with this request will spare me the pain of troubling

Government on this subject through the Paymaster

General which I must certainly do, although

with great reluctance if it be not so in such

time as to enable me to complete the Payments

in Wynnaad on the first or at furthest second

Week in next month it being indispensably

necessary that money should be sent there with

all possible expedition—

A true Copy

Signed W. Richardson

Military Paymaster

Register

2326 Fort St. George — May 1803.

Register of Coins shewing the difference between Old and

	Names of Coins received	No. of Coins	Received at Old rates.
	Venetians	2135	at Star Pagodas 3.18 - Ea
	Old Gold Moors	55	at Do 3.24 - Ea
From Client	Veray Old Gold fanams	01574	at 14 Madras fanams Ea
	Silver fanams	8075	at 17½ per Star Pagoda
	Veray new Gold fanams	1,57,479	at 12¼ per Do
	Port Novo Pagodas	1561	at 39 per Do
	Veray New Gold fanams	70461 7/16	at 12¼ per Star Pagoda
	Port Novo Pagodas	480	at 39 Madras fanams Ea
	Silver fanams	8239	at 17½ per Star Pagoda
	Veray new Gold fanams	40386½	at 12¼ per Do
	Silver fanams	3514	at 17½ per Do
	Venetians	550	at Star Pagodas 3.18 - Ea
At Cochin	Porto Novo Pagodas	201	at 39 Madras fanams Ea
	Silver Rupees	65½	at
	Gold Dollars	7	at Star Pagodas 3. 12. - Ea
	Star Pagodas	1	at
	Ekroy Pagodas	24	at Star Pagodas 1 07. 40 Ea
	Gold Moors	9	at Do 4.12.0 Ea
	Early Chaul Rec	3½	
	Silver fanams sent to Calicut		Old rate

Military Pay Office
Fort St. George 30th November 1803

* In payment of this sum the following Bills were granted -
No 239 Dated 24th October 1802 ..... 2,000 - -
No 240 Dated 26th Do ..... 8,810 - -
No 242 Dated 28th Do ..... 12,000 - -
Deduct 2 returned for the payment of Anjengo for Calicut and Tellicherry ..... 22,810 - -
..... 3129.28.35

* In payment of this sum the following Bills were granted -
No 238 Dated 5th October 1802 ..... 5600 - -
No 241 Dated 26th October 1802 ..... 5600 - -
No 243 Dated 28th October 1802 ..... 2000 - -

2327 Fort St. George — May 1802.

179

New rates of Exchange —

	Pags in New rates		Difference
11,621 18. at Star Pagodas 1. 11. 26 1/16 Cr	10330 2 29	1291 15 51	
251 18 at Do 0. 39. 65 1/16 Cr	216 41 10	34 18 30	
6,541 10 40 at 15 1/16 per Star Pagoda	5814 1844	726 33 16	
461 18. at 14 29/64 per Do	419 2027	41 39 50	
12855 17 5 at 14 29/64 per Do	11424 7.	815 14 "	5079 13 3.
7949 21. at 35 Madras fanams	34601 542		
39680. 18 45 *			
5751 40 50 at 14 62/64 per Do	4772 " "	979 40 50	
445 30. at 35 Madras fanams Cr	400 " "	45 30. "	
470 2348 at 19 1/4 per Star Pagoda	428	42 2348	
6667. 20 18	5605. "	1068 20 18	
35411 30 17 at 14 29/64 per Do	29934 10 3/4	603 16 3/4	
200 2348 at 19 1/4 per Do	182273	18 10 55	
785 30 " at Star Pagoda 1 " 11 " 26 1/16 Cr	698 14 3/4	87 15 7 1/4	
186 27. at 35 Madras fanams	167 21 "	19 6 "	
18 30. at	18 30 "	" " "	
37 " " at Star Pagodas 4. 24. Cr	32 " "	5 " "	
1 " " at	1 " "	" " "	
28 12 " at Star Pags 1 " 3. 44 1/16 Cr	26 1 26 1/4	2 10 53 1/2	
28 24. at Do 3. 39. 65 Cr	35 2225	3 1 55	
" " 24.	" 18 "	" " 6	
693 253 Old rates	169 253	" " "	
13200 " " *	11393 253		806 3927
	Star Pagodas		6886 10 30

/Signed/ W. Richardson
Military Paymaster.

/True Copies/
/Signed/ Benjn. Roebuck
Military Pay. Generals.

29,680. 18 45

13200 " "

/Signed/ W. Richardson
Military Pay.

Peate

Rate of Coins

To take place in the beginning of the Malabar year 978

Coins

Names	Rs Reas	Fanams	Cash	Weight Grains	Silver Fanams	Arcot Rupees	Madras Fanams	Cash	Gold Fanams	Cash
1 Mayadabo or Gold Mohur	4	24	"	67 1/2	88	21 7/8	192	"	"	
1 Bengal Gold Mohur	4	12	29 2/16	63 13/32	82 1/2	20 3/32	180	29 2/16	"	
1 Hamaya or Sultan Mohur	4	15	9	64 6/16	84	22 1/16	183	9	"	
1 Bombay Gold Mohur	3	39	65 2/16	58 5/16	76	25 5/16	165	65 2/16	"	
1 Seeky or Half Sultan Mohur	2	7	44 6/16	22 3/16	42	15 4/16	91	44 6/16	"	
1 Venetian	1	11	26 12/16	18 12/16	24 7/16	7 12/16	53	26 12/16	"	
1 Bahadry Pagoda	1	3	62 2/16	16 2/32	21	9 1/16	45	62 2/16	"	
1 Sultan Do	1	3	62 2/16	16 3/32	21	9 1/16	45	62 2/16	"	
½ Chargum Do	1	2	44 7/16	16 1/64	20 1/16	9 2	45	44 7/16	"	
½ Pete more Do	"	25	"	12 6/16	16 2/64	120	35	"	"	
½ Verady fanams or fool Star Pagoda	"	"	"	11 49/64	14 1/16	1476 2/16	42	"	"	
½ Old Verady fanams Do	"	"	"	15 12/16	14 1/16	1575	42	"	"	

23 28

Fort St George

May 5th 1803

½	Canteraie fanam	Do	"	"	"	10 27/64	19 1/16	1181 1/2	42	"	11 8/16
½	Stamboop		1	3	62 2/16	16 3/32	21	91/16	45	62 2/16	"
½	French Dollar		"	23	22	8 3/16	10 1/4	180 1/2	23	22	.
½	Pondicherry Rupee		"	12	"	4 7/32	5/2	350	12	"	"
42	Madras fanams		1	"	"	14 42/64	5/2	4200	12	"	"
1	Surat Rupee		"	12	"	4 7/32	5/2	350	12	"	"
1	Bombay Rupee		"	12	"	4 7/32	5/2	350	12	"	"
1	Company Rupee		"	12	"	11 7/32	5/2	350	12	"	"
1	Star Pagoda		1	"	"	14 49/64	19/4	100	42	"	"
* 50	Bombay Copper Pice	1st Rupee									

* 55 Bombay Copper Pice 1st Rupee
170 Puntyhamtakery Cass 1 Rupee
} alterations made in the Table of the rates of exchange published since the first of January 1802 by order of the Principal Collector of Malabar

/Signed/ G W. Gillio.
Subordinate Collector Center Division

A true Copy

/Signed/ H Richardson
Military Paymaster

/Signed/ G W Gillio

True Copy

/Signed/ Benjn Roebuck Mo Pty

2329.

Dr. Mr. Stamp Duty 5 Rupees

181

2330 Fort St. George. 19th May 1803

Received a letter from Mr. [illegible]

From the Military Paymaster General.

Roebuck entered in Mr. B. No 30. Transmitting an abstract & estimate of Cash amounting to Pagodas 70783. 30. 40 required for the current month.

Sent the following Letter

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to resolve, that Captain Boles shall be permitted to draw an allowance of 20 Pagodas per month for servants from the period of his appointment to be Secretary to the Officer commanding the Forces in the Carnatic.

To the Military Auditor General acquainting him that Captain Boles is permitted to draw an allowance of Pagodas 20 per month for servants from the period of his appointment to be Secretary to the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Carnatic directing him to pass credit in the accounts of the Paymaster in Malabar for the loss of exchange sustained by him in Copy of the letter on this subject from the Military Paymaster General enclosed

In reply to your letter of the 19th of March last His Lordship in Council directs me to desire that you will admit to the credit of the Paymaster in Malabar the loss incurred by him in the issue of money at the rate of exchange established by the Municipal Collector on the

2331 Fort St George — May 1803.

(81)

21st

the 30th of August 1802 —

The Military Paymaster General

having recently submitted to His Lordship in —

Council a letter on that subject I am directed

to enclose a Copy of it, together with the en-

closures for your information and guidance —

I have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ George Strachey

Secretary to Government.

Fort St George

21st May 1803

Received a letter from Captain

From the acting Assistant Adjutant General to the army

Boles entered in Mr B No. 21. Forwarding —

11 Certificates for Gentlemen Cadets who have arrived

on the Honorable Company's Ships Cumberland and

Sir Stephen Lushington —

22d

Received a letter from

From Mess.rs Tulloh & Co.

Mess.rs Tulloh and Co. entered in Mr B No. 22.

Reporting the death of Captain Lorane —

23d

Received the following letters

entered in Mr B. No. 23. 24 —

From Captain Boles. Trans-

From the acting Assistant Adjutant General to the army

mitting

2332 Fort St. George 25th May 1803.

Transmitting 17 Certificates for Gentlemen who have been appointed Cadets fourteen of whom are for the Infantry, and the remainder for the Cavalry.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations in the Public Department - A part of the Hospital at Masulipatam to be appropriated to the use of the Commercial Department.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations in the Public Department

A.

2333 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

182

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

William Petrie
and
John Chamier
Esqrs.

Tuesday
the 24th May
1803.

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief - Absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.

Read the following letters from

the Military Board.

To the Right Honourable Lord Clive.

Governor in Council Yeas Yeas Yeas

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordships

Commands under date the 17th March we have the honour

to report our opinion of the proposals made to your

Lordships in Council by the Gun Carriage Yeas Contractors

in

From the Military Board submitting their opinion on the proposals made to Government by the Gun Carriage Yeas Contractors and also copies of two declarations upon oath made by Mr. Atkinson in support of his charges for wastage Yeas

2334

Fort St. George 24th May 1803

Mr. Wharton Deputy Commissary of Provisions on behalf the returns against that Gentleman have in consequence been removed report on the bills for expenses incurred on the transportation of Stores and Spirituous Liquors from Fort St. George to Vellore and for the purchase of a quantity of Columbo Arrack submitted for their opinion and orders for payment.

in their address under date the 11th instant—

2nd. We are of opinion that the Planks and Sleepers furnished to the Contractors from the Arsenal Stores on Condition that they should be made good at a future period ought to be replaced by the Contractors according to their original agreement, for we cannot admit of the reasoning of the Contractors in support of their plan for delivering an equal quantity of Timber of other descriptions.

3d. We cannot recommend to your Lordship in Council the adoption of the proposal of the Contractors that the valuation of the Tools &c. that may be taken for the Service may be made by the Commissary at the Arsenal, forming his valuation upon the rates at which articles of the same description are issued from the public Stores, because there can be no doubt, but that most of the Tools &c. have been obtained by the Contractors on terms much

Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

more favourable than they are purchased by the public, and we therefore recommend that the Articles which may be required shall be taken at a fair valuation founded upon a Comparison between their present condition and the rates at which they were purchased by the Contractors whenever new

4th With respect to the Artificers we would propose that the whole of the Smiths Masters Smiths and Hammermen may be engaged for the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam upon their present pay. that Avery Mootoo Head Carpenter Master shall be engaged for the service of the Presidency Arsenal on his present pay, and that the whole of the Carpenters shall be employed at the Arsenal at the Presidency in place of others to be discharged provided they will agree to serve on the fixed pay of its Establishment

5th We have the honour to

forward

2336 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

forward a List of such Tools as are required for the Gun Carriage Manufactory which we propose should be purchased on the terms before specified. — at the same time we think it necessary to report our opinion that the purchase of the whole of the Articles tendered by the Contractors would subject the public to unnecessary expense.

6. We enclose Copies of two declarations upon Oath before a Magistrate made by Mr. Edward Atkinson at our requisition in support of his Charges for Wastage &c. when Deputy Commissary of Provisions on the Island of Ceylon, and have to report that the Retrenchments against Mr. Atkinson have in consequence been removed and the Amount debited to "charges Military."

7. On the subject of the Bills for Expenses incurred in the transportation of the Honourable Company's Ordnance Stores and Spirituous Liquors from Goa to Bulliabund

for

2337 Fort St. George 24th May 1803 184

for the purchase of a quantity of Columbo
Arrack forwarded for our opinion in the letter of
the Secretary to Government in the Military
Department dated the 25th April, we have to
observe that it is to be regretted that Colonel
Sir William Clarke had not forwarded with
the Bills a Copy of the Agreement entered in
into by Mr. Dillon with Mr. Pereira, as this
document would have proved particularly
useful in the examination of the different
charges, indeed we consider it so essential a
Voucher that we request your Lordship in
Council will be pleased to call upon Colonel
Sir William Clarke to forward a Copy of that
paper before the charges are sanctioned
&c

In the mean time we
have to remark that the number of Coolies charged
for, exceeds the number of Kegs of Arrack which
were conveyed from Goa to Hullial which it
behoves Mr. Dillon to explain

The

2338 Fort Wayne 24th March 1

4

Has not 25 [illegible]

1 [illegible]

10 [illegible]

by Lieut. [illegible]

expresses above communication to [illegible]

total amount of the debts [illegible]

Pago das 94 68 17 44 instead of Pago [illegible]

there is therefore now [illegible]

11 [illegible]

that [illegible]

Copy of the agreement to be proposed [illegible]

Colonel Lee Williams Charles Beatty [illegible]

face of it a solemn Affirmation [illegible]

Mr. Dillon that the [illegible]

were the lowest that could be [illegible]

that he neither directly nor indirectly [illegible]

way whatever derived any benefit by [illegible]

Transactions.

12th

We recommend [illegible]

[illegible]

2339 Fort St George 24th May 1808.

following enclosed Bills Viz.t

No 1 Bill of the superintendong

Engineer Presidency Division for expences incurred

in repairing the Quarters at Tripassore for the

reception of the Coast Company amounting to Pagodas

808..16..63. of which there remains due to the

Engineer a balance of Pagodas 564..2..24.

No 2. Bill of the superintendong

Engineer Presidency Division for expences

incurred in repairing the Roofs and shifting the

Tiles of the Quarters at Tripassore damaged duri[n]g

the late Monsoon amounting to Pagodas 390.

12..14

Fort St George

9th May 1808.

We have the honor to be Sir

(Signed) D. Smith

" E. Trapaud

" J. Brunton

Lt

2338 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

9 The Arrack is charged for at the rate of 25 fanams per Gallon when the regulated current price is only 18 fanams per Gallon—

10 The account Current furnished by Mr. A. Pereira to Colonel Sir William Clarke appears upon examination to be incorrect. The total amount of the debit side ought to be Pagodas 9468.17.14 instead of Pagodas 9489.19.59. there is therefore an overcharge of Pagodas 21.2.45.

11 We beg leave further to observe that the Regulations require that the Copy of the agreement to be procured from Colonel Sir William Clarke shall bear on the face of it a solemn asseveration on honour by Mr. Dillon that the rates contained in it were the lowest that could be obtained and that he neither directly nor indirectly in any way whatever derived any profit by the Transactions.

12 We recommend payment of the following

2339 Fort St. George 24th May 1808.

185

following enclosed Bills Viz.

No 1 Bill of the superintending Engineer Presidency Division for expences incurred in repairing the Quarters at Tripassore for the reception of the Cadet Company amounting to Pagodas 808..16..63. of which there remains due to the Engineer a balance of Pagodas 564..2..21

No 2. Bill of the superintending Engineer Presidency Division for expences incurred in repairing the Roofs and Shifting the Tiles of the Quarters at Tripassore, damaged during the late Monsoon amounting to Pagodas 390..12..41

We have the honor to be Sir &c

Fort St. George 9th May 1808.

(Signed) D. Smith
" E. Trapaud
" J. Brunton

List

2340 Fort St George 24th May 1803

List of Artificers Tools belonging to the late Gun Carriage Vacr Contractors required at and recommended to be purchased for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory in Seringapatam

Description		No
Anvils	Large	15
Bellows Europe	Do	23
Hammer Sledge Europe	Do	8
Screw Post	Do	1
Do Dies	Do	2
Do Stocks	Do	4
Do Plates	Do	2
Do Cheeks	Do	5
Do Do	Smalls	6
Plug Taps Spare	Large	2
Do Tape Bar Taps	Do	6
Do Round Thread Plug Taps	Do	9
Square Do	Do	8
Screw Plates of different Sizes		6
Screw Wrenches of different Sizes		9

Military Board Office
Fort St George
9th May 1803

(Signed) John Macleane
Secretary to Military Board

Retrenchment

2341 Fort St. George 24th May 1802.

184

Retrenchment at Columbo

Charge by Mr. Edward Atkinson formerly Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo for Wastage on Sundry Articles of Provisions of the following description which were under his charge at Columbo from October 1797 to October 1798 inclusive, amounting to Pagodas 4560.B.18. admitted on audit of quantities by the Military Board at different regulated rates, and the Surplus amounting as above retrenched, but now admitted on Oath by the decision of Government

By order.

/Signed/ John Macleane.

Secretary Military Board

I Edward Atkinson formerly Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo on the Island of Ceylon do hereby most solemnly declare on Oath that the excess Wastage charged by me at Columbo from October 1797 to October 1798 on arack, Wine, Vinegar, Rice, Dholl, Wax,

2342 Fort St. George 24th May 1805.

Wax Candles, Sugar, Ghee, Tamarind pepper
Chillies, Turmeric, Garlick, and Tobacco, amounting
to Pagodas 4560..13..18 did according to the best of
my recollection and belief at this moment
actually take place to the extent charged, and
that I did not at the time the wastage in
question happened, nor never shall at any
period hereafter, either directly or indirectly pro-
fit by such wastage - So help me God -

Sworn at Fort St. George
this 7th day of May 1805
before me
/Signed/ R. A. Maitland
Justice of Peace

/Signed/ Edwd. Atkinson

A true Copy

/Signed/ John Macleane.
Secretary Military Board

Retrenchment at Point de Galle

Charge by Wm. Edward Atkinson formerly Deputy
Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Point de
Galle for wastage on sundry Articles of Provisions of
the following descriptions which were under
his charge at Point de Galle from October 1797
to

2343 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

(87)

to October 1798. inclusive, amounting to Pagodas — ∞

351 — 36. admitted on audit of quantities by the

Military Board at different regulated rates and

the surplus amounting as above recorded

but now admitted on Oath by the decision of

Government

By Order

(Signed) John Macleane.

Secretary Military Board.

I Edward Atkinson formerly

Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at

Point de Galle on the Island of Ceylon do hereby

most solemnly declare on Oath that the Wast-

tage charged by me at Point de Galle from

October 1797 to October 1798 on arrack, Rice —

Paddy, Salt, Ghee, Tamarind, and Tobacco amount-

-ing to Pagodas 851 — 36 did according to the

best of my recollection and belief at this moment

actually take place to the extent charged, and

that did not at the time the wastage in

question

2344 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

question happened now never shall at any period hereafter either directly or indirectly profit by such Wastage. So help me God.

Sworn at Fort St. George
this 7th day of May 1803.
before me;
/Signed/ Edwd. Atkinson

/Signed/ Rob.t A. Maitland.
Justice of Peace.

A true Copy
/Signed/ John Macleane.
Secy
Secretary Military Board.

der on the
egoing letter.

Ordered that the President &c
Gov.r be instructed to take the necessary measures for
verifying the charges incurred in the transportation
of Stores from Gov.r to Hurlicalk in the manner
recommended by the Military Board, and for
rectifying the errors which appear to have occurred
in those accounts.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board.
Recommending that an
advance of Pagodas 5 thousand
be made to Mr. Macleane for articles
required for the service of the
Arsenal and for which,
they have passed an
indent upon the Custom
House

We have the honor to report that
the necessary instructions have been given in consequence

2345

Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

186

for Military Stores State that Mr. Maitlands Contract expires on the 19th August and request instructions in contemplation recommend the payment of an advance of Pagodas 1946.19.17 to the Engineer on the Ceded Districts on account of works executed under his Superintendance enclose Bundry Bills for payment

of the receipt of letter from the Secretary to Government on the Military Department under date the 5th

May —

2nd Having passed an Indent upon the Contractor for Military Stores for Articles required for the Service of the Arsenal at the Presidency — during the current quarter, the estimated Cost of which Articles is Pagodas 3942.12.78. We recommend that one third of that Sum being Pagodas 1314.4.26 may be advanced on account of the provision of these Articles to Mr. Maitland the Contractor. We deem it necessary at the same time to apprize your Lordship in Council that Mr. Maitland's Contract expires on the 19th of August, and to request that we may be honored by a communication of your Lordships intentions in regard to the future provision of Military Stores —

3d We also beg leave to recommend payment of an advance of Pagodas 1946.19.17

2346

Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

1946. 19. 17. to the Engineer on the Coast Districts being the second advance on account of Works executing under his superintendence—

Sir

We recommend payment of the following enclosed Bills—

No 1. Bill of the Agents of the public Agent for the construction of Ordnance Carriages for a quantity of seasoned Sysoo wood, naves for Ordnance Carriages imported from Bengal amounting to Pagodas 312. 12.—

No 2. Bill of the Superintendent of the Stud in the Province of Carnatic for the prices of six Stallions amounting to Pagodas 4000.—

The horses charged for in this Bill having been transferred to the Bengal Stud, the amount falls to be carried to the debit of that Presidency—

Fort St. George
16th May 1803.

We have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) D. Smith
E. Trapaud
J. Brunton
Board

2347 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

189

Order thereon.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be directed to authorize the payment of the Bills and advances of money recommended in the foregoing letters from the Military Board.

Resolved that the Military Board be furnished with the following Reply to the foregoing letters.

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

Gentlemen,

Your letters of the 9th and 16th Instant have been taken into consideration by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, who His Lordship in Council concurs in your opinion that the late Contractors for supplying the Company with Gun Carriages are bound to replace the planks and sleepers furnished to them from the Arsenal, in conformity to their agreement, yet as it does not appear that the replacing those Articles would be attended with any public utility His Lordship in

To the Military Board directing them to forward the late contractors for Gun Carriages to pay for the planks and sleepers which were furnished to them from the Arsenal disapproving their recommendation regarding the purchase of Stores from the Contractors and directing them to be received at a fair valuation their proposition for engaging the workmen of the late Contractors approved the President &c. &c. has been instructed to take the necessary measures for verifying the charges incurred in the Transportation of Stores from Goa to Hurlihar, and for rectifying the erroneous accounts and instructions relative to the future provision of Military Stores will be furnished to them as soon as they shall

2348

Fort St. George 24th May 1802.

shall have submitted to information required from them on the subject authority has been given for the payment and arrangements recommended by them;

in Council directs me to desire that you will permit the Contractors to pay for those articles according to the present value of Timber.

His Lordship in Council does not concur in your recommendation for purchasing from the Contractors such Tools only as may be required for immediate use in the manufactory at Seringapatam, and for paying for those tools according to a valuation founded on a comparison between their present condition and the rate at which they were originally purchased.

It is understood by the Governor in Council that Messrs. Lys and Goldingham on succeeding to the Contract held by Mr. Topping were required to purchase the tools in the possession of that Contractor in consequence of a similar requisition with which Mr. Topping had formerly complied, in favor of Mr. Porcher the Agent for the Government.

It

2349 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

190

It appears therefore to His Lordship in Council to be just that the late Contractor should be relieved in the same manner from the Stock of tools with which they find themselves incumbered in consequence of the discontinuance of their Contract, and His Lordship in Council accordingly directs me to desire that you will receive them at a liberal valuation on the adjustment of the account with the Contractors.

The Governor in Council approves your proposition for engaging the workmen of the late Contractors for the service of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam, and of the Arsenal at the Presidency, on the terms which you have specified, and on the supposition that the persons whom you propose to discharge from the Arsenal will not be removed without sufficient reason.

I have the honor to inform You

2350 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

you that the Resident at Goa has been instructed to take the necessary measures for verifying the charges incurred on the transportation of Stores from Goa to Kulliall on the manner which you have required, and for rectifying the errors which appear to have occurred on those accounts.

The Governor in Council directs me to acquaint you that you will be furnished with his instructions respecting the future provisions of Military Stores, when you shall have submitted to His Lordship in Council the information which the Military Board was required to furnish, relative to the advantages which may have been found on experience to attend the system of providing Military Stores by Contract.

The payments and advances recommended in your letters of the 9th and 16th Instant have been authorized by the Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be Sir

(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
25th May 1803.

The

2357 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

191

The Board proceed to pass Resolutions on the following proceedings of the Medical Board.

Resolutions of the Governor in Council 24th May 1803.

From the Medical Board stating the grounds on which the Board deem it unnecessary to purchase Cattle for the purpose of preserving the vaccine virus.

Medical Board 22nd. May 1803.

The Medical Board beg leave to the indulgence of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for not earlier presenting the Statement required in the Resolutions of His Lordship in Council under date the 12th ultimo, the delay having been altogether and unavoidably occasioned by the difficulty the Board have found in obtaining from the natives correct and corresponding information relative to the actual

The Governor in Council entirely approves the grounds on which the recommendation of the Medical Board against the use of Cattle for preserving the vaccine virus is founded.

Resolved to express to

2352 Fort St. George 24th May 1802

to the Medical Board the actual expence necessary
desire of the Governor in Council as the purchase and
Council to be furnished with maintenance of a requisite
the detailed Statements number of Cattle for the pur-
required in the Resolutions pose of preserving in that
which were conveyed to way a constant supply of
that Board on the 13th vaccine virus at the Pre-
January last relative to sidency, and which they
the introduction of the are now sorry to find
Vaccine practice in the would so much exceed
territories under this what they were before led to
Presidency understand

On comparing the
Accounts given by some of
the principal Inhabitants
and Cow keepers at this
place it would appear
that the average Cost of
50 of the Common Carnatic
Cows would be . . . . . .
Pagodas

2353 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

197

Pagodas — 175

That to pay the pro-
-per number of Servants to
make a suitable allowance
for Casualties and to feed
them so as to make them
yield their fullest quantity
of milk, as before recom-
-mended 4 Pagodas per
month each — Pagodas 200

Total — 375.

The prejudice that
may possibly prevail —
against Cattle from a
supposed Hospital renders
it difficult to say how
far an idea of that
kind might operate —
against the sale of such
Cows as may have passed
through the vaccine —
disease

2354 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

disease and therefore uncertain what part of the money appearing to be advanced can ever return to be stated to the Company's Credit.

The Physician General in complying with the permission of Government to inoculate Cows and the wishes of the Medical Board to avail themselves of this permission, has hitherto restrained himself from bringing forward so many obvious and weighty objections, but seeing the injection adopted in January 1799, has been diffused from London over

2355 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

193

over Europe to America, Africa,
and Asia through the bodies of
more than two millions of
human beings without any
alteration of its original
character, he thinks that
it now becomes a duty to say
that there is no necessity
for incurring the expense
that must attend the ma-
nagement of bows as the
natives are becoming reconciled
to the low-price whereever
the views of administration
have been expressed, as
appears by returns of this
establishment, and the
extensive as well as local
and particular experience
of four years in other Countries

Views

2356 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

shews that there is no occasion of again resorting to the law for matters

Ordered that these Gentlemen be admitted as Assistant Surgeons on the Establishment,

Mr. James Gordon
Mr. James Stock and
Mr. Benjamin Proud
Longdell having produced
from the Honorable the
Court of Directors Indenture
tures as Assistant Surgeons
on this Establishment the
Medical Board have the
honor to report and forward
them accordingly

(Signed) Jas. Anderson,
Physician General
" T. Cahagan M.D.
2nd Member Medical Board
" Jacob Mein
3d Member Medical Board

By Order of the Right Honorable the
Governor

2357 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

194

Governor in Council—

(Signed) Geo. Strachey

Secretary to Government.

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

1. As an essential part of my duty I consider it to be incumbent on me to represent to your Lordship, that there are many charges entered in the Military Disbursements which do not appear to me properly to belong to that head, and beg leave to submit to your Lordship the propriety of their being discontinued in Military Disbursements from the 1st of the present month, the commencement of a new Official year—

From the Military Auditor General submitting the propriety of discontinuing from the 1st of the present month the insertion of certain charges in the Military Disbursements, without recommending any observation thereon.

2. The charges to which I allude are field Batta and other extra expenses paid—

Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

paid to escorts serving with the Resident in Mysore, the Resident at Poonah, the Resident at Tanjore and with the Resident at Travancore those Gentlemen filling high political situations the extra charges attending their escorts should not be considered as belonging to Military Disbursements, but should be paid by the Collectors respectively or from such other Civil sources as your Lordship shall be pleased to determine, the salaries of those Gentlemen are paid from the Civil list. I therefore beg leave to state it as my opinion that all extra charges incurred on account of those residencies should be paid from the same source.

5. In like manner my Lord all extra charges paid to Military Servants incurred on account of the Judges of the different Courts of Judicature are chargeable to the Civil Department the subsistence and other fixed allowances of Military Servants

2359 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

195.

Servants sent to those Court being only chargable
to the Military Branch of the service.

4th Should it appear to your
Lordship that any material inconvenience
would be experienced by the Residents, in con-
sequence of the proposed change in the mode
of payment of the extra charges of their escorts
it may be continued as heretofore provided I
am allowed to open a new head in my
books of "Civil" Charges which will enable me
to write off the whole of the expenses of the
above nature at the termination of each
Official year to the head of charges "Civil" or as
your Lordship has been pleased to direct the
Military Board to debit Bengal Presidency
with all expenses incurred on account of
Residencies, the same authority may perhaps
with propriety be extended to me which will
preclude the necessity of adopting either of the
foregoing proposals as far as relates to the extra

expenses

2360 Fort St. George 24th May 1808.

expenses of the different Residencies and as the Judges of the Courts of Adawlutt are all situated in the vicinity of Collectors any extra Charges incurred on account of Military Servants attached to them may easily be defrayed by the Collectors respectively.

5th. I ought to have brought this subject to your Lordships notice before, and all I have to urge in defence of my apparent omission is that my attention has been wholly engrossed by other matters connected with my Official duties of no less importance to the Service at large than the matter now under reference.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
18th May 1808.

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

Mount Thereon.

The Board concur in opinion with the Military Auditor General respecting the propriety of distinguishing as far as may be practicable

2361 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

156

practicable and convenient the Civil from the Military charges of the Government. but do not consider the additional expense which may arise from the employment of Military Escorts on the duties described in the foregoing letter, to be included in the intention of that distinction and are of opinion that the separation of the charges on account of such Escorts would be attended with inconvenience

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord.

In my letter of the 13th ultimo addressed to your Lordship in Council I had the honor to forward Statements of Offreckonings due to the Major Generals and Colonels of this Army for three years Viz.t 1800 1 and 2 I now lay before you Statements of Offreckonings due to the Town Majors of Fort St. George and Officers in command of the Corps of Native Pioneers for the same period

From the Military Auditor General transmitting Statements of Offreckonings due to the Town Majors of Fort St George and Officers in command of the Corps of Native Pioneers for 1800/1 and 2 with explanatory observations thereon

2360 Fort St. George 24th May 1808.

expences of the different Residencies and as the Judges of the Courts of Adawlett are all situated in the vicinity of Collectors any extra Charges — so incurred on account of Military Servants attached to them may easily be defrayed by the Collectors respectively —

5th I ought to have brought this subject to your Lordships notice before, and all I have to urge in defence of my apparent omission is that my attention has been — wholly engrossed by other matters connected with my Official duties of no less importance to the Service at large than the matters now under reference —

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 18th May 1808.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Brunton

Military Auditor General

Minute thereon.

The Board concur in opinion with the Military Auditor General respecting the propriety of distinguishing as far as may be practicable

2361 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

146

practicable and convenient the Civil from the Military charges of the Government. but do not consider the additional expense which may arise from the employment of Military Escorts on the duties described in the foregoing letter, to be included in the intention of that distinction: and are of opinion that the separation of the charges on account of such Escorts would be attended with inconvenience

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord.

In my letter of the 13th ultimo addressed to your Lordship in Council I had the honor to forward Statements of Offreckonings due to the Majors Generals and Colonels of this Army for three years Viz.t 1800. 1. and 2. I now lay before you Statements of Offreckonings due to the Town Majors of Fort St. George and Officers in command of the Corps of Native Pioneers for the same period

From the Military Auditor General transmitting Statements of Offreckonings due to the Town Majors of Fort St George and Officers in command of the Corps of Native Pioneers for 1800/1 and 2 with explanatory observations thereon

Fort St. George 24th. May 1803.

periods, and would also have furnished your Lordship with similar statements in favor of the Invalid establishments had not particular difficulty offered in proceeding to calculate the proportions to be divided amongst the field Officers and Captains of that establishment.—

2. The usual sum paid to each Officer benefiting by this fund has been Pagodas 600. six hundred per annum, but of late years the list has been so considerably augmented in Officers of the rank entitled to share that I cannot make a Division without a material reduction of the usual allowance, which it is not perhaps your Lordships intention should be the case.—

3 I have always understood that the sum of six hundred Pagodas payables annually to each Officer entitled to share, was not liable to be reduced, but that when the gross amount after being divided into shares

2363 Fort St George 24th May 1803.

(97)

of Pagodas 600 — 600 hundred each, became paya-
ble to individuals entitled to share by seniority of
place on the List of Invalids, without respect par-
ticularly to rank, previous therefore to furnishing
any dividend on account of Invalids, They leave
to solicit your instructions as to the mode of
dividing the shares of field Officers and Captains of
Invalids which perhaps your Lordship may deem it
expedient to refer to His Excellency the Commander
in Chief.

4th If it shall be your Lordships
pleasure that the usual annual allowance of
Pagodas 600. per annum to the senior field Officers
and Captains of Invalids is to remain entire such
Officers of that rank who have been added to the
Invalid list of late years must remain without
Officerkonings until vacancies shall bring them
within the number to which the funds will
reach.

5th It has been the practice since
Captain

2364 Fort St. George 24th May 1808.

Captain Vandenet of Cavalry was placed on the Invalid list to appropriate to his use by orders of the Right Honorable the President in Council such balance of the Invalid Off reckoning fund as remained after payment of the regular shares.

6th In further elucidation of this subject I do myself the honor to inclose a memorandum which goes to substantiate the inability of the fund to extend the usual shares of Pagodas six hundred per annum to all the field Officers and Captains now on the Invalid list.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
20th May 1808

I have the honor &c
(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor General

Amount

2365

Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

198

Amount of Stoppages from the Native Invalids as per Computation of Effecthoning Funds for the year 1800 ..... Pags. 1,821 19 23. 60

Deduct Contractors Charges Vizt. Vizt. Vizt. Supposing to be 2,093. 6. 29

Net amount 5,726. 19. 31

	Total of Each			Two thirds of Each		
Major A. Grant from 1st January to 31st Dec. 1800	5,726	19	31	3,817	26	14

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George.
26th May 1803.

(Signed) J. Brunton.
Military Auditor General.

Amount of Stoppages from the Native Invalids as per Computation of Effecthoning Funds for the year 1801 ..... Pags. as 8,271. 36. —

Deduct Contractors Charges Viz. Viz. Viz. Supposing to be . 2508. 41. 74

Net amount 5,762. 36. 6

	Total of Each			Two thirds of Each		
Major A. Grant from 1st Jan. to the 28th August 1801	3841	38		4256	11	30
Captain M. Wilks. 1st September to 31st Dec. 1801	1920	40	2	1280	26	55

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 28th May 1803.

(Signed) J. Brunton.
Military Auditor General.

2366 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

Amount of Postages from the Native Supplies as per Computation of Officiating Funds for the year 1802 ..... Pags. 8371.7.-

Deduct Contractors Charges Vizt. Vizt. Vizt. Postages to be " 2539.4.37

Net Amount 5832.2.23

Total of Each, Two Thirds of Each,

Captain M. Wilks from 1st. Jany. to 31st Decr. 1802 5732.2.23 3888 / 42

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
20th May 1803.

/ Signed / S. Brunton
Military Auditor General

Amount of Postages from the Pioneer Corps as per Computation of Officiating Funds for the year 1802 ..... Pags. 3147.22.-

Deduct Contractors Charges Vizt. Vizt. Vizt. Postages to be " 1058.32.69

Net amount 2088.25.11

Total of Each, Two Thirds of Each,

Captain W. Dowse from 1st. to 21 January 1800 37 11 12 24 / 35

D. W Heitland, 22nd. Jany. to 31st Decr. 1800 1971.23.19 1314.16.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
20th May 1803.

/ Signed / S. Brunton
Military Auditor General

2367

Fort St. George 24th May 1803

199

Amount of Hospitages from the Pioneer Corps as p. Computation of
Wreckoning Fund for the year 1801 ..... Pags. 355. 32. 60
Contractors charges Vac. Vac. Vac. supposing to be 120. 32. 61
Net amount 234. 41. 99

Total of Each, Two Third of Each,

W. Maitland from 1st. Jany. to 31st. December 1801 234 41 99 156 22 .

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
26th May 1803.

/Signed/ J. Brunton
Military Auditor General.

Amount of Hospitages from the Pioneer Corps as p. Computation of
Wreckoning Fund for the year 1802 ..... Pags. 340. 20. 60
Deduct Contractors charges Vac. Vac. Vac. supposing to be 118. 11. 8
Net amount ..... 230. 9. 52.

Total of Each, Two Third of Each,

W. Maitland from 1st. January to 31st. Decr. 1802 230 9 52 153 39 34

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George.
26th May 1803.

/Signed/ J. Brunton
Military Auditor General
Memorandum

2368 — Extract Genl Letter dated 21st May 1803

Memorandum

European Invalid Fund

	Pr. Fr. 64	Pr. Fr. 62
Amount of Stoppages in the year 1800 after Deducting the Contractors Charges	5413 2 .	
Ditto of Destributions as per Agutant Generals List	6699 5 68	
Difference the amount of Destribution Exceeding the Stoppages		1286 3 68
Amount of Stoppages in the year 1801 after Deducting the Contractors Charges	5693 575	
Ditto of Destribution as per Agutant Generals List	7748 16 18	
Difference the amount of Destribution Exceeding the Stoppages		2055 10 28
Amount of Stoppages in the year 1802 after deducting the Contractors Charges	5539 1959	
Ditto of Destribution as per Agutant General List	10948 17 28	
Difference the amount of Destribution Exceeding the Stoppages		5308 39 49
Total amount Exceeding the Stoppages for the year 1800 1801 and 1802 .... Pagodas		865011 60

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 20th May 1803

(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Audr. Genl.
Resident

2369 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

2C

Resolutions thereon.

Resolved to consult the opinion of the Commanders in Chief relative to the mode in which it may be proper to adjust the claim of the Officers in the Off reckoning Funds under the difficulty stated by the Military Auditor General for which the order issued in for regulating the payment of Off reckonings to Invalid Officers does not appear to have provided.

Resolved to publish a G. O. founded on the Statements furnished by the Military Auditor General on the 13th ultimo and 20th Instant for distributing to the Colonels of Regiments to the Lieut. Major of Fort St. George and to the Officers Commanding the Corps of Pioneers two thirds of the Amount of Off reckonings computed to be due to those Officers for the last three years.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

From the Military Auditor General submitting the information required by the Governor General relative to the discontinuance of the pension granted to the wife of Mr Herron

My Lord,

I have been honored with your Commands

2370

Fort St. George 24th May 1803

Commands me to a letter from the Secretary to Govern-
-ment dated the 13th Instant directing me to furnish
information required by the most Noble the Governor
General in Council relative to the discontenuance
of the Pension granted to the Wife of Mr. Heron's

2 I have accordingly the honor
to state that by my records a letter from the Chief
Secretary to Government dated the 28th November
1799 addressed to my late Predecessor in Office
directs that the subsistence paid to the French
Officers and men who had been permitted to
reside in Bengal was to be continued to their
families until they had an opportunity of
proceeding thither, these payments at the above
period amounted to between five and six hun-
-dred Pagodas per month, at present they are
not more than 120 Pagodas per month from
which circumstance it is evident by far the
greater part have gone to Bengal

3 From my records it further
appears

2371

Fort St. George 24th May 1808.

201

appears that the wife of Mr. Heron Chief, received a monthly allowance of Rupees One hundred and which was paid to her regularly, until the 31st January 1800, after which agreeably to the letter and spirit of your Lordship's orders it was discontinued in consequence of her having proceeded to Bengal from Masulipatam.

4th Mr. Heron in stating his case for the information of the most noble the Governor General asserts that others in the same predicament with his wife left powers of Attorney on which the pension continued to be received by them, and that Mrs. Herons pension was discontinued because she had neglected to leave similar power, this does not by the Paymasters accounts appear my Lord, for abstracts are furnished by the Paymaster and on those Documents I pass the few remaining charges I have however addressed a letter to the Paymaster for information when I receive his answer I will have

2370

Fort St. George 24th May 1803

Commands me to acquaint you in reply to your letter of the 18th Instant addressed to the Secretary to Government requesting to be furnished with information required by the Most Noble the Governor General in Council relative to the discontinuance of the Pensions granted to the Widows of Mr. Hewins &c

2 I have accordingly the honor to state that by my records a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government dated the 28th November 1799 addressed to my late Predecessor in Office directs that the subsistence paid to the French Officers and men who had been permitted to reside in Bengal was to be continued to their families until they had an opportunity of proceeding thither, these payments at the above period amounted to between five and six hundred Pagodas per month, at present they are not more than 120 Pagodas per month from which circumstance it is evident by far the greater part have gone to Bengal

3 From my records it further appears

2371

Fort St. George 24th May 1808.

20

appears that the wife of Mr. Heron Chief, received a monthly allowance of Rupees One hundred and which was paid to her regularly, until the 31st. January 1800, after which agreeably to the letter and spirit of your Lordships orders it was discontinued in consequence of her having proceeded to Bengal from Masulipatam.

4th Mr. Heron in stating his case for the information of the most noble the Governor General asserts that others in the same predicament with his wife left powers of Attorney on which the pension continued to be received by them, and that Mrs. Herons pension was discontinued because she had neglected to leave similar power, this does not by the Paymasters accounts appear my Lord, for abstracts are furnished by the Paymaster and on those Documents I pass the few remaining charges I have however addressed a letter to the Paymaster for information when I receive his answer I will have

2372 Fort St. George 24th May 1808.

have the honor to lay it before you—

Military Auditor Genls Office
Fort St. George
24th May 1808.

I have the honor to be &c.
/Signed/ J Brunton,
Military Auditor Genl

Order thereon.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be acquainted with the intention of the Board to postpone a communication to the Governor General in Council relative to the monthly allowance of Mrs Heron, until they shall have received the further information on that subject required from the Paymaster at Masulipatam—

Read the following letters.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I arrived at this place on the morning of the 9th Instant

From the Officer commanding the Northern Division reporting his arrival with the force under his command at Vizagapatam that he intends to proceed into the Ceryar pass in two or three days from whence he proceeds to Ellore to the Eleventh

2373

Fort St George 24th May 1803.

207

where I have been joined by the 1st Battalion 19th Regiment, my Force now consists of the 1st Division Madras European Regiment, and the 1st Battalion 19th Regiment with two 6 Pounders and two 4½ Inch Howitzers—It is my intention to proceed into the Ganjam Province where I shall remain a few days, and if nothing particular occurs to induce a longer Stay, I shall return to the Chicacole District as the most central situation—

Camp Tickelly
12th May 1803

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) A. Campbell
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding

George Buchan Esqr
Sir,

I had the honor of addressing you on the 25th ultimo for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor, representing the undecided state of affairs at that period in Malabar, since which the Troops have been employed

From the Officer commanding in Malabar & Canara Representing the further progress which has been made in the suppression of the Rebellion in Malabar and stating his opinion as to the best means of effectually dispersing the insurgents.

2374 Fort St. George 24th May 1802.

employed in the District of Hoonmaad with the
considerable good effect - The Armed force of the
Insurgents is much broken and dispersed, and
the generality of the Inhabitants of that
District with the exception of some of the
principal Leaders, have come forward to seek
the protection of the Government - The Troops
which shall canton in that District
during the Monsoon I expect will be able to
maintain order, and that the Civil authority
will have its due influence; such parts of the
Country however as border on the Ghauts and
are difficult of access will I fear continue during
the Rains to give protection to the Rebels. These are
Wynaad the Eastern part of the District of Sunni
-bercherry, Pycarmalla Cotiary and Cotiote, and as
the season is approaching which comparably inno-
-cent and in a great degree precludes the move-
-ment of Troops, I do not expect they will be
brought to order and allegiance until it will
again

2375 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

203

against admit of acting vigorously against them —

It is probable that before

that period, the Army will have returned from

the Frontier and that a part of the Troops may

be spared for this Service, the force at present in

the Provinces of Malabar and Canara and in

the District of Wynaad is considerable, but

an extent of nearly 400 miles of Sea Coast

with an exceedingly mountainous and in-

-tricate Country in land unavoidably in-

-terspersed with Garrisons and Posts renders

the greater part of that force only locally use-

-ful and although the Troops I can em-

-ploy are fully sufficient to cope with the

Rebels Collectively, yet as their system is to

avoid the Troops and only to assemble

when they can oppose small Detachments

or have a decided superiority, they will be

sooner and more effectually reduced to

submit if an additional force can be spared

in

2376 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

in order to punish them and to check their de-
=predations throughout the whole of the Country
at the same time.

Camp Koonmaad 16th May 1803

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. Montresor
Colonel Commanding Mysore.

The Board proceed to record

Brief Resolutions on the general letters from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 5th 11th and 26th January 1803.

and to pass orders on the undermentioned letters
from the Honorable Court of Directors.

Letter dated the 5th of January 1803

1. Date of last Dispatch } Requires no remarks

2 and 3. Remits permission no-
tified for the Corps which
served in Egypt to wear
a distinguishing badge
on their Colours.

These paragraphs have been already published in G.O.

4. Notify Major General
Gent's resignation of the
Service.

Thebes

2377 Fort St. George 24th May 1808

204

5th

Officers permitted to return to their rank — 6

Two Assistant Surgeons appointed — 7

These paragraphs do not require any observation —

Resolution to appoint a stated number of Cadets for the Engineers Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry notified — 8

Do. respecting Assistant Surgeons — 9

Ordered that these paragraphs be published in F. G.

Appointment of two Assistant Surgeons notified — 10

This paragraph does not require any remark.

Mr. W. Sharpe's appointment for the Engineers notified — Letter dated the 14th of January 1808

Ordered to be published in F. G.

General

Date of last Dispatch

2.

Colonel Powers permission to return with his rank, notified —

Requires no remarks.

Ordered —

2378 Fort St. George 24th May 1808

3

The rank of Mr. L. Sydenham and of Two Cadets established

Ordered to be published in Fr. O.

4

The Quarty. notified.

5

An Assistant Surgeon of 1st Class appointed

These paragraphs do not need any observations

6.

Assistant Surgeons of 2d. appointed

7

Direct the sale of one Chetwyn Ramage to be ascertained

Ordered that a Copy of this paragraph be furnished to the Officer commanding the Forces in the Carnatic, with directions to institute the prescribed Enquiry respecting the person therein mentioned.

Letter

2379 Fort St. George 24th May 1803

205

Letter dated the 26th of January 1803.

Date of last dispatches } Nees no remarks

23 and 4.

Consignments of Ships to the Cape of Good Hope, India and China Specifies ——— 5684

These paragraphs require no particular observation

Orders respecting the claims of General Ross to a further sum on account of Off=reckonings and to an Equivalent to the amount received by the Commandant of artillery from the profits in the Sale of Attacks

Ordered that Copies of these paragraphs be furnished to the Military Auditor General and that he be desired to report the extent of the difference between the amount received by Major General Ross as an equivalent for Off=reckonings and the amount of Off reckonings paid

2380 Fort St. George 24th May 1808

ports to the Colonels of Re-
giments during the period
to which the claim of
Major General Ross refers-
The Board have
little difficulty in decid-
ing against the claim of
Major General Ross to
an equivalent for the
amount received by the
Commandant of Artillery
on account of the profits
arising from the sale of
Arrack, and resolve to
submit the following re-
marks to the consideration
of the Honorable Court
reserving them at the
same time for all further
information on the subject
to

2381 Fort St. George 24th May 1802.

2dc

to the Regulations for the
Sale of Spirituous Liquors
published in F. G. on the 24th
of May 1797.

The claim of
Major General Ross can be
grounded only on the prin-
-ciple established in his
favor, that the allowances
of the Chief Engineer are
to be equal to those of
the Commandant of Ar-
-tillery and on the exten-
-sion of that principle,
under which an equivalent
to the amount received
by the Commandant of
Artillery from the Off-
-reckoning Fund has
been allotted to the Chief
Engineer

2382 Fort St. George 24th May 1808

Engineers

By the Regulations established in 1799 the emoluments arising from the sale of arrack are limited in their destribution to Officers commanding Stations, but the Commandant of artillery not being of necessity the Commandant of any station the Board are of opinion that the Chief Engineer is not more entitled to the equivalent which he claims than he would be to the allowances of a General Officer on the Staff at any time when the

2383 Fort St George 24th May 1803

207

the Commandant of Ar-
tillery should happen to
be an Officer of that
Rank -

If however it be
stated that the rank of
an Officer at the Head
of the Artillery is of ne-
cessity always such as
to render it improbable
that he will not command
the Station to which he
may belong, and therefore
that a share in the emo-
luments arising from
the Sale of Arrack may
be considered equally
with the profits derived
to him, from the Off-
reckonings Funds to
form

2384 Fort St. George 24th. May 1808.

from part of his esta-
-blished allowances. Any
that case the claims of
Major General Ross
must be decided on a
consideration of the
Origin and nature of the
two funds.

Their origin is
similar, Colonels of Re-
-giments were formerly
entrusted with the
charge of clothing their
Corps, and commandant
of stations with the
charge of supplying
Arrack to their Garrisons,
and for these purposes the
pay of the Troops whom
they respectively com-

2385 Fort St. George 24th May 1803.

2[illegible]

Commanded were put under
stoppages During the
continuance of that custom.
both possibly were entitled
to a compensation for their
trouble, although in neither
the degree in which it
was assumed but when the
Governor in Council took
remedy the abuses of that
custom, adopted the present
system of supplying spe-
rituous liquors, and cloth-
ing to the Troops by
the method of Agency and
Contract, the claims of
the two descriptions of
Officers in question ceased to
be parallel.

The profits derived
to

2386 Fort St. George 24th May 1808

To the Colonels of Regiments

From the amount saved from the money allotted for clothing the Army must be consideres from that time to have become wholly a gratuity to those Officers no longer performing the duty which entitles them to such a compensation. Both the commandants of Stations were differently circumstanced under the new system of supplying Attack to the Troops, an additional duty has been devolved upon those Officers and the profits arising from the sale of Attack

2387 Fort St. George 24th. May 1803

209

Attack have reasonably been
continued to them in pro-
portion to the extent of
their duty and on the de-
clared conference of Go-
vernment that they will be
faithfully and vigilantly
performed it

On the whole there-
fore it appears to the Board
that the order for granting to
Major Generals Ross and
Lumley an equal to a
Colonels share in the Off-
reckonings Fund, was entire-
ly consistent with the
order for equalizing the
allowances with those of
the Commandant of Ar-
tillery because the
Commandant

2388.

Fort St. George 24th May 1803

Commandant of Artillery

is of necessity the Sec-
-ond of a Regiment and
as such receives a Shares
in the distribution of
Off-reckonings without
performing any duty—as
which entitles them to
such a compensation in
preference to the Chief
Engineer

-pears to the Board that
Major General Ross is
not entitled to any equi-
-valent for the emolu-
-ment derived to the
Commandant of Artillery
from the profits on the
Sale of Arrack, were on
the

2389 Fort St. George 24th. May 1803

2/C

the most liberal construc-
-tion of the order under
which he claims it, because
the commandant of a sta-
-tillery is not of necessity
the Commandant of a
station, and because the
emolument in question is
a compensation for an
extraordinary duty belonging
to that post which the
Chief Engineer can never
be required to perform.

8.

Rejection by this Government of General Ross's claim to the allowances of a General on the staff confirmed.

Requires no remark.

Ordered.

2390. Fort St. George 24th May 1808

9

Refer to their Letters of the 2d September respecting pro-
motions &c consequences of
Officers &c Corps retaining
from the Peninsula
10 & 55.

The principle applied
to the case of Major Dawson
His allowances to be as-
certained accordingly &c &c

Ordered that Copies of these
paragraphs be furnished for the
information and guidance of the
Military Auditor General

Ed. W. Strange

J. Petrie

John Cramer

2391 Fort St. George — May 1803

No 11

Diary

25th Sent the following letter

To Lieutenant General Stuart

Commander in Chief

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit

To the commander in Chief transmitting extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General and requesting his sentiments on the difficulty therein stated, relative to the adjustment of the claims of the Officers on the non-effective establishment to participate in the Effreckoning fund.

to you by desire of the Right Honorable the — —

Governor in Council, the enclosed extract of a — —

letter from the Military Auditor General containing

the explanation of a difficulty which has occurred

in adjusting the claims of the Officers of the — —

Non-effective Establishment to participate in

the Effreckonings fund in conformity to the prin-

-ciple which was recommended in your letter of the

29th March last —

As the difficulty has occurred

from the proportion of Officers who have been — —

placed in the Invalid Establishment, and as the

order of which I have the honor to enclose an

extract containing the authority under which

an,

Fort St. George May 1803.

25

an allowance for Freckonings is granted to
Officers of the Invalid Establishment by seniority
does not appear to provide for the case under
consideration. I am directed to state to you
the request of the Governor in Council to be
furnished with your sentiments relative to
the mode of arrangement which it may be
proper to adopt, under the circumstances described
in the letter of the Military Auditor General.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
25th May 1803.

To the Resident at Goa.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge

To the Resident at Goa concerning a report from the Military Board on the paper and account transmitted with his letter of the 20th March, to take the necessary measures for satisfying the same in those accounts, and for satisfying the charges incurred on the transportation of Stores to Mocha

the receipt of your letter of the 30th March last, and
am directed to acquaint you that the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council having
considered it expedient to refer to the Military
Board of this Presidency the papers and accounts
therewith

2393

Fort St. George — May 1803.

212

25th

Herewith transmitted, His Lordship in Council has in consequence received from the Military Board a report on that subject, of which I am directed to enclose an extract for your information and guidance.—

His Lordship in Council desires accordingly that the necessary measures may be taken for verifying the charges incurred in the transportation of Stores from Goa to Bulliall in the manner pointed out by the Military Board and for rectifying the errors which appear to have occurred in those accounts.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
25th May 1803

(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Government

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th & 20th

To the Military Auditor General acquainting him that his recommendation regarding the propriety of distinguishing any certain Civil Charges from the Military Establishment

and 24th Instant have been laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

His

2394 Fort St. George — May 1802.

25

His Lordship in Council —

Concurs in your opinion of the propriety of dis-

tinguishing as far as may be practicable and

convenient the Civil from the Military charges

of the Government, but does not consider the

additional expence which may be liable to

arise from the employment of Military —

Escorts on the duties described in your letter

to be included in the intention of that —

distinction, and is of opinion that the separ-

ation of the charges on account of such —

escorts would be productive of inconveniences

The Governor in Council

has deemed it to be expedient to consult the

opinions of the Commander in Chief relative to

the mode in which it may be proper to —

adjust the claims of the Officers of the new-

effective Establishment to participate in

the Off reckonings fund under the difficulty

described in your report on that subject, but

distinguishing as far as may be practicable and convenient the Civil from the Military charges of the Government, but does not consider the additional expence which may be liable to arise from the employment of Military Escorts on the duties described in your letter to be included in the intention of that distinction, and is of opinion that the separation of the charges on account of such escorts would be productive of inconveniences

The Governor in Council has deemed it to be expedient to consult the opinions of the Commander in Chief relative to the mode in which it may be proper to adjust the claims of the Officers of the new-effective Establishment to participate in the Off reckonings fund under the difficulty described in your report on that subject, but

disbursement has been of previous alteration to be made on the insertion of charges on account of Military Escorts described in his letter the Governor in Council has deemed it necessary to consult the opinion of the Commander in Chief on the subject of the Sums on the Off reckoning fund to be allowed to Field Offrs and Captains on the new effective establishment, the Sums of the Town Majors of Fort St. George and of the Offrs commanding the Corps of Pioneers to be inserted in the distributions which have been made & mention on the subject of the monthly allowances the wife of Mr. Heron postponed, until the information required from the Paymaster of the Multipliers on the subject shall be received. The payment of the Bills and advances of money recommended by the Military Board in their letters dated the 9th and 16th Instant on Bonds & Certificates of pay issued to Offrs on furlough from England enclosed &c

2395 Fort St. George May 1813

25

but has given directions for including the Shares of the Town Mayor of Fort St. George and the Officers Commanding the Corps of Pioneers in the distribution which has been ordered to be made to the Colonels of Regiments in the proportion of two thirds of the amount of Off reckonings due to the Officers of the effective establishments for the last three years.

The Governor in Council will postpone a communication to His Excellency the Governor General in Council relative to the monthly allowances of the Wife of Mr. Heron with he shall have received the result of the further information which you have required from the Paymaster at Masulipatam on that subject.

I have the honor to inform you that the Bills and advances of money recommended in the enclosed Extracts from Letters from the Military Board have been sanctioned

2396

Fort St. George — May 1808.

25

sanctioned by the Governor in Council, and I am directed to desire that you will authorize the payment of them.

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Certificates of pay issued in England to Officers on Furlough received by the Ships Sir Stephen Lushington and Harriet.

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
25th May 1808.

(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Government

Received and sent the following Letters entered in Mil. Dis. No. 35. 36. 37. 38.

From Captain Bales.—

From the acting Aspt. Adjutant General of the army.

Transmitting the Certificates of 112 Hr. Honors Cavalry & Infantry.

To the Officer commanding the Southern Division of the Army.

To the Officer commanding the Southern Division of the army.

Acquainting that the House at Cuckey Topee is (illegible)

2397 Fort St George May 3. 1808.

214

25th

be appropriated for the use of the Court of appeals
and circuit in the Southern Division and
directing them to transfer it to the Senior Judge,
for that purpose

To the Military Auditor

To the Military Auditor General

General with an additional estimate of Cash
required for the current month amounting
to Pagodas 70,783.20.47 for his examinations

To the Commander of the

To the Commander of the Honorable Company's Ships Harriett

Honorable Company's Ships Harriett Directed
ing them to land the Baggage belonging to
the Cadets on board his Ship without
delay

26th Received the following letter

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to inform

From the acting Assistant Adjutant General of the army reporting the return to this Country of Majr P. Norris of the Corps of Engineers, enclosing copy

you that Majr John Norris of the Corps
of Engineers has this day reported his return
to this Establishment, and I have forwarded
his

2398

Fort St. George 26th May 1802

26th

Of a letter from Captain Bosc relative to the Copies of Gilchrists works recently received from Bengal for the use of the Company of Gentlemen Cadets

his Certificate

To Captain Bosc's regiment

Major General Smith has desired me to enclose you a Copy of a Letter from that Officer, dated the 12th Instant, on the Subject of the Copies of Gilchrists Works lately received from Bengal for the use of the Company of Gentlemen Cadets under his Command

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedt Servt

J. Bolles

Sec.y to Asst Adjutant Generals

Adjutant Generals Office

May 26th 1802

The Asstant Adjutant General

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, advising me of the two Copies of Mr. Gilchrists Hindoostanee Philology having been forwarded by Order of Government to your Office

2399

Fort St. George 2nd May 1803.

215

26th

Office for the purpose of transmission to this Station, in reply to Major General Smiths direc-tions as to their future application I beg leave to inform you that in the month of February 1802. I established a public Library at Chingleput upon a permanent footing and framed such regulations for the preser-vation and general diffusion of the Books then purchased or afterwards to be received as must perfectly answer the end recommended in the Secretary's letter. With regard to those now presented to the Institution, a Copy of these Regulations I will transmit for General Smiths perusal with much pleasure should he desire to have them.

The Books in question are a most desirable and necessary requisi-tion to the Gentlemen Cadets and they desire me to express their grateful thanks for them

but

2400

Fort St. George — May 1803

26th

but I feel it a duty which I owe to myself to state that the application noticed in the Chief Secretary's (Mr. Lumsden) letter as having been made for this supply, did not proceed from me, and I earnestly request that Major General Smith will have the goodness to make known this circumstance to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to the end that I may stand absolved in his Lordships opinion of having in this instance departed from that respect, which I owe to our own immediate Government

I have &c.

(Signed) P. Bose

Captain Commanding

A true Copy

(Signed) S. Boles

Actg. Assistant Adjutant General

Received and sent the following letters

entered in Let. B. No. 39, 40 & 41. 42 &c.,

From the Military Auditor General

From Lieutenant Colonel Brunton — reporting

Fort St. George — May 1803.

reporting that the net advances to the Military — Department for the months of February 1803 is Pagodas 7,89,029 4 79. and that the sum admitted upon the disbursements of the Paymasters whose accounts have been audited together with the Receipts in the same months is Pagodas 5,86,364 2 5 78. states the occasion of the difference between the advances and the audits for that month —

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army directing him to give the necessary orders for appropriating to Commercial purposes a part of the Hospital at Masulipatam, provided he should see no objection to such a measure —

To the officer commanding the Northern Division of the army —

To the Military Paymaster General —

directing him to receive the established fees on the Brevet Commission of the Officers mentioned in a list accompanying —

To the Military Paymaster General

To the acting Assistant Adjutant General —

To the acting Assistant Adjutant General of the

21/02

Fort St George 26th May 1802.

26th

General Order Circular

To the Commanding Officers Stations

Commissions

His Majesty's Service to be forwarded to the

respective Officers.

27th

Received a Letter from the Secretary

From the Secretary of the Admiralty

Dated 26th Nov. 1801 Requesting to be

acquainted with the Number of Gunpowder for the

use of His Majesty's Ships under his Command.

28th

Received and sent the following

Letters ordered by Bd. 26th Nov. 1801.

From Bd. Blackwater Secretary

From the Auditor

Transmitting a Statement Vizt. of the expences of the

Army under this Presidency for June 1800.

To the Auditor General

To the Auditor General

Referring for his examination & general estimates

of Cash required for the ensuing month.

2403

Fort St. George 31st. May 1803

217

At a consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

William Petrie

and

John Chamier

} Esquires

Tuesday the 31st. May 1803

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief - Absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved -

Read the following letters -

from the Commander in Chief and from Secy. -

Secretary

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Vce Vce Vce

My Lord

The Secretary to Government in the Military Department having requested my opinion on the subject of an increase of the Lascar establishment -

From the Commander in Chief stating his approbation of the plan recommended by the military auditor General and military Board relative to an increase of the Lascar establishment -

2401

Fort St. George 31st. May 1803

establishment proposed in a Communication from the Military Board, I have the honor to state to your Lordship that I consider the plan for that purpose which has been suggested by the Military Auditor General, and recommended by the Military Board, to be an useful and necessary arrangement.

Head Quarters
Camp 22nd. May
1803.

I have the honor to be
Your &c.
(Signed) J. Stuart

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Commander in Chief's approbation of the plan proposed by the Military Auditor General for increasing the Establishment of Lascars at this Presidency be Communicated to the Military Board, and that they be directed to carry the arrangement into effect by striking off the strengths of regular companies those Lascars who are employed on Civil Duties by completing the fixed Establishment and by forming the Lascars

2405 Fort St. George 31st May 1803

218

Lascars struck off into a Company to be called the

"Supernumerary Company."

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

The Commander in Chief

From the Secretary to the Commander in Chief submitting memorandums for promotions and appointments

requests that you will submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Memorandums for promotions and appointments

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Most

Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Munro

Secretary

Head Quarters

Camp 19th May

1803

Memorandum from the Commander in Chief

The following Casualties have been reported to the Commander in Chief

Lieutenant J. Tolly of the 8th Regiment of Native Infantry died on his passage to Europe on Board His Majesty's Ship ... on the

2406 Fort St. George 31st. May 1803

Extract. The report is from the Surgeon of the Ship, but the date not mentioned

2 Lieutenant Archd. Hamilton of the 10th Regiment of Native Infantry died on the 1st. april 1803.

3 Lieutenant H. B. Barker of the 2nd. Regiment of Native Infantry died on the 25th. April 1803.

4 Captain Lieutenant G. Munro of the 15th Regiment Native Infantry died on the 3d of May 1803.

5 Captain Sutorane of the 6th Regiment of Native Infantry died on the 12th of May 1803.

In consequence of these Casualties the Commander in Chief recommends the following Promotions and appointments in the Army on this Establishment

Madras

2407

Fort St. George 31st. May 1803.

217

Madras European Regiment

Ensign William Hubyleben to be Lieutenant	Date of Rank 8th May 1803.

2nd " Regiment Native Infantry

Ensign Philip Oliver Maunsell to be Lieutenant	8th April 1803.

3rd " Regiment Native Infantry

Ensign John Baxter to be Lieutenant	26th April 1803.

4th " Regiment Native Infantry

Ensign John Bay Hamilton to be Lieutenant	8th May 1803.

6th Regiment Native Infantry

Captain Lieutenant N. Ryan to be Captain of a Company Vice Lorain Deceased	Date of Commission 13th May 1803.
Lieutenant J. Vernon to be Captain Lieutenant Vice Ryan promoted	Date of Rank 13th May 1803.

Lieutenant

2408

Fort St. George 25th May 1803.

Lieutenant John Moodie to be
Adjutant of the 1st Battalion Vice Vernon pro-
moted..... } 13th May 1803.

13th Regiment Native Infantry.

Lieutenant Francis James to
be Captain Lieutenant
Vice Munro deceased..... } Date of Rank
8th May 1803.

Lieutenant Geo. Lattin Lambert
to be Adjutant to the 1st
Battalion Vice James
promoted..... } 8th May 1803.

18th Regiment of Native Infantry.

Ensign William Lowther Church
to be Lieutenant..... } 8th April 1803.

In consequence of the appoint-
ment of Lieutenant A. D. Monteath to be
Secretary to the Officer Commanding the Sou-
thern Division of the Army the Commander
in Chief recommends the following appoint-
ment.

2409

Fort St. George 31st. May 1803.

220

appointments,

7th Regiment of N. Cavalry

Lieutenant Peter Anderson to,

be Quarter Master Vice Monteath, from the 1st.

May 1803.

Camp 17th May 1803.

/Signed/ J. Stuart.

Memorandum,

The Commander in Chief recommends that Mr. F. White the Senior Surgeon of the Bombay establishment in Malabar may be appointed Garrison Surgeon and to the charge of the Medical Stores at Cannanore, Vice Thorpe removed to a situation in Guzzerat.

Head Quarters
Camp 19th May 1803

/Signed/ J. Stuart

Memo: thereon-

The Board approve the promotions and appointments recommended in the foregoing letter, and it is Resolved accordingly that they be published in G. O.

Read

2440

Fort St. George 25th May 1802

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding at Mangalore:-

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Offr. Commanding at Mangalore Enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Fridge Commanding the 1st Battn. of the 8th Bombay Regiment stating the necessity of erecting certain buildings at Mangalore & requesting that the authority of Government may be given for that purpose -

I do myself the honor to enclose a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Fridge Commanding the 1st Battalion of the 8th Bombay Regiment, in which he states his distress for want of the necessary cover for his Arms, Stores &c during the ensuing Monsoon which usually continues with little intermission from the end of this month until the early part of the months of September - Any delay in the erection of these very necessary Buildings will certainly be attended with much inconvenience to that Corps as well as the probable destruction of many excellent Stands of Arms. I therefore beg leave to repeat my request that you will obtain

2411

Fort St. George 31st May 1803

221

Obtain permission of His Lordship the Governor
in Council for the Commencement of the —
work —

May 20th 1803 — /Signed/ W. F. Spryke 77th Foot
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding
Mangalore

To Lieutenant Colonel Spryke
Commanding Dist. Mangalore

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that
by a late Gale of wind and rain, the Quarter
and Rear Guard Rooms with the European
Officers Guard room and necessary of the 1st Batta-
lion 8th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry
under my Command were levelled to the —
ground and that the place of Arms has suffered
so much as to require immediate repairs. I have
also to represent that there is but one —
place of Arms for the Corps and that of —
such small demensions as to be entirely —
unfit

2412 Fort St. George 21st. May 1803

unfit to contain the Arms without great confusion and disorder, it being only 74 Feet by 21. I have further to state that there is no Battalion Store Room, the consequence of which is that I am obliged to keep the Ammunition and Stores in a wretched damp shed in the Marine yard, which is upwards of a mile from the Cantonments. I have further to add that there is no Office for the Adjutant nor accomodations for the Sergeants, neither is there a Workshop for the Artificers permit me to remark that all the public Buildings here, are constructed of dangerous and expensive materials Viz Cadjans. I have made this representation trusting that the necessary orders for erecting the public Buildings will be given before the Monsoon sets in.

Mangalore
20th May 1803

(Signed) H. Fridge Lieut Colo
Commanding 1/8th Battalion Bombay N.I.
Recd

D413

Fort St. George 31st May 1803.

222

Order thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be furnished for the information of the Military Board.

Read the following letter from the Commander of the Brig Alexander—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Commander of the Alexander Brig stating that the Alexander under his command has been detained by an order from the Secretary to the Military Board on account of an supposed deficiency on the delivery of salt provisions when that vessel was chartered by Government in 1801 explanation on consequence, and soliciting a remuneration of 1/3 of the property which he states to have been saved by him from the wreck of the Lord Clive Transport in the Red Sea—

Having been informed by the Master Attendant that my Vessel the Alexander is prohibited from sailing by an order from the Secretary to the Military Board until I have paid for a supposed deficiency of Provisions on a Voyage from hence to the Red Sea in 1801 I beg leave to lay the case before your Lordship, and trust I shall fully prove that I have not resisted the demand without well grounded reason—

The Alexander Brig—

Burthen

2414 Fort St George 31st May 1802

Burthen 130 Tons belonging to Messrs Wm Chase
and Co. Madras was chartered by your Honorable
Government in May 1801, and having Troops
and Provisions put on Board by the Garrison
Storekeeper was ordered for Tranquebar.

On her return to Madras she
was offered to me for Sale and I purchased her.

The Alexander was then
put under the orders of the Special Agent Colonel
Conner, and such Articles as were then on
Board were handed over to the account of the
Special Agent but on my pointing out the
bad state of some of the Casks of Provisions the
Garrison Storekeeper ordered me to land them
and on my requesting a receipt he told me there
was no occasion for it.

This I have stated to the
Secretary to the Military Board but he has
not informed me whether such Casks
appear in the accounts of the Garrison
Storekeeper

2415

Fort St. George 31st. May 1803.

223

Storekeeper—

The Alexander being loaded was dispatched for Mocha and from thence by the Agent there for Suez— immediately on her— arrival she was ordered to be unloaded and— got ready to carry dispatches to India and— all the Cargo was put on Board other— Vessels—

The Alexander never having had Troops on Board and the Cargo never— having been shifted— I have no hesitation in making Oath to my having delivered every Casks of Provisions put into my charge at— Madras either by the Garrison Storekeeper or Special Agent, and I have no doubt of find- -ing some of the Ships Company here to do- the same, altho' they were all discharged in Bengal—

In June 1802 the Alexander arrived with dispatches at Calcutta and was there—

Fort St. George 31st May 1803.

there discharged the Honorable Company's
Service.

On her arrival here in
October 1802 I was applied to, to know what had
become of the whole of the Cargo put on Board
by the Garrison Storekeeper and bearing
nothing more I supposed my information had
led to a discovery of it, but more so when no
application was made on my return to
Madras in January last, and I had therefore
reason to suppose all accounts finally settled,
relating to that Voyage. But now after a
laps of nearly a year from the Vessel being
discharged is this demand brought forward.
The Garrison Storekeeper being dead and
the Special Agent Gone home as well as
the Agent of Transports at Suez. But I
trust my Oath will be reckoned better proof
than those Books can be supposed, where
at one time they had lost the whole of

the

2417. Fort St. George 31st May 1803

224

the articles shipped by the Garrison Store-
-keeper-

The demand being for so small
a sum I would have paid it at once had it not
the appearance of embezzlement attached to
it, which I trust my conduct never has nor
ever will merit - I was dispatched from Suez
at a few hours warning with Colonel Montresor
and the Agent for Transports had a short
time to make out my accounts. Had this
application been made when I was here
in January last, I would have had the
Agent of Transports Captain Galloway, to
clear up the matter who arrived here in
February and is since gone to Europe -

I have now to trouble
your Lordship on a very different Subject. It
is to point out my exertions in saving the
property of the Honorable East India -
Company on Board the Lady Clive Transport
in

Fort St. George 31st May 1803

in the Red Sea and I trust your Lordships
on enquiry will think me entitled to one third
Salvage of such property.

On the first day of November
1801. being in Company with the Betsey Brow
Transport of Bombay fell in with the
Transports Lady Clive and Mornington and
soon after with Commerce, all of which
Vessels had left Madras previous to the Alex-
-ander.

The next day made the
Island of Shadwan in the Straits of Jubaloff
which place we beat against strong Gales till
the morning of the 17th when we discovered
the Lady Clive on a reef of Rocks off Shadwan
Island.

The next day the weather
moderated and we could all have got into
the Harbour that day, had it not been for
the above accident. which we were not able
to

Fort St. George 21st. May 1803.

to accomplish for 18 days afterwards—

The Lady Clive having got

off the Rocks it was thought best to endeavour

to lighten her and see if it was possible to save

the Ships, and on a Consultation of Commanders

it was agreed to starb water, and take in—

Articles of more use to the Army in Egypt—

I accordingly cleared away

my fore hold and saved 9 Leagers and 1/2 —

Leagers of arrack, 2 Pipes of Madeira, and

6 Chests of Sugar belonging to the Honorable

Company—

The water encreasing fast

it was determined on the 21st November to —

quit the Lady Clive, but as there were 12 Leagers

of arrack in the lower decks which the —

other Commanders declined taking on, I de-

clared I would not quit the Vessel till they

were taken out, told them there was just

4 Leagers for each Vessel and at their peril

to

Fort St. George 31st. May 1802

to refuse taking them in. They at last com-
-plied, and if your Lordship will be at the
trouble of comparing the Tonnage of the
Mornington and Commerce with that of
the Alexander the quantity of property saved
in proportion to that Tonnage, and the
difference in strength of the Ships Company
I trust you will think me fully entitled to
remuneration.

The above was effected when
beating to windward with the Lady Clive to
endeavour to gain Anchoring ground and from
the severe labour in pumping and taking
out the Cargo of the Lady Clive, the scurvy
broke out amongst my Ships Company, several
of whom died by that disease - and was
afterwards obliged to beat up against hard
Gales, to Tuticorin Harbour, where we all arrived
the 7th of December.

The articles specified above

I.

2421

Fort St. George 31st May 1803.

226

I delivered to the Agent of Transports at Suez where the Arrack was worth 8 Rupees per Gallon. the Madeira 250 Pagodas per Pipe and the Sugar at 45 Pagodas per Candy, making a sum of 7,272 Rupees to one third of which I hope your Lordship will think me fully entitled

I have the honor to be &c.

Madras

30th May 1803.

(Signed) Jno. Lindsay

Commanding the Alexander Brig.

Resolutions thereon.

Resolved under the circumstances attending the foregoing case to remit the claim against Captain Lindsay for the value of four Casks of Salt provisions stated to have been short delivered from the Brig under his command on the expedition to the Red Sea.

Resolved to postpone a decision on Captain Lindsays claim to a remuneration on account of the property stated to

Fort St. George 31st. May 1803.

to have been saved from the wreck of the Ship Lady Clive—

Ordered that the necessary communications be made to Captain Lindsay and to the Military Board.

Read again the letter from the Military Board dated the 11th of april—.

It being the intention of the Board that a European Force shall be stationed at Cannanore, it is deemed to be necessary to provide for the accommodation of the troops by erecting barracks, as the present buildings at that station are inadequate for the purpose—

Ordered therefore that the Military Board be desired to report their opinion regarding the Estimates for the construction of Barracks transmitted to them on the 31st of march—

Read the following letter from the Governor of Columbo—

To

2423

Fort St George 21st May 1802

227

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council &c.

Fort St George

My Lord,

The advantages of a road from Columbo to Trincomale are so evident that I am sure your Lordship in Council will be happy to give every encouragement in your power to that undertaking.

From Columbo requesting permission to send an Officer to Madras for the purpose of engaging 200 persons to be employed in making a road from Columbo to Trincomale

I will therefore take the liberty of requesting you to allow an Officer appointed by me to repair to Madras and endeavour to engage Two hundred of the subjects of your Presidency, to serve as Pioneers on this Island for the Term of three years.

I have the honor to be &c.

Columbo

21st May 1802

(Signed) Frederic North

Resolution thereon.

Resolved to express to His Excellency the Governor of Columbo the readiness of the Board to comply with the wishes stated in the foregoing Letter

2424 Fort St. George 31st. May 1803.

letters

Ordered that the following letter be

dispatched

To John Lumsden Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government at

Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge

To the Chf Secretary to the Government at Fort William. Stating the reasons which induced His Lordship in Council to detain the Troops of His Majs. 8th Regt Light Dragoons remaining on this Coast &c

the receipt of your letter of the 17th January last and

am directed to acquaint you for the information of

His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General

in Council that in Conformity to the directions

therein conveyed it was the intention of the Right

Honorable the Governor in Council to have availed

himself of the opportunity of one of the Honorable

Company's Ships of the present season proceeding to

Bengal for the purpose of sending to that

Presidency the Troops of His Majestys 8th Regi-

-ment of Light Dragoons serving on this Coast,

His Lordship in Council regrets however that the

accomplishment

accomplishment of this intention by the Ships at present under dispatch for Bengal will not be practicable from the pressing demand for the services of the Cavalry of this Establishment in the field, and from the necessity which exists for stationing a Troop of European Cavalry for the service of the Garrison of Vellore.

His Lordship in Council having found it necessary to employ the Troop of His Majesty's 8th Dragoons on duty in that Garrison, he trusts that His Excellency the Governor General in Council will be satisfied at this explanation of the delay in the embarkation of it, and I am directed to request that you will state to His Excellency in Council the assurance of His Lordship in Council that so soon as it may be practicable to relieve the Troop from that duty, the necessary measures will be taken for conveying it to Bengal in Conformity to His Excellency's

directions

2426 Fort St. George 21st. May 1803

directions

Fort St. George

21st. May 1803

I have the honour to be Hon.

(Signed) George Buchan

Chief Secretary to Government.

Lt. Col. Strange

Elliot

Mr. Edye

John Chamier

Office Set. Com. 31st. May 1803 Page 36.
Copies by Gyngombroon

2427 Fort St. George ~ June 1803 229

Diary,

June 1st Received the following Letter

George Strachey Esqre

Secretary - Military Department.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am much concerned, in reporting

to you for the information of the Right Honorable

the Governor in Council, the loss of the English Stallion

Comet, embarked by order of the Court of Directors

on the Honorable Company's Ship Ocean for the

Stud on this Establishment -- By the arrival of

the Castle Eden Indiaman, information was received

of the embarkation of the above Stallion on the Ocean,

and of the change in the destination of the said

Indiaman to Bombay - In consequence of which, I

lost no time in addressing Messrs Forbes & Co. request-

-ing them to send him round by the first safe-

opportunity, - a Copy of which letter I have the

honor to enclose, together with their reply, by which

it is evident that every possible care was taken

and

From the Com- = mander of the Governors Body Guard - reporting the loss of the Stallion embarked by order of the Honorable Court of Directors on the Ocean for the Stud on this establish- - ment, and enclosing letters from Bombay on the subject -

Fort St. George June 1803

and every precaution used by Mr. Forbes that prudence could suggest for the safety of Comets

I also addressed Mr. Smith Esqr of Bombay who is particularly fond of horses requesting of him if at Bombay, to take charge of the English Stallion, knowing that I could depend upon his attention and care of him, but it appears impossible to have done more for the safety of the Noble Animal than is expressed in Mr. Forbes's letter to me of the 14th. Instant.

Fort St. George
31st. May 1803.

(Signed) D. Grant
Commanding the Body Guard

Messrs Forbes &c.
Bombay

Gentlemen,

I have this day addressed Mr. M. Mr. Smith, on the subject of a Stallion which is expected to arrive at Bombay on the ocean Indiaman, intended for the Stud on this Establishment. I have requested of Mr. Smith to take

2429 - Fort St. George - June 1803 230

take charge of him and to procure a passage to Madras for the Station by the first favorable opportunity, and to draw upon you for the amount of his expences, - I should he receive Mr Smith be absent I must beg of you to have the goodness to give the necessary directions on this subject, and to have him sent round by the first safe opportunity. -

I have the honor &c.

Madras
22d April 1803.

(Signed) J. Grant

A True Copy

(Signed) J. Grant

Captain James Grant

Sir,

This will be delivered to you by Captain Haig of the Lord Seigniouth, to whom I have requested him to wait upon you to give an account of the most unfortunate accident that befel the poor English Station Commander

Days

Fort St. George 2 June 1803

days ago, in our endeavours to tranship them from
the Ocean to the Teignmouth for conveyance to
Madras - However much this accident is to be
lamented, (and no one can more sincerely lament
it than myself on every account) yet it is
satisfactory to reflect, that it was unavoidable,
every possible precaution, as far as human
foresight could go having been used to prevent
any thing of the kind from occurring; which Captain
Hay will no doubt fully corroborate, he and
Captain Barbor having with myself, been
eye witnesses of every thing that took place. The
Groom who attended the Stallions from England and
who is certainly entitled to the highest credit for
his care of them on the passage, as Captain Patton
has attested, will proceed round to Madras in
the course of six or eight days on the Miss Betsy.
He received a considerable injury upon his head
from the horse immediately before the poor
animal's death.

I shall

2431 Fort St. George ~ June 1803 231

I shall address you fully upon this very unpleasant subject by tomorrows Dawk, and in the mean time

Bombay
13th May 1803.

Sam Sec.
(Signed) C. Torriano

To Captain James Grant

Madras

Sir,

On the 6th instant I was favored with your Letter of the 27th Ult.mo to the address of our Furin, and in the temporary absence of Mr. M. Smith at Poona, I at the same time received your letter to that Gentleman, bo th on the subject of the Malcom sent out by the Honorable the Court of Directors & the Ship Ocean for the Stud on the Madras Establishment.

The Ocean imported here on the 4th instant, and agreeably to your request in the absence of Mr. Smith I readily took upon myself the charge of providing a passage for

2432 Fort St. George ~ June 1803

1

for the Stallion on Board the Lord Teignmouth, ~
Captain Hay on the eve of sailing for Madras,
a Ship every way well calculated for the
purpose of transporting them, as may be judged from
the inclosed advertisement, and I deemed it fortunate
that an opportunity had offered for conveying them
round, thus early, before the setting in of the
S. W. Monsoon, when the passage to the other
Coast is short, but tedious all to remove the landing
of them here unnecessary, and thereby to avoid at
least half of the risk ~ Having accordingly done the
necessary accommodations provided for the Horse on
Board the Teignmouth under my own direction,
I proceeded on Board the Ocean in the afternoon
of the 11th Instant, accompanied by Captain Hay of
the Teignmouth and Captain Barbor of the Ganymede,
to see the Horse transhipped, in a large Boat well
calculated for the purpose, being such as is invariably
used here for landing or shipping off Two, sometimes
three, Horses at a time, and manned with Triple

the

2433 Fort St. George ~ June 1803 232

the usual quantity of Hay, Three of my Malabar horse-
-Keepers also attended to give such assistance as might
be necessary. The horse allowed the Slings (which
he had been accustomed to occasionally during the
Voyage) to be put on without any difficulty, and
being first blindfolded, was hoisted out of the Ocean
much more quietly than might have been expected;
however immediately on being let down into the Boat
he became very violent, kicking and plunging so excessively
till at length the one end of the Slings unfortunately
got loose, and fell under him, when it became necessary
to clear him of them altogether, and it was with
difficulty the Groom sets him on but his head was
made fast to the fore of the Boat, by which means
and with the assistance of the Boats swain, a quarter
Master, and Two Seamen of the Ocean, who
accompanied, he was kept tolerably steady until
brought along side the Teignmouth; when on
attempting to put on the Slings again to hoist
him up, he became more excited than ever, and
dashed

2434 Fort St. George ~ June 1803

1

Dashed the Groom with great violence from one side
of the Boat to the other several times, who notwith=
=standing kept his hold until he received a violent
blow upon his head from that of the horse, which
made a wound about three Inches in length, ~
stunned him and obliged him to let go his hold, when
it was with difficulty he was got without reach
of the horse, who by this time had got his eyes
uncovered, and was more furious than ever, making
use of his fore and hind feet and mouth as weapons
of offence against every thing that came within
his reach. In this state, secured only by being
tied to the thwart of the Boat by little more than
on Board of her, both Europeans and Natives ab=
=out, whilst the Grooms wound was dressing on
Board the Teignmouth, by the time this was
done, the horse had become a little more quiet,
and the Groom was proceeding to rejoin him on
the Boat, but before he got near the ship side
the horse began kicking and plunging as before

and

and having some how got his foot entangled, he fell sideways over the Boat and across the Boat with great violence upon his back, and received the injury which occasioned his death unless Boatswain cut the rope by which he was tied, and an attempt was made to raise him up, but it was too evident that there could be no chance of saving him. Our first opinion was that he had broken his neck by the fall, but I had him brought on shore and examined by a Surgeon, when it appeares that this was not the case; but he had received an injury on the right side of the neck which was swelled, and the Cartilages of the throat separated two or three inches; and from the appearance of the Blood Vessels about that part, this injury would no doubt have occasioned his death, but it is also probable that a Blood Vessel must have burst inwardly, from his death, being so very sudden, and immediately after a gun barrel of

2436 . Fort St. George - June 1803

of Blood was observed to issue from the Anus.

I have now given you a Minute and faithful detail of the circumstance attending this very unfortunate accident which I cannot more than I can express; not only on account of the loss of so Noble an Animal, but the great disappointment it must prove to Lord, and all those concerned. At the same time it is a great satisfaction to reflect that no blame can attach to any quarter from what has happened. as every possible precaution was taken to prevent any accident from happening, and also on occasions of Shipping off or Landing horses I generally make a point of superintending myself, yet upon the present one I was naturally more than usually anxious that every thing should be conducted properly.

I have requested Captain Haig of the Peignmouth who was an eye witness of all that happened to wait upon you

2437 Fort St. George 2 June 1803 234

1

you on his arrival at Madras, and he will
no doubt corroborate the account I have given -
The Groom will proceed to Madras on the Betsey
Captain Eastwicke in the course of a few days,
and it is but justice to say that his conduct
appears to have been very meritorious throughout -
I never saw a horse in higher order, which of
itself would be a sufficient proof of the Grooms
great attention to him on the passage, but I
understand that Captain Patton has furnished
him with a Certificate to that effect; and I
deem it but justice to add that the poor fellow
owned a greater interest for the safety of the horse
than for his own life on the unfortunate occasion
above alluded to - Every credit is also due to the
Boatswain and Quarter Master of the ocean
who did as much as men could do in the situation
in which they were placed the latter received a
kick on the arm which bruised him considerably

I have

2438 Fort St. George ye June 1803

Bombay
14th May 1803.

Yours the honor &c.
Signed C. Forbes

For Freight.

To Madras and Bengal

The Good Ship

Lord Teignmouth

James Hay Commanding

will sail on or before Sunday next the 8th Instant

for particulars apply at the office of

Messrs. Bruce Fawcett & Co.

N. B. This Ship is well calculated for carrying horses, being 5 feet 9 Inches between Decks and Stalls fore and aft.

Bombay 2d. May 1803

Captain James Grant. Madras.

Sent the following Letter

To The Acting President

&c. &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed to forward for your information

To the Military Board

2439 Fort St. George 2 June 1803 235.

Board with an Extract of a letter from the Commander of the Brig Alexander to release that officer from the claim for the value of two Casks of Provisions upon his subscribing an affidavit of the facts stated in his letter—

information the enclosed Extract from a Letter from the Commander of the Brig Alexander, and to inform you that under the circumstances therein stated the Governor in Council thinks it expedient to remit the claim against Captain Lindsay for the value of four Casks of Salt provisions on the condition, that he shall subscribe an affidavit of the facts stated in his letter.—

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) G. Strachey

Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George

31st May 1803

Order of Council

Military Department

1st June 1803

Received the following Letter from the Military Auditor General

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

From the Military Auditor

2440 Fort St. George - June 1803

1

Auditor General reports upon the accompanied Estimate of Cash required for the current month, enclosed for his examination in a letter dated the 24th. Instant

The receipt of Mr. Secretary Stracheys letter dated the 24th. Instant, which accompanied an additional Estimate of Cash of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month, and to report that the Sum of Sixty six Thousand Seven hundred and eighty three Pagodas, Twenty fanams, and forty Nine Cash (66,783. 20. 49) is admissible and issuable from the General Treasury being required to discharge the amount of Sundry Bills drawn upon the Military Paymaster General by the Paymasters to the Army in the Field and his Deputy, the Military Paymasters at Seringapatam, in Malabar, and in the Ceded Districts, to discharge the amount of Bills, and make advances to the Gun Carriage Contractor, the Contractor for Military Stores, the Garrison Storekeeper, and Superintending Engineer at the Presidency all of which have been authorized by Government to discharge the amount of Sundry Abstracts

for

2441 Fort St. George 2 June 1803 23

1 for Pay and allowances due to Lieutenant Colonel Macalester, on leave at the Presidency, and sundry other purposes.

2 Please deducted from the amount of the annual Estimate, the Sum of Pagodas 5000 being the amount of the Draft drawn upon the Military Paymaster General by the Superintendant of the Honorable Companys Stud, on account of 6 Stallions removed from the Stud on the Coast, to that in Bengal, as a regular Bill for that amount is now before Government recommended by the Military Board for payment, and which when sanctioned by Government, will be passed in this Office under the proper Head Vizt. Presidency of Bengal.

Military Auditor Generals Office Town the 25th Jne

Fort St. George (Signed) James Brunton

28th May 1803. M. A. G.

In consequence of the foregoing Report, ordered that the Sum of Sixty six Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty three Pagodas, Twenty Fanams, and

Abstract of Pagodas 66783.20. 4p to be issued from the General Treasury to

2442

Fort St. George — June 1803

1

To the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate submitted by him on the 20th Ultimo

and Forty three Cash Pagodas 66,783. 20. 49 &c

issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate enclosed in his letter of the 20th Ultimo

By order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council

(Signed) G. Strachey

Secretary to Govt &c &c

Received and Sent the following Letters entered in A. B. No 102. 3

From Captain Boles submitting

From the Military Assistant and Dep. Adjutant General of the Army

Copy of a letter to the Superintendant of the Establishment Dept relative Orders &c. required for transmission to the Governor General —

To the Military Auditor

To the Military Auditor General with an Extract from a letter of instructions addressed to the Accountant General —

To the Military Paymaster

To the Military Paymaster General &c

General acquainting him that an Military Pass has been given for the Despatch of Pay. 66,783. 20. 49.

&c

2443 Fort St. George 2d June 1803 237

1st

on account of the additional Estimate,— Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General enclosed.—

2. Read the following Letters.

To His Excellency The Honorable Sir Hugh Elliot Governor at Columbo.

Sir,

We have had the honor of receiving your Excellency's letter of the 28th Ultimo, and beg to assure your Excellency that we shall be happy to afford every assistance in our power to the Officer whom your Excellency may depute to Fort St. George for the purpose of engaging Natives of this Coast to be employed in the formation of the Road described in your Excellency's Letter.

To the Governor of Columbo. Acquainting him that every assistance will be afforded to the Officer who may be dispatched for Fort St. George, for the purpose of engaging Natives of this Coast to be employed in the formation of the proposed Road from Columbo to Trincomalee

Fort St. George
2d June 1803.

We have the honor &c.
(Signed) Clive &c. in Council

To The Acting President &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board

Para 1 The Commander in Chief having stated

2444

Fort St. George ~ June 1803

2

Board. Directing them to carry into effect the arrangements proposed in their letter of the 25th. April last for an increase of the establishment of Lascars by the addition of a supernumerary Company of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Mangalore on the subject of Repairs required to the public buildings at that place enclosed acquainting them that it is the intention of Government to station a European force at Tellicherry, and that the construction of Barracks at that place will consequently be necessary; to report their opinion regarding the Estimates for the construction of Barracks which were transmitted to them on the 31st. March.

1. Dated to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council his approbation of the plan proposed by the Military Auditor General, and recommended by your Board for increasing the Establishment of Lascars at this Presidency, by striking off the Strength of the Regular Companies of Lascars those Lascars who are employed on Foot Duties, by completing the said Establishment, and by forming the Lascars struck off into a Company to be called the "Supernumerary Company" His Lordship in Council has been pleased to adopt the proposed arrangement, and I am accordingly directed to desire that you will carry it into execution.

2. For your further information on the Subject of Repairs required to the public Buildings at Mangalore, I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a recent letter from the Officer Commanding at that Station.

3. The Governor in Council is pleased

having

2445 Fort St. George 2 June 1803 238

2 Having taken into consideration the opinion stated in your letter of the 11th April last, regarding the construction of Barracks at Cananore, I am directed to acquaint you that it being the intention of His Lordship in Council that a European force shall be stationed at that place, it will accordingly be necessary to provide for the accommodation of the Troops by erecting Barracks, as it appears from the papers which have been transmitted for your information, that the present Buildings are inadequate for that purpose.

3 His Lordship in Council desires therefore that you will report your opinion & regarding the Estimates for the construction of Barracks which were transmitted with my Letter of the 31st March last.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) G. Strachey

Secretary to Govt. &c.

Fort St. George

2d June 1803.

To

2446 Fort St. George June 1803

To The Military & Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors relative to a claim preferred by Major General Ross of the Corps of Engineers on account of a difference which is stated to have occurred between the Sum allowed to the Chief Engineer of this Presidency in lieu of Off-reckonings, and the amount of the Shares of Off-reckonings paid to the Colonels of Regiments, and His Lordship in Council desires that you will report for his information the extent of the difference, in order that the claim may be adjusted agreeably to the instructions of the Court of Directors.

I have also the honor to furnish for your information and guidance the enclosed Extract from a letter from the Honorable Court

To the Military Auditor General directing him to report the difference between the sums allowed to the Chief Engineer of this Presidency in lieu of off reckonings and the amount drawn on that account by the Colonels of Regts. Extract of a letter from the Court of Directors relative to a claim preferred by General Ross on this account inclosed together with an Extract of a letter from the Honorable Court respecting the pay and allowances of Major Davidson

2447 Fort St. George ~ June 1803

237

Court respecting the Pay and allowances of Major Davidson.-

Fort St. George
2d June 1803

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) G. Strachey
Secretary to Govt. M. D

To Mr. John Lindsay
Commanding the Brig Alexander.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th Instant, and to inform you that conditional instructions have been issued to the Military Board for relieving you from the claim for the value of Two Casks of Salt provisions stated to have been short delivered from this Brig under your Command on the expedition to the Red Sea.-

With respect to your claim to a remuneration on account of the property, stated to have been saved from the Wreck of the Lady

To the Commander of the Brig Alexander acquainting him that conditional instructions have been issued to the Military Board for relieving him from the claim for the value of two Casks of Salt provisions - A Decision on the subject of his claim to remuneration on account of the property stated by him to have been saved from the wreck of the Lady Clive postponed.-

2448 Fort St. George - June 1803

Lady Clive, I am directed to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council will postpone a decision on that subject. -

Fort St. George
2d June 1803.

I am &c.
Signed G. Strachey
Sec. to Govt.

Received the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 4. 5. 6.

From Captain Boles. Submitting

From the Acting Asst and Adjutant General of the Army. -

an application from Captain Welson of the 4th Native Regiment of Cavalry requesting permission to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health. -

From Dr. Reporting the

From do. do.

death of Lieutenant Lorane of the 19th Regt. N. I. -

From Lieutenant Colonel

From the Commandant at Amboyna

Cossage Reporting that the Garrison is not Stores with provisions, and that the post of Goa Condaw is also in the same predicament -

Order

2449 Fort St. George - June

3d

24c

Order of Council

Military Department

3d June 1803.

Received a Letter from the Military Auditor General.-

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord.

I. Having examined the additional Estimate which accompanied a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government of this days date, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Pagodas forty five Thousand Six hundred and Seven Fanams. Thirty four, and Cash fourteen (P.s 45,607. 34. 14) is admissible and payable from the General Treasury being required by the Military Paymaster General to make an advance, and to discharge the Amount of a Balance due to the Agents for Spirituous Liquors which have been authorized by Government.

I

From the Military Auditor General stating that the additional estimate amounting to Pags. 45,607. 34. 14. required by the Military Paymaster General, is admissible that of Pags. the Sum of Pagodas 11,686. 21. Estimated for by the Military Paymaster in the Ceded Districts has been deducted.

2450 Fort St. George ~ June 1803

3

I have deducted the Sum of Eleven Thousand Six hundred and eighty Six Pagodas and Twenty one Fanams (P.s 11,686. 21.) estimated for by the Military Paymaster in the 2d. Instance on account of the Hire of Carriage Bullocks, said to be employed by him under authority of the principal Collector in Collecting Grain at Ballari for the use of the Grand Army, as I have not received any information on this head.—

My. Asst. Gen.l Office I have the honor &c.

Fort St. George 3d. June 1803. (Signed) J. Brunton

M. A. G

In consequence of the foregoing Report.

To the Sum of P.s 45 60/. 36. 14. to be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate inclosed in this letter of this date.—

ordered that the Sum of forty four Thousand Six hundred and Seven Pagodas, Thirty four Fanams, and fourteen Cash (P.s 44,607. 34. 14) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate inclosed in this letter of this days date.

By

2451

3

Fort St. George - June 1803

241

By order of the Right Honorable

the Governor in Council. -

(Signed) G. Strachey

Secretary to Govt. MD

Received and sent the following Letters

entered in M B. Nos 7. 8. 9. 10. -

From M. Grant - Transmitting a

From the Secretary at Bombay - packet addressed to the Secretary to the Military

Board at this Presidency -

From Captain Corsellis. Enclosing

From the officer Commanding at Calicut - the proceedings of a Committee appointed to report

on the Public Buildings at that place, together with

an Estimate of the expence of further repairs necessary

thereto. -

To the Military Auditor General -

To the Military Auditor General - referring for his examination an additional Estimate

of Cash required for the Current Month. -

To the Military Paymaster

To the Military Paymaster General - General acquainting him that authority has been

given for the payment of Pags. 45607. 34. 11 on

account

2452 Fort St. George June 1803

3.

account of the additional Estimate. –

4th Order of Council

Military Department

4th June 1803

Received the following Letter

from the Military Auditor General. –

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

1 Having examined the General

From the Military Auditor General. Reporting on the General Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster Genl. for the Month of June enclosed for his examination in a letter dated 29th Ultimo..

Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of June 1803, which accompanied Mr. Secretary Stracheys letter of the 29th Ultimo, I have the honor to report that the sum of Five Lacs Sixty three Thousand four hundred and forty five Pagodas, Twenty Seven Fanams, and Sixty four Cash (Pagodas 5,63,445. 27. 64) is assignable and payable as follows, being required for the payment of Military Charges which became Due this Day. –

From

2453

Fort St. George ~ June 1803

242

4 From the General Treasury . . 97,119. 32. 22

By Bills on the Military Paymaster General . . . 47,325. 38. 42

Pagodas. 563,445. 27. 64

1 The Military Paymaster at Seringapatam having stated a balance of Cash on hand, sufficient to answer the Demands likely to be made on his Office during the present Month, I have deducted the total of his Estimate Viz.t Forty one Thousand three Hundred and eleven Pagodas, Thirty Seven Fanams, and Twenty Six Cash (P.s 41,311. 37. 26.) from the amount of the General Estimate .-

3 The Military Paymaster at Trichinopoly having stated in his abstract of receipts and disbursements dated 30.th April last, a balance of Cash on hand equal to three Thousand Six hundred and Sixty Six Pagodas, Twelve Fanams, and Thirty one Cash (3,666. 12. 31.) I have deducted that sum from the amount of his Estimate .

1 I have deducted the sum of Two Thousand

Fort St. George - June 1803

4 Pagodas
Thousand (2000-0-) from the Estimate of the Paymaster in Canara for the reason given on making a similar Deduction from the Estimate of that Paymaster in my Report on the General Estimate for the Month of May last.

5. I have deducted from the amount of the Estimate of the Paymaster to the Army in the Field the sum Estimated for by him on account of His Majesty's Scotch Brigade Rgt. Four Thousand Four hundred Pag.s (4,200) as that Corps is included in the Estimate of the Paymaster to the Subsidiary Force, a part of which force I have learnt it composes, and also the sum of Four hundred and Twenty four Pagodas (420-) being an error in the addition.-

6 The sum of Two Thousand four hundred and eighty three Pagodas, Thirty Nine Fanams, and Two Cash, (2,483. 39. 2) being the difference between the amount deducted from his Estimate, as the balance of Cash on hand, and that exhibited in his abstract of receipts and disbursements Dated 30th April last, has been deducted from the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at
Masulipatam

2455

Fort St. George ~ June 1803

243

Masulipatam.

Mely Aud. Genl. Office
Fort St. George
1st June 1803.

A further deduction, amounting to one Thousand five Hundred Pagodas 1,500 - - - being the amount over estimated for under the Head of "Occasional Charges," has been made from the Estimate of the last mentioned Paymaster.

Have the honor &c.

(Signed) J. Brunton M. A. Genl

In consequence of the foregoing Report, ordered that the Sum of Ninety Two Thousand one Hundred & Nineteen Pagodas, Thirty one Fanams, and Twenty Two Cash,

The Sum of Pagodas 92.119:35:22 to be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General Estimate for the Current Month.

(Pagodas 92,119: 35. 22) 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 28th Ultimo.

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor

(Signed) J. Strachey Actg Secy. to Government

Entered in Mr. Bd. No. 11. 12.

Recd and sent the following Letters

From Messrs Tulloh & Co. Enclosing

Tulloh

a receipt for Admiral Rainier's Bills as Commander in Chief in India, and requesting that it may be passed for payment.

To the Military Paymaster General ~

To the Military Paymaster General ~

with Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General ~ authority has been given for the payment on his application at the General Treasury of the sum of Pag.s 9,119. 31. 22. on account of the General Estimate of the current Month. ~

6th Received and sent the following letters entered in M. B. Nos 13. 14. ~

From Messrs. Coll Baker & Co.s requesting

From Messrs. Coll Baker and Company ~

That authority may be given for the payment of the accounts ~ passing Retrenchment of the Military Auditor General ~

To the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Carnatic: directing him to furnish the information ~ required by the Honorable Court of Directors in their Letter dated the 11th. January last, relative to the death of Mr. Savage. ~

To the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Carnatic.

2457

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

244

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

William Petrie } Esqrs.

and

John Shannier

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation

Tuesday the 7th June 1803

read and approved.

Lord Clive with the concurrence of

His Excellency Lieutenant General Stuart has the

honor to propose the arrangement contained in the follow-

ing draft of a

G. O. By Government

Captain Allan Grant Barrack

Master of the Mysoor Division, and Captain Mark

Wilks Barrack Master of the Presidency Division,

are permitted to exchange their situations from the

1st

Memorandum of Lord Clive submitting draft of General order exchange from the 1st June between Captain A. Grant Barrack Master in Mysoor and Captain M. Wilks Barrack Master of the Presidency.

2458 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

1st June 1803 at their Mutual request.-

On the arrival of Captain A. Grant at the Presidency Captain Wilks is permitted to resign the Office of Town Mayor of Fort St. George, and Captain Grant will do the duty of that Office until further orders.-

Captain M. Wilks is permitted to join the Army in the Field without prejudice to his situation as Barrack Master of the Mysoor Division, and Captain James George Scott of the Artillery will act as Barrack Master in Mysoor during the absence of Captain Wilks.-

Minute thereon.-

The Board approve the arrangement recommended by the President in the foregoing draft of a G. O. which is ordered to be published accordingly.

Read the following Letters from the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Carnatic.-

Fos

2459 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

243

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship in Council the enclosed address from Lieutenant Colonel Frazer.

From the Officers commanding the forces in the Carnatic. Submitting an address from Lieut. Colonel Frazer.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) D. Smith

Madras

29th May 1803.

Major General

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Major John Norris of Engineers having been allowed by the Honorable the Court of Directors to draw the Pay of Major from the day of his appointment to that Rank, on the resignation of Major General Gent as appears by the enclosed Copy of a Certificate granted by the Military Auditor General. I hope your Lordship in Council

2460 Fort St. George 7.th June 1803.

Council will be pleased to consider that the same applies to me, being promoted to the rank of Lieut.t Colonel of the Corps from the same period, and allow me to draw the difference of Pay and allowances which are annexed to that Rank.

I have the Honor &c.

(Signed) C. Trapaud

Lieut.t Col.o & A. G.

Fort St. George

27.th May 1803.

I hereby Certify that Major John Norris of the Madras Engineer Establishment, has received his pay on furlough according to the new Military Regulations, Vizt. as Captain from 5.th April 1800 to 11.th August 1802. and as Major from 12.th August to 28.th February 1803.

East India house

29.th Dec.r 1802.

(Signed) Wm. Wright

Asst. of India Accounts

(A True Copy)

27.th May 1803. (Signed) J. Norris

Major Engineers

The

2461 Fort St. George 7th. June 1803.

246

Resolution thereon.

The request of Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud being contrary to the usage of the Service, the Board do not deem themselves at liberty to comply with it, but under the states circumstances of a similar indulgence having been granted by the Honorable Court of Directors to Major Norris, it is Resolved to submit the claim of Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud to the consideration of the Honorable Court.-

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Carnatic submitting an application from Lt. Colr. Macalister for permission to proceed to Europe on a Surgeons Certificate.

I have the honor to submit to the consideration of your Lordship in Council an application from Lieutenant Colonel Macalister of the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry, for permission to proceed to Europe on the accompanying Surgeons Certificate.-

I have

2462 Fort St. George 4th June 1803

Choultry Plain
1st. June 1803

I have the honor &c
(signed) D. Smith
Major General

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose your Lordship in Council a Surgeons Certificate respecting my impaired State of health, and have therefore to request your Lordships permission to proceed to Europe, by the first opportunity that offers for the purpose of reestablishing my health. -

I remain &c.
(signed) J. Macalister
Lt. Colt. Commandt. 5th. -
Regiment Cavalry.

We William Hardman and Thomas Evans Assistant Surgeons of this Establish= =ment do hereby declare on oath, that we are of

2463 Fort St. George 7th June 1803.

opinion, it is absolutely necessary that Lieutenant-
Colonel Keith Macalister of the Honorable Company's
5th Regiment of Native Cavalry should leave this
Country and go to Europe for the recovery of his health.

(Signed) Wm. Horsman. Asst. Surgeon
Thos. Evans. Asst. Surgeon

Madras
30th May 1803.

Sworn before me at
Fort St. George the 30th
day of May. (Signed) Walter Grant. Justice of Peace
(Signed) J. Anderson. Physician General

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that permission be granted
to Lieutenant Colonel Macalister to proceed to Europe
on Sick Certificate.

Read the following Letter from
the Military Board.

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

My Lord,

From the Mily Bd. to

Stating

I have to acknowledge the
receipt

2464 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

stating that they have purchased from the Commander of one of the Indiamen recently arrived a quantity of Salt Provisions, which, in addition to that in Store, will enable them to return about two thirds of the Supply afforded to the Bombay Government by Admiral Rainier for the use of the Madras Army - the Repairs to the Hospital at Trichinopoly are essentially necessary - request authority for their immediate execution - regret that the difficulty which they have experienced in obtaining correct Copies of Mr. Goldingham's Bills, has so long delayed the Statements required by Government which they now submit - Observations on the Memorandum of the late Civil Engineer submitted for their Opinion on the 9th December last - Recommend payment of sundry Bills and Advances of Hire.

Receipt of Letter from the Chief Secretary to Govern-
= ment dated the 12th May, and Letters from
the Secretary to Government in the Military
Department dated the 13th & 16th May

2

A quantity of Salt Provisions
having been tendered to us on very reasonable terms
by the Commander of one of the Indiamen recently
arrived from England, we have directed the
Garrison Storekeeper to purchase it. This
quantity in addition to what is already in
Store will enable us to return about two thirds
of the Supply afforded to the Government of
Bombay for the use of the Madras Army, by
His Excellency Vice Admiral Rainier. And
if further Supplies can be obtained on advanta-
-geous terms upon the arrival of other Ships
from England, we shall be careful to purchase
sufficient to amount of the whole quantity
lately replaced.

3 Yr

2465 Fort St. George 9th June 1803

248

3 In conformity to your Lordships orders under date the 25th April we have the honor to state our opinion that the repairs reported to be required to the Hospital at Trichinopoly are essentially necessary, and we request that we may be authorized to direct their immediate execution.

4 We regret that the difficulty which we experienced in obtaining correct copies of Mr. Goldingham's Bills for the Military works executed under his Superintendence has so long delayed the completion of the Statements called for by your Lordship in Council on the 8th July last, we have now the honor to submit them for your Lordships consideration.

5 In examining the Memorandum of the late Civil Engineer transmitted for our opinion on the 9th December last, we have particularly noticed that Paragraph wherein he

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

he mentions that "at the time immediately preceding
"his appointment to the office of Civil Engineer,
"two Methods of performing Public works and
"Buildings at the Presidency were in use -
"namely one by Contract and the other by -
"Estimate," It is true that there were such
regulations, but in no instance since the
publication of the present Code, has Govern=
=ment adopted the former mode, consequently
it was not in use as advanced by Mr -
Goldingham, It is also true that proposals
of Contract have been received, but they
have invariably been rejected on account of
the rates being higher than those exhibited
in the Estimates prepared by an Engineer, and
it stands to reason that this Board would
never recommend to Government to perform
a work by Contract when an Engineer -
Officer can be found to do it better and below

the

Fort St. George 4th June 1803

the Contract price. In the same Paragraph
Lt. Goldingham also advances "that performing
"work on Estimate is also a Contract, and that
"the Bill and Estimate always corresponded;
"and by adding the Superintendents Commission
"to the amount of the Estimate, gave the actual
"Cost of the work," to prove this position to be
erroneous, many instances could be adduced, it is
sufficient however to mention the following
positive proofs to the Contrary, which are
upon the Records of this Board.

The late Lieutenant
Castle performed the repairs to the Stables at
Arcot for £5 1/16 Pagodas less than the Estimate
Lieutenant Colegborn.

constructed a Gun Shed at Seringapatam for
£1 3/9 Pagodas, less than the Estimate.

Lieutenant Fraser
performed the repairs to the Southern Sea
Gate

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Gate for 25½ ℔ Cent less than the Estimate.—

Mr Goldingham next proceeds to state that the Mode adopted by Genl Ds differs from either of those, he Reports regular and detailed accounts of the Expenditure and established such Checks on the Natives Servants as the Country afforded. It is not defined what these Checks were, but we fear there are no checks which can be established that will prevent the Workmen and Conveyers from embezzling the Materials, as may be instanced by a circumstance which has lately come to our knowledge.

The Superintending Engineer who has we believe established as many Checks as possible, was carrying on a Work at some Distance from the Fort, and of course the Workmen did not expect to have frequent visits from him, he received the Morning Reports of the

2469 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

25

the People employed from the Commissary, but some doubts having arisen in his mind that the report was false, Lieutenant Fraser went to the place in the afternoon, when not expected, and mustered the Workmen, when instead of finding 15 Carpenters as set forth in the report, the total number at work was only 6.- Now, it may be inferred from this, that, the pay of these 9 Carpenters would have appeared in Mr. Goldinghams Bills under the head of actual expenditure, - had that Gentleman not found out the imposition before he submitted his Accounts to Government; and the public would then have been charged accordingly - But on the contrary, by performing work agreeably to the Regulations the loss is the Superintendents, because he is paid for the quantity of work performed, and not for the number of People employed, and materials worked up. According to Mr. Goldinghams mode the larger the Sum expended

the

Fort St. George 7th June 1813.

the more benefit would the Superintendant derive.

Mr Golding has next proceeds to contrast his charges for repairing the Barrack occupied by the 2d Battalion of Artillery at the Mount with the Estimate. Upon this we have to remark that, had the work been done by a Military Superintendant it would have been measured after being completed, and charged for accordingly, and would in all probability have cost less than the Sum paid to the late Civil Engineer. That Gentleman asserts that he has saved the Honorable Company 72 ₹ Cent upon the Repairs of this Barrack; upon what data this report of his saving is founded we are at a loss to discover. It is evident that to have saved 72 ₹ Cent, the Bill for the repairs executed should have been only one third of the Estimated amount, when on referring to Mr Golding's Bills it will be seen that there is charged Pagodas 9 5/6 exclusive of his

Commission

2471 Fort St. George 7th. June 1803.

25

Commission which is only 12 ℔ Cent less than the Estimate. In framing the Estimate upon which the work was performed, no deduction appears to have been made on account of old materials yet to be worked up again; and although many were used, Mr. Goldingham has not noticed the quantity of work performed with them. The Statement therefore of the saving of 37 ℔ Cent must be considered as erroneous.-

The next Article which the late Civil Engineer adduces in support of the mode adopted by him, is the repair of the General Hospital.-

Mr. Goldinghams' contrast-
=ing the Estimate, the advance asked by the
person willing to contract, and the Engineers
17 ℔ Centage for Superintending the work, with
his charges, is a new stile of reasoning.- The
cannot suppose that this Board are so lavish
of the public money as to give 25 ℔ Cent
more

Fort St. George 9th June 1803.

more than the Estimate, when the Officers whose presence it is to conduct Public works and Buildings, would engage to do the work for the Estimated Sum, and when there was a probability that on the work being measured after being completed, the charges might probably be 25 ℔ Cent less than the Estimate.

Mr. Goldingham also advances that he paid ℔ Cent on this reasoning, admitting that the work had been done by Contract and the advance &c. on the Estimate paid, the charges would have only been 36 ℔ Cent more than the Sum paid to Mr. Goldingham. This Statement is therefore as erroneous as the other.

It is true that Mr. Goldingham's charges were 600 Pagodas less than the Estimate exclusive of Commission; but what proof can be adduced that the whole of the work detailed in the Estimate was performed.

2473 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

25

The work was not measured after being completed, nor does it appear in the Bills whether the old Materials worked up again were deducted, as there surely, on a repair of that kind, must have been some left for use.-

The particular State of this Building only two Years after Mr. Goldingham's Repair was finished, will be found in the Proceedings of the Annual Committee of Survey, on the Fortifications and public Buildings at the Presidency.-

Mr. Goldingham. next proceeds to state "as all works deserving particular "consideration were executed by Contract, I shall "confine my Remarks to that method." Now as no works have been performed by Contract since the introduction of the present Regulations as before mentioned, We are of opinion that, it is not necessary to follow the late Civil Engineer through all the arguments which

Fort St. George 7th. June 1803

which he has adduced to prove that the method adopted by him is preferable to Contract. By perform=ing work by Contract, we allow that it is generally done in a hurry and in a slovenly manner if the Superintending Officer neglects his duty, or is often absent, still there is some check, but by the mode adopted by Mr. Goldingham there is none whatever; he furnishes the Materials and Superintendes the execution of the work.

Mr. Goldingham has advanced that by adopting his mode of conducting Buildings in place of entering into Contracts, the Company would save 5% Pagodas, and that 6½% Pagodas has been saved upon the Sums expended by him including his Commission. This assertion we consider to be invalidated by the result of the annexed Statement Pars. 6

Amount of Mr. Goldingham's Bills including his Commission of 15 Pagodas - - - - - - - - 20,316. 39. 30

2475 Fort St. George 7th June 1803.

253

Add amount drawn by the late Civil
Engineer for an Establishment from
the 1st July 1800 to 28th Feby 1802 3480. a a
Do. for Office Rent for the same period . . 500.- a a
Military Stores supplied from the Arsenal
on Indent - - - - - - - - - - 671. 25. 18
Total Cost of the work performed by etc.
Goleingham - - - - - - - - 24,978. 15. 79
Amount of the Engineers Estimates including
& Civil Commission the Sum allowed
to Field officers of Engineers - - - 23,390. 42. 27
Lost by the mode adopted by the Civil
Engineer supposing the Military
Engineers Bills and Estimate always
corresponded - - - - - - - - 15,87. 18. 51.

But as it has been already
proved that the Engineers Bills and Estimate
in no instance corresponded, except when the
Estimated Sum was actually and bona fide
expended, it becomes necessary to shew the
actual

2476 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

actual loss to the Company by Mr. Goldingham's method.

Amount of the Engineers Estimates sent

to Mr. Goldingham for execution .. 25,216. 14. 13.

Deduct 6 5/8 Hund. for the average

saving on all works performed by the

present Superintending Engineer ... 1,331. 7. 39

Remains ... 19,880. 6. 54.

Add 5 Hund. Commission the Establishd

allowance to Subaltern officers of

Engineers ..... 996. — 27

Total Cost of the several works ... 20,876. 7. 1

The late Civil Engineers Bill exclu-

-ding his Commission of 15 Hund. Establish

-ment and office Rent and Stores received

from the Arsenal ..... 2,978. 15. 78.

Total loss by the Civil Engineers method 4,184. 8. 77

or about 19 5/8 Hund.

6 We recommend payment of the following

Bills and advances of said Dept.

No 1 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper

on

2477 Fort St. George 7th. June 1803 254

in Mysore for Gunny Bags supplied for carrying Treasure from Chittledroog to the Grand Army, amounting to Ps. 41. 30.-

No 2 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Mysore for Articles supplied to the Field Apothecary with the Army amounting to Pagodas ... ... 69. 1. 20.

No 3 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper in Mysore for Coffer Measures supplied by him for the use of the Dewan of the Rajah of Mysore, amounting to Ps. 16. 22. This charge being unconnected with the Military Depart. should not be debited to "Charges Military".-

No 4 Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore, for Provisions Stores purchased and supplied to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions with the Army amounting to Pagodas 1,766. 30. 65.

No 5. Bill of the late Gun Carriage & Contractors amounting to Pagodas 28,7th. 22. 60. for Articles Delivered by them into the Arsenal, and approved upon Survey by a Committee of the Military Board.

No 6 Bill of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors

2478 Fort St. George 7th June 1803.

Lycors amounting to Pagodas 45607. 34. 11. for arrack purchased on account of the public Service between the 1st. May 1802. and 30th April 1803. whereof a balance of Pagodas 20,607. 34. 11. remains unpaid. —

An advance of Pagodas 163. 30. 73. to the Engineer at Masulipatam, being one third of the Estimated Cost for repairing the Granaries at that Station. —

An advance of Pagodas 392. 11. 24. to the Engineer at Mangalore being one third of the Estimated Cost for Repairs &c. ordered to be executed at that Station.

An advance of Star Pagodas 25,000 to the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, on account of the Supplies required for the arrack Agency for the year 1803/4

Fort St. George
23d May 1803.

We have the honor &c.
(Signed) D. Smith
" E. Kaspard
" J. Brunton

The Board approve the measures taken by the Military Board for replacing the Salt provisions supplied by Vice Admiral Rainier for the Public Service at

2481 Fort St.a George 7th. June 1803 255

at Bombay, and it is ordered that they be directed to deliver the quantity already purchased for that purpose to the Naval Contractor and to complete the restitution so soon as it may be practicable.—

Resolved that the Governor in Council at Bombay be desirous of the Sentiments contained in his letter of the 20th April last.—

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to authorize the repairs required to the hospital at Trichinopoly.—

At this late period of time the Board do not deem it to be necessary to go into a further detailed consideration of the comparative advantages, which may have attended the construction of public works under the Superintendence of the late Civil Engineer or of the officers of the Corps of Engineers at present employed under the orders of the Military Board. They deem it to be sufficient that the object has been attained which the appointment of a Civil Engineer was chiefly calculated to produce; and that a degree of attention

2482 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

attention is now shewn in the disbursement of the public money which did not before exist. The Board are satisfied that this reform may be ascribed in a great degree to the institution of the Office of Civil Engineer, at the same time that they consider a just share of credit to be due to the Military Board, and to the Officers now employed in the Superintendence of the public works, for the improvement which has been effected, and for the attention to economy and efficient control which they trust will continue to be observed in the execution of all works under this Presidency.—

Ordered that the foregoing observations be communicated to the Military Board

The Board authorize the payment of the Bills and advances of money recommended in the foregoing letter.

Read.

2483 Fort St. George 7th June 1803.

256

Read again the Letter from the Military Auditor General dated the 13th of January 1803 the following Copy of which is ordered to be recorded.-

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General. submitting for the Decision of Govt. outstanding Retrenchments in the accounts of the Military Paymaster of Fort St. George from October 1798 to February 1800 with observations thereon.

At the instance of the Honorable Basil Cochrane, I do myself the honor to submit for Decision by your Lordship in Council on final audit, the accompanying outstanding Retrenchments in his accounts from October 1798 to February 1800, at the same time I deem it proper to observe that the opinions given upon the different Retrenchments contained in the accompanying report being founded upon the Regulations and orders of Government, and the established usage of the Service, have gone in general to advise a confirmation of the Retrenchments; as the Paymaster however has suggested difficulties which must attend the recovery of them in consequence of the departure

2484

Fort St. George 7th. June 1803.

Departure from India of His Majestys 10th. and 36th. Regiments of Foot to which the individuals accountable for the Sums specified in the Retrenchments belong, it consequently rests with your Lordship to decide what consideration may be due to the suggestions of the Paymaster in the mode of recovery of those Retrenchments particularly of those against the Paymaster of the 10th. Regiment.-

Military Auditor Genls Office
Fort St. George 13th. January 1803.

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

A True Copy
(Signed) J. Prendergast
Asst. M. A. G.

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose you the Peace and Field Abstracts of His Majestys 36th. Regt. just

2485 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

257

just received for the Month of October 1798 by which
it appears that the difference of Pay for November and
the 15 Days allowance for October is drawn, before they
are due, and also some arrears and Specific allowance
which I do not feel myself at liberty to discharge
without a previous reference, and as the Regiment
is ordered to Embark on the Morning of the 15th Instant,
I am to request you will be pleased to cause them to
be finally audited as soon as possible.

I have the Honor &c.

(Signed) D. Cochrane —

Fort St. George
13th October 1803

My Paymaster. Fort St. George

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose you 2
Abstracts of the arrears due to Mr. Robert Burne
for the year 1797/8 and 1798/9 for Commanding the
Regiment and Stations Viz. three accompany and
Pondicherry, just now received from the Paymaster
of

2486 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

of the 36th Regiment—as these Abstracts have exceeded the Limitted time of Payment I beg to have your sanction before they can be discharged by me.

Fort St. George
11th October 1798.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) D. Cochrane
Military Paymaster Fort St. George

A True Copy
(Signed) C. Maystone M. P. M.

Copy of a letter from Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General to the Honorable D.
Cochrane Paymaster of Company's allowances to the
Kings Troops at Fort St. George. Dated 15th October 1798.

In reply to your letter of
Yesterdays Date inclosing 2 Abstracts for arrears of
allowances due to Lieutenant Colonel Burne
and Major Chalmers of His Majestys 36th
Regiment, I have to inform you that I do not
think you warranted in paying any of the charges
for Absence of Major and Lieutenant Colonels
Lally

2487

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

258

half Batta to Lieutenant Colonel Burne (except the difference between half and full Batta from 25th to 31st July and from 1st to 20th August) the sums charged on that account, having been already entered in Mr. Mardons disbursements to 31st July inclusive, and in yours for the remaining period. And altho' difference between Majors and Lieutenant Colonels full Batta was objected to in the Abstracts paid by Mr. Mardon, yet on the explanation forwarded, the difference between Majors and Lieutenant Colonels half Batta was given up, for the corresponding period.

The arrears charged on account of Major Chalmers appears to me correct and may in consequence be discharged by you.

I am &c.

(Signed) Edm. Sydenham

M. A. G.

True Copy

(Signed) P. Bruce

Dy. M. A. G.

Ordered

2488 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Order on the foregoing letter

Ordered that the Statement of Retrenchments against the late Military Paymaster at Fort St. George be returned to the Military Auditor General with the following reply to the foregoing Letter.-

To The Military Auditor General

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to return to you the Statement of Retrenchments against the late Military Paymaster of Fort St. George which was submitted with your Letter of the 13th January last.-

To the Military Auditor General, returning to him the Statement of Retrenchments against the late Military Paymaster of Fort St. George with observations on the charges therein specified, and directing him to submit a distinct account of the nature of those charges.

2. His Lordship in Council in proceeding upon those charges has allowed due weight to a consideration of the inconvenience which was experienced previously to the adoption of the system of requiring the Paymasters of His Majesty's Regiments to deposit security for the adjustment of any demands which might be ultimately decided against

against them, and to the precautions which appear to
have been adopted by the Military Paymaster for the
purpose of effecting an adjustment of the accounts of
His Majestys 10th. and 36th. Regiments previously
to the departure of those Corps from this Presidency;
and as His Lordship in Council has not considered it
to be just that the Paymaster should be held responsi-
ble for loss in such appears to have been produced by
the exigence of the public service, His Lordship has
been in general pleased to extend a favorable consider-
ation to the claims of the Paymaster to be relieved
from the Demands on account of Disbursements made
to Officers of those Corps contrary to the Regulations
of the public Service.-

3. It being the intention however
of the Governor in Council to submit the subject
to the Honorable the Court of Directors in order
that measures may if practicable be taken for
recovering the amount of the charges in England,
I am directed to desire that you will lay
before

2490

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

before His Lordship in Council a distinct account of the nature of the respective charges, with the explanations which have been stated regarding them for the information of the Honorable Court.

Fort St. George
7th June 1803.

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

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

My Lord,

Major John Reid of the 1st B.m

From the statistory stating that Major Reid has applied for permission to draw the difference between half and full Batta for the period of his detention by ill health at Penang to his arrival at this Presidency. Submits documents on the subject and requests the instructions of Government for his guidance. Recommends that the allowance of 10 Pagodas pr month may be granted to the Paymaster at Palamcotah for

11th Regiment Native Infantry, who previous to his quitting the Presidency in April last, made application to be permitted to draw the difference between half and full Batta for the period he was detained by sickness at Prince of Wales's Island viz. from the 4th June 1802 the date of his arrival on that Island, from Amboyna, until he landed at this Presidency, on the 5th March last, but which was objected to because no document was produced

2491 Fort St. George 7th. June 1803 260

for two Conicoplies employed by that officer

produced by him going to prove the State of his health,
during such detention; he has now forwarded to me
the Certificate of Captain Blofield, who accompanied
him from Amboyna to Pulo-Penang, stating for the
State of his health at the time he landed on that Island,
which Document I have the honor to lay before your
Lordship together with a Note of the Surgeons on that
Island, addressed to Major Reid, and to solicit
your Lordships instructions whether these Documents
appear to be in themselves sufficient to warrant the
payment of the Difference of Batta claimed by that
Officer, and which amounts to Pagodas Six hundred
and Sixty five, Two hundred and Sixty seven fanams
and Sixty three Cash (Pd 665. 25 f. 63 c.

Mr. Wetherall, the Paymaster

2

at Palamcotta has solicited permission to include in
his accounts an additional Sum of Pagodas Ten
(10) p.M Month being pay to Two Conicoplies employed
at his Head Quarters, and at Madura, making
family payments which being moderate and only

to

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

to continue during the time payments are made to families
I beg leave to recommend that he be permitted to make
the Monthly charge he so lately.-

My. Asst. Genl. Office
Fort St. George 2d. June 1803.

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

I do hereby Certify that Major John Reid sailed in the same Ship with me from Timboyna, on the 25th. of April 1802. That during the whole of the passage he was extremely ill, and that he continued so for some time after our arrival at Penang which was on the 4th. of June 1802, I further recollect Mr. Hutton the Surgeon of that Station giving it as his opinion that, it was necessary for Major Reid to recover his health previous to his re-embarking on Board Ship, and when I embarked on Board Ship Major Reid was in bad State of health I declare on my honor (in my opinion) Major Reid was not in a State to undertake a Voyage when I left Penang

(Signed)

2493 Fort St. George 7th June 1803. 261

Camp Hydrabad
13th May 1803.

(Signed) J. D. Blosfeld
Captain 2d Bn 5th Regiment

Dear Sir,

I send you a Dozen purging pills,
2 Dozens Rhubarb 2 Emeta, some Cream Tart some
Spirits of Nitre, and a little oil of Peppermint, which
I hope will be sufficient till you arrive at Bengal
I have no tincture of Mynat else would have sent
you some, I have laid up these 10 Weeks with a bonce
sore, or should have done myself the pleasure of calling
on you. I wish you better health, and a safe passage
and am.

Yrs. &c.

(Signed) D. Hamilton.

13th October

Resolutions on the foregoing Letter.

The Board being desirous
with the reasons submitted by Major Johnson
Resd for his detention at Prince of Wales's
Island; Resolved that the Military Auditor
General be directed to authorize the payment
of Pagodas 665. 257. 43. to that Officer being
the difference between full and half Batta
for

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

for the period during which he was detained at that place.

Resolved to authorize the temporary increase to the Establishment of the Paymaster at Palamcottah, amounting to Ten Pagodas Monthly recommended by the Military Auditor General—

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord,

In my letter under date the 19th April last, I recommended that the Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions serving with the Detachment headed by the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army, should be permitted to Indent on the Stores for Two Marquees for the Honorable Lt. Gl. D.K. Murray. Lt. Murray has however informed me supported by Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel A. Campbell that there are no Tents in Store but that he has furnished one Marquee and one Private Tent on account

From the Military Auditor General recommending that Lt. Murray may be permitted to draw Monthly allowance of 10 Ps 2 Ps on account of Two Marquees and a private Tent during his attendance with the Detachment serving in the Northern Division

of his department, for which he solicits Monthly payment, I beg therefore to recommend that Mr. Murray may be permitted to draw Pagodas Eighteen (18) Monthly for the Margues, and Pagodas six and Twenty one Fanams. (6. 21. -) on account of the Private Tent. the Sums allowed by the Regulations for the Tents of the above description. -

I have the honor &c.

Mily Auds. Genls. Office
Fort St. George 7th. June 1803. (Signed) J. Brunton
M. A. G.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved to permit the Honorable Mr. Murray to draw a Monthly allowance of eighteen Pagodas for a Margue, and of Six Pagodas and Twenty One Fanams for a Private Tent for the use of his department as Paymaster with the force serving in the field under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell. -

Read the following Letters from the Military Paymaster General. -

To

2496 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

To The Chief Secretary of Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I request that you will be pleased to lay the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Captain Paymaster Shaw before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, &c, in answer to a circular Letter to the Subordinate Paymasters for a prompt and punctual transmission of their accounts for the last Official year ending the 30th April, from which it appears that in the transmission of the Army accounts a delay is unavoidable.

From the Military Paymaster General - Submitting Copy of a letter from Captain Shaw stating the unavoidable delay in the transmission of his accounts

I have the honor &c.

Fort St. George
28th May 1803.

(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

To The Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant,

and

Fort St. George 7th June 1803 213

and to inform you, that it will not be possible for me to forward my accounts to you within the time you have specified, the making up of them depending upon my receiving the accounts of the Deputy Paymaster with Major General Wellesley's Division, which for obvious reasons, cannot be transmitted to me, so as to enable me to comply with your wishes.-

(Signed) W. Shaw
late Paymaster Army

Camp
18th May 1803.

True Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G

To The Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I request you will be pleased to lay the accompanying Copies of Two Letters from Mr. Paymaster Richardson before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and I have only to add that

From the Military Paymaster General. Submitting Copies of Letters from the Paymaster Richardson, and stating that

do

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

so long as the causes mentions by that Gentleman expects delay in the transmission of his accounts will be experienced.

so long as the causes adduced by Mr. Richardson exist a delay in the transmission of the public accounts will be experienced.

Fort St. George
30th May 1803.

Sam Yea

(Signed) B. Roebuck

M. P. G.

Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

It is with much concern I am necessitated to apply to Government through you for an extension of the time allowed me by the Regulations for the transmission of my annual accounts, as the causes of delay in this matter, detailed in the letter I had the honor of addressing to you under date 26th February still exist; and will I much fear, continue to do so as long as the Troops remain in the field. Indeed the impossibility of sending money to these Troops owing to the rapidity and secrecy of their movements would of course prevent my sending the disbursements

Disbursements of the present Month to your
Office by the fifteenth of next Month, even if I
had no arrears to make up. - I am much concerned
to add, that it is not at present in my power to
state with any degree of accuracy the period when
the disbursements of this month can be despatched
from this, but I have but too much reason to
fear my utmost exertions will not enable me to
effect it, till the latter part of June or the
beginning of July. -

It was only in the latter part
of last Month that I had it in my power to
make even a partial Settlement of the accounts
of the 2d Battalion of 5th Bombay Regiment
Native Infantry owing to their continual
movements, and those of my detachment in the
field; and the accounts of the 1st Battalion 4th
Bombay Regiment still continue unsettled for
the same reasons - I could not make any more
than a partial Settlement as there were some
advances

2500

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

advances of Cash and Issues of Provisions made to particular Companies of the Battalion that were absent from the main Body of it, who were consequently ignorant of the amount of those advances and Issues, and the continual movements of the Troops in the field has hitherto rendered it impossible for my Department there to send me accurate accounts of advances and Issues. And that effect will I fear continue till the Troops move into Quarters for the rains, which I have but too much reason to apprehend will not take place earlier than the 20th of this Month. Under these circumstances I flatter myself with the hope that my delays in the transmission of my accounts may be pardoned.

I have the Honor &c.

(Signed) Wm Richardson

Military Paymaster

Military Pay Office
Tellicherry
16th May 1803

True Copy
(Signed) D. Roebuck
M. P. G.
Military

2501

Fort St. George 7th. June 1803.

265

Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your circular letter of the 4th. instant I beg leave to acquaint you I have anticipated the wishes expressed in it by addressing a Letter to you yesterday on that subject.

I am sorry to find there omitted to remark the time for which the 1st. Battalion of the 4th. and the 2d. Battalion of the 5th. Regiments of Bombay Native Infantry were in arrears, and the reason of their being so; on the first point, I beg leave to observe the last pay and allowances either of these Corps received with the exception of the partial settlement made lately to the 2d. Battalion of the 5th. Regiment which was up to Pay for April and allowances for March which is alluded to in my letter of yesterday / was pay for November and allowances for

2502

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

for October. The reason of the delay in succeeding Months was the absence of these Corps from the Miami Bay of the detachment under Colonel Montresors orders and the impossibility of my having persons fit for such a trust with small detachments. Of this truth I was soon convinced by the difficulty I experienced in getting the persons receiving my Departments in the Field. This difficulty must be imputed to the great aversion all the Natives worthy of trust have to quitting their places of residence at any time, and that aversion is of course still stronger in times of Danger like the present.

Military Pay Office
Fellicherry 17th May 1803.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) Wm. Richardson
Military Paymaster

P. S. Your Letter of the 4th is this day received.

(True Copy) (Signed) W. R.
(Signed) D. Roebuck
M. P. G.

under

2503

Minutes thereon.

Fort St. George 7th. June 1803

266

Under the States circumstances the Board are disposed to make some allowance for the delay of the Paymaster with the Army in the Field and of the Paymaster in Malabar in the transmission of their accounts to the Presidency; provided that the transmission of the accounts shall not be protracted beyond a reasonable period.—

Resolved therefore that the Military Paymaster General be instructed to impress on the minds of those Paymasters the importance attached by the Board to the regular performance of that part of their duty; and as the Paymaster in Malabar has given former cause for reprehension; Resolved that the Military Paymaster General be directed to warn that Gentleman in a particular manner of the consequences of unnecessary procrastination.

Read the following Letters from the Officer Commanding the Northern Division

2504

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Division of the Army.-

To The Chief Secretary to Government &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army. Reporting his arrival with the Ganjam District with the field detachment under his Command and stating the measures which he means to adopt for reducing to obedience several petty Zemindars who are at present in a state of insubordination.

I am to request you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I entered the Ganjam District a few days ago with the field detachment under my Command.-

I have had an interview with Mr. Collector Cherry at this place and although by the information received from him, it appears that several petty Zemindars are at present in a state of insubordination, yet as they remain tranquil, and commit no depredations, it is not my intention, to attempt reducing them to a due state of obedience at this season, deeming it more prudent rather to temporize with them under present circumstances and wait a more favorable opportunity of crushing their rebellious spirit.-

I

2505 Fort St. George 7th June 1803 267

I have reason to believe the presence of the detachment has facilitated the Current collections, and as it will not be necessary for me to remain here later than the end of this month, it is my intention after viewing the different Military Stations in the Province to move towards Chicacole which is the most central situation in the Division.

I have the honor &c.

Camp Barriampore
22d May 1803.

(Signed) A. Campbell
Lt. Coll. Comg N. D. Army

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that on my arrival at Ganjam, I ordered a Committee consisting of one Field Officer and Two Captains to enquire into the manner in which Jaggernaut Bunge

Sheeked

From the officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army. stating that the escape of Jaggernaut Bunge must have been owing to the neglect or connivance of the Two Sentries who were posted over him, and that it is his intention

2506

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

intentions to order a Native General Court Martial for the trial of those Sentences.

Hectes his escape from confinement. From the report of this Committee, and from the observations I made on the Spot, it appears to me that the Officer Commanding at Gangam had taken every proper precautions for the safe custody of the Prisoner whose escape from a Guard of a Jemadar and Six Sepoys, must have been owing to the Neglect or connivance of the two Centries who were posted over him within the Room, and it is therefore my intention to order a Native General Court Martial to be assembled forthwith for the trial of the Two Men who were Centinels at the time Juggernaut Singe made his escape.-

I will not trouble his Lordship in Council with the Report of the Committee of Enquiry unless it should be required.

I have the honor &c.
Signed / A. Campbell
Lt. Colo. Comg. 1st. D. of Army
&c

Ganjam
27th. May 1803

2507

Fort St. George 7th. June 1803

268

The Board approve the proceedings reported in the foregoing Letter.—

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.—

To George Buchan Esqre.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 24th. Instant communicating the Right Honorable the Governor in Councils pleasure that I should transfer the house at the Cauvery Hope to the Senior Judge for the purpose of being appropriated to the use of the Court of Appeal and Circuit in the Southern Division, which I shall accordingly attend to and execute without delay.— I must however beg leave to observe that as the above house has uniformly been occupied by every Commanding Officer of Trichinopoly hitherto upon

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army. will comply with the orders of Government for appropriating to the use of the Court of Appeal and Circuit the house he now occupies at Cauvery Hope, requests to be reimbursed the Sum of Pagodas 588. 17. 20. the amount of repairs which he states to have been made by him to that house

2508

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Upon my arrival at this Station in that Capacity I consequently in the like manner went into it, but finding the same at the time (by various Effects) not scarcely habitable and in actual Danger of total Ruin, in order to render it otherwise and to preserve it from destruction, I immediately applied such Repairs as were necessary to these ends, and without which I think it probable at this period, the House might have been in too mouldering a State to occupy as a Quarter or to admit of being dispatched for any other purpose--

Having defrayed the Costs of the above Comprehensive Repairs amounting to Rs. 588. 1/5. 25 at my own private expence, I trust I may not be deemed Presuming, in now stating the same and likewise respectfully requesting that I may be reimbursed that amount, should it be the pleasure of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to think favorably of what I have here said upon the subject. The

Duty

Fort St. George 7th. June 1803. 269

Daily particular account of the expences regarding the repairs being now in my possession, the same can be easily examined and compared with the work done by any Committee should the like investigation be considered necessary.—

Trechinopoly
29th. May 1803.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) J. Paker
Coll. Comg. Trechinopoly

Resolutions thereon.—

Resolved that authority be given to the Collector at Trechinopoly for repaying to Colonel Paker the Sum of Pagodas 588. 17. 28. being the expence incurred by that Officer in repairing the house at Caukey Tope, recently appropriated to the use of the Court of Appeal and circuit in the Southern Division.—

Resolved that the Civil Auditor be directed to admit the charges in the public accounts under the head of "Judicial Charges."

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Vellore.—

D. Lee

2570

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

From the Officer Commanding at Vellore Submitting the proceedings of a Committee appointed to survey and report on the State of the Reservoir Tank and Cistern at Vellore with recommendatory observations on consequences

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the proceedings of a Committee ordered to survey and report upon the State of the Reservoir Tank and the Works by which the Fort of Vellore is supplied with water. a plan thereof with an Estimate of the expences also accompany this which I request you would have the Goodness to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

I beg leave to state for the information of his Lordship in Council that the hasting the Reservoir Tank and Cistern into a good State of Repair by deepening &c. as recommended by the Committee will prove of the utmost importance, as it is from thence alone, that the Garrison in case of a Siege can be supplied with good water, and at present is of infinite intricacy to the captives Princes and their Families, (who require immediate supplies of water for their use and comfort

2511 Fort St. George 7th June 1803.

270

independent of the Troops in Garrison.—

And I also beg leave to suggest that, as there is but little water just now in the Tank, this would be the properest time to set about the deepening and cleaning it and will be attended with much less expence than at any other Seasons.

All the Lascars which can be spared from the Stores are employed in cleaning the Ditch, of Weeds and grass- and repairing the Ramparts- a great part of which is in extreme bad condition- otherwise they would assist the Tank Diggers and lessen the expences to be incurred in the execution of the above works.-

(Signed) D. Campbell
Colonel Commanding

Vellore
1.st June 1803.

Proceedings

2512

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Proceedings of a Committee held at Vellore the 25th. Day of May 1803 by order of Colonel David Campbell Commanding &c Survey and report upon the State of the Reservoir, Tank, and the works by which the Fort of Vellore is supplied with Water.—

President Major Crawford. H. M. 33d. Regt.

Acting Comy. of Stores
Asst. 2d. Bn. 14th Regt. } Members { Captain of the Day
Actg. 2d. M. 33d. Regt.

The Committee Proceed to Examine the State of the reservoir Tank, and find that,

The Small primary Tank or Cistern, having been completely choaked up, to the level of the Bed of the supplying Nulla has occasioned the Sand brought down by the rains to be injected, along with the water into the large or Reservoir Tank.— This sand having accumulated for the space of Ten years (according to the report of the Honorable Company's Master Engineer) has formed a Bank which nearly occupies the whole of the S. E. quarter of the Tank.

&c

2513 Fort St. George 7th June 1803.

271

The Committee therefore recommend, first, that the Cistern, measuring Twenty Square yards, be deepened at least two yards, Secondly that in the S. E. Angle of the large Tank eight yards by eighty, be deepened at least one yard, and forty Square yards nearest the Said Angle (where the Sand Bank is highest) be deepened, or cut away at least two yards. — Firstly the Committee beg leave to suggest that, during the fall of the Grand periodical Rains, a few Lascars of the Garrison should be employed in banking up, and repairing the occasional Breaches made in the Banks of the supplying Nullas between the Foot of the range of Hills whence it commences and the place of its entrance into the Tank. -

The Guard of Sepoys posted to preserve cleanliness at the Tank having represented that there is neither Shed for their arms or cover for themselves against the weather, the Committee recommend

2514

Fort St. George 7th. June 1803

Recommend the propriety of erecting some temporary Building for the above purpose

(Signed) G. Crawford Major & Presidt

Thomas Marriott Captain acting Commissary of Stores

J. Lobb. Captain 33d Regt.

H. W. Wakefield Lt. & Adjt.

2d Bn. 14th Regiment

J. Bulkeley Lt. and acting Adjt. and Qr. Mr. 73d Regt.

Estimate of Expence to be incurred in cleaning the Reservoir and Cistern Tanks recommended by the Committee which sat on the 25th. May to report thereon.

Small or Cistern Tank

20 Yards Square & 2 Yards deep

20 X 20 X 2 = 200 Cubic Yards

ab

2515 Fort St. George 7th June 1803 272

at the Tank Diggers Estimate of 2 Sft ff Sq Rs. f. c.
Cubic Yards 1600 or ..... 35. 25.

Large or Reservoir Tank

80 Yds by 60 at 1 Yd in depth

80 x 60 = 4800 Cubic Yds @ 2 Fs. 9600 or 213. 15.

and S. E. Angle of 40 Yds by 60
to be deepened another yard.

40 x 40 = 1600 Cubic Yards at 2 Fs = 3200 or ... 71. 5.

Total Star Ps three
hundred and Twenty. } 320 " "

NB. The above includes damming off and draining
the water previously to the commencement of the work—

(Signed) D. Campbell
Coll Commanding

Resolved to authorize by a Direct
communication to the Officer Commanding at
Vellore the repairs required to the Reservoir
Tank and Cistern at that Station according to
the Estimate submitted by Colonel Campbell
and to apprize the Military Board of this
Resolution

Resolution on the foregoing letter & its Enclosures.

2516 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Resolution.

Read the following Letter from
Messrs Harington & Co.
To George Buchan Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

We enclose Copy of Demands
made by the Military Paymaster General
from Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neile consequent
of certain Retrenchments by the Auditor
General from his accounts as Commandant
at Pondicherry. as the Attorneys of Colonel
Mc Neile we enclose them to you but by
information since received from him we
understand that it was the intentions of his
Lordship in Council he should draw the allowances
alluded to. We request therefore you will
be pleased to submit the Matter to his
Lordship in Council and we hope his Lordship
will pass an order for the Reimbursement of
the

From messrs Harington Burnaby and Cockburn requesting that the amount of Retrenchments made in the accounts of Lieut. Colonel Mc Neil may be reimbursed to them as attornies to that officer—

2517 Fort St. George 7th June 1803. 273

the amount with Interest thereon from the Dates

of Payment.-

Fort St. George

31st May 1803.

We have the Honor &c.

Signed Harington Burnaby & Lockburn

Messrs. Harington Burnaby & Lockburn

Securities for Lieut. Colo. Mc. Neale

Gentlemen

The Bearer will deliver

you a Letter accompanied with a List of

Retrenchment for Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neale

together with my Receipt at the foot thereof for

Pagodas 364. 33. 20. handed to me by Mr. Skardon

Late Paymaster Vellore, I have to request

you will be pleased to order payment of the

amount to the Bearer.-

Fort St. George

26th November 1805

I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Military Paymaster

General.

Lieutenant

258 Fort St. George 7th June 1803.

Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile

Late Commandant of Pondicherry

Sir,

I have the honor to send you a Military Auditor Generals Remarks on your charges in the Month of August 1802 and to request that you will pay the amount Star Pagodas 364. 33. 20 into the hands of the Paymaster wherever you are stationed.

I have the pleasure to inform you that due regard will be paid on transmit to such further authorities as you may have to produce in support of the charges retrenched, provided you transmit to me your replies stating on the back of the retrenchment within one Month after receipt of this, which if deemed sufficient, I shall be enabled to return the Money now directed to be refunded.

I have further to acquaint you that the Auditor General does not consider himself empowered to receive any replies after the above prescribed period Unless a very satisfactory reason shall be assigned for

2579 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

274

for the delay.

Vellore

18th November 1801.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) J. H. Skardon

Paymaster

Extract of Military Auditor Generals retrenchments on Vellore
&c. Paymasters accounts for August 1801

Pondicherry
Cantonment Staff

170 & 175. There is entered Table allowance and the difference between half and full Batta to Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile Commanding the Garrison from 5th June to 31st July 1801 Pagodas . . . . . 364. 33. 20.

The Table allowance and the difference between half and full Batta are considered inadmissible as Lieutenant Colo. Mc. Neile had not joined and consequently could not command the Station. 364. 33. 20

A True Extract Pagodas 364. 33 20

(Signed) J. H. S. Payr.

Received from Messrs. Harington, Burnaby Hockley the Sum of three hundred and sixty four Pagodas, Thirty three Fanams and Twenty Cash being the amount of Retrenchment against Lieut. Colo. Mc. Neile made from the Disbursements of Mr. Paymaster Skardon.

Fort St. George
26th Novr. 1803

(Signed B. Roebuck
M. P. G.
Messrs.

2520. Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Messrs Harington, Burnaby & Lockburn

Securities for Lieutenant Colo. Mc. Neale

Gentlemen,

I herewith send you a Letter accompanied with a List of Retrenchments for Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neale amounting to Star Pagodas 196. 36. 60 handed to me by Mr. Skardon late Paymaster at Vellore Duty requests for the above Sum you will observe at the foot of the Retrenchments. And I have to request you will be pleased to order payment to the bearer Sure of.

Fort St. George
4th. January 1802.

I am &c.
(Signed) B. Roebuck
A. P. G.

Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neale

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Military Auditor Generals Remarks on your charges in the Month of September 1802, and to request that you will pay the amount Star

2521

Fort St. George 7th. June 1803.

275

Pagodas 196. 36. 60. into the hands of the Paymaster where you are Stationed. -

I have the pleasure to inform you that due regard will be paid on receipt to such further authorities as you may have to produce in support of the charges Retrenched provided you transmit to me your replies stated on the back of the retrenchment within one Month after receipt of this which if deemed sufficient I shall be enables to return the Money now directed to be refunded. -

I have further to acquaint you that the Auditor General does not consider himself empowered to receive any replies after the above prescribed period unless a very satisfactory reason shall be assigned for the delay. -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. H. Harbon

Paymaster

Extract

Madras

30th. December 1803

2572 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Extract of Military Auditor Generals Retrenchments on Vellore &c. Paymasters Accounts for September 1802

Pondicherry

Cantonment Staff

188 There is entered Table allowance of the difference between half and full Batta to Lt. Col. Mc Neile Commanding the Garrison for August Pagodas 196. 36. 60

The Table allowance of the difference between half and full Batta are considered inadmissible as Lt. Col. Mc Neile had not joined and consequently could not command the Garrison 196. 36. 60

Pags 196. 36. 60

A True Extract
(Signed) J. H. Harrison Paymaster

Received the above Sum of Pagodas one Hundred and Ninety Six & Fanams Thirty Six & Cash Sixty
M. P. G. Office
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Fort St. George
11th January 1802.

As

2523 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

276

Resolution & order thereon.

As a further mark of their approbation of the conduct of Lieutenant Colo. Mc. Neile in the execution of the important service on which that Officer was employed at the Presidency previously to his embarkation for England.

Resolved to admit his claim to the allowance of Table Money attached to the command of Pondicherry, provided that the same allowance shall not have been paid at the same time to any other Officer.-

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be apprized of the foregoing Resolution.-

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Chase Chenmery and Mc. Dowall.-

To

2524. Fort St. George 7th June 1803

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

From Colo. Chauncy an Clan, Chumrayan & Mr. Donall stating that Mr. T. Lloyd officiates by the orders of Colo. Oliver as Chaplain at Tumbaycum from the 17th January to the 7th July 1802, without receiving any public allowance - they request the favorable consideration of Government for the services of Mr. Lloyd and inclose a certificate of his conduct &c. from Colo. Oliver.

I have been apprized by Colonel Oliver of the situation to which Mr Thomas Lloyd has been nominated by him as Chaplain at Tumbaycum, but without any public allowances until your Lordship in Council should be pleased to order them.

We take the liberty of Mr Lloyd's desire to prefer his claim in this respect, and while he so officiates from the 17th January until the 7th July 1802 to the notice of your Lordship in Council, and shall hope that the accompanying Certificate which Colonel Oliver has furnished, in testimony of Mr. Lloyds Character and Services, may ensure him your Lordships favorable determination

to honour

2525 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

277

whenever the reference may be decided upon.

Fort St. George
1st June 1803.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships Most
Obedient Servants
(Signed) Chase, Chinnery & Mc Dowall

Mr. Thomas Lloyd has officiated by my desire and appointment as Chaplain at Amboyna from the 17th January 1802 to the 7th July 1802 - during which time he received no pay, neither allowance of any kind -

In justice to him I declare that he conducted himself upon all occasions with the greatest propriety, and performed the sacred duties he was engaged in, with great decorum and the utmost propriety.

Given under my hand
at Amboyna in Fort Victoria 7th
July

2526 Fort St. George 7th June 1803

July 1802.

(Signed) A. Oliver
Colonel Commanding at the
Moluccas.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved to grant to Mr. Sloys the Staff allowance of an Assistant for the period for which he appears by the Certificate submitted in the foregoing Letter to have officiated as a Chaplain at Amboyna.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

From the Asst. Commissary General Chinnery and Mr. Duvall submitting for the sanction of Government their Accounts for allowances to His Majesty's Squadron on this India. -

The Demands exhibited on the accompanying papers being allowances to His Majesty's Squadron in India, have already obtained the separate sanction of Government, but in conformity with application from the Military Paymaster General and to him through the department of the Military Secretary

General

2527 Fort St. George 7.th June 1803 278

General we take leave to transmit them to
you that they may receive your official —
signature agreeably to the Extract of Retrenchments
from Colonel Brunton's office.

We shall in future attend to
this arrangement, in the mean while we request
the favor that the needful be done with the
enclosed Indent &c.

Dated 1.st March 1803. 529. 50. 60

" 59. 1. 10

1 June 1803 .... 1093. 119. "

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servants
(Signed) Chas Chunnery J.s M.c Dowall

Madras
6.th June 1803.

Ordered that the —
Order thereon.
Military Auditor General be directed
to authorize the payment of the Bill
presented by Messrs Chas Chunnery and
MacDouall

2528

Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Mac Dowall, if correct, and proved that the amount shall not have been drawn at another Presidency.-

" Blair.

Ex.d W. Strange

" W.m Petrie

" John Chamier

2529

Fort St. George — June 1803

279

Diary

8th Received the following Letters. —

To G. Buchan Esqre

Secretary to the Government in the

Military Department at

Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of your letter of the

16th Ultimo, the Military Paymaster General

having been directed to report whether any payments

had been made on account of Mr. Burchés pension,

I am directed by His Excellency the Most —

Noble the Governor General in Council, to transmit

to you for the information of the Right Honorable

the Governor in Council the enclosed Copy —

of a letter from the Military Paymaster

General on the subject, from which His

Lordship in Council will perceive that

Mr.

From the Secretary at Fort William — acquainting that Mr. Burchés pension has been regularly paid at Calcutta from February 1796, to April 1803, and enclosing a letter on the subject from the Military Paymaster General at that Presidency

Fort St. George June 1803

8

Mr. Barretts Pension has been regularly paid to him at this Presidency from the 1st. of February 1798 to the 30th. of April 1803

Fort William
12th. May 1803

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) L. Hook
Secretary to Government
Military Department

To Captain L. Hook
Secretary to the Government
Military Department

Sir,

In conformity to the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council contained in your Letter of the 8th. Instant I have the

honor

2531

Fort St. George - June 1803.

28

8

honor to report that in consequence of the orders of the Governor General in Council communicated by you under date the 13th. March 1798 Mr. J. Burnett assistant Surgeon of the Madras Establishment has received from this office the Monthly Pension of Twenty Star Pagodas or Sonat Rupees Sixty four (St. Rupees 64) at the exchange of three hundred and Twenty Sonat Rupees (St. Rs. 320) for 100 Star Pagodas from 1st. February 1798 to 30th. April 1803. inclusive.

I am &c.

(Signd) J. Mackenzie

Mily Pay. General

Fort. St. Geo.

10th. May 1803.

A True Copy

(Signed) L. Hook

Secy. to Government

Medical

2532 Fort St. George - June 1813.

8

From the Med.l Bd. submitting a Return of the Sick in the Army for the Month of March, and of Patients vaccinated at different stations under this Presidency in April.-

Medical Board
31st May 1813

The Medical Board

have herewith the honor to transmit agreeably to the existing Regulations the Monthly Return of the Sick of the Army for the Month of March.

They have also the honor to forward a General Return of Patients Vaccinated at the different Stations under this Presidency during the Month of April.-

(Signed) D. Anderson
Physician Genl.

T. Gahagan M.D.
2d Member Med.l Bd.

Jno.s Mein
3d Member Med.l Bd.

2533 Fort St. George — June 1803 281

General Return of Inhabitants Vaccinated at the Presidency & different out Stations during the Month of April 1803

Stations	Names.	Europeans Males	Europeans Females	Half Cast Males	Half Cast Females	Mahomedans Males	Mahomedans Females	Gentoos Males	Gentoos Females	Malabars Males	Malabars Females	Brinjaries Males	Brinjaries Females	Parials Males	Parials Females	Portuguese Males	Portuguese Females	Canary	Total
	Superintendant	"	"	7	3	18	11	255.	516.	320.	329.	7	20.	30	150	9	13.	18.	"	"	2583.
Presidency	Native Practitioners	"	"	"	"	"	"	5.	4	3.	2	6	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	23
Cuddalore	Mr. Surgeon Duncan	"	2.	8.	7.	2	1.	"	"	"	1	"	"	10	7.	"	"	"	"	"	38
Arnee	Mr. Surgeon Dalton	"	"	"	"	2	1.	16	10	196.	77.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	304
Trepassore	Mr. Surgeon Pitcher	"	"	"	"	"	"	44	39.	11	9.	"	"	31	"	"	"	"	"	"	110
Pennamalle	Mr. Assr. Surgeon Mc. Intosh	7.	3	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	14
Nellore	Mr. Assr. Surgeon Stuart	1	3.	"	1	43.	22.	54	20.	"	"	21.	11	5.	7	1.	"	"	"	"	192
Vellaud	Mr. Assr. Surgeon Coats	"	"	"	"	23.	15.	98.	70.	"	"	9	9	8.	6	12.	9	"	"	"	264
Seringapatam	Mr. Assr. Surgeon Dove	"	"	2	1.	9	2.	"	"	"	"	16.	8.	16.	8	"	"	44	34.	140
Tellicherry	Mr. Supg. Surgeon & Militia	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	12.	8	"	"	"	"	22
Cochin	Mr. Surgeon Dingwall	"	"	"	"	9	2	7	7	"	"	"	"	16	9	4	1	"	"	"	36.
S. D. Malabar	Mr. Surgn. Mack	"	"	"	"	19	3	31	16	77	33	8.	16	88	54	"	"	"	"	"	345
Mahe -	Mr. Assr. Surgeon Morgan	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	13.	11	4	"	"	27
	Total	8	8	19	12	160	90	516.	682	610.	645.	67.	54.	362	542	133.	97.	57.	35.	4098
	Revisited the effects of variolous virus doubly inserted at the vaccine Hospital Presidency																				12

Fort St. George
Medical Board office
30th May 1803

(Signed) J. Anderson
Physician General
" T. Gahagan M.D
Jr. Member Medical Board
" A. Meeni
Jr. Member Med. Board.

Extract

2534

Fort St. George 2 June 1803

8

Extract from the Minutes of Council Dated 7th June 1803.

Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Revenue Department a Letter to be addressed to the Commander in Chief requesting him to permit Mr. Cochrane to proceed to the Southern Districts so soon as his services can be dispensed with.

Read the following Letter from the Collector in the Ceded Districts.

Vizagapatam 2d

It being of importance that Mr. Cochrane should proceed to take upon him the duties of the situation to which he has been appointed in the Southern Districts, Resolved that a letter be addressed to the Commander in Chief requesting he will permit Mr. Cochrane to leave the Army for that purpose so soon as his services can be dispensed with without material inconvenience to the arrangements of the Commander in Chief.

(A True Extract)

(Signed) E. Greenway

Secy to Govt: Ct. D.

Received the following Letters entered in Ct. BD. Nos 15. 16.

From

7

From Majr. Colt Baker Hard

H.C. Requesting that the customary allowances

Thom. Majrs Colt Baker, Hard & C.

may be paid to Captain Heywood of H. M. Ship

La Dedaigneuse for the accommodation of five

Officers who came in that Ship from Amboyna.

From Majrs Abbott & Maitland-

Requesting that an Escorty may be given to the

From Majrs Abbott & Maitland

Collector of Government Customs for passing 50

Muskets required for the defence of their Ships-

Received the following Letter

9th

To The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you

From the Actg Adjt Genl of the Army submitting for the decision of Government a letter from the Senior Engineer respecting the Rank of officers lately promoted in that Corps-

by desire of Major General Smith, a Letter

addressed to him by the Senior Engineer at this

Presidency respecting an alteration necessary

to be made in the Date of Rank of Officers

lately promoted in that Corps, as stated in his

Letter and which Major General Smith

requests you will be pleased to submit to the

9

the consideration and decision of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.-

Adjutant Generals office
9th June 1803

I have the honor &c
(Signed) D. Boles
Actg. Asstt. Adjt. General

To Major General Smith
&c &c &c

Sir,

I beg leave to point out to you the following inversion of rank which has taken place in the Corps of Engineers in consequence of Major General Gents resignation being announced subsequently to the death of Captain Forrest, which took place Two Months before that melancholy event.-

By General Orders 16th October 1802, the three Senior Officers of each rank were promoted on the death of Captain Forrest

Captain

2537

Fort St. George ~ June 1803

283

3 Captain E. Caldwell to be Capt.ⁿ. Date of rank 14.th Oct.r 1802

Lieutenant De Havilland to ~ } do. ... do.

be Captain Lieutenant ...

Ensign Ravenshaw to be Lieut.t do. do.

1803. on the resignation of General Gent, the

3 next Officers were promoted. ~

Captain Lt. Blair to be Capt.n. Date of rank 12.th Augt 1802

Lt. Colgrave to be Captain Lt. ... do do.

Ensign Arthur to be Lieut.t. ... do do.

Which places these 3 last above

their Seniors. ~

I shall be obliged to you if

you will be so good as to get this rectified. ~

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) E. Kaspard.

Lt. Colt. S. E.

6

Sent the following Letters

To

Engineers Office

5th June 1803.

2538 Fort St. George - June 1803

To Lieutenant General Stuart

Commander in Chief

Sir,

Para 1 I have the honor to inform your

To the Commander in Chief. Requesting that Mr. Cochrane may be permitted to proceed to his situation in the Southern Districts, so soon as his services can be dispensed with without material inconvenience to the arrangements of the Army. -

that the Principal Collector in the Ceded Districts has submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a Copy of the letter addressed by your Secretary to Mr. James Cochrane on the 20th Ultimo. -

2 His Lordship in Council would regret that the departure of Mr. Cochrane should be productive of embarrassment in the important Department in which he has been employed under your Orders, but it being material that he should proceed to perform the Duties of the Situation to which he has been recently appointed in the Southern Districts as soon as may be possible, The Governor in Council directs me to request that you will permit Mr. Cochrane to leave the

Fort St. George ~ June 1803

9

the Army for that purpose, so soon as you may be enabled to dispense with his services without material inconvenience to the arrangements of the Army. -

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) G. Strachey

Secy to Government &c. &c.

Fort St. George

9th June 1803.

To The Acting President &c. Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen,

Para. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d Ultimo. -

2 His Lordship in Council approves the Orders which you have given for the purchase of a quantity of Salt provisions, and I am directed to desire that the proportion which you have succeeded may be delivered to the Naval Contractor for the service of His Majestys Squadron in Conformity to the application

To the Military Board. The orders which they have given for the purchase of Salt provisions for the use of His Majestys Squadron in conformity to the application of the Governor in Council at Bombay approved, - instructions on consequence to authorize the repairs required to the Hospital at Trincomaly - observation on the appointment of the late Chief Engineer - the payment of Bills and advances

Fort St. George - June 1803

advances of money recommended by them has been authorized - Enclose sundry papers relative to the repair of the Sank and Pattoon at Vellore, and directing that the execution of that work may take place without delay. -

9

Application of the Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay, and that the Remainder of the Necessity of Provisions stand from the Stores at Bombay may be replaced from

practicable..

3 His Lordship in Council

desires that authority may be given for the execution of the repairs required to the Hospital at Trichinopoly..

4 His Lordship in Council deems it to be unnecessary at this late period of time to go into a further detailed consideration of the Comparative advantage which may have attended the construction of public Works under the Superintendence of the late Civil Engineer or of the Executive Officers of the Corps of Engineers at present employed under the orders of the Military Board. His Lordship in Council deems it to be sufficient that the object which the appointment of

9

of Civil Engineer was chiefly calculated to produce
has been attained, and that a degree of attention
is now shewn in the disbursement of the
public Money in the execution of works which
did not before exist — His Lordship in Council
is satisfied that the advantage of that Reform
may be ascribed in a great degree to the institution
of the office of Civil Engineer, at the same
time the Governor in Council considers a just
share of credit to be due to the Military —
Board and to the Officers of Engineers now
employed in the superintendence of public —
works for the improvement which has been
effected, and for the attention to economy and
efficient control which His Lordship in Council
trusts will now be observed in the execution of
all works under this Presidency —

I am directed to acquaint you
5. that His Lordship in Council has authorized
the payment of the Bills and advances of money
recommended

Fort St. George - June 1803

9

recommended in your letter.

6 I am directed to furnish for your information the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at Bellore, together with the original plan, transmitted by him, of the Tank and Cistern recommended to be Repaired, and I have the honor to furnish you with a Copy of the Reply, which has been transmitted to Colonel Campbell by order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, as His Lordship in Council has deemed it to be expedient that no delay should take place in the execution of the work recommended by that Officer.

Fort St. George
9th June 1803

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) G. Strachey
Secretary to Government &c.

To The Auditor General

Sir

Para 1 I am directed to acknowledge

To the Military Auditor

the receipt of your Letters of the 3d and 4th Instant

2543 Fort St. George 2 June 1803

286

Auditor General authorizing the payment to Major A. Read of Pagodas 665. 25 f. 43. being the difference between full and half Batta for the period of his detention at Prince of Wales's Island, and of the temporary increase of Pay to Commissaries to the establishment of the Paymaster at Balasore taken after Murray permitted to draw the Monthly allowance of Pags 25. 25. for a Marquee and Private Tent during his attendance with the Army serving in the Northern Division the Bills and advances of money recommended in an enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board authorizes—Copies of which have &c. and the Governor in Council has been given for complying with the applications they contain—

By Instant.

1 The Governor in Council being satisfied from the Vouchers furnished by Major A. Read respecting the cause of his detention at Prince of Wales's Island that it was unavoidable, I am directed to desire that you will authorize the payment to that Officer of Pagodas 665. 25 f. 43. being the difference between full and half Batta for the period during which he was detained at that place.—

2 His Lordship in Council is pleased to authorize the Temporary increase which you have recommended to the Establishment of the Paymaster at Balasore Rank, amounting to Ten Pagodas Monthly.—

3 His Lordship in Council is pleased to permit the Honorable Major Murray to draw the Monthly allowance of Eighteen Pagodas for a Marquee and of Six Pagodas and Twenty one Fanams for

2544 Fort St. George June 1803

9 for a private Seal for the use of his Department as Paymaster with the force serving in the Field under the Command of Lieut. Colonel Campbell.-

5 The Governor in Council directs me to desire that you will authorize the pay in aid of the Bills and advances of money recommended in the enclosed Extract from a Letter from the Military Board.-

6 I am the Honor to enclose for your information and guidance Copies of Letters from Messrs. Chase Chauncey and Mr. Donald and from Messrs. Harington, Burnaby and Cockburne; and I am directed to acquaint you with respect to the first application that his Lordship in Council has been pleased to resolve that an allowance equal to the Staff pay of an Adjutant shall be granted to Mr. Loys during the period of time that he officiated as Staff Paymaster at Amboyna.-

2545 Fort St. George ~ June 1803

287

9 As a farther mark of the
approbation of His Lordship in Council of the
conduct of Lieutenant Colo. McNeile in the
execution of the important Service on which that
Officer was employed at this Presidency previously
to his embarkation for England, His Lordship in
Council is pleased to desire that his claim to
the allowance of Table Money attached to the
Command of Pondicherry may be admitted,
provided that the same allowance was not paid
at the same time to any other Officer.-

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) G. Strachey
Secretary to Govt. M.D.

To The Military Paymaster General

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letters of the 28th and 30th
ultimo.- ylss

To the Military Paymaster General directing him to enforce by the paymasters with the Army the

the Field and the Paymaster in Malabar with the importance which attaches to the regular transmission of their accounts, - the latter Officer warned of the consequences of unnecessary procrastination. -

2 His Lordship in Council is disposed to make allowance under the circumstances stated in these Letters for delay on the part of the Paymaster in Malabar in the transmission of their accounts, provided that the delay is not protracted beyond what may be judged a reasonable time for that purpose. His Lordship in Council desires therefore that you will impress on the minds of the Paymasters the importance attached by His Lordship in Council to that object and from the cause for forbearance which has before occurred on account of delay on the part of the Paymaster in Malabar in the preparation of the accounts of his Department, the Governor in Council desires that you will warn that Officer in a particular manner of the consequences of unnecessary procrastination.

Sirs

2547 Fort St. George 9th June 1803

2 Ks

Fort St. George
9th. June 1803.

Sam &c.

(Signed) G. Strachey
Secretary to Govt. ck. D

To Majr. Genl. Harrington Burnaby & Cochburne
Gentlemen

In reply to your Letter of the
30th. Ultimo I am directed to inform you that
the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, has
been pleased to authorize the Secretary Auditor Genral
conditionally to remit the retrenchments eg.amt
Lieutenant Colo. Mc. Neale on account of Table
Allowance drawn by that Officer, while appointed
to Command the Station of Pondicherry as a
further mark of the approbation of His Lordship
in Council of the Conduct of Lieutenant Colo.
Mc. Neale in the execution of the important
Duty on which that Officer was employed at
this Presidency previously to his embarkation
for England.

Sam

To Majr. Genl. Harrington &c. acquainting them that the Retrenchments against Lieut. Colo. Mc. Neale on account of Table allowance drawn by that Officer during the time he commanded at Pondicherry have been authorized

2548 Fort St. George June 1803

Fort St. George
9th June 1803.

Sam Hoe

(Signed) G. Strachey
Secretary to Govt. &c. &c.

To The Officer Commanding
Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th Ultimo and to inform you that the Collector at Tricheenopoly has been authorized to repay to you on your application the Sum of Star Pagodas 588. 17. 21. being the amount of the expence stated by you to have been incurred in repairing the house at Caukey Tope, for which His Lordship in Council has directed the same to be appropriated to the purposes of the public service.

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army. acquainting him that the Collector of Trichinopoly has been directed to repay to him the Sum of Pr. 588 17.21 for the expence in repairing the House at Caukey Tope

Fort St. George
9th June 1803.

Sam Hoe

(Signed) G. Strachey
Secretary to Govt. &c. &c.

2549

Fort St. George 9th June 1803.

289

To Lieutenant Colo E. Frazer

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs me to inform you that the request preferred in your letter of the 27th ultimo for permission to draw the pay and allowances of a Lieutenant Colonel from the date of Major General Gunter's resignation of the Honorable Company's service, being contrary to the usage of the service under this Presidency, His Lordship in Council is not at liberty to comply with your application; but under the circumstances of an indulgence of the nature solicited by you having been granted by the Honorable Court of Directors to Major Norris, His Lordship in Council will submit your claim to the consideration of the Honorable Court.

To Lieut. Colo Frazer. Acquainting him that his application for permission to draw the pay and allowances of a Lieut. Colo from the date of Major General Gunter's resignation cannot be complied with - but that it will be submitted to the consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors

I am &c.

(Signed) G. Strachey

Secy to Govt. M D

Fort St. George
9th June 1803.

Recd

2550 Fort St. George 2 June 1803

9th

Received and Sent the following

Letters as here in M. B. Nos 17 18. 19 20 21.

From Captain Baker Reporting the death of Lieutenant Forbes and Gallie

To the Military Auditor General authorizing the payment of an enclosed Bill from Messrs Chase Chinnery and Mc Dowall.-

To the Military Paymaster General with an extract from the Minutes of Council,- to furnish the Paymaster at Hyderabad with orders for receiving the Sicca Rupees which will be remitted to him by the Collector of Guntoor, and for issuing them to the Subsidiary force at the current exchange.

To Messrs Chase Chinnery and Mc Dowall acquainting them that

2551 Fort St. George ~ June 1803

20

6th

That the Staff pay of an adjutant has been granted to Mr. Lloyd for the period during which he officiates as Chaplain at Amboyna.

To the Officer Commanding at Vellore.

To the officer Commanding at Vellore ~ To authorize the Repairs to the Reservoir Tank and Cistern at Vellore at an expence not exceeding 320 Pagodas.

10th

Received the following Letter.

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship in Council that the presence of Lieutenant Colonel Munro of His Majestys Scotch Brigade is required during

From the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Carnatic stating that the presence of Lieut. Colonel Munro is required at a Court Martial which

2552

Fort St. George 10th June 1803

which is ordered to be assembled at Fort St. George and that it is consequently necessary to appoint a Field Officer to the Command of Pondamalee during the absence of Colo. Munro.—

a Trial which will come before the General Court Martial Sitting in Fort St. George on Monday the 13th Instant.—

I am therefore to request that your Lordship will be pleased to appoint an Officer to the Command of Pondamalee during such absence, and as there are now three hundred European Soldiers of different Corps there without an Effective Officer attached to that Station I beg leave to suggest the expediency of a Field Officer being appointed to that Command, of which Rank there are two now doing Duty under Colonel Dickens in His Majesty's 33d Regiment.

I am

2553 Fort St. George 2d June 1803 251

10th

Chouldry Plain

10th June 1803.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lords hips Most obed.t

Humble Servant

(Signed) D. Smith

Major General

Received and Sent the following

Letters entered in M. B. 2d No. 22.23.

24.

From Major General

From the officer commanding the Forces in the Carnatic

Smith with a Monthly Return of the

Troops serving under this Presidency for

transmission to Bengal.—

From Messrs Col.l Baker

From Messrs Colt Baker Hart & Co.

& Co. soliciting permission to purchase

eight Guns from the Commander of the

Wellesley.—

To Do. Do. In reply

Do. Do. to the above Letter.—

Secty

2554

Fort St. George — June 1803

1st

Sent a Letter to Captain
Hook enclosing
to the Secretary of
Fort William

a General Return for May of the Troops
serving under this Presidency

19th

Received a Letter from Messrs
Chase, Chinnery and Co. Dowall Co enclosing
Messrs Chase, Chinnery
& Co. Dowall,

a Memorial Requesting that
the usual allowance of the Company may be
granted to the Officers of His Majesty's Ship
Dedaigneuse.

M

2555

Fort St. George 14th June 1803

292

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President

Tuesday the 14th June 1803.

William Petrie
and
John Chamier
Esqrs

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.

Read the following Letter from the

Governor General in Council

To The Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive

Governor in Council at

Fort St. George

From Bengal - transmitting an Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor

My Lord,

The Governor General in Council

has the honor to inform your Lordship in Council that

during the recent revision of the Military

Establishment

Fort St. George 14th June 1803

Governor General of the 22d April containing the orders for abolishing the Commission of 10 ℔ Cent on Military Disbursements and directing that similar Orders may be passed without delay at the Presidency of Fort St. George

Establishments and expences of this Presidency, it was deemed to be proper to rescind the Regulations under which Officers were permitted to draw a Commission of 10 ℔ Cent on the amount of their disbursements of the public Money - A considerable reduction of expence has been effected in the Military Disbursements of this Presidency by the new Regulations to which this Paragraph refers. -

2 The Governor General in Council has the honor to transmit the enclosed Extract of His Proceedings of the 22d of April 1802 - containing the orders for abolishing the Commission of 10 ℔ Cent - You are desired to pass similar Orders without delay at the Presidency of Fort St. George

Fort William
19th of May 1803.

I We have the honor &c.
(Signed) I Wellesley
G. H. Barlow
G. Udny

Extract.

2557 Fort St. George 14th. June 1803. 293

Extract from the Proceedings of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council in the Military Department of the 22d of April 1802.

His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council has had under consideration the expence incurred annually by allowing a Commission of 10 ℔ Cent on the amount of disbursements of Public Money, and being satisfied that the principle of proportioning the profits of an Individual to his expenditure of the public Money is highly objectionable, His Excellency in Council orders and directs, that Commission on all expenditures where cash may be advanced to officers by the Paymasters shall be abolished on the 1st. of June 1802. The Paymasters are directed to notify to the Military Auditor General all advances of Cash as soon as made, and the purposes for which the advances are intended to answer."

Whenever a Paymaster shall make advances of Cash, a Copy of the order under which

2558 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

which the advance has been made is to accompany the
Notification to the Military Auditor General, and
each Paymaster respectively will be held personally
responsible for all Sums which Government may
incur, by inattention on the part of any such Pay-
master to any orders issued on this head.-

In cases where an Officer may
find it necessary to make actual advances of Cash on
account of the Public from his Private Funds, the
usual Commission will be allowed on such further
Orders, provided in such cases the total amount of the
Bill for the whole work or Service shall not
exceed Sonat Rupees. 1000.

A True Extract
(Signed) J. D Hooke
Secretary to the Govt.

Remarks thereon

Orders that the Military Board
be required to specify without delay all disbursements
under their control to which the principle Rules
in the foregoing Letter may be applicable.
Read

2559 Fort St. George 11th June 1803 294

Read the following Letter from
the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor
General.-

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

Sir,

I am commanded by His Excellency
The Most Noble The Governor General and
Captain General, to desire you to communicate the
accompanying Copy of General Orders of this date-
to the Right Honorable The Governor in Council
at Fort St. George with His Excellency's Request
that they may be published to the Army under that
Presidency, and to be carried into effect unless the
important event to which these orders refer, should
have been already celebrated at the Presidency of
Fort St. George, in a manner conformable to
the Spirit of the orders of His Excellency The
Most Noble The Governor General and Captn.
General

From the Military Secretary to the Governor General transmitting Copy of General Orders issued at Fort St. and directing that they may be published to the Army under this Presidency-

2560 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

General Sherworth transmitts.-

Fort William
1st. June 1803.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) G. Harcourt Lieut. Colt.
Mily Secretary Govt. G. G.

General Orders By His Excellency The Most
Noble The Governor General, Captain General,
and Commander in Chief of the Land Forces in the
East Indies. Fort William 1st June 1803.

A Royal Salute and three Volleys
of Musketry to be fired at all the Stations of the
Land Forces in the East Indies in honor of the
happy restoration of His Highness the Peishwa to
his Dominions and Government on the 13th. of May.

Extra Batta to be served to
the European Troops.

By His Excellencys Command
(Signed) G. Harcourt
Lt. Colt. Mily Secretary

The following Draft of a Reply

13

2561 Fort St. George 14th. June 1803 295

is approved and ordered to be dispatched -

To Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm

Military Secretary to His Excellency the

Governor General & Captain General

Sir,

Paras. 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st. Instant, and to request that you will inform His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and Captain General that official information having been Stated of the arrival of His Highness the Peshwa at Poonah, His Lordship in Council in consideration of the importance of that event issued orders on the 2d. Instant for the celebration of it, by salutes from the Walls of Fort St. George and at the other Garrisons and Stations under this

To the Military Secretary to the Governor General acquainting that official information having been received of the arrival of His Highness the Peshwa at Poonah. Salutes were fired on the 22 Instant from the Walls of Fort St. George and at the other Garrisons under this Presidency, and that one days extra Batta was ordered to be issued on the occasion to the European and Native Troops

Presidency.

2 His Lordship in Council also directed that one days extra Batta should be issued to the European and Native Troops on this

2562. Fort St. George 14th June 1803.

This Establishment in honor of the occasion.-

Fort St. George
17th June 1803

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

Read the following Letters from
the Secretary to the Commander in Chief

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

The Commander in Chief requests
that you will submit the accompanying Memorandum
for information and requesting that
a Duplicate of
the General Letter
in the Military
Department
having been received
by the last Despatches
it may be transmitted for the
perusal of the
Commander in
Chief.

From the Secretary to the Commander in Chief submitting Memorandums for information and requesting that in the event of a Duplicate of the General Letter in the Military Department having been received by the last Despatches it may be transmitted for the perusal of the Commander in Chief.

from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief to be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.-

Should a Duplicate of the General Letter in the Military Department by the last Despatch have been received, The Commander in Chief requests that it may be forwarded to him for his perusal as it may contain points necessary for him to know.

2563 Fort St. George 14th. June 1803 254

Head Quarters
Bellary 2d. June 1803.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) J. Munro
Secretary

Memorandum

The Commander in Chief has received Reports of the following Casualties

Lieutenant M. B. Kinsey of the 6th. Native Regiment of Infantry died at Peramda on the 8th. May 1803.

Lieutenant David Lawrie of the 19th. Regiment of Native Infantry died in Camp on the 26th. May 1803.

The Commander in Chief also reports that Mr. D. S. Cleaveland one of the Senior Cadets of 1800, having obtained a Commission in His M. 12th. Foot and made his election for His Majesty's Service, has desired to resign his appointment in that of the Honorable Company.

To supply the consequent vacancies in the establishment the following promotions are

2564 Fort St. George 14th June 1803.

are recommended. -

Majors European Regiment

Ensign A. T. Palmer to be

Lieutenant: Date of Rank 13th May 1803.

13th Regiment of N. Infantry

Ensign Leonard Cooper to be

Lieutenant: Date of Rank 13th May 1803.

11th Regiment of N. Infantry

Ensign John Keogh to be

Lieutenant: Date of Rank 16th May 1803.

The date of rank formerly

recommended for Ensign J. H. Hamilton on his

promotion to a Lieutenancy in the 1st N. Regiment,

should in consequence of casualties then unknown

be the 9th May 1803. -

(Signed) J. Stuart

To Colonel Agnew

Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

I received your Letter of the 11th

2565 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

297

of May yesterday evening and respecting my election, that is of being either in the Kings or Company's Service I am to inform you that I prefer the former and accordingly resign my appointment in that of the latter.-

I have &c.

Thomas L. Cleaveland

Lieute. H. M. 12th Regt.

Trichinopoly

19th May 1803.

Memorandum

The death of Major David Blair of the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry, has been reported to the Commander in Chief to have occurred at Columbo on the 15th Instant.-

In consequence of the death of Major Blair, the Commander in Chief recommends that the following promotions may take place.

1st Regiment of Native Infantry.

Captain James Jones to be Major vice Blair deceased	Date of Rank 16th May 1803.
Captain Lieut. Richard Barker to be Captain of a Company vice Jones	Date of Commission 16th May 1803.

Lieut.

2566 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

Lieutenant Jos. Wm. Collins to be Dake of Rank
Captain Lieut. Alex. Barker } 16th May 1803
19th Regiment of Ft. Do.

Ensign Daniel Mannings to be
Lieut. Date of Commission } 16th May 1803.

(Signed) J. Stuart

To The Chief Secretary
to Government. Fort St. George

Sir,

From D. D.
Submitting a Memorandum relative to the promotion of officers in the Regiment Corps.-

Head Quarters
Bellary 5th
June 1803.

I have the honor to request that you will lay the accompanying Memorandum before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

(Signed) A. Munro
Secretary

Memorandum from the Commander in Chief.-

On reference to the dates of Commissions assigned to the officers of the Regiment Corps, stated to be consequences of Major General Goods retirement from the Service

2567 Fort St. George 16th June 1803

a necessity for correcting those dates; the death of Captain Forrest, and consequent promotion in this Country of the officers in succession to him, having occurred after the period when Major General Agnew retired from the Service in Europe, a circumstance not adverted to, when the late promotion was recommended to Government.

In order to the following effect seems necessary.

The following corrections in the date of Commission of certain officers in the Corps of Engineers, are published to the Army.

Captain Lieutenant J. L. Caldwell to be Captain	12th August 1802
Lieut. & F. F. De Havilland to be Captain Lieutenant	
Ensign Wm Ravenshaw to be Lieutenant	

Captain

2568

Fort St. George 14th. June 1803.

Captain Lieutenant J. Blair to be
Captain .....
Lieutenant Colgrane to be Captain } 14th October
Lieutenant ..... } 1802.
Ensign J. Arthur to be Lieute.

Head Quarters
Bellary 5th. June 1803.

(Signed) J. Stuart.

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the promotions and alterations of rank recommended by the Commander in Chief in the foregoing letters, be directed to take place.

Ordered that Duplicates or Copies of the last Military Dispatches from the Honorable Court of Directors be forwarded to the Commander in Chief.

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General. —

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

My Lord.

Conformably to the directions signified

From the Military Auditor

to me in a Letter from the Secretary Stracky, under date the

Auditor General - submitting a Statement shewing the difference between the Sum granted to Major General Ross as Chief Engineer in lieu of Off-reckonings and the amount of the Shares of Off-reckonings paid to Colonels of Regiments with explanatory observations thereon. -

the 2d Instant, I have the honor to enclose for the information of your Lordship in Council, a Statement shewing the difference between the Sum granted to Major General Ross as Chief Engineer in lieu of Off-reckonings and the amount of the Shares of Off-reckonings paid to Colonels of Regiments from the 10th January 1797 (the date of his last arrival in India to the 31st December 1799, amounting to Pagodas Seventy One, Fanams Thirty five, and Cash Thirty Six (Pagodas 71. 35. 36.-)

As the Correctness of the computed Shares of Off-reckonings for the years 1800, 1801 and 1802 as published in G. O. dated the 27th ultimo, can only be ascertained after the accounts shall have been investigated by Off-reckoning Committies, I will, no doubt readily occur to your Lordship in Council that the difference either for or against Major General Ross up to March 1803 the period he embarked for Europe, cannot now be stated with any degree of correctness. -

I have

2570 Fort St. George 14th June 1803.

Mily Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 7th June 1803.

Share the Servants &c.
Signed J. B. Blunteau
M. A. G.

Statement shewing the difference between the sum granted to Major General Ross Chief Engineer on Account of Off reckonings and the amount of the Shares of Off reckonings paid to Colonels of Regiments from 10th January 1799 to the 31st December 1799

	Allowance granted to the Chief Engineer in lieu of Off reckonings	Total amount of the Shares of Off reckonings at first to Colonels of Regiments
	P. ℳ. £	P. ℳ. £
From 10th January to 31st Decr 1799 inclusive	3169. 36. 27.	3741. 29. 63.
From 1st January to 31st Decr 1799. P.	3250.	3703. 92.
From 1st January to 31st Decr 1799. P.	3250.	3266. 29. 70.
	9669. 36. 27.	9741. 29. 63
Deduct		9669. 36. 27
Difference in Major Genl Ross's favor	Pagodas	71. 35. 36.

Mily Auditor Genls Office
Fort St. George 7th June 1803

Signed J. B. Blunteau
M. A. G.

The Servants of the Post return to Order

The Letters from the Chief Engineer &c.

Resolved

2371 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

300

Resolution thereon

Resolved to point out to the attention of the Honorable Court of Directors by the next dispatches the explanation above stated, relative to the reasons which render it impracticable to ascertain at present the difference between the amount paid, and the amount which may be due to Major General Ross on account of his Equivalent for Off reckonings.—

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

&c &c &c Governor in Council

My Lord,

In obedience to your orders of the 12th Ultimo, communicated to me in a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, I do myself the honor to state that during the time the Troops continue in the field the Sum of Pagodas (25) Twenty one ½ Month may be allowed to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly on account of Family payments, but as that Paymaster has an Establishment of one Comicoply and one Shroff at Erode, I consider an additional Vakeel

From the Military Auditor General— Stating that the Sum of Pagodas 25½ Month may be allowed to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly on account of family payments during the continuance of the Troops in the field but that the allowance of an additional Vackeel for the same purposes is unnecessary—

to

Fort St. George 14th June 1803.

to make family payments where unnecessary particularly as the Collector fully and Sheriff at Cuddapah have only three Companys of Sepoys to pay, and may with great ease make the family payments also.

Military Auditor Generals office — I have the honor to be &c.
Fort St. George 10th June 1803. (Signed) J. Braunton
A. M. A. G.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved to authorize an additional expense of Twenty one Pagodas P Month for the Establishment of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly for the purpose of facilitating the discharge of Family payments during the time that the Army shall continue in the Field.

Read the following Letters from the Military Paymaster General.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I request that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the

From the Military

2573. Fort St. George 11th June 1803

2cl

Military Paymaster General submitting Copy of a letter from the Paymaster Young stating the loss of 800 Rupees belonging to his Department and requesting that authority may be given for writing off the amount to the head of "Military charges."

Governor in Council the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Mr. Paymaster Young stating the loss of Eight hundred (800) Rupees belonging to his Department whilst under charge of a Military Guard. Copy of the Proceedings of a Battalion Native Court Martial in consequence of the loss, is also enclosed, and I have to request His Lordships orders for writing the amount off to the Head of "Military Charges."

I am &c.

(Signed) D. Roebuck

M. P. G.

Fort St. George

8th June 1803.

To The Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that the Sum of 800 Arcot Rupees (being the balance remaining in the hands of my conicopoly on the victualling Department with the detachment ordered to Chicacole (was stolen from the procession sent while under the charge of a guard of Sepoys.

During

2574. Fort St. George 11th June 1803

During the absence of my Concessolies on duty. I the Proceedings of the Court Martial I have the honor to enclose for your information, and request your permission to write the above Sum off to profit and loss. -

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Samuel Young
Paymaster

Masulipatam
6th May 1803.

True Copy
(Signed) D. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Proceedings of a Battalion Native Court Martial held by Order of Lieutenant Colonel Durand Commanding the 2d Battalion 17th Regiment N. Infantry - Chicacole 6th May 1803.

Subidar Emaum Cawn President

Subidar Mahomed Hussain
Jemidar Mahomed Golloff
} Members
Jemidar Abdul Cader
Jemidar Cumal Mahomed.

Crime. Affirmed before the 2d Battalion 17th Regt Native Infantry confined by me on Report of Serjeant Major of the same Corps for having lost

2575 Fort St. George 14.th June 1803

202.

lost whole Country money under his charge belong=
=ing to the Agent for victualling the Regiment.

Camp the 1.st May 1803.

(Signed) J. Dighton
Major Commanding 1.st D.n
Madras E. Regiment.

(Signed) J. D. Greenhill Asst. 2.d Bn.
17.th Regiment N. I.

Arraignment

The Prisoner being brought before
the Court and his crime read and explained to him
in presence of the prosecutor, pleads, not guilty

Prosecution

Sarsoo Nayque informs the Court
that at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on the 3.d
Instant he posted the prisoner Centinel over
Money in a private Tent in the rear of the
line of the Madras European Regiment, he
(Sarsoo) shewed the Prisoner the Two Bags
of Money and some Casks of arrack which
he (the prisoner) was posted in charge of
and instructed him not to allow any person
to come into the Tent except the Paymasters

Corporeloly

2576 Fort St. George the 4th June 1803

Conceasly at 2 oClock a Hays Dog blood dead

for Two Sepoys of the Guard to escort money to

the Pay office, he (Aaron) was therefore neces-

- sitated to release at 6 oClock the Sentries with

the Sepoy whom he (the Prisoner) has relieved

at 3 oClock, he (Aaron) found at the relief of

Centinels at 6 oClock that the Two Bags of

Money which he (Aaron) has seen under the

Centinels charge at 3 oClock were wanting, he

(Aaron) then inquired of the Prisoner where the

Money was, who replies that when the Conceasly was

measuring out the arrack to the Soldiers who

were Drunk and making a great deal of disturbance

outside of the Tent, he (the Prisoner) stood out

side of the Tent to prevent the Soldiers going

in, and at that time some person must have

got into the Tents and carried off the Bags

of money.—

Evidence Pchirazoo Conceasly to Mr.

Paymaster Ayoung informs the Court that on

the

2577 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

203

the 3d Instant about 2 O'Clock at Noon he went to the Paymasters Office in Chucacole, at the same time he left the Money and the arrack in charge of the Guard, the other conceasly had gone to Lieutenant Yarde on business after he / Pehrarazoo / had finished his business at the Chucacole Pay Office he went back to camp about 6 O'Clock but did not go into the Tent where the money and arrack was, as he saw the Nayque of the Guard and the Prisoner sentinel at the Tent, he Pehrarazoo then went a little distance off to eat his Rice, about half an hour after-wards a Bullock Man came to tell him from the Nayque of the Guard that the Money was missing, he went immediately to the Tent to enquire about the Money but could not find it, when the Pehrarazoo returned to the Tent at 6 O'Clock the Conceasly from the Chucacole Pay Office was

Fort St. George 14th June 1803

was measuring out the arrack for one of the Companies and several of the Soldiers of the Madras European Regiment were present—

Question From the Court to Pehraraz00 —

Did you receive orders at Masulipatam from Mr. Young or any of his Servants that either you or the other Cossids only should always stay near the Money and arrack?

Answer by Pehraraz00

No, we were only to be to take care of the Money and arrack.—

Vencoba Vencatachellum Sworn to by Mr. Caymaster Young informs the Court that on the 3d Instant at 8 o'Clock in the morning he saw the Money and arrack in the private Tent, at that time he saw the Magazine of the Guard and Centinel present, about 6 Clock in the evening he (Vencatachellum) went to the provision Tent near the Tent where

where the arrack and Money was, but did not go into the Tent at that time – Mr. Murray's Conscply was measuring out Arrack for one of the Companies and several of the Soldiers were present there, about ½ past 6 o'Clock he (Venkatachellum) was informed that the Money was not to be found.

Evidence Ramaswamy Sepoy in the 2d Battalion 19th Regiment Native Infantry informs the Court that on the 3d Instant at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon when he was Sentinel over Money and Arrack in a private Tent near the Lines of the Madras European Regiment, Havildar Naique of the Guard brought the Prisoner Appenah to relieve him (Ramaswamy) when Two Bags of Money and some Arrack were delivered over by him to Appenah, about 6 o'Clock he (Ramaswamy) was ordered by Naique to relieve the Centinel as the other Two Sepoys of the Guard had been

2580 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

been sent by Major Dighton to escort Money
to Chicacole, upon receiving charge from the
Prisoner, a Sepoy which he was relieving, he
(Ramaswamy) discovered that the Money Bags
were missing which he reported to the
Serjeant, Ramaswamy informs the Court that
he was ordered not to allow any Person to go
into the Tent unless the Paymasters
Consistly was with him. -

Defence A Sepoy in the 2d Battalion 17th
Regiment Native Infantry informs the Court
that at 6 O'Clock in the evening of the 3d
Instant when he was Centinel over Money
and Arrack for the Madras European Regt.
Ramaswamy Sepoy came by himself and
said that he (Ramaswamy) was ordered
by Havildar Sargue to relieve him (a Sepoy)
the Sepoy delivered over the Money and
Arrack to Ramaswamy and went to eat his
Rice at some distance from the Tent he
met

Fort St. George 14th June 1803

met Narsu Naigue undressed and told him that
he had been relieved by Ramasswamy and was
going to eat his Rice and Narsoo Naigue told
him very well go away, about ½ past 8 O'clock
he returned to his Guard when he told him that
the Money was not to be found.-

Evidence Geody Garoo Sepoy in the 2d Battalion 17th
Regiment Native Infantry informs the
Court that on the 3d Instant he be[illegible]oiged to a
Guard in charge of Money and arrack near the
lines of the Madras European Regiment, about
3 O'Clock afternoon he and Gruiapah another
Sepoy of the Guard were sent by Major Dighton
with money to the Pay office in Cheacole.-
about 9 O'clock at night they returned to their
Guard when he (Geody Garoo) saw the Naigue
of the Guard and others searching about the
Spot for money which they said had been lost at
that time.- Ramasswamy Sepoy was Sentinel
and Ossenah Sepoy was not present he Ossenah

came

2582 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

came after 8 o'Clock to the Guard when Narroo
the Naique of the Guard asked him (Appanah)
where the Money was, and what had he
Done with it, he (Appanah) Replied that
when relieved the Money was put under
charge of the Centinel Ramasawmy and
that he (Appenah) had gone to his rece
agreeable to his Narroo's Permission, and askes
why did he (Narroo) allow him to go to his
Rece if the Money was missing when he
was relieved.-

Evidence. Gruapah Sepoy in the 2d Battalion 17th
Regiment Native Infantry informs the
Court, that on the 3d Instant he belonged
to a Guard in charge of Money and Arrack
near the lines of the Madras European
Regiment, he and Geddy Gardoo and Ther
Sepoy of the Guard were sent by Major
Dighton with Money to the Chicacole
Pay office, when returning to their Guard
the

2583 Fort St. George 14th June 1803.

3d

he (Gruapah) Duet a/Serjeant Sepoy is who said he was going to eat his Rice that he had just been relieved, when he Gruapah came to the Tent, Narroo the Naigue of the Guard and Ramaswamy Sepoy the Centinel were looking for Money which they said was lost, when A/Serjeant Sepoy returned from his Rice at 8 O'Clock Narroo Naigue accused him / A/Serjeant / of losing the Money who replies that he had given it in charge to Ramaswamy Sepoy who relieved him.—

Sentence The Court having maturely considered what has been laid to the Prisoners charge, the evidence brought in support thereof as well as what he has urged in his own defence are of opinion that there is not sufficient proof to establish the Monies being lost, when he was Centinel, But the Court are of opinion that the Prisoner is Guilty of allowing himself to be relieved when a Centinel

over

2584 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

over money without the Sanction of the Guard being present, which is contrary to — good — order and Discipline and — therefore Sentence him to receive Two hundred lashes on the Bare Back in the usual manner by the Drummers of the Battalion —

(Signed) Emam Cawn Subedar &
President (His + Mark)

(Signed) J. D. Greenhill Adjutant
2d Battn 17th Regt N. I

A True Copy
(Signed) J. D. Greenhill Adjt.
2d Bn 17th Regiment N. I.

Confirmed
(Signed) J. Durand Lt.
Col. Commanding

Sarsoo Sangue in the 7th Battalion —
Company of the 2d Battalion 17th Regiment
Native Infantry confined by me in the
Main Guard on the 6th May 1803 — Crime

2585 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

257

Crime Irregular behaviour and neglect of Duty when in Command of a Guard in charge of Treasure and arrack with the Madras European Regiment.-

Chicacole 4th May 1803. (Signed) G. Greenhill Lieut. & Adjt. 9th B.N.I. 7th Regt. etc.

Arraignment The Prisoner being brought before the Court and his crime read and explained to him in presence of the prosecutor, pleads not Guilty

Prosecution Lieutenant and Adjutant Greenhill informs the Court that the Prisoner Narsoo was on the 3d Instant Naigue in Command of a Guard in charge of Treasure and arrack with the Madras European Regiment, on that day 901 Rupees in two Bags were stolen from the Tent where his Guard was, on the Court Martial on Atchunah Sepoy accusing him the Prisoner of allowing money to be lost when he (Atchunah) was Centinel it appears that the Prisoner did not attend himself

2586 Fort St. George 14th June 1803.

Sumroly at the relief of Centinel, but sent Ramaswamy Sepoy to relieve him (Narsoo) neither did he (Narsoo) confine the Sepoy whom he accused of allowing Money to be lost when Centinel over it, but allowed him to go from his guard in Camp into Chucaole to eat his Rice, when he (Narsoo) was absent from the Guard for Two hours.-

Evidence. Shaik Madar Havildar 2d Battalion 17th Regiment informs the Court that he was Havildar Commanding a Guard with the Madras European Regiment on the 3d Instant. The Prisoner came to him about ½ after 6 in the evening undressed and reported that 800 Rupees which were under charge of his (Narsoo's) Guard had been Stolen - at 8 o'clock he (Shaik Madar) went to the Tent where the prisoners Guard was, and asked who has been Centinel when the Money was lost, and whether or not he (Narsoo) had

2587 Fort St. George 16th June 1803

308

has seen the Money when Cantonments were
relieved as Affsenah Sepoy said he gave
it when relieved to Ramaswamy Sepoy
who denied having received it he Affsenah said
he was sitting near them when they relieved
but did not see the Money and said he believed
the Money was lost when affsenah Sepoy was
Centinel -

Evidence Grenadier Sepoy 2d Battalion 17th Regt
Informs the Court that on the 3d Instant
he was sent about 3 O'Clock in the afternoon
by Major Dighton with money to the Pay
Office in Chicacole, on his return to his Guard
about 7 O'clock, he met affsenah Sepoy on
the Road to Chicacole, who said he had
been relieved and was going to his Rice when
he Grenadier came to the Guard the Prisoner
was there with Ramaswamy Sepoy Centinel
and they said that the money was lost at 8
O'clock when Affsenah Returned from
eating

2588 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

eating his Rice Narroo Naigue asked him
(Affsenah) where the money was and what he had
done with it.

Evidence Cossy Carroo Sepoy 2d Battalion 1st 4th Regt.
Native Infantry informs the Court, that on
the 3d Instant when on Duty over Money
and arrack he and Gruapah Sepoy were
sent at 3 o'Clock with Money to Chicacole,
on their Return to their Guard about 7
o'Clock the Prisoner Narroo was there with
Ramasswamy the Centinel, complaining that
Money was lost at 3 o'Clock when Affsenah
Sepoy returned from eating his
the Guard Narroo Naigue asked him what
he has done with the Money where were
the Two Bags, Affsenah said he had
given them in charge to Ramaswamy
Sepoy who relieved him Narroo to Affsenah
he had not delivered it to Ramaswamy
when he (Affsenah) reflected if he has
not

not delivered it, would he have allowed him
to go to his Tent.-

Evidence. Pehraraz00 Paymasters Conicopoly informs
the Court that on the 3d Instant at 3 o'Clock
having business at the Pay office at Chicacole
he shewed the Prisoner who was Jaggie of ye
Guard over money and arrack, the Money and
arrack in the Tent- when he (Pehraraz00)
returned about 6 o'Clock he saw Narsoo there
undressed- he Pehraraz00 did not go into the
Tent where the Money was, some time
afterwards a Bullock Man came to
where he Pehraraz00 was eating his Rice
and told him the money was lost, Where
he Pehraraz00 went from the Tent at
3 o'Clock none of his Peons were there,
the Money was left intirely under the
Guard with orders not to let any Person
go into the Tent.-

Sentence The Court having considered the crime
laid

2590 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

said to the Prisoners charge and the evidence brought in support thereof, are of opinion that he is Guilty of the Crime laid to his charge viz. Irregular behaviour and Neglect of Duty when in Command of a Guard in charge of Treasure and arrack with the Madras European Regiment – which being contrary to good order and discipline the Court sentence him to be reduced to the Rank and Pay of Sepoy.

(Signed) Ensign Caron Subner
and President His ✕ Mark

(Signed) J. D. Greenhill Adjt.
2d Bn. 17th Regt. N.I.

Confirmed

(Signed) J. Durand Lt. Colo.
Commanding

A True Copy

(Signed) J. D. Greenhill
2d Bn. 17th Regt. N.I.

True Copy

(Signed) B. Roebuck M.G.S.G.

2591 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

9.20

Minute thereon —

The Board being satisfied with the foregoing explanation of the circumstances — — — — — of the Robbery committed on the departments of the — Paymaster at Masulipatam; Resolved that the Military Paymaster General be authorized to write off the amount of the Theft being Eight hundred Rupees to the Head of "Military Charges." —

To The Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I request that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Copy of an application for leave to visit the Presidency from Mr. Paymaster Gordon, and which I beg you will obtain from His Lordship.

From the Acty Paymaster General requesting Permission for Mr. Paymaster Gordon to visit the Presidency — Copy of an application from that Gentleman enclosed —

I am &c.
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Fort St. George
9th June 1803.

To

2592 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

To The Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having occasion to visit the Presidency on my private affairs, I request you will be so kind to prefer an application to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for his Lordships permission to that Effect.

During my absence Captain Dunn Paymaster of 33d Regiment will take charge of my Office.

I have the honor &c.

Seringapatam 5th June 1803

(Signed) W. H. Gordon
Paymaster Mysore

True Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that permission be granted to the Paymaster at Seringapatam to visit the Presidency, provided the execution of his

his duties shall not be impeded by his absence from his Station.-

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding at Malacca.

John Chamier Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Letter I have received from Mr. Charles Wallace Young Master Attendant of this Port, which Request may be laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) A. Taylor

Lt. Colt. Commanding

From the Officer Commanding at Malacca - Submitting an application from the Master Attendant at Malacca for permission to proceed to China and eventually to Europe for the re-establishment of his health &c.

Malacca

6th April 1803.

Lieutenant Colonel A. Taylor

Commanding Malacca

Sir,

In the expectation that this settlement

2594 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

settlement is soon to be delivered over to the Dutch,
I am anxious to avail myself of the Honorable
Company's China Ships passing these Straits in
August to proceed to Sea on some one of them for
the establishment of health.

I have to request that you
will have the goodness to forward this application
to Government for 6 Months Leave of absence to
proceed to China and eventually to Europe, and should
Malacca not be delivered over before that time,
I shall have a competent person approved by you
to act for me during my absence.

I am &c. &c.

Malacca
6th April 1803.

(Signed) C. W. Young
Master Attendant

Resolution thereon:

Resolved that Mr. Young be
permitted to proceed to China, but it is deemed expedient
that the Commanding Officer at Malacca should
be apprized that it is intended that permission
shall not interfere with the Discontinuance of
the

2595 Fort St. George. 14th. June 1803.

312

the allowances attached to the situation of Master Attendant at Malacca on the restoration of that place to the authority of the Dutch Government—

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Vellore.—

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

For the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, I have the honor to report to you the arrival of Lieut. Torriano of the Engineers in this Garrison, and he has signified to me that he has been ordered up here by the Military Board, to construct a draw Bridge for the defence of the Garrison, and to repair the Gateways. His instructions to this effect he has shewn me they are addressed to him as Engineer of Vellore, but I beg leave to state that his appointment to this Garrison has never been received at this Station nor has there been an Engineer Officer on the Strength of this Garrison since 1799 when Captn Goodd

From the Officer Commanding at Vellore. Reporting the arrival at Vellore of Lt. Torriano, who has been instructed by the Military Board to make certain repairs and alterations to that Garrison, and stating that he has received no intimation of that officers appointment.

2596 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

Wood could be procured. I further beg leave to mention that I have received no communication or instructions from the Military Board respecting him.

Vellore 7th June 1803.

I have &c.
(Signed) D. Campbell
Colo. Commanding

To lie on the table.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from the Commander of H. M. S. La Desaigneuse.

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward to your Lordship in Council a Letter from Mr. Cowan Surgeon of His Majesty's Ships under my Command and

From the Commander of His Majesty's Ship La Desaigneuse submitting an address from the Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship La Desaigneuse under his command soliciting some allowance for his attendance on the Troops who arrived from Batavia on that Ship.

His Majesty's Ship La Desaigneuse I have the honor &c.
Madras Roads 9th June 1803. (Signed) P. Hayward

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

My Lord, I have the honor to enclose for the

2597 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

313

The inspection of your Honorable Board in
Certificate of a number of Troops and followers
received on Board His Majestys Ship La
Dedaigneuse at Amboyna to be conveyed to
Madras, with whom a considerable share of
trouble fell on me as Surgeon of said Ship, for
the want of Medical assistance of the Honble
Companys Service to accompany them, at the
expence attending a preparation of Wine
Medicines, Necessaries &c. for those people (as
of whom could be considered in any other light
than Invalids and many of them convalescent on
Board from Hospitals) was very considerable,
particularly in so remote a situation as Amboyna
where every Article for a Sea Voyage is
procured with so much difficulty. Under those
circumstances, May Lord, and the Precedent
upon record of the liberality of your Honorable
Board to the Surgeons of His Majestys
Ships on an expedition to Batavia, and my
not

Fort St. George 14th June 1803

not being allowed at present by a late regulation
Medicines gratuitously as formerly granted to
Surgeons of the Navy by the Honorable Company.
I hope your Lordship in Council will not think
it unreasonable my requesting to be permitted to
draw for my services to those Troops, the same
allowances as those other Surgeons above mentioned.

La Desaigneuse I have the honor &c.
Madras Road (Signed) Jas. Cowan
9th June 1803. Surgeon

This is to Certify that the undermentioned Troops were
landed at Fort St. George from His Majesty's Ship
La Desaigneuse the 28th May 1803. Viz.

Detachment 2d. Bn. Artillery
1 Lt. 1 Serjeant, 3 Corporals
2 Gunners, 1 Drummer, 14 Matrosses. — 22
Detachment 2d. Regiment.
1 Captn. 2 Lts. 1 Serjeants.
12 Corporals. 5 Drummers. 51 Privates — 75
Followers 45
Total Persons 142

Town Majors office
Fort St. George (Signed) M. Wilks Town Major.
6th June 1803.

2599 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

314

Ordered that the following reply
be despatched to Captain Heywood, and that a Copy
of it be furnished for the information and guidance
of the Military Auditor General.—

To Peter Heywood Esqre.
Commander of H.M. S.
La Desiderade

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant
submitting to the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council a Demand from the Surgeon
of H.M. S. under your Command for a
Remuneration in consequence of the Medical
assistance afforded by that Gentleman to a
detachment of the Honorable Company's Troops
on their passage from Amboyna to Fort St.
George.—

According to the precedent on
which the Surgeon has grounded his Demand,
the

To the Commander of His Majesty's Ship La Desiderade acquainting him that an allowance of one Pagoda pr month for any Soldier embarked on Board the La Desiderade will be granted to the Surgeon from the period of that Ships departure from Amboyna, and that the value of the Medicines expended for the use of the Sick will be duly paid to him on his submitting a specific charge on that account—

2600

Fort St. George 14th June 1803

The Governor in Council directs me to explain to you that the allowance granted to the Surgeons of H.M. Vessels employed in the Blockade of Batavia was proportioned to the professional labors of those Gentlemen at a period of great difficulty. But this Lordship in Council does not consider the case of the Surgeon of H.M. etc. Ship La Dedaigneuse to be similar in its nature.

His Lordship in Council therefore deems it to be sufficient to grant to the Surgeon on account of Diseases and allowances the established allowance of one Pagoda per Month for every Soldier embarked on H.M. etc. S. La Dedaigneuse for the period of her passage from Batavia and with respect to the Wine stated to have been expended for the use of the sick, His Lordship in Council will direct the value to be refunded to the Surgeon on his submitting a specific charge on that head for his honor

2601 Fort St. George 16th June 1803

315

Fort St. George
16th June 1803

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) G. Strachey
Secy to Govt. M. D.

Read the following Letters from
Messrs Binny and Dennison --
George Buchan Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Having been instructed by Mr.

From the Attorney of Mr. V. Conolly soliciting permission to transfer to Mr. Galvin the Lease of the Lunatic Hospital under the conditions on which it has hitherto been held by Mr. Conolly -

Valentine Conolly to transfer his Interest in the property of the Hospital for the reception of Lunatics at this Presidency to Mr. John Galvin; who is already in charge of that institution; we request the Sanction of the Right Honorable The Governor in Council for transferring to that Gentleman, the above property with the Lease thereof to the Honorable Company bearing date the 5th August 1799 subject to the same terms and conditions on which it is now held by Mr. Conolly.

We

2602 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

Fort St. George
30th May 1803.

Have the honor &c.
(Signed) Binny & Dennison
Attorneys of Mr. Valentine Conolly.

Minute thereon.

Ordered that Messrs. Binny and Dennison be informed that the Board will accede to the request contained in the foregoing Letter on their producing a power of Attorney from Mr. Valentine Conolly authorizing them to dispose of his interest in the Lunatic Hospitals

From Mr. Paul Macabe

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

Mr. Paul Macabe has the honor to inform your Lordship that he had the Glory to serve Their Majesties Lewis the 15th & 16th from the year 1766 to 1798 in the capacity of Serjeant and Adjutant, that as a recompense for their services he received a Pension of 12 Rupees ₰ Month, that on the surrender of Pondicherry

From Mr. Paul Macabe claiming that the pension allowed to him by Government cannot be paid for 7 Months subsequent to the Capture of Pondicherry and soliciting payment of their arrears

2603 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

316

Pondicherry in the year 1793 he was omitted in the
list of Pensioners, but that in the Month of April
following the Commandant of Pondicherry Colonel
Pigon received orders to restore to him the pension of
12 Rupees p.e Month which he had before enjoyed and
which he has to this day received, with the exception of
the 7 Months of September, October, & November
December, January, February and March, which has
elapsed for which he was not paid, He therefore intreats
My Lord, that you will be pleased to order that
he be reimbursed for the seven Months herein before
mentioned for which he never received the pension,
although it was made good to a man named
Labatte who had been likewise omitted in the
List of Pensioners. He dares from your benevolence
and justice to hope for the same favor as was granted
to the said Labatte. The Services of Mr. Paul
Maistre are well known, as he served with Mons.r
De Chermont Govr. of Pondicherry, in the Regiment
of Poitou from whose attestation alone it was owing

that

260 Fort St. George 12th June 1803.

That Lord Hobart, the then Governor of Madras,
restores to him his Pension of 12 Rupees p Month.
Mr. Paul Maistre has every
reason to hope, that so just a Demand will not escape
your Lordships Memory which is always so retentive
when it is required to do a benevolent act.

Madras (Signed) P. Maistre
29th May 1803. A True Translation
(Signed) G. G. Noble
French Translator to Govt

Remarks thereon
Ordered that the Military Auditor
General be directed to ascertain the facts stated in the
foregoing Letter and if correct to authorize the pay-
-ment of the arrears claimed by Mr. Paul Maistre

Read the following Letter from
the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras
To
To George Buchan Esqr.
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George

Sir,

In examining the claims of this
Government

2605

Fort St. George 14th June 1803.

317

Chief Secretary to the Government at Colombo stating that the sum of Pr. 57 50 advanced by Mr. C. Atkinson to His Majesty's 51st Regiment in February 1799 has been placed to the credit of that Gentleman and to the debit of Fort St. George

Government against Mr. Edward Atkinson, late Paymaster and Commissary of Stores on Ceylon, as appears by a Statement of Mr. Roebuck of which I have the honor to enclose a Copy, that the Sum of Five Thousand seven hundred and fifty Star Pagodas (5750) advanced by him to the 51st Regiment in the Month of February 1799, and debited to the Government of Ceylon by whom it was placed to the debit of Mr. Atkinson, had been afterwards adjusted and repaid to Mr. Roebuck by Mr. Robert Pollock Paymaster of the Regiment.

I am therefore directed by His Excellency the Governor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort St. George in Council, that the above Sum will be placed to the Credit of Mr. Atkinson and to the debit of the Madras Government.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) C. Harbutnot
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Colombo
27th May 1803

2606 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

I hereby Certify that Mr. Robert Woolf late Accountant General by Letter, dated the 4th March 1800 required from me a Statement of the particulars of all Sums comprising the amount of Pagodas 20,191. 25. 62. Charged to Ceylon Government in my Annual Statement of 1799. Agreeably to his desire under date the 3d April 1800 I furnished him with four Statements detailing the particulars, amongst which is included the Sum of Pagodas 5750 - advanced to Mr. Robert Pollock Regimental Paymaster 51st Regiment of Foot. This Sum was adjusted in November 1799 by Mr. Pollock agreeably to the orders of Government Ceylon Presidency being at that date credited for the amount of Pagodas 5,750 - - Mr. Pollock having granted Bills on England for Pagodas 4,664. 36. 17 for which account Current London was debited leaving remain in Cash Pagodas 1,085. 63. of course of Mr. E. Atkinson has been debited in the whole amount of my Statement

Fairmiles

2607 Fort St. George 11th June

318

furnishes, of the year 1798/9 he now has a right to
have Credit for the amount of Pagodas 57/50. —

Mily Paymr Generals Office (Signed) B. Roebuck
Fort St. George 9th May 1803. Military Paymaster General

A True Copy
(Signed) Richard Hasket
1st Asstt to the Chief Secretary
to Government

Ordered that the accountant —
General be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing
Letter for his information and guidance.

Mr. Petrie Records the following
Minute. —

Madras 13th June 1803

Mr. Petrie desires permission
to record his entire concurrence in the observations
and conclusions of the Military Board in the
Memoranda of the late Civil Engineer Transmitted
for the opinion of that Board on the 9th December
last, which he does with more confidence from
his having examined in the course of last season

Mr. Petrie's
Minute Recording
his approbation
on the report made
by the Military
Board on the
subject of the
Memoranda of
the late Civil
Engineer submitted
for the opinion
of that Board.

ale

2608 Fort St. George 14th June 1803

ate the Statements, Estimates and Charges of
the principal Public Buildings under
this Presidency for several years past. The
Connection arising from that investigation
obliges him to observe on the letter from
Government to the Military Board, that
he cannot concur in the justness of the
Remark, that by the appointment of Civil
Engineer, "a degree of attention is now shewn
in the disbursement of the public money
in the execution of works which did not
before exist" on the Contrary the Orders
and Regulations for securing the
public against ignorance, error or fraud prior
to the appointment of Civil Engineer were
in Mr. Petrie's opinion just as unexceptionable,
and efficient. But in the Establishment
of that office every check between the
public and the Individuals was removed
which he conceives to be a material Defect in the

the System that no Individual merit or Integrity can justify. The case of Colonel Gent, and only has been repeatedly referred to in support of the argument against the employment of officers of the Corps of Engineers in the construction of public works, but also. Petre apprehends that, no general conclusion can be justly drawn from the selection of one case, out of the many instances which occurred under the former System.

Much has been said of Engineers working upon their own Estimates as if there had been no controul upon their charges; But in fact this was not the case. At the Presidency the Estimates were made out by the Chief, not the executive Engineer, and at the out Stations the Estimate of the Engineer was checked or corrected by the Chief Engineer and compared with the prices of Materials in the Province Certified by the Commanding Officer and the Paymaster of the Station. If the work exceeded the Estimate, the charge was admitted

under

2610 Fort St. George 11th June 1803

under a Declaration upon Honor from the executive Officer that the amount charged has been actually and bona fide expended, and that he has derived no other advantage directly or indirectly, least the Commission allowed by the Regulations, which check Mr. Petrie admits has been judiciously charged in the amended Regulations by substituting payment upon actual measurement after the completion of the work.-

(Signed) Wm. Petrie

Copy
H. Stanley

Wm Petrie

John Chamier

இவ் ஆவணமானது
செப்பமிடுவதற்காக எடுத்துக்
கொள்ளப்பட்ட
ஜனவரி மாதம் 1991 வருடம்
செப்பமிட்டு முடித்த திகதி
31 மாதம் 1991 வருடம்
கோப்பி உத்தியோகத்தர்
கையொப்பம்.

Office Act [illegible] 22 [illegible]
[illegible]