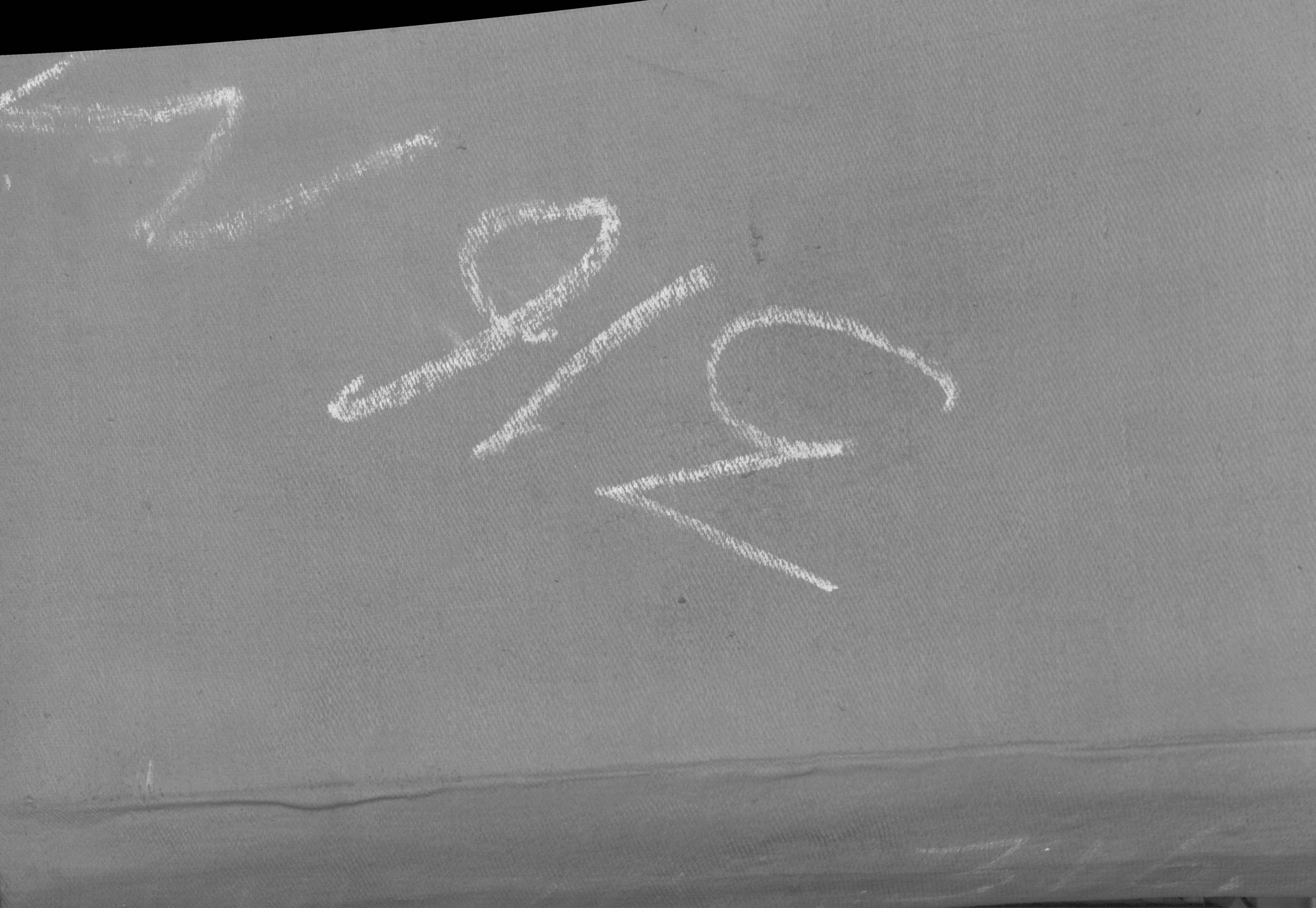

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Diary

Received the following Letter

To The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

1st I Having examined the
additional Estimate of Cash for the preceding
Month which accompanied a letter from the
Secretary to Government in the Military
Department under date the 3d Instant
I have the honor to report that the amount
thereof Viz.t Pagodas Seventy four thousand
six hundred and seventeen fanams twenty
three and Cash forty seven / Pr. 74617. 23. 47 /
is admissible and payable by Bills on the
Military Paymaster General -

Of the sum Pagodas
2. sixty three thousand six hundred and fifty
eight

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eight Fanams twenty seven and Cash fifty
/Rs 63658. 27. 50./ is the amount of this
Estimate of the Payments to the Division
of the Army on the Field, under Major Gen.
General Campbell, for November, and of
required for the payment of the Troops and
Departments composing that Division in
Arrear for October and advance for November
last

3.

The remainder is required
by the Paymaster to the Force serving with
His Highness the Nizam for the payment
of the Detachments under the command of
Major Sutton, stationed at Hyderabad in
arrear for October and advance for December
last

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
6th December 1803

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
/Signed/ J Brunton
Mily Auditor Genl

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Fort St. George 4 December 1803

Sent the following Letters

To I. A. Grant Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Bombay.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the Enclosed Extract from a letter from the Military Board at this Presidency for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay and to state the request of His Lordship in Council that the supply of Iron required for the Gun Carriage manufactory at Seringapatam may be despatched to Mangalore as soon as may be practicable -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

4th December 1803.

(Signed) George Stracey

Secy to Govt

To

To the Secretary to Bombay
Transmitting an extract
from a letter from the
Military Board at this
Presidency and requesting
that the supply of Iron
required for the Gun
Carriage manufactory
at Seringapatam may
be despatched to Mangalore
as soon as
possible -

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To the Honorable
Major General Wellesley
Commanding the forces
on the Dekkan

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding the forces in the Dekkan
Authorising him to erect such works as may be necessary for the defence of Ahmednuggur

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th. ultimo; and to convey to you discretionary authority for erecting such works at your Camp at Ahmednuggur as may be considered to be necessary for the defence of that place, conformably to your recommendation.

The Governor in Council will accordingly apply to the Military Board of the Presidency for the Ordnance which you may require.

I am directed to inform you that instructions have been furnished to you from this Office, for the disposal of the Ordnance which may be captured in the Fort of Ahmednuggur.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
[Signed] George Strachey
Secretary to Govt
Mily Dept

Fort St. George
7th December 1803

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Fort St. George 1. December 1803.

To the President and Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 25th Ult.o

To the Military Board. requesting them that application has been made to the Government at Bombay for the supply of Iron required for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam which will be made to the Supreme Government for sending to Malacca the supply of Provisions which they recommend — Regulations of Bills for the Bombay Marine with the revision of pay thereon returned — the Bills and advances recommended by them have been returned —

2d. Ditto

An application has been made to the Governor in Council at Bombay for the supply of Iron, which you have stated to be required for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam —

An Extract from your letter of the 25th. Ult.o will be transmitted to Fort William for the information of the Governor General in Council, and His Excellency will be requested to order for sending to Malacca the supply of Provisions which you recommend to be furnished for the use of that Garrison.

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Fort St. George 7th December 1803.

I have the honor to return to you the Registers of Bills for Exchanges for the Months of April, June August and September, with the exception of the Bills and Advances of Money recommended in your letters of the 7th 21st & 28th ultimo, have been paid for payment

Fort St George
7th December 1803.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most
Obedt Servt
(signed) George Strachey
Secty to Govt

To the President & Members of the Military Board

To Dr Sr Directing them to report the nature of their objections to the Bills of the Officer Commanding the Northern Division. Copy of a letter from the Governor General enclosed. Enclose Copy of a letter from Major General Wellesley relative to the forfeiture of Abdul Razzaq. Enclose Copies of letters from the Officers Commanding at the Mount and Trichinopoly such of the Orders specified in those letters as may be necessary withheld. &c.

Copy

Para 7th

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward for your information and guidance the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Most Noble

the

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Fort St. George 11 December 1803

Copy of a letter from Fort William on the subject of the supply of Elephants for the service of this Presidency and to submit a plan for the repair of the building allotted to the Board of Revenue

the Governor General in Council, and to desire
that you will report for the information of
His Lordship in Council the nature of the
objections which may have occurred to the
admission of the Indents thereon referred to
2 Iam directed to furnish
for your information and guidance the
enclosed Copy of a letter from the Honorable
Major General Wellesley relative to the
fortifications of Chandragiry together
with a Copy of the reply which has been
despatched & that Officer
3 I enclose Copies of letters
from the Officer Commanding at the Mount
and Poonamalee and am directed to desire that
orders may be given for repairing the
public buildings specified in those letters
to the extent which you may consider to
be necessary

By the enclosed Copy of a
letter

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Fort St. George. December 1803

Letter from the Assistant Secretary at Fort William, you will perceive that the Agreement which you recommended, has been concluded with Mr. Macrae for supplying Elephants for the service of the Presidency.

Same directed to transmit to you the accompanying Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor in Council in the Public Department, and to desire that you will recommend the plan, which in your judgement it will be most advisable to adopt for the repair of the Building alluded to.

Fort St. George
7th December 1803

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
[Signed] George Strachey
Secrety to Govt

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General &c

I am reply to your letter of the 3d

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Directing them to report on the claims of Captain Rowles to arrears of Pay &c. and all other claims of the like nature according to the existing regulations of the Service.

Fort St. George 6th December 1803

30th ultimo, I am directed by the Governor in Council to desire that the claim of Captain Rowles and all other claims of the like nature to arrears of Pay and allowances in consequence of his late promotion in the Cavalry may be decided according to the existing Regulations of the Service which preclude an Officer from drawing the pay of an advanced Rank, previously to the date of the promulgation of his promotion in General Orders.

Fort St. George
6th December 1803

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

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

To be directed to report on the claim of Captain Rowles for arrears of Pay on promotion and to report on the claims of the like nature mentioned in the margin of the Government Order of the 30th ultimo.

Para 1st. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 5th

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Fort St. George December 1803

The Secretary at Fort William from the Military Paymaster General and from Captain Ross enclosed Lieutenant Stokoe permitted to draw the full allowance of his rank to the date of his embarkation for England - to submit his opinion on the application from the Paymaster on Malabar for an increased establishment &c. to make such adjustments as he may think proper for the liquidation of the Demand made by Captain Ross

The 29th ultimo; and to desire that you will call on the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry for any information respecting his disbursements on account of the French Prisoners of war which you may consider to be requisite for the satisfactory adjustment of those charges.

2. I enclose Copies of letters from the Assistant Secretary at Fort William from the Military Paymaster General and from Captain Ross of this Establishment.

3 It is the desire of the Governor in Council that Lieutenant Stokoe, the Officer mentioned in the letter from the Assistant Secretary at Fort William may be permitted to draw the full allowances of his rank to the date of his embarkation for England.

4. This Lordship in Council

Resolves

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desires that you will report your opinion relative to the application submitted by the Military Paymaster in Travancore for an increased Establishment. [illegible] to one the other claims of Mr. Douglas which have been submitted for the consideration of His Lordship in Council.

5 In referring for examination on the claim of Captain Ross on account of expences which he is stated to have incurred at the siege of Seringapatam the Governor in Council is sensible that some degree of difficulty may attend the ascertainment of the charges from the want of the proper Vouchers which appear to have been lost; but His Lordship in Council desires that you will make such an arrangement for the liquidation of the demand as may be in your judgement equitable under the explanations which have been furnished

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Fort St. George 7th December 1803

To Lieutenant Colonel Brenton

Military Auditor General

Sir,

To Lieut. Co. expressing satisfaction at the explanation of the balances in the books of the Military Paymaster General.

Fort St. George 7th December 1803

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) George Strachey

Secty to Govt.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having taken into consideration your letter of the 1st Instant has directed me to express to you his satisfaction at the manner in which you have conducted an explanation of the Balances existing in the Books of the Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George 7th December 1803

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(signed) George Strachey

Secty to Govt.

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Fort St. George 7 December 1808

To the Military Auditor General.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that the Bills and Vouchers of Money recommended in the enclosed Extracts from letters from the Military Board of the 7th 21st and 23d ultimo may be passed for payment.

I am also directed to desire that you will authorize the payment of the enclosed Bills amounting to Star Pagodas one thousand and fifty one / 1051 / on account of Furniture supplied for the Office of the Secretary to the Military Board.

I transmit to you the Copy of a letter from the Storekeeper of Fort St. George and am instructed to desire that you will authorize the Commissariat

To Dr. Le Dieuteig
how to authorize the
payment of bills and
advances of cash &c.
recommended by the
Military Board. to
authorize also the
allowance of one Rupee
per Diem for the daily
subsistence of all Europeans
at Pondicherry

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Fort St. George. December 1803.

Officer at Ponnamallee to pay to Mr. Guinne a daily allowance of one Rupee for his subsistence, until he shall be embarked for England.

Fort St. George
7th December 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed George Strachey
Secretary to Govt

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council in reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo to acquaint you that measures have been taken for despatching from this presidency to Coimbatore a supply of Money for the payment of the Troops on Malabar. The instructions which have been transmitted to the Collector on this subject, having been

To the Military Pay.r General. acquainting him that measures have been taken for despatching from Coimbatore a supply of Money for the use of the Troops on Malabar and that the amount will not be less than one Lack of Pagodas.

/

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conditioned, His Lordship in Council is unable to state the amount of the supply, but expects that it will not be less than the sum of one Lac of Pagodas -

Fort St. George
7th December 1803

Sum - &c. &c. &c.

Sign } George Strachey
Secretary to Govt.

To the Officer Commanding
at Pondicherry.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d. ultimo, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that you will transmit to me a particular return of the Boats and other articles of French property which have recently fallen into your possession in order that if the articles should be of sufficient value the opinion of the Marine Board may be consulted with respect to the disposal of them

To the Officer Commg. at Pondicherry directing him to transmit a return of the Boats and other articles of French property which have recently fallen into his possession -

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Fort St. George - December 1803.

Transmit them at the Presidency -

Fort St. George
7th December 1803.

Have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Govt

To the Military
Paymaster General.

Send the following letters
entered in No 88 Nos 12 13

To the Military Pay-
master General & transmitting the Auditor
Auditor Generals Report on his re-delivered
Estimate of the 3d Assistant

To the Officer
Commanding at
Pondicherry.

at Pondicherry. Colonel Maxwell transmitted
to request the Resident
8th
following Letters entered
16 17 18

To the Military
Paymaster General

Returned and sent the
16 15 Nos 14 15

From Mr Roebuck -
Submitting an estimate of Pay required by
the Paymaster to the Nizams Contingent -

No 201

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From Do Do Enclosing

an additional Estimate of Cash required in the Current Month.

To Captain Kyd.

9.

From Do Do

To the Secretary at Fort William.

Enclosing a Statement of Payments made to His Majesty's forces under this Presidency from the 25th December 1802 to 24th June 1804.

To the Military Auditor General.

From Do Do

Referring for his examination an additional Estimate of Cash required for the Current Month.

To Do Do

Referring for his examination an additional Estimate of Cash required for the Current Month.

Order of Council

Military Department

8th December 1803.

Received the following

6202

Fort St. George 9th December 1805.

Letter from the Military Auditor General.

To The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General Reporting on the additional Estimate submitted for his examination on that date.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department of this date which accompanied an additional Estimate of Cash for the present Month, and to Report that the Sum of Pagodas Seventeen thousand three hundred and twenty three, Fanams Twenty five and Cash sixty one (17,923. 25. 61.) is available and payable from the General Treasury being required by the Military Paymaster General for the following purposes.

&c.

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Fort St. George 2 December 1803

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To discharge the amount

2.

of a balance due to the Agent for Spirituous

Liquors as p.o his account Current dated

31st. October last and to make an advance

to the Garrison Storekeeper at this Presidency

on account of the Provision of Military

Stores for the Service of the Arsenal at

Fort St. George, under authority from

Government.

3.

I have deducted the

/ Sum of Pagodas two thousand / Pagodas 2000-

estimated for as an advance on account

of the Ceylon Volunteers, as I have not

received any information of the Advance

having been authorised by Government

Military Auditor

I have the honor to be

Generals Office

&c. &c.

Fort St. George

/ Signed / J. Brunton

2 December 1803.

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Jno

6204

Fort St. George 5th December 1806

The Sum of Pagodas 17923. 25. 61. to be paid to the Military Paymaster General

In consequence of the foregoing Report Ordered that the Sum of Seventeen thousand nine hundred and twenty three Pagodas twenty five fanams and sixty one Cash Pagodas 17923. 25. 61. be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the assistant at Ellumalai included in his Letter of this date.

(By order of the Board)
Honorable the Governor in Council.
(Signed) G. Stracey.

To the Military Paymaster General

Secretary's Office
Fort St. George
5th December 1806

Paymaster General's Letter to the Board of
Requesting him that the Sum of Pagodas
17923. 25. 61. has been ordered to be issued to
him from the Treasury

1205

Fort St. George 9th December 1803.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

John Chamier

} Esqrs

Friday the 9th December 1803.

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.

Read the following Letter

from the Governor of Ceylon -

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I take the liberty

from the Governor of Ceylon transmitting Letter of the Conductor Major

6206

Fort St. George 9th December 1803

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Mr. William Mann

Conductor of Ordnance, having returned from Service on the Island of Ceylon,

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

most Obedient

Faithful Servant

(Signed) Frederic North.

To the Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Columbo

15th October 1803

Chief delivers in the following Minute -

Minute of the Commander in Chief -

Recommends - That Mr W Mann the Conductor of Stores - and that Men of merit in the inferior branches of the ordnance Department be in future promoted to that Rank -

620.

Fort St. George 9th December 1803

I recommend that he be promoted to the 12
Rank of Deputy Commissary of Stores, —
and appointed to the Garrison of Vellore,
vacant by the death of Captain Lieute-
-nant Fowler —

The inconvenience
to the public Service, resulting from the
employment of Officers of Artillery
as Deputy Commissaries of Stores, has
induced me to consider the promotion
to that Rank of deserving Men from
the Subordinate branches of the Ordnance
Department, a measure of expediency,
and it is my intention to recommend
men of this description to all future
Vacancies in that Rank; not
only for the purpose of rendering the
Corps of Artillery more efficient, but
as an encouragement to good
conduct

6208

Fort St. George 9th December 1803

Minute of the Commander in Chief

The Board agree with the Commander in Chief in conduct in the enclosed Official Ordinance - 9th November 1803.

(signed) I. Stuart

The Board agree with the Commander in Chief regarding the expediency of promoting Men of Merit from the inferior branches of the Ordnance Department to the Rank of Deputy Commissaries of Stores.

Resolved accordingly that Mr. Conductor Allan be promoted to the rank of Deputy Commissary of Stores; and that he be appointed to do duty at Vellore

Minute of the Commander in Chief

The Commander in Chief

Minute of Dr. D. relative to the recommendations of the Medical Board regarding the Native Sick in their Proceedings of the 7th November

6209

Fort St George 9th December 1803

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has been furnished with an Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor in Council dated the 5th of November 1803 requesting him to issue such Orders on the subject of the recommendation of the Medical Board regarding the Native Sicks, contained in their Proceedings of the 7th of November, as he should consider conducive to the health of the Native Troops, consistently with the consideration of Public Economy -

The Commander in Chief has directed Estimates to be prepared, with plans for the construction of a Native Hospital at Vellore, after ascertaining that the Native Sick of Corps in that Garrison could not without inconvenience

be

6210

Fort St. George 9th December 1808

Be pleased with the General Hospital
a certain number of Cots have
also been ordered for the Regimental
Hospitals of Native Corps when
stationed on Garrison or Cantonment
and Country Cots have
long formed one Article of the
regular Equipment of Land Native

Chief does not
The Commander in
=tent to pass an opinion on the
Medical expediency of allowing
Spirits for the use of the Native
Troops, but on a general Military
Consideration of the subject he is
extremely unwilling to grant any
practice on the part of the
Service, which can tend to encourage

the

6211

Fort St. George 9th December 1803

The tendency to improper habits in the Native Soldiers; many of whom have acquired that of drinking to excess. Hee is by no means desirous of withholding from the sick any necessary comfort, but he fears that the measure proposed would produce more abuse of the publick indulgence, than benefit to the objects of the attention of Government

9th November 1803 [Signed] J. Stuart

Ordered

6213 Fort St. George. December 1803

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Diary

Received the following

10th

Letters

To George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Military Department

at Fort St. George

Sir

From the assistant Secretary at Fort William – stating the directions have been given for complying with the Indent for Military Stores for the Expedition against Malacca

I am directed by the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from Captain W. Farquhar Commanding at Malacca and Copy of the Indent which accompanied it, and to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that Directions have been given for having the Indent complied with from the Arsenal at Fort William –

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

Fort William

the 17th November 1803

(signed) Thos. Hill

for Sec. to the Govt. Mily Dept.

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Fort St. George : December 1805.

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

My Lords,

From the Military Auditor General — Reporting on the Estimate of the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Nizam's Subsidiary Force.

Having examined the Estimate of the Paymaster to the Detachment serving with the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force for the present Month, which accompanied a Letter from the Secretary to Government on the Military Department of yesterday's date, I have the honor to report that I therein find a Sum of Sicca Rupees Ninety five thousand and four hundred and thirty three (95,493) is demandable and payable by Bills on the Paymaster General, being required for the payment of the Troops and Departments composing that Detachment for Arrear for Novem-ber, and Advance for December.

I have the honor to be
My Lords,
Your most obedient
humble Servant

6217.

Fort St. George 1st December 1803.

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To

that did not reach the Presidency in time to be
included by the Military Paymaster General
in the General Estimate for the month of
December 1803, as noticed in my Report dated
the 1st Instant.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
1st December 1803.

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

Received the following Letters
entered in M. B. Nos 20. 21. 22.

From the Lieut. Governor
of Prince of Wales Island.

From Mr. Leith acknowledging
the receipt of the letter regarding Mrs. Lorain.

From Dr. Lo.

From Dr. D. states that
he has forwarded certain dispatches to the
Commissioner Farquhar and the Commanding
Officer at Malacca.

From Lieutenant Colonel Brunton.

From the Military
Auditor General.

Reporting the Bill advances to the Military
Department for July 1803.

Received

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From the Commander in Chief -

Received a letter from Lieutenant General Stuart entered in a/c B No 23. Submitting a Return of the Army for transmission to Bengal -

12th

To Captain L. Hook
Secretary to the Government
Fort William

Sir

Para 1st

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Assistant Secretary in the Military Department at Fort William dated the 17th Instant

2d

The Officer Commanding at Malacca had already communicated to this Government a Copy of the Instructions issued to Military Stores, which he has transmitted to Fort William; in consequence of the information stated by that Officer relative to the deficient

To the Secretary at Fort William - Enclosing an extract from a letter from the Military Board together with an estimate of Provisions which that Board recommend may be despatched from Bengal for the use of the Garrison of Malacca -

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Fort St. George 12th December 1803.

State of the supplies at that Garrison - The Lord-
-ship in Council deemed it to be expedient
to refer the subject to the Consideration of the
Military Board at this Presidency -

The Military Board have
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been unable to state with precision the
extent of the supply of provisions and Stores
which may be required for the use of the
Garrison of Malacca; but have prepared an
Estimate of the Quantity of Provisions which
it will be in the opinion of that Board advisable
to despatch to that place, and as the season of
the year precludes the expectation of an opportu-
-nity for despatching the Provisions from hence,
the Military Board have recommended that
they may be despatched from the Presidency of
Bengal.

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I have accordingly the honor to
enclose an extract of the letter from the Military
Board together with a Copy of the Estimate, and

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Fort St. George. December 1803

12th

am directed to request that you will submit to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council the recommendation of his Lordship in Council that the Quantity of Cannon stores specified by the Military Board may be shipped at as early a period as may be practicable for Malacca.

This Lordship in Council considers it to be probable that the Military Stores for which an Indent was transmitted to Fort William by the Officer Commanding at Malacca, may under the communication contained in the letter which has been received from Bengal, have been already despatched to that place; but if they should not have been despatched, I am directed to request that the suggestion of the Military Board on that subject, particularly in relation to the number of Gun Carriages included in the Indent, may be submitted to the consideration of the

6221 Fort St. George 12th December 1803

12th

Excellency in Council, in order that if the Excellency should not deem the measure to be objectionable, a reduction may be made in the extent of the supply.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St. George
12th December 1803

(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Govt.

Received and Sent the following Letters entered in No. 13 Nos 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.

From Lieutenant Colonel Brunton - Reporting the Bill advances for the first Quarter of the Current year.

To the Military Auditor General.

From Mr. Roebuck - Submitting an additional estimate of Cash.

To the Military Paymaster General.

From Dr. Dr. Enclosing a letter from the Paymaster at Nellore requisitioning to be supplied with 5000 Pagodas from the Presidency to complete the December payment

To

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To the Secretary at Fort William

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12th

To Captain Hook. Transmitting a Return for November of the Troops serving under this Presidency.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To the Military Paymaster General - Transmitting the Military Auditor General's Report on the Estimate of the Payments to the Detachment with His Highness the Nizam.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President -

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie } Esqrs

and

John Chamier }

Tuesday

13th December

1803

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved -

Jhe

6223 Fort St. George 13th. December 1803

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minutes

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board, that the following appointments by the Most Noble the Governor General and Captain General have been officially notified to me by the Officer Commanding in Cuttack

Minute of the Commander in chief submitting a List of Appointments by the Officer Commanding in Cuttack.

Captain Lieutenant & Adjutant Botzler of the Bengal Artillery, to be Deputy Commissary of Stores in Cuttack.

Lieutenant Bury of His Majesty's 22d. Regiment of Infantry, to act as Adjutant to the Detachment of that Regiment, serving in Cuttack.

Lieutenant Wilkins of the 19th. Native Regiment of Infantry on the Madras Establishment to be acting Assistant Surveyor in the Province of Cuttack

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803

Cuttack.

13th December 1803

Signed J Stuart

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Minute be furnished for the information of the Military Auditor General and that he be directed to submit the names of the Officers, & Stipends to Staff situations in the Province of Cuttack, as the accounts of the Detachment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Harcourt

Minute of Ditto Ditto Reserving the grounds on which he considers himself entitled to extra Batta in the Presidency Division of Cuttack not yet fixed in Bengal and subject to the orders of the Governor in Council of Fort William

Minute

The Commander in Chief has given a due consideration to the subject referred to him of the Bengal Regulations for the arrangement of the Bagaree which have been found to the adoption of the Government

Bagaree

Differs from the regulations published for the conduct of Military Bagaree under that Government in the following points

1st

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803.

1st The Coast Regulations

authorise a distribution, upon fixed principles to Officers Commanding Divisions, Districts and Garrisons of the profits which may arise from the sale of arack and entoxicating Drugs in Military Bazars; but the Bengal Regulations admit of no division of that description.

2d The Coast Regulations allow a defined authority to Officers in Command of Stations over Military followers and Bazars; but the Bengal Regulations vest the exclusive exercise of that authority in the Civil Magestrate.

The Commander in Chief has reasons for believing that the amount of profits, which may arise from Military Bazars under this Presidency will not form a sum of any consequence to Government; while the great expences incident

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incident to the command of every Garrison upon the Peninsula, from the unhanded rate of Wages, and Provisions may render it [illegible] participation of those profits amongst the [illegible] Commanding Officers, whose allowances on many occasions are scarcely adequate to their unavoidable disbursements. This circumstance, together with the responsibility of Commanding Officers exciting an unbounded influence for the purpose of augmenting the profits of Bazars, induce the Commander in Chief to think that the existing Regulations should be continued with a few trifling alterations.

The Commander in Chief is of the same opinion with respect to the second point of difference between the Coast and the Bengal Regulations. The authority which the former contains for Commanding Officers is limited, well defined, and entirely

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subjected to the interposition of the Civil
Magistrate, it cannot therefore be directed
to improper purposes; but at the same time
the occasional employment of that authority
appears to be necessary to enable Commanding
Officers to attach the requisite Bazars to the
Troops under their Command when they
proceed on Field Service. The means of
collecting Bazars for the use of the Troops
are much more confined on the Coast, than
in Bengal; whenever the Army has taken
the field many Corps have found it impossi-
-ble to procure Bazars, and the difficulties
which are always experienced on occasions of
that nature render it necessary that a
certain modified authority should be possessed
by Commanding Officers over the Military
Bazars attached to their Garrisons.

13th December 1803.

(Signed) J. Stuart

Considering

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Minutes thereon

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Considering the opinion
expressed by the Commander in Chief relative
to the detention of Officers on Command at
Stations to supply with Gratuities former to the
higher ranks of the Army under the Provisions
the Board are unwilling to depart the Officers
under such circumstances of the moderate
advantage which may be afforded to those
under the late orders of Government for the
better regulation of Military Bazars, and
especially as the restrictions surrounded by those
orders effectually obviate the confusion use
of that indulgence.

This emphasion and under the latitude allowed
for the decision of the Board by the letter
from the Governt General in Council of the
28th of April last to proceed from the recommendation
of this Presidency of the Commissioners herein
-mitted with that letter.

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Resolved that these Sentiments be stated to the Governor in General in Council and that a Copy of the Commander in Chief's Minute be transmitted to Fort William for His Excellency's information

Minute

The Commander in Chief has the honor of laying before the Board a Copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the British troops at Goa, with a Statement of an establishment of Boats which he has recommended to be allowed at that Station - the nature of the situation of the British troops at Goa renders it essentially necessary that they should be able to command the means of moving with promptitude to the different points where their services may be demanded; and the proposed establishment of Boats appears to be requisite for that purpose - But the Commander in Chief

Minute of Public Letter submitting copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Goa with a Statement of an establishment of Boats required at that Station - recommendation thereon - submitting a Bill from the Officer Commanding Pondicherry - on which he recommends may be passed for payment

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of opinion that it is not necessary to incur the expence recommended by Colonel Clerk William Clarke for the Superintendence of the establishment, and he accordingly suggests that the Pharmacy of Lascars should be allowed for that purpose to supply Rupees per Month, no Monsoon sufficient to enable Colonel Clarke to employ one Superintendant, who will be able to conduct the whole establishment

The Commander in Chief begs leave to recommend the payment of a Bill which he has the honor to lay before the Board from the Officer Commanding Pondicherry, for Rupees incurred under orders of the Commander in Chief

To that Officer

13th December 1803

[signed] J. Stuart

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His Excellency

Lieutenant General H. Stuart

Commander in Chief

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor of trans-
-mitting herewith for your Excellency's
information a Return of the Boat
establishment at Goa, and a Statement of
the Monthly expence attending it; all the
Pinnaces or Scales included in the Return
were furnished by the Portuguese Government
about the 1st. of this Month, and on that day
Crews were engaged for the whole Establish-
-ment, but I deferred making this Report
till two Launches (on which the Crews are
employed making repairs) should be in a Serv-
-iceable Condition, I now have the Pleasure
-faction to state that the Establish-

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Kirk St. George 13th December 1807

of Boats, as details on the accompanying
Return, is effective and ready for Service at
the shortest notice.

The occupation of the
upper Part of Agonda by Portuguese
having taken place since I first submitted
my Idea on the subject of an Boat Establish-
-ment, I am of opinion that a little
Tonnage may suffice than that I
proposed, consequently I have authorised
Boats sufficient for the Complement
one Sail of 360 Men only, encamp based
with your Excellency's Permission I have
also deducted the Half of
first proposed for Assistants to the Boat
Master, thus diminishing the monthly
expence to Rupees one thousand and twenty
four / 1024 / in which is included the
expence of one Lascar and one Raft —
which must necessarily at all events be

continued

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entertained for conveying Provisions and Stores
to and Communicating with Major Mac-
pherson's Detachment.

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The Boat Master is a
very intelligent Active Officer, he is Senior
in the Bombay Marine to the Boat-
Masters employed under that Presidency,
and I understand the Salary of 300 Rupees
per Month, which I had the honor to
propose is less than the Sum granted to them.
I sincerely hope your Excellency will approve
the proposed Salary for Lieutenant Reddy be-
-cause, he can possibly derive no advantage
independent thereof from his situation as
Boat Master at Goa.

The only contingent Expence
that can occur and it is included in the Estab-
-lishment, is one Rupee per Month for Oil
for each Boat, no hire is to be paid for the
Boats, nor is any expence to be incurred for
the

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The Honble Company's Servants, the Board are surprised and mortified to receive from the Portuguese Government &c.

Here will be transcribed a Covenant to the Honorable Company of Portuguese on all cases of embarking & disembarking Troops or Stores at Goa, a charge without Interest at an average from the time of Bank Stock were first stationed at Goa, little less than 8 per cent to that would amount to a large proportion of the expence for a similar period, an object of some consequence Superior Consequence is attached to the regard & respect of the Portuguese for the ease & convenience of embarking & disembarking Troops &c.

It is hereby declared that every attention to Economy consistent with the full attainment of the objects in view, has been given in the formation of the Establishment and that no further reduction can be made

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is connected with it to my knowledge, I
therefore confidently trust that your Excellency
will approve what has been done, and recom-
-mend to the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council, the confirmation of the Boat
Establishment at Goa, from the 1st of this Month,
on the proposed footing -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
[Signed] Willm Clarke
Colonel

God
26th November 1803.

Return

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Fort St. George 15th December 1802

Return of Boat Establishment the 1st Day of November 1802

No.	Names of Boats	Number of Men	Pay	Total
	Boat Serang	1		
1	Manuel Lopez	1	Pagoda Fanam 20	
2	Manuel Dias	6	2 9	15
3	Louis Cruz	7	2 0	28
4	Luis Fernandez	7	2 0	28
5	Simão Mendez	7	2 0	28
6	Anthony Simão	7	2 0	28
7	Juan Jozo	7	2 0	28
8	Simão Pinto	7	2 0	28
9	Manuel Fernandez	10	3 0	30
10	Lorenzo Cardoza	7	2 0	28
11	Paulo Rodrigues	7	2 0	28
12	Alexo Fernandez	8	2 0	28
13	Bento Rodrigues	12	Pagoda Fanam	60
	Total Musqueteers	13	5 0	160
	Add Five Lascars recalculated Heavy Baggage			5
				165

Goa 1st November 1803

Heavy Baggage

Signed John Hedges Lenight

Boat Master

Establishment

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Statement of Monthly expence on account of the Boat Establishment

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To one Boat Master pr Month — Rups 300

To two Assistants — Do — — — — — 100

To 13 Muccadoms or Tendals at 7 Rups pr Month — 91

To 112 Mariners or Boat Men at 5 Rups pr Month — [illegible]

To 2 Do in charge of the Rafts for conveying Troops across the River near Egmore at 15 Rups each — 30

To Oil for Boats bottoms at 1 Rup pr Mo for each Boat is — — — — 13

Total Rupees — 1034

Fort St. George 1st November 1803

(Signed) John Hedgborough
Boat Master

(Signed) Wm Clarke
Col Commandt

The Board approve the proposed establishment of Boats at Egmore with the limitation recommended by the Commander

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Fort St. George 15th December 1809

Commander in Chief regarding the Superintendence of the Establishment

Pointed and Bound thereto

that it be understood accordingly

Ordered also that the Pay

of the Commanding Officer at Pennacherry

for Lieut. Lewis Prangey, be stopped for forty

-months by the Military Auditor General in

conformity to the recommendation of the

Commander in Chief.

From the Military Board and from them

Secretary

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

Dated 8th December 1809

From the Military Board stating that they have given orders for the purchase of the Horse Artillery damaged & rejected by the Committee of Purchase Lordane Register of bills for Entertainment for October 1809 and recommend payment of Sundry bills and Advances of Cash

1st

Thy Lords

Letter of the Secretary to Government on the

We have received the

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Military Depart.t under date the 1st 28th
December, and have given orders for the im-
mediate preparation of the Horse Artillery
Carriages &c.a required by the Honorable the
Governor of Bombay—

2d We enclose for the decision
of your Lordship in Council Register of
Bills for Extraordinaries for the Month of
October 1803, with our opinion upon the several
Charges it contains—

3 We also enclose and recom-
=mend payment of the following Bills Nizt—

No 1. Quarterly account of the
Garrison Storekeeper at the Residency for
Articles supplied for the use of the Arsenal
at the Residency during the Quarter ending
the 31st October last amounting to Pagodas
5740. 36. 72.—

No 2 Bill of the Acting
Garrison Storekeeper in the Ceded Districts
for

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Fort St. George 15th December 1813

For Mallet's Journal under our authority for the fundamentals of Stone in the Granaries at Goorty's amounting to Pagodas 67. 10. —

For a Bill of the Superintending Engineer on the Rondeny Division for Repairs executed by him to the Verandahs of the European Barracks at Walajahbad amounting to Pagodas 1362. 29. 68. —

We also recommend Payment of the following Accounts of Expenses at the Presidency on account of Stone required for the use of the aforesaid Granaries

Pagodas
1966. 22. 40. to the Superintending Engineer on the Coast
90. 36. 50. to the Engineer on the Coast
Duthoits being one third of the amount of an Estimate for building eight Barracks on

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the Hon.ble Fort of Goalcy-

Fort St. George

5th. December 1803.

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

/Signed/ J. Stuart

" D. Smith

" C. Trapaud

" P. A. Agnew

" J. Brunton

" Alex.r Orr

Resolved to authorise the payment of the Bills and Advances of Money recommended in the foregoing Letter-

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Secretary to the Military Board stating that a supply of 3000 Pairs of Bridle is required from Bengal.

I am directed by the Milita-ry Board to request you will represent to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the necessity that an immediate application should be made to Bengal for

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A Supply of 200 Rees of Cattle to be forwarded by the earliest Conveyance to Fort St. George, the Number of Cattle on the Ground at the Pasturary being insufficient for the Requirement arose from the Regiment of Cavalry recently that the Ground at Fort William was most abundantly supplied.

Fort St. George
16th December 1803.

Sent the Letter to be

Sign'd

I have &c.

(Signed) John Macleane

Secretary Military Board

Received Intimation to
make the Requisition
for the Supply of Cattle required for the
Service of the Pasturary

from the Military Secretary

Signed

Read the following Letter

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To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck

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

My Lord.

I have the honor to lay before

From the Military Auditor General transmitting bills of the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry for the service of Government.

your Lordship in Council Copy of a letter
under date the 29th. ultimo, addressed to me by
the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry, together
with the original Bills from No. 1. to 4. of the
Master Attendant at that Port, which accom-
panied it.

2 No. 1. is for the hire of Boats
and Cattamarans embarking and disembarking
French Prisoners of war, their Baggage, Provi-
sions &c. on, and from the Cartel Ship
Matilda. No 2 is for the hire of a Cattamaran
sent to Madras, on service, with letters. No 3
also for the hire of Boats and Cattamarans
attending His Majesty's Ship Wilhelmina and

No 4

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No 4 is for pay to 2 Lascars for the use of the Flag Staff.

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Re charges on the fresh Bill appear extremely high, when compared with those at the end of the former Bills and the state of the Weather at Pondicherry the Boats &c could only be obtained by promises of liberal Rewards, and to these circumstances must be attributed the great excess in the rates charged. the Charges in No 2 & 3, do not appear so very high, when compared with those at this and other ports on the East. the Bills were countersigned by the Officer Commanding, under whose Orders it was considered necessary to obtain the assistance of Government, previous to their being passed on the Office.

With respect to the charge in No 4 I beg leave to observe that

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it is new and unauthorized, and that I am not acquainted with any charges of that Sort having been made at any Port on this Coast under this Presidency, it being I believe customary to employ the Garrison Lascars upon that Duty, but as there is no establishment of Lascars at Pondicherry, perhaps you may be pleased to authorize the payment of this Bill and admit a continuance of the charge at the usual pay of Pags one and fanams thirty four Pds 1.34-/ per Month for each Lascar as long as it may be deemed necessary.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your Obt

Servt

/Signed/ J Brunton

Brigy Majr & Dpy Genl

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 5th December 1803.

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To the Military Auditor-Genera

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
for the charges of the Master Attendant
at this place for conducting the Vessels
Bridoners of War which I shall transport
under the direction of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council communicated to
me, to signify your authority to the Lieut
for payment. It is necessary to observe you
that the Contents of the Table in first Column
refer to Lines of the first Table in that among
of the Packs were obtained by Persons of
whom we yet keep able to return, which
circumstance was the occasion of the omissi

I have &c

Pondicherry
29th November 1805

(Signed) J. St. Johnston
A true Copy
(Signed) J. Morrison
Deputy

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803

Order thereon

Ordered that the four Bills 32

of the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry

submitted with the foregoing letter be returned

to the Military Auditor General, and

that he be directed to admit the charges, —

amounting in the aggregate to the sum of

one Hundred and twenty one Pagodas 121

and Nine Rupees.

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lords,

From Lt. Lt. Replying to the observations of the Accountant General on the subject of Naval Charges.

I have the honor by the Copy of a letter of the Accountant General dated 7th. Ultimo addressed to the Military Secretary of the Supreme Government with which I have been furnished by Mr. Secretary Strachey under date 1st. Instant, that I am charged with having committed a Mistake in

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Fort St. George 13th December 1758

In my letter to your Board on Council of the 15th September last, relative to the Payments made to Mr Hargrave's Estate, wherein I observed that as the Hon. Comp.ys Orders on Fort St. George benefits equally by the conveyance which the Navy afforded at that season, I was confident with Justice that such Payments ought to bear their share of the Expence; but finding by the Books lately brought down from the Presidency with the Accounts for the year 1757, that no such Payments were then made, I have not charged the Bengal Payments with the Sum of Pagodas 2 referred to in my Letter of the 15th September, but have charged the Fort St. George Books with the Sum of Pagodas 1 [illegible] Bengal alleges to have been made, & referred to in my Letter of the 15th September, in the following manner, viz.

To Cash paid Estate Mr Hargrave's Executors

To Cash paid Estate Mr Hargrave's Executors

I am confident that such Payments ought to bear their share of the Expence; but finding by the Books lately brought down from the Presidency with the Accounts for the year 1757, that no such Payments were then made, I have not charged the Bengal Payments with the Sum of Pagodas 2 referred to in my Letter of the 15th September, but have charged the Fort St. George Books with the Sum of Pagodas 1 [illegible] Bengal alleges to have been made, & referred to in my Letter of the 15th September, in the following manner, viz.

To Cash paid Estate Mr Hargrave's Executors

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Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
5th December 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt
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/ Signed / J. Brunton
Military Auditor Genl.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

To lie on the table.

To The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government, dated the 2d. Instant requiring me to Report my opinion to your Lordship in Council regarding the terms of the Proposals which accompanied that letter for victualling the European Prisoners of war in confinement at the Fort at Vellore, I have accordingly to state

From Lieut. Lee Reporting his opinion of four proposals for victualling French Prisoners -

at

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2 fanams and 30 Cash per man per day that
on 1st is 3 fanams, while the charge now
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made for Victualling each European Prisoner
is 3 fanams and 30 Cash per man per day, I am
therefore of opinion that No 1 has the first claim
to favorable attention for the following reasons
viz. the rate is less than that proposed in
No 2 by ten Cash per man per day and the
Officer Contracting (who is stationed at
Coonamalle) offers, provided it meets with
your approbation to include and victual
the whole of the Polygar Prisoners at that
place at the Contract rate, and to afford
them, at the same time, every comfort and
attention which they have invariably had
since their arrival there; at present the
Officer in charge of the Polygar Prisoners
(32 in Number) is allowed three Pagodas
per Month for the Maintenance of each
man, the saving on this account alone
for

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for a Month of 30 days with amounts

to Pagodas 36. 37. 40..

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But should the under

signed during the Pagoda Currency with

because from the former circumstances

and situation of those People they may be

considered as entitled to expect more

extended and liberal than what have

fallen to the lot of Guards Officers and

Sailors, which in my opinion cannot

well be afforded at the prefixed Contract

rates / that of Rupees 3. 70. per

Diem per Day / making only for a Month

of 30 days Pagodas 1. 1/2. 20. which the

allowance given by Government to Pagodas

three per Month, leaves for each consideration

the difference between the rates and the

two Proposals / viz Pags 2 / would be found

during Augt 3. 60. per Diem per Month,

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On Pagodas D. 15. fanams per 100 Men,
for a Month of 30 days, and as the Officer
Contracting in No 2 has all along punctually
the Prisoners and given general Satisfaction
as far as I have been able to learn, perhaps
as much may be necessary, should the
proposal for enclosing the Polygar Pri-
soners be rejected, to make any alteration
as to the persons at present employed in
peculiarly the Prisoners, except that of
entering into a Contract with the Com-
mandg to the terms of his proposals.

In this State of the
Subject for my own Satisfaction, I
determine whether Proposal No 1 or 2
ought to be accepted.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
13th December 1803.

I have the honour to be
Sir &c.
Signed J Brunton
Mil Auditor Genl

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To the Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir

I am commanded by the
Government of Fort St. George to
direct that you transmit to the
Court of Directors a Return of the
Description of Non Commissioned and
Private Land Forces, Lascars and
Pioneers, of which the Establishment
of this Presidency is composed, and
of the Number of Men, of each
Description, that may be employed
in the Field, in the event of War
with any Native Power, and also
a Return of the Number of Men
of the said Establishments, that
may be employed in Garrison, at the
Presidency, and at the Out Stations
of Fort St. George, and Seventy Cadjans
per Diem for Lascars and Seventy Cadjans
per Diem for Pioneers. Sixty one
Pagodas per Month of Thirty Days, being
the Wages of Forty five Lascars per Diem,
and the Wages

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mile, I trust, be found reasonable, and to render them still more so, I shall further, if it meets with the approbation of the Lordship in Council, to assign my Contract, agree to provide the whole of the Polygar Prisoners serving at the same rate affording them, at the same time every comfort and attendance which they have invariably had since their arrival here, if it should please the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to assign me the Contract upon these terms, my being upon the spot, gives me an opportunity of superintending it personally, and thereby to ensure the exact fulfilment of this engagement; and my Security for the due performance thereof in the Sum required, will be the House of Messrs Colt Baker Hart & Co.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Poonamalee

28th November 1803

(Signed) Alex. Fraser
Lieut. & Qr. 94th Regt
Officiating as Fort Maj.
for

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Fort St. George 13th December 1759

To the Chief Secretary
of Government
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the Honour to Inform you
that the Proprietors of the Island Long ago
Petitioned the Company to be relieved from
paying the Quit Rent of Ten Pagodas
Slug Annum to which they Agreed
European Proprietors of Land with the Articles
mentioned in that Answer have a right to
Conform to the Regulations last Year Published
as well with Respect to the Quantity of the
Articles as to the Security for the Payment
the due fr[illegible]
[illegible] performance of the Conditions
paid of Three Months from
for any on the Ten Pagodas
a Month after
portion for a longer or

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Months—

Fort St. George

8th. November 1803—

I have the honor to be—

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

/Signed/ Allan Grant

Barrack Master

To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Agreeable to the Government Advertisement of the 5th. Instant; I beg leave to request—If Government will advance me the Sum of one thousand Star Pagodas, on Collateral Security being given; and I beg leave to request the Contract may be made for 137½ Pagodas Monthly, for one Hundred Men; providing them with Provisions &c.a agreeable to the directions contained in the said Advertisement—

I have the honor to be &c.a

Madras

29th. November 1803— /Signed/ C. Vencatakrishna

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To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

Agreeable to the Govern-
ment advertisement under date the 5th
Instant I beg leave to take by Contract
the Victualling of European Seamen of
War for such time as the Government
may deem proper and shall deposite the
Sum therein required on given Collateral
Security for the due fulfilment of the
conditions of the Contract every Month
for 187½ Star Pagodas for one Hundred
Men every Month

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
Obedt. Hble.
Servt.
/Signd/ Comadore Venkatasamy

Resolved in Consultation
of the explanation stated in the foregoing
Report of the Military Auditor General

Madras
29th November 1803.

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on the proposals which have been made for victualling the European Prisoners of war, to accept the Proposal of Captain Allan Grant in preference to those of Lieutenant Fraser and of C. Venkatakistnamah, and Commadore Venkatasawmy-

With respect to the Polegar families in confinement at Poonamallee The Board coincide in the Military Auditor Generals opinion that the principle on which it is intended that the Contract for victualling European Prisoners of war shall be regulated, cannot be applicable to their particular situation; and the Board are unwilling to make any change in the arrangement made for the support of those families, which may tend to a diminution of their comforts.

Ordered that Captain Allan Grant be apprized of the Resolution of the Board for accepting his proposal, and that he be furnished with a Copy of the Proposal

recited

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Fort St. George 13th December 18[illegible]

Sundry ground Rent, and expenses incurred
the ground encroached but now ceded

Enclosing a Statement
of a formal Agreement, according to the custom
of the Country concluded with the Chief Tyrant
by the Signature of that Officer

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

I am ordered by the Honble
the Court of Directors to lay before your Lordship and Council
Sundry Letters and Statements received from
Lieutenant Hamilton, late acting Chief Engineer
at the Moluccas, relative to an exchange for
Belong to the Dutch Authorities at Amboyna
amounting to Pagodas [illegible]
Annotto

From the Military
Auditor General
Referring the Subject
of a Salam claimed
by the Natives who
acted as Dutch
Interpreter at
Amboyna.

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2d The allowance drawn by Lieutenant Helmer as Dutch Interpreter and Translator, as above stated, stands retrenched from 1st March 1802 to 30th June 1803 under the following remark "Pr authority for making this charge requires to be forwarded previous to its being admitted".

3d I beg leave to add that similar Retrenchments have also been made from — Mr Farquhar's Abstracts from the period of his arrival at Amboyna to the 28th of February 1803.

3d As a precedent for charges of this description it is my duty to point out that a Dutch Interpreter with a salary of twenty five Pagodas per month was allowed to the — present Commander in Chief on an Expedition against the Dutch Settlements on Ceylon, in the year 1795; and the necessity for a Dutch Interpreter being obvious at the head Quarters of the

Malacca

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Mesrs. Blanchard have been Barrack Masters
Lieutenant Blunt's promotion by the Officer
Commanding on Mr. Langhorn's coming to Fort
which was duly reported to Government by
Colonel Blunt and the amount of the salary
drawn, the Retrenchments will in both instances
be removed.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
13th December 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
/ Signed / J. Brunton
Deputy Town Major
To Colonel James Brunton
Military Auditor General
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Sir

I beg leave to submit to
your perusal the accompanying Copy of a
letter &c. &c. &c. from Lieutenant Hallmer
of the Wurtemburg Company on Account of
Retrenchments made from my Accounts against

Masulipatam
1st December 1803

To Charles Maxtone Esqr.
Military Paymaster &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

In addition to my

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803.

Sir,

Letter of the 19th Instant: I beg leave to inform you that Mr. R. F. Saugustar held the appointment of Dutch Translator at the Mysore Court, under Mr. Mahon, and continued on that situation to the 1st March 1802, when he thought proper to resign. Colonel Close found a Dutch Translator, and Interpreter, indispensibly necessary for conducting the public duties, and was pleased to appoint me to that situation, which he reported to Government, a Copy of which I enclose, and request that you will be pleased, to submit it to Lieutenant Waugh to be laid before the Military Board General, who I trust, will grant the Confederation.

Fort St. George
20th November 1803.

[Signed] D. Hillier
Lieutenant

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Close to the Right Honble Lord Clive, Governor in Council of Fort St. George under date the 6th March 1802.

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803

Paragraph 55

In consequence of the resignation of Mr. Farquhar, I have appointed Lieutenant Kellner of the Wurtemburg Company to be Dutch Translator until the pleasure of your Lordship in Council be known, at the same time, as he appears well calculated for the situation, & beg leave to recommend that he may be confirmed in it.

A true Extract

/Signed/ J. Oliver
Colonel

A true Copy

/Signed/ P. Kellner
Lieut.

A true Copy

/Signed/ W. J. Traugh
late Paymaster at the Moluccas

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. Brunton
Military Aud.t Genl

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Fort St. George 13th December 1805.

To Charles Maxlone Esqr.
Military Paymaster.

Sir,

I am informed by Lieutenant Hillier of the Wurtemburg Company enformed me this day that he has received a Retrenchment from your Office as Dutch Translator and Interpreter at Cambayam to which I beg leave to give the following explanation and request that you will be so indulgent as to refrain from putting him under any Stoppages, which I know his circumstances could not afford and must subject his family to great distress until there is a reply to the explanation which he made offer; in the mean time I make myself ultimately responsible for the amount of the Retrenchment.

Mr. R. F. Pringuhar was enformed that I should [illegible] appointed Dutch Translator and Interpreter to the Second [illegible]

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Rainier, and accompanies him to the Eastward
for the reduction of the Moluccas, he held the
appointment to the 1st March 1802 after my
arrival at and taking charge of the Moluccas
Mr Farquhar thought proper to resign the
situation on the 1st March 1802 and as the
public duty could not possibly be carried on
without a Dutch Translator and Interpreter,
I appointed Lieutenant Hellmer to succeed him,
which I reported to Government, and now
send you an Extract of my letter on that
subject.

/Signed/ J. Oliver
Colonel

Madras
19th November 1803

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Oliver to the
Right Honorable Lord Clive, Governor in
Council of Fort St George, under date the
6th March 1802.

Paragraph 55

In consequence of the
resignation of Mr Farquhar, I have appointed
Lieutenant

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1827

Lieutenant Kellner of the Wurtemburg Company to be Dutch Paymaster, until the pleasure of upon Government be known, at the same time, as he appears well calculated for the situation, they have to recommend that he may be confirmed in it.

(Signed) Thos. Sharp.

(Signed) J. Oliver

True Copies

(Signed) Charles Maxtone

True Copies

(Signed) H. Pole

(Signed) Thos. Geo. Waugh

Late Paymaster at the Presidency

True Copy

(Signed) J. G. Brunton

Deputy Asst. Gen.l.

Resolved that the Auditor General be directed to release Lieutenant Kellner from the Retrenchment

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existing against him, on account of this Salary,
which he drew as Dutch Interpreter at
Amboyna, the Board being satisfied of the
necessity of that appointment

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

From Lee Lee
Replying to the
References respecting
the Securities
of the late Pay.r
at Innaconda
and Cochrane's
Balances in the
Military Books

My Lord,

In obedience to your order
communicated to me by the Secretary in the
Military Department under date the 1st
Instant, I have with as little delay as possible
examined the final assustment of the accounts
of Mr Henry Nelson who was Paymaster at
Innaconda, and find that he has as stated
on his own letter to the Chief Secretary of
Government, under date 22d ultimo paid to
the Military Paymaster General the balance
of public Money remaining on his hands
either

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Fort St. George 13th December 1808

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 10th Instant, with the Accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Cochrane late Military Paymaster at this Presidency, and I am sorry to find that he has accumulated a Balance of Pagodas 1,00,000 against him, by the Irregularity of his Accounts, and by his having issued Monies to Officers Commanding Corps, without taking Bonds for the Amount, and without keeping any Check upon the Expenditure of the Monies issued to them.

I am sorry to find that Lieutenant Colonel Cochrane has not only neglected to keep any Account of the Monies issued to Officers Commanding Corps, but has also neglected to keep any Account of the Monies issued to Officers Commanding Detachments, and to Officers Commanding Companies, and that he has not taken Bonds from any of those Officers for the Amount of the Monies issued to them, and that he has not required any Vouchers from them for

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803

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Two thousand seven hundred and twelve, Pagodas seven and Cash. fifty two / Pos. 2712. 7. 52. / and which ought to be written off to "Last war with Tippoo Sultaun".

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/ Signed / J. Brunton

Military Auditor General's Office

Fort St. George

9th. December 1803.

Military Auditor General

Ordered that the Securities deposited by Mr. Wilson at the time of his appointment to the situation of Paymaster at Innaconda, be delivered to the agents of that Gentleman.

Orders on the foregoing Letter.

Ordered that the Military Paymaster General be directed to write off the the Head of "Last war with Tippoo Sultaun" the Balance of Two thousand Seven hundred and twelve Pagodas, seven fanams and fifty two Cash. / 2712. 7. 52. / at present appearing on his Books against the late Military Paymaster

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Fort St. George 13th December 1805

Paymaster at the Presidency.

Reas the following letter from the Military Paymaster General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Paymaster Trichinopoly with Copy of its enclosures from Mr. Collector Harris.

Fort St. George

2d December 1805

I have &c.

Signed J. Cruchett

Military Paym. Gen.

To the Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

From the Military Paymaster General submitting Copy of a letter with its enclosures from the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

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of his inability to supply sufficient Cash for my Disbursements Application was made to the other Collectors within my range of Payment I have now the honor of enclosing Copies of their Answers Mr Collector Garrows has not as yet been received I have therefore to request you will obtain permission from Government for me to draw Bills on your Office for such Sums as may be procurable here.

Trichenopoly
26th November 1803

I am &c &c
(Signed) P. H. Reay
Actg for Mr Hawkins
Paymaster

To the acting Paymaster
at Trichenopoly

Sir,

The disposal of my Treasure is guided entirely by instructions I receive from the Accountant General who draws upon me

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me adequately to the full monthly balance on any hands, any part of it which, on your representation to Government, he may allot to you, shall be paid to you, but I do not consider myself authorised to make to your department any Disbursement not authorized by him.

I am &c &c

/ Signed / Charles Harris

Collector Tanjore

A true Copy.

/ Signed / P. H. Keay. acting

for Mr. Hawkins Paymaster

Combaconum

23d November 1803.

To the acting Paymaster

at Trichenopoly

Sir,

I am reply to your letter of the 12th Instant, I have to inform you it will be out of my power to supply you with any Cash at all, having received Orders from Government to keep all surplus Revenue

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for the use of the army in the field.

Salem

15th December 1803

Jam.y 4th 1804

/Signed/ E. R. Hargrave

Collector

A true Copy

/Signed/ P. H. Elliy

act.g for Mr. Hawkins

Pay.r

Four Copies

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Milit.y Paym.r General.

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Paymaster Trichinopoly of the 30th ultimo covering Copies of two letters from Mr. Collector Garrow of the 24th and 25th ultimo

From D.o D.o transmitting Copy of Correspondence between the Collector Garrow and the Paymaster at Trichinopoly on the subject of Monies

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Military Paymaster
General's Office
Fort St. George.
6th December 1803

To the Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
Copy of a letter Collector Garrison Salliers to me
on consequence of a petition from Cash for
Settlement.

Trichinopoly
30th November 1803

I have &c &c
Signed) P H Reay

To the acting Paymaster
Sir,

I have received your letter
of the 15th Instant and have to state that

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provided no Extra drafts be made on the
interim there will be a balance of Cash in
my Treasury in the Month of December
though I cannot say whether it will —
answer the drafts of your Department
until I am informed of your wants
as the Sums of Cash
from my Treasury have been of late confined
to the Answering of drafts from the Account=
-ant Generals Office in favor of the Commer=
-cial Department, it may be necessary that
you should notify your plan to indent
upon me in order that the Accountant
General may be prepared for the arrange=
-ment and postpone the granting of fur=
-ther drafts should that be his present
intention—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Coimbatore.

24th. November 1803

/Signed/ Wm. Garraw. Coll.

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. St. Keay. Actg. for

Wm. Hawkins. Secy.

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803

To the Acting Paymaster

of Trichenopoly

Sir

I informed you under date the 24th. Instant that forwarded no drafts should intervene between the Month and December that a balance of Cash would be at your disposal I have now to state that in consequence of a Requisition from the Deputy Accountant General, I am under the necessity of forwarding the enclosable balance to Malabar and that of enable you may wish to make upon one Account for the payment of the Detachment on the Coast

Coimbatore
25th. November 1803.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
[signed] Wm. Garrow Coll.

True Copy [signed] P.G. Keary Actg.
for all Deductions &c.

[signed] B. Roebuck.
M.P.G.

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Ordered that the Military Paymaster General be informed in reply to the foregoing letter, that measures will be taken for supplying the Money required by the Paymaster at Trichenopoly from the Treasuries of the Collector of Tanjore and of the Southern Division of Coimbatore, and that in the mean time he be directed to report the extent of the supply which he may be expected that the Paymaster will require.

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

From Lt. Col. Lushington explanations on the unadjusted Items in his Office.

My Lords,

I have had the honor to receive your Lordships Commands of the 5th instt directing me to lay before your Lordships

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Fort St. George 19th December 1803

Lordship in Council a Detailed Statement of the unadjusted Balances on my Office account, framed by a Current account of them Origin and the Steps taken for their Liquidation and enclosing an Extract of a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors relative to my Department.

I beg leave to state to your Lordship that since the Receipt of that Letter I have been employed in forwarding the Statements called for by your Lordship. But a most considerable part stand as Balances in my Books against Individuals which in fact are the same as due. I shall refer to your Lordship in Council relative to the Honorable Basil Cochrane as Paymaster at the Presidency. I am taking the necessary measures for clearing off the whole of them as far as practicable which have arisen from the Nature of the various Foreign Services

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803.

and the different Expeditions and wars which have
been carrying on since the year 1790. and I take
leave to assure your Lordship that no time shall
be lost by me in laying before you a complete
Statement -

I have now the honor to for-
= ward to your Lordship in Council a Account
Shewing the balance standing now on
my Books against the Regiment Dr Memo
together with my various Correspondence on the
subject, wherein it will appear that I have used
every exertion in my power to get the Balance
adjusted and that unavoidable causes have
occasioned the delay - It is necessary I
state that the first Payments to the Bromon
Regiment were made by me according to the
then existing System as Paymaster of Compa-
nys allowances to the Kings Troops, that on
from the want of a definitive Settlement of the
Sums which were to be fixed to the Regiments

the

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Fort St George 15th December 1806

The Petition of Thomas Cathcart Esquire and
fifteen others Inhabitants and
Freeholders of the County of Tipperah
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners have a large property
in Slaves in the said County and
they have all for many Years past
been subject to the Heavy Loss
occasioned by the Runaway Slaves
from the Honourable the Bengal Establishment
which your Petitioners have
Reason to apprehend will continue
to be the case unless some Measures
are taken to prevent the Desertion
of Slaves from the Bengal Provinces
to the Territories subject to this Government

That your Petitioners have
understood that the Governor General
in Council has been pleased to direct
that Rewards be paid for the Apprehension
of Runaway Slaves from the Bengal
Provinces and your Petitioners
humbly submit that the Rewards
which have been offered by the Collector
of Tipperah for the Apprehension
of Slaves from the Bengal Provinces
have not been sufficient to induce
the Peons employed by the Collector
to exert themselves for the Purpose
of apprehending Slaves from the Bengal
Provinces

That your Petitioners have
understood that the Collector of Tipperah
has applied to the Board of Revenue
for Authority to pay Rewards to the
Peons employed by him for the Apprehension
of Slaves from the Bengal Provinces
to the Amount of Rupees 13370 : 37 : 1 which
Application has been referred to the
Honourable the Court of Directors
That your Petitioners humbly submit
that the Rewards which have been
offered by the Collector of Tipperah
for the Apprehension of Slaves from
the Bengal Provinces have been
inadequate to the Object in View
That your Petitioners humbly submit
that the Sum of Rupees 30,000 annually
for the Space of Three Years from the
1st of the first Regiment on Establishment
1796 and 1st February 1797 and four Bills
were drawn on the Court of Directors

Calcutta

6283 Fort St. George 13th December 1803

"Balance"

I beg leave to refer
your Lordship to the accompanying
Correspondence with the Accountant
General in which your Lordship
will see that I stated to the Account-
ant General on the 9th April 1799
that this Sum ought not to stand on
my Books, but to which I got no
reply, that I again addressed the
Accountant General on this subject
on the 20th January 1802 on the 10th
and 24th March of that year and
that it was not until the 28th
April 1802 that I got his final
Reply as follows "Government have
"been pleased to comply with your
"request to write off to the Debit
"of the Head of "Account Current London"

the

6284.

Fort St. George 13th December 1803

"the Sum of Pagodas 80000 paid on
"account of the Regiment - Dis-
"Memorandum to the Emplay=
=ments of that Corps on the Manora=
=ble Company's Service" Signed
"C Smith - Accountant General" I
request particularly to call your
Lordship's attention to the Correspon=
-dence marked B which I trust will
prove entirely Satisfactory on this
Head, and prove to the Honorable
the Court of Directors that no fault
or omission can be imputed to me
on this Subject.

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803.

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I have the honor to be with

the greatest Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's Most

Obedient humble

Servant

/Signed/ Benjn. Roebuck

Milty Payr. Genl.

Fort St. George

9th December 1803

Military Paymaster

General's Office.

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803

To

Brigadier General D Meeron &c &c

1795					
September	9th Amount advanced him as per Estimate				900 - -
November	7th	Do.	Do.	Do.	1000 - -
December	8th	Do.	Do.	Do.	1000 - -
1796					
January	1st	Do.	Do.	Do.	1000 - -
March	21st & 30th	Do.	Do.	Do.	1000 - -
April	6th & 21st	Do.	Do.	Do.	1000 - -
May	25th	Do.	Do.	Do.	1150 - -
June	25	Do.	Do.	Do.	1200 - -
July	28	Do.	Do.	Do.	2000 - -
August	1st	Do.	Do.	Do.	2000 - -
Sept.	20th & 30	Do.	Do.	Do.	2300 - -
Octr	28	Do.	Do.	Do.	1925 - -
November	26	Do.	Do.	Do.	3700 - -
Decemr	30	Do.	Do.	Do.	3200 - -
1797					
January	31st	Do.	Do.	Do.	3200 - -
March	31st	Do.	Do.	Do.	3200 - -
April	18th	Do.	Do.	Do.	3200 - -
May	20	Do.	Do.	Do.	3200 - -
June	22	Do.	Do.	Do.	4938 4
July	24th	Do.	Do.	Do.	5038 12 50
Augt	26th	Do.	Do.	Do.	3200 - -
Septr	23d	Do.	Do.	Do.	4300 - -
					3300 - -
					3200 - -
					3200 - -

Fort St. George
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Pagodas

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Colonel D. Munro

Commanding the Sunjs Regiment

D Munro.

Seringapatam

Sir

I have to inform you that Mr. J. Reynolds Paymaster of the Majesty's Sunjs Regiment D' Munro was to have come to the Presidency in this Month for the purpose of adjusting the accounts of that Regiment with my Office - his death will consequently require some person duly authorized to attend for that purpose, I have to request that you will be pleased to nominate without loss of time some person to attend to so important a

Subject

Fort St. George
16th October 1803

I am &c &c &c
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Military Secretary

To -

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803

To B Roebuck Esqr

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Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that having been obliged to carry on the business of the Paymastership of the Regement de Meuron, by way of Committee, I was prevented until now appointing a proper Person to act as Paymaster

I have forwarded to Head Quarters my recommendation in favor of Captain Lieutenant De Meuron Bayard and am only waiting for an Answer, when I will immediately order that Officer to proceed to the Presidency and settle all the Accounts relating the Paymaster-ship of the Regiment De Meuron which the late Mr. Reynolds was prevented doing, by his death.

I.

6302.

Fort St. George 13th. December 1803

Seringapatam
22d October 1802

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

(signed) J. P. Dumeuron Butler
Lieut. & C. Commandg.
H. M. Reg.t. Dumeuron

Fort St. George.
10th. November 1803

Sir

I Inclosed I send you Copies of a Correspondence that passed between this Office and the late Mr. Reynolds Paymaster of His Majesty's Swiss Regiment respecting the adjustment of the Regimental Account, and I had hoped from the tenor of your letter of the 22d. October 1802 that some steps ere this would have been taken, I request you will be pleased to afford your Aid in obtaining permission for the person in charge of the Regimental Books to attend at the Presidency in order that the Account may be finally settled.

Sir

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803.

Sam. Hyde Wood

/ Signed / B: Roebuck

Milty. Paymr. General.

Lieutenant Colonel J. P. D Meuron Bullot

Commanding the Swiss Regiment D Meuron

or the Officer Commanding the Regt.

Seringapatam.

Seringapatam 27th. November 1803.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th. Instant
enclosing Copies of the Correspondence carried on
between you, the Paymaster late and Mr. Reynolds
Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron Bullot, and
in answer I beg leave to state to you, that
as you have been so kind as to wait until
now, for the Settlement of the accounts —
mentioned in your last, you would render
me an essential Service in waiting the —
arrival of the first Ships, from Europe; by

which

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which opportunity I have consulted General Le Marchant will not fail to convey these accounts already settled or at least the necessary observations on the subject, for I know he look along with him, all the Documents he must able to collect, with regard to the Accounts alluded to Should however the arrival of the first Ship disappoint me in my expectations, you may depend upon, the first no further delay will be used on my part, but I will immediately comply with your demand of tendering over Paymaster to you, in order the matters may be adjusted agreeably to your wishes.

I have the honor to remain

Sir

Your most

Obedt. Hble Servt.

Signed J. P. Lardy Major Comg

the Regt. Dumaresq

To

Henry Roebuck Esqr.

Paymaster General.

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803.

Sir

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You will observe from the enclo-
-sures sent to you that Mr. Reynolds ack-
-nowledged having funds left with him by
the Colonel Proprietor to adjust and settle my
accounts-

The whole of the original
Documents are in my Office and can be
compared with the Regimental Accounts and
the Statement I furnished Mr. Reynolds whose
papers must have been possessed by the
person authorized by the Regiment to succed
him to the Paymastership - It now rests with
you to send that person to the Presidency that he
may [illegible] the Abstracts of the Regiment
with the Documents of the Cash forwarded to it-
I have to remark that this business has laid over
too long and I really do not see the necessity of
waiting until the arrival of Europe letters as
the whole of the transaction is public and must
be verified by the Regimental Books.

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6306.

Fort St. George 13th December 1803

I have again to desire that you will take the necessary measures for obtaining Leave of absence for the person entrusted with the Pay Department of the Regiment to come down to the Presidency to order that the accounts may be compleated and the balance struck.

Fort St. George
2d December 1803

I am &c &c
(signed) B. Roebuck
Mj Gen. General

Major P. Lardy
Commanding the Regiment De Meuron
Seringapatam

True Copies
(signed) B. Roebuck
Mily Secretary

Extract of a letter from the Military Board master General to Mr. R. Wolfe Accountant General Dated 9th April 1799.

Before I conclude I have to remark that the Amount of Pagodas 92000 which

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which stands to the debit of the Meuron Regement arises from the bills granted by Government to the Coent D Meuron for which I have their orders to pass my receipt to the Treasury. I understand by private accounts that these Bills have been returned, if this is the case, this Sum shall be wrote back, but for this, the orders of Government are necessary.

Robert Woolf Esqr.
Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

The Sum of Pagodas 30000 having been transfered to my Books on account of His Majesty's Meuron Regement for Bills on England, and as I conceive it ought not to appear to my debit I request permission to write the Amount back to

Genrals

6308.

Fort St. George 13th. December 1803

General Books.

Fort St. George
20th. January 1802

Sam. &c. &c.

/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Mily. Sec.y Genl.

Cecil Smith Esqr.
Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I request permission to write back to the debit of General Books the Sum of Pagodas 30,000 transferred to my Books in consequence of Bills having been granted on the Honorable the Court of Directors acct. of H.M. Minor Regiments as I conceive it ought not to have been debited to my Department.

Fort St. George
10th March 1802

Sam. &c. &c.

/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Mily. Sec.y Genl.

Extract

6309

Fort St. George 13th December 1803

Extract of a letter from Mr Cecil Smith
Accountant General to Benjamin Roebuck
Esqr. Military Paymaster General Dated
23d March 1802.

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I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant
and request you will state your Reasons why
the Amount of 80,000 Pagodas advanced on
account of His Majesty's Regement de —
Meuron by Bills on Europe ought not to be
carried to your Debit on the General Books,
that I may be enabled to judge if it should
be written back to your Credit —

Extract of a letter from the Military Paymaster
General to Mr. Cecil Smith Accountant
General. Dated 24th March 1802.

The reasons that I have
to state why the 80,000 Pagodas ought not
to stand upon my Books but be written
back to Account Current London, is because
it

6310.

Fort St. George 13th December 1803

It is not on account of any Pay or Subsistence of the Regiment D'Meuron while it has been in the Honorable Company's Service, but on account of some Agreement which was made between the Count D'Meuron and Mr. Cleghorn relative to the Regiment D'Meuron at Ceylon and which was finally arranged at Home by His Majesty's Ministers, indeed I understand that the Bills for that Sum were not honored at Home but to what account it is to be carried if they are paid, can only be known by the Honorable the Court of Directors; it is however clear, I cannot know to what Head to carry it for, and it has the semblance of so much a demand on account of Military charges.

True Extract.

[Signed] B. Roebuck

Mich.r Brig.r Genl.

Ordered

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803

Ordered that the foregoing Report of the Military Paymaster General be noticed in the next General Dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors. 63

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I request you will be pleased to obtain from the Right Honorable the Governor in Council permission for Mr. Paymaster Linley to visit the Presidency on his private concerns for a short time, a copy of his letter to me on the subject is herewith enclosed.

From Do. Lee. Enclosing an application from Mr. Paymaster Linley requesting permission to visit the Presidency.

Fort St. George
12th December 1803.

I am &c. &c.
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Milty Paymaster
General.

The

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803.

The Military Paymaster General.

Fort St. George

Sir,

Being desirous of visiting the Presidency for a short time on my private concerns, I have to request you will be pleased to attain for me the sanction of Government to that effect, so as to enable me to leave this by the 23d. Instant.

Vellore
11th December 1803.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hpm. Linley
Capt.

True Copy
(Signed) Benj. Roebuck
Mily Sy. Genl.

Resolved that Mr Paymaster Linley be permitted to visit the Presidency, if the Military Paymaster General shall be satisfied that his absence from Vellore will not interfere with the discharge of his duty.

Pond.

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803.

Read the following Letters

from the Assistant Secretary at Fort William,

from the Lieutenant Governor of Prince of Wales's

Island, and from the Town Major

G. Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency

The Most Noble the Governor General in Council

to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter

from Major General Cameron and of its enclosure

and to acquaint you for the information of the

Right Honorable the Governor in Council that

the Military Paymaster General at Fort William

has been desired to supply Lieutenant Newington

with an advance of Sicca Rupees 400 on

Account, which Sum is to be placed to the

debit of the Fort St. George Presidency.

Sam

From the Assistt to the Secretary in the Military Department at Fort William - Reporting an advance of Money made to Lieut. Newington -

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Fort William
24th November 1803.

Fort St. George 13th December 1803

Sam. & Fort. Sts.

I have &c. &c.
(Signed) Thos. Hall
1st Asst. Secy by Mys Dispt.

Captain Lionel Hook
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I herewith forward to your address two Letters from Lieutenant Pennington of the Madras Establishment; which I request you will be pleased to submit to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council.

Fort William
19th November 1803

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) W. F. Cameron
Mys Commdg

To Major General Fraser
Commanding at the Presidency
Fort William

Sir,

Owing to the Resp. Mr. Wellesley's

Fort S.t George 13.th December 1803.

having been obliged to divert her course from Madras to which Establishment I belong, and for which I shipped from P.t N.o Island, having been there for the benefit of my health, I have to solicit the favor of an order from Government for the arrears of my pay, as I have four months due to me; the last I received was in June, therefore the sum amounts to one hundred and eighty Pagodas at forty five per Month if this Statement should meet with your approbation, I have to beg the favor ~~of you to~~ to lay it before Government

Calcutta
November 9.th 1803.

Sam.l & Jun.r &c.a

Signed Horatio Newington
Lieut.t 1.st Batt.n 7.th Reg.t N.I.

A. Campbell
Major Brigade
Fort William

Sir,

Your favor of the 11.th Instant has

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803.

Fort William
24th November 1803.

Sam. & L. Sir.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Thos. Hill
Lt. Asst. Secy. to Govt.

To
Captain Lionel Hook
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I herewith forward to your address two Letters from Lieutenant Newington of the Madras Establishment; which I request you will be pleased to submit to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council.

Fort William
19th November 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. N. Cameron
Major Commdg.

To
Major General Fraser
Commanding at the Residency
Fort William

Sir,

Owing to the Resp. Mr. Wellesley's

Fort S.t George 13.th December 1803.

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I am &c. &c.

Calcutta

November 9.th 1803.

(Signed) Horatio Newington
Lieut.t 1.st Batt.n 7.th Reg.t N.I.

A. Campbell
Major Brigade
Fort William

Sir,

Your favor of the 11.th Instant has

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803

has duly come to hand acknowledges Majr General Fraser's receipt of my letter of the 9th inst and requesting I would forward to him a Certificate of the last Pay I received and the period to which I was paid up I should be happy to comply with Major General Fraser's request but not withstanding circumstances I know to him would lead me to draw on this Government I left Madras unprovided with one but the month of June last is the time to which I was paid up, and hope through the kindness of Majr General Fraser pleasing my honor thereon to be favored with an order on Government for my arrears of Pay.

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

[Signed] H. Newington

Fort William
14th November 1803

True Copies
[Signed] Thos Hall
Lieut & Adjt 1st Batln 1st Regt N.I.
Fort Adjt & Asstt Mily Depst

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803

To George Strachey Esqr.
Secretary to Government in the
Military Department at
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1 Herewith I have the honor to transmit an embarkation Return of — European and Natives belonging to the Military Establishment of Fort St. George whom I have embarked on the Ship Princeship for that Presidency —

From the Lieut. Governor of Prince of Wales Island — Inclosing embarkation Return and Pay Rolls of troops returning on the Princeship from the Eastward

2 The Europeans and Lascars — were brought from the Moluccas to this Island on the Honorable Company's Brig Spitfire; and the Sepoys of the Madras Volunteer Battalion were left in Hospital here when that Corps embarked for Fort St. George.

3 Enclosed I have also the — honor to transmit pay Rolls for such sums as have been advanced to the respective — detachments

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Detachments on account, for the amount of which, and their Passage money Fort St. George will be debited on the Books of this Island.

Both Europeans and Natives will be victualled for 30 days.

Fort Cornwallis
Prince of Wales Island
the 25th November 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Signed / Geo: Leith
Lieut. Governor

Embarkation

Embarkation Return of a Detachment of Madras Troops ordered to proceed to that Presidency on board the Fine ship Captain Ross - Fort Cornwallis 25th November 1803

		Privates	Serjts	1st Tindals	Lascars	Havildars	Drummers	Sepays	
Furnished from Prisoners on the Honble Company's Brig Explorer -	European Infantry	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Serang	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	
	1st Tindal	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	
	Gun Lascars	"	"	"	6	"	"	"	
	Arsenal Lascars	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	
Belonging to the Madras Volunteer Battalion Native Infantry Commanded by Captain Macpherson -	Havildar	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	
	Drummer	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	
	Sepays	"	"	"	"	"	"	13	
	Total	3	1	1	10	1	1	13	
	Grand Total								35

NB. Two Sepays of the Volunteer Battalion fell ill, as to be unable to undertake the voyage at present, not included in this Return -

(Signed) J Drummond
Capt. Lieut.

Dept. of Guards
Fort St. George
Dec. 13th 1803.

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To the Secretary to Government.

Military Department

Sir,

From the Town Major - Reporting the arrival of Male Bowen

In obedience to the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council communicated to me in your letter of the 5th November. I have the honor to report the arrival of the Prisoner Male Bowen who this day delivered over to my charge by the Sub Collector of the Billah of Ramnad. Male Bowen has been confined to the Main Guard in Irons, and the Officer Commanding that Guard has been ordered to draw one fanam thirty six fs. per day for his subsistence during his confinement.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) Allan Grant

A.D.C.

Town Major

Fort St. George

6th December 1803

To

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To the Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St. George

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Sir,

Form &c Reporting the admission of Lieutenant Peacocke into the Lunatic Hospital

I have the honor to inform you that I have authorized the admission of Lieutenant Peacocke, of the 10th. Regiment Native Infantry as a patient to the Lunatic Hospital agreeably to the enclosed Certificate.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Allan Grant.
Town Major.

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
6th. December 1803.

I do hereby certify that I have carefully examined Lieutenant Peacocke of the 10th. Regiment and found him in a very deranged state of mind, and think him a very fit object for the Lunatic Hospital, where I recommend he may be placed without delay.

/Signd/ Terence Gahagon.
M.D. & 2d. Member M. Bord.

For

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803.

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Do—
Reporting the admission of 2 Natives into the Lunatic Hospital—

I have the honor to inform you that I have authorized the admission of three Natives named Angan, Thewa and Curraputh, as patients to the Lunatic Hospital, agreeably to the enclosed Certificate—

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
7th December 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
(Signed) Allan Grant
Town Major—

I do hereby certify that I have examined three Natives named Angan, Thewa and Curraputh, with a view to their being admitted into the Lunatic Hospital, and recommend them as proper objects to be placed under the Surgeon of that Institution

Given under my hand at Madras

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Fort St. George 13th December 1803.

Madras this 6th day of December 1803.

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/Signed/ Nicol Allen.

3d Member Medical Board.

Ordered That Copies of the foregoing Letters be furnished for the information and guidance of the Military Auditor General.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bombay.

To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government at Fort St. George

From the Secretary at Bombay Replying to the Military Auditor Generals Recommendation respecting Naval Charges.

Sir,

In acknowledgement of Mr. Secretary Shackeys letter dated the 17th of September last, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will be pleased to notice to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that on the grounds stated in the enclosed Copy of a Report thereon by the Accountant General, it may prove a

Considerable

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Consultation commencing the Honorable
Company that the present mode of keeping the
Accounts of Disbursements for His Majesty's
Squadron should continue to be observed &
will accordingly be done at the Presidency
the Honorable the Governor in Council be pleased
with the further Sentiments of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council on the
Subject

Bombay Castle
23 November 1803

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Sargent
Secty to Govt

Extract of a letter from the Accountant
General dated the 22d November 1803
Para 1st

I have the honor to reply
for the information of Government to your
several letters as per Margin on the different
Subjects forwarded for my information and
Perusal

The

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The Right Honorable the

Governor in Council of Fort St. George was pleased, under the 17th September last, to recommend, at the instance of their Military Auditor General, that all payments made on account of His Majesty's Squadron might be charged in the accounts of the respective Presidencies where they might have been incurred, in preference to the Method heretofore pursued of debiting their Government for such advances, as it did not appear that any specific order existed for the observance of the mode now in force, or that it had been productive of any particular utility, but that the adoption of the plan submitted would produce the effect of equalizing the disbursements on account of the Squadron, and prevent inconveniences attending the transfer of such charges to the account of the Presidency of Fort St. George according to the practice heretofore

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hitherto observed in the adjustment of these-

3.

On attentive consideration of the proposition I am fearful it will be productive of the very evils it is meant to avoid, for without specific rules for the guidance of His Majesty's Naval Officers, as well as auditors their accounts, it will be difficult to check any irregular charge-

4th.

The Method heretofore pursued of forwarding and debiting the Government of Fort St. George for all such advances, although not established on any other principle, could have been founded only on the Estimate of the Officer Commanding on that Station of the Officer Commanding on His Majesty's Ships, and could be obtained, on the same grounds by application to the Officers of the Naval Establishments there, than by a reference to those from this Presidency; but that the made on

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practice has been productive of utility. I have only to bring forward for the notice of Government "Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George dated 24th May 1802. Extract of which was forwarded to my Predecessor under the 17th June 1802.

5th Independant of what I have above stated, which is submitted with the utmost deference, I have further to observe, that as the Company bear these expences I cannot see the utility, or that the adaption of the plan proposed will produce the effect of equalizing the disbursements on account of the Squadron, but a decided preference in favor of the mode hitherto pursued, as by concentrating the whole of their Charges on General Books of the Government of Fort St. George our Honorable employers will by a reference to them at any time immediately

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immediately ascertain the amount incurred thereby

I have &c.

(Signed) F. Warden

Secy to the Govt

The following draft of a reply is approved and ordered to be despatched.

To S. A. Grant Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at Bombay

Sir,

To Do. in reply to the above letter. Para 1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th ultimo communicating for the information of His Lordship in Council the sentiments held by the Accountant General at Bombay relative to the mode proposed for adjusting advances on account of the Effects of His Majesty's Squadron in India.

Sir

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His Lordship in Council

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has directed me to request that you will express to the Honorable the Governor in Council, His Lordship's acknowledgements for that communication, but under a general view of the Subject, His Lordship in Council is led to entertain his former opinion relative to the grounds on which the recommendation stated in my letter of the 17th September last was founded, as the material difficulty connected with the prevention of irregular payments, which has been adverted to by the Accountant General will be obviated by the arrangements lately made for preserving a regular communication between the respective Paziconeis of all Payments which may be issued to the Officers of His Majesty's Squadron.

3 In so far as the proposed arrangement for the adjustment of those payments

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[illegible] payments is connected with the desire of preserving uniformity in the accounts of the respective Presidencies, His Lordship in Council deems it material to observe that the mode of charging in the accounts of each Presidency the disbursements incurred on account of the Establishment has been adopted at the Presidency of Fort William, and that the Payments made in Bengal on account of the Navy are brought to account on the books of that Government without being debited to the Presidency of Fort St. George.

By Order &c.

(Signed) [illegible]

Sec.

His Lordship in Council does not consider the question to bear any important relation to the general interests of the Honorable Company; but as a matter of account, His Lordship in Council cannot think it desirable that the alteration which was suggested for the consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council in

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my late letter should be adopted —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

[Signed] J. Strachey.

Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George

13th December 1803.

Resolved in compliance — with the request of Mr. Gilbracht of — Palicate, recorded on the 22d. Instno. that the allowance of Five Pagodas Monthly, — formerly granted to Mr. Samuel Paul shall be paid to Mr. John Francis, who has succeeded to Mr. Paul as reader in the — Portuguese Church at that — Station —

Ordered

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803

Ordered that the Resolution of the Board be communicated to the Adjt. Genl. Coldstream and to the Military Auditor General.

Copy
L. Strange

W. Petrie

Wallace

Wm Dun

Scott Chalmers

Office Asst Genl 13th. Decr 1803
Pages 120 Check by Lieutenant

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Received the following letter

To
The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

We have been instructed by Captain Ross of the Artillery from Malacca, to submit his demands for work, provisions Cooly hire &c. at the late Siege of Ternate to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and to request the payment of his claim on that account being Star Pagodas 3548.

From Messrs Chase Shinnery and Mac Donall Requesting payment of Capt. Ross's claim on Government

The particulars accounts are now before Government and we shall be accordingly obliged by His Lordship's direction to the Paymaster General for the disbursement of them on Captain Ross's account

We have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Madras
29th November 1803

(Signed) Chase Shinnery & Mc Donall
Agts to Capt Ross

Received

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Fort St. George 15th December 1809

Received and laid before the following letters entered on Mo Bs. Nos 29. 30. 31. 32. 33.

From the Military Auditor General

From Lieutenant Colonel Brunton - His Report on the military accounts to the Military Department for August

From the Paymaster - Enclosing Copy of the December Estimate from the Paymaster to Major General Campbell Dundas -

From the Military Paymaster General

From Messrs Barbor & Co - Intimation of delay on the ground of a threatened [illegible] to her

From Messrs Barbor & Co.

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General. Referring for his examination an additional Estimate for the current month.

To Do Do Referring for his examination the accompanying Estimate of Cash, required by the Paymaster to Major General Campbell Army

Received

6335 Fort St. George 1st December 1803.

Received the following Letter

To
The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

In reply to Mr. Secretary Strachey's Letter of the 14th Instant, referring for my examination the Estimate of Cash of the Paymaster to the Division of the Army on the Field under Major General Campbell for the Current Month, I have the honor to report that the amount thereof Viz. 5 Pagodas Sixty three thousand two hundred and fifty four Fanams thirty Nine and Cash Two is 5P. 63254. 39. 2. is admissible and chargable by Bills on the Military Paymaster General, being required for the payment of the Troops and Departments composing that Division, in arrear for the last and in advance for the present Month.

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Forwards the Military Auditor General's Report on the Estimate of the Paymaster to the Division of the Commander Major General Campbell

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Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
15th December 1803.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. G Brereton
Military Auditor
General -

To Captain L. Roots
Secretary to the Government
at Fort William

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council by the Military Board at this Presidency that a supply of three thousand pieces of Rupees is required from Bengal for the service of the Presidency. The Board of Trade have therefore requested that you will be pleased to move the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that those Rupees may be forwarded to Fort St. George by the earliest favorable opportunity

To the Secretary to Fort William
Requesting that a supply of 3000 Chests of Rupees may be sent from Bengal for the use of this Presidency -

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Fort St. George

15th December 1803

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

To the Honorable
Frederic North
Governor of
Ceylon
Sir,

To the Governor of Ceylon - Requesting that Mr. Mann may be appointed to the situation of Deputy Commissary of Stores under this Presidency -

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter
of the 15th October, and to inform you that Mr
Mann, the Conductor of Stores who has been recom-
-mended in particular manner by your Excel-
-lency to the attention of this Government has been
promoted to the situation of a Deputy Commissary
of Stores under this Presidency -

Fort St. George
15th December 1803

We have the honor to be &c &c.
(Signed) W Petrie
Colonel -

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Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
15th December 1803.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed / N Brereton
Military Auditor
General -

Sir,

I am Directed by the Government to Transmit to you the Sentiments of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council on the Subject of a Requisition made by the Military Board at this Presidency that a Supply of three thousand Stone of Rockets may be received from Bengal for the Service of the Presidency. The Lordship in Council has directed me to request that you will be pleased to Represent to the Board the Expediency of the Measure, the Government in Council Has Recommended because that those Rockets may be forwarded to Fort St George: by the earliest favorable

To Captain L. Roots
Secretary to the Government
at Fort William

To the Lieutenant
Fort Executive
Requesting that a
supply of 3000 Stone
of Rockets may be
sent from Bengal
for the use of the
Presidency -

respectfully

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Fort St. George

15th December 1803.

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

(Signed) J. Strachey

Secretary to Government

To the Honorable

Frederic North

Governor of

Ceylon

Sir,

To the Governor of Ceylon - Requesting that Mr. Mann has been appointed to the situation of Deputy Commissary of Stores under this Presidency -

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 15th October, and to inform you that Mr. Mann, the Conductor of Stores who has been recommended in a particular manner by your Excellency to the attention of this Government has been promoted to the situation of a Deputy Commissary of Stores under this Presidency -

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

(Signed) J. Benbrooke

Council -

Fort St. George

15th December 1803

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To the Presidents and Members of the
Military Board.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable The Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant and to request you that He has authorised the payment of the Bills and the assurance of Money which you have recommended.

I return to you the Register of Extraordinary Bills for the Month of October, with the decision of the Lordship in Council on the several Charges.

I am directed to reply to your Secretary's letter of the 6th Instant I am desired to inform that application has been made to the Government of Fort William for an immediate supply of three Thousand Stand of Pistols for the Service of this Presidency.

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15th Dec.

Fort St. George

15th December 1803.

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

/ Signd / George Strachey

Secrt to Govt

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

Para 1st

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to furnish you for your information the enclosed Extract from a Report of the Military Auditor General on the subject of the Balance existing in your books against the late Military Paymaster at this Presidency.

His Lordship in Council in consequence of that Report is pleased to direct that the Balance against the Honorable Basil Cochrane amounting to Pagodas 2712. 7. 52. may be written off to the Head of "Last War with Tippoo Sultaun".

I am

To the Military Paymaster General with an extract from a report of the Military Auditor General and directing him to write off the balance in his books against the late Military Paymaster at this Presidency to the head of "Last War with Tippoo Sultaun".

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Fort St. George

15th December 1803.

Sam. Hyde & Secd.

/Signed/ George Strachey

Secretary to Govt.

To the Military

Auditor General.

Returning to him

the bills of the Offic

Commanding at

Pondicherry which

have been transmitted

by Government the

proposals of Capt.

A. Grant for

rendering the

European Corps

of that Island

exempted, the

necessary arrangements

the reduction of the

Polygar Peons

to remain

altered. Of the

appointment of

Lieutenant Hall

to the Dutch Interpreter

at the Mauritius

Plans approved,

that Officer to be

relieved from the

Retrenchment on

account of the salary

drawn by him

that situation. The

Military Paymaster

General has been

authorized to remit

off to the Head Office

Last Year on the Estab

which appeals on the

books against the

late Military Pay

master at the

Presidency. Enclosed

Copies

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 5th 7th 8th and 9th Instants.

I am to return to you the four Bills of the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry mentioned in your letter of the 5th Instant, and am directed to acquaint you that the Journal Charges amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and Seventy two Pagodas and Nine Rupees have been transmitted by the Governor in Council

His Lordship in Council has in consideration of the explanation stated in your Report on the proposals made for

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Fort St. George 1 December 1803.

15th

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Copies of letters from the Chief Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Prince of Wales's Island relative to the advance of money on account of this Presidency.

for victualling the European Prisoners of war, I have been pleased to resolve that the proposal of Captain Allan Grant shall be accepted; and directions will accordingly be given for preparing a deed of Contract to be concluded with that Officer, conformably to the terms of the Public Advertisement dated the 7th ultimo.

With respect to the Polygar Prisoners, His Lordship in Council conceives in your opinion that the principle on which the above Contract will be regulated cannot be applicable to their particular situation, and will deem it unexpedient to make any change in the arrangement made for the support of those families which might tend to create a diminution of their comfort.

In reply to your letter of the 8th Instant, I am directed to acquaint you that the Governor in Council has approved

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Approved the appointment of Lieutenant Fuller to the Office of Dutch Interpreter at the Moluccas Islands, and to desire that you will relieve that Officer from the Retrenchment on account of the Salary drawn by him on that situation.

The Governor in Council in conformity to your recommendation has authorised the Military Paymaster General to write off to the Head of "Last ems in the Light Battalion" the sum of Pagodas 2712. 7. 22 which has hitherto appeared on the Books as a Balance against the late Military Paymaster at the Presidency.

I enclose for your information and guidance Copies of letters from the Assistant Secretary at Fort William and from the Lieutenant Governor of Prince of Wales Island, the former relating to an advance of Money paid at Fort William to

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Newington of this Establishment,
and the latter reporting the amount of Pay
advanced at Fort Cornwallis to the Troops
returning from the Eastward, the amount of
which advance the Lieutenant Governor has
debited to the account of the Presidency of
Fort St. George —

Fort St. George
15th December 1803.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
/Signd/ George Strachey
Secretary to Govt.

To the Military Auditor-General

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor
in Council to transmit to you the enclosed
translation of a letter from Mr. Eilbrecht
of Pulicat, and to desire that the Monthly
allowance of five Pagodas formerly granted
to Mr. Samuel Paul, may be paid to
Mr. John Thangy who has succeeded to
Mr.

To 19 Do authorising a monthly allowance of 5 Pagodas to be paid to Thangy as Reader in the Portuguese Church at Pulicat —

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Mr. Paul a Reader in the Portuguese Church at that Station.

Fort St. George
15th December 1803.

Shall have the honor to be.

Sir,

[Signed] George Strachey.
Secretary to Govt.

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward for your information and guidance the enclosed Copies of Minutes by the Commander in Chief dated the 13th Instant.

His Lordship in Council desires that the Allowances of the Officers appointed by Lieutenant Colonel Hearsey to Staff situations in the Province of Cuttack may be enrolled in the accounts of that Detachment in conformity to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief

To the Military Auditor General with Copies of Minutes by the Commander in Chief to authorize the allowances of Officers appointed by Colonel Hearsey to Staff situations in the Cuttack. The establishment of Boats also approved to authorize payment of a bill from the Officer Commanding at Kedgeree.

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The Governor in Council has approved the proposed Establishment of Boats at Goa, with the limitation recom-mended by the Commander in Chief —

I enclose the Bill of the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry mentioned by the Commander in Chief, and am directed to desire that it may be passed for payment.

Fort St. George
13th December 1803.

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

(Signed) George Strachey
Secrety to Govt.

To Captain Allan Grant
Sir,

To Captain Allan Grant. His Proposal for supplying the Prisoners of War with Provisions by Contract accepted, the Company's Solicitor has been instructed to prepare the necessary Agreement in Consequence. Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General on the Subject enclosed —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to inform you that He has been pleased to accept your Proposals for supplying the Prisoners of War with Provisions by Contract.

The Company's Solicitor has

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has in consequence been instructed to forgo a formal agreement to that effect which you will be governed to execute.

The Lord[illegible] in Council deems it to be proper to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General with the view of explaining to you the grounds on which it has been determined to accept your Proposal in preference to other proposals apparently more advantageous to the Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Signed George Strachey
Secretary to Govt

Fort St George
15th December 1803.

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 2d and 6th Instant, and to request you

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To the Military Paymaster General
Sir
I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that the supplies of Money required by the Paymaster at Chittoor may be furnished from the Treasuries of the Collectors of Chittoor and the Southern Division of Arcot to extend the extent of this supply

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That measures will be taken under the authority of the Governor in Council for supplying the Money required for the Disbursement of the Paymaster at Tuticorin by means of the Collectors of Tanjore and of the Southern Districts of Coimbatore.

The Lordships in Council desire that you will report the extent of the supply of Money which there may be reason to expect that the Paymaster will require.

I am &c.

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(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Govt

Order of Council
Military Department
15th December 1803.

Received the following
letter from the Military Auditor General.

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To The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lords.

1st

Having examined the additional Abstract of Cash for the current Month, which accompanied a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department under date the 13th instant, I have the honor to report that the amount thereof Pags. 11 Star Pagodas fifty five thousand four hundred and Seventy seven (55,477) is admissible and should be drawn from the General Treasury.

2d

Of the amount the sum of Pagodas five thousand (5,000) is required to be issued by the Military Paymaster at Vellore to enable him to complete his Payments for the present Month: the Collector on that coast Mr Goodwin not having

Soon the Military Board's General Report upon the additional Abstract submitted to him on the 19th instant.

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as would appear from the Copies of Correspondence transmitted
herewith. I ask to answer — a Mr. Linley's demands on him
in this Month, this will increase the amount reported, —
payable from the General Treasury, and decrease that
reported payable by Bills on the Military Paymaster
General on my report of the 1st Instant on the General
Estimate for December 1803, equally, but will neither
increase or decrease the aggregate amount stated as
remittible in that Report —

3d

The remainder is required by the
Military Paymaster General to honor the amount of
various Bills drawn upon him by subordinate Pay-
masters and to make an advance of Pagodas Two thousand
/Pgs 2000/ on account of the Ceylon Presidency, under —
authority from Government —

I have the honor to be — &c &c —

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George 15th December 1803 —

/Signed/ J Brunton
Milty Audr Genl

In consequence of the foregoing report, Ordered
that the Sum of fifty one thousand four hundred and seventy
seven

The Sum of Pgs 51497
to be issued from the Treasury on account of the
Military Paymaster
General's estimate.

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Seven Pags. 5 to 11 inclusive / be sent from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate enclosed in his letter of the 12th Instant.

By order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

/ Signed / George Strachey.

Secry to Govt.

Sent the following letters enclosed in No. 6.

Nos. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40.

To the Military Auditor General - authorising the Bills and advances of Cash recommended by the Military Board. Enclose Copies of letters from the Town Major, reporting the admission of Lieutenant Peacock and three Natives into the Native Hospital to authorise the charge of one fanam and thirty Cash per diem for the subsistence of a Native convict confined in the Main Guard.

To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Paymaster General. The Paymaster at Nellore has millitia Pay to the Presidency.

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To Do Do Acquainting him

that the sum of Pago.das 5,469 7 has been ordered

to be issued to him from the Treasury.

To Do Do Transmitting

To Do Do

a Copy of the Dy Stary Auditor Generals Report

on the estimate of Cash required by the Pay-

-master with the Army under Major General

Campbell.

To Messrs Chase Chinnery

& Co Returning to them the Securities deposited

by Mr H. Wilson on his appoin-tment to the

Office of Paymaster at Tanacondu.

To Lieutenant Fraser

To Lieut Fraser of his Majesty's 94th Regiment.

Declining his Proposal for victualling the

Prisoners of war.

To the same to C. Venkatasawmy and C. Venkata-

To the same to C. Vincata Saumy & C. Vincata Chitty.

-Rathanah.

To Mr Eilbracht with Copy of

To Mr Jacob Eilbracht at Pelicat.

instructions addressed to the Military Auditor

General authorising the allowance of 5 Pagodas

per

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No. 1 Forwarded to Mr. J. Fromyard Reader in the Portuguese Church at that place

No. 2 Sent the following letter

To His Excellency the Most Noble Marquis Wellesley K.P.

Governor General in Council

at Fort William

My Lord,

Para 1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from your Excellency in Council dated the 23d of last month

2 Referring to the Regulations which have been formerly published by our authority for the management of the British Bazaars under the Presidency of Fort St. George we deemed it to be proper to consult the Commander in Chief relative to the expediency of adopting at this Presidency the modifications in the principles of those Regulations which had been adopted under the authority of Your Excellency in

Sir Bernard Lane's letter to Mr. Hudleston dated 2d Nov. 1803 and the Commander in Chief's reply explaining the grounds on which he considered it expedient to extend to that Presidency a departure from the rule laid down in Bengal and Bombay Military Regulations and observations on that subject

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The Governor General in Council at the Presidency of Fort William, and we have the honor to address this Excellency in Council that the absence of the Commander in Chief in the field prevented an earlier consideration of that subject.

The papers transmitted with the despatch of this Excellency in Council having been referred to the Commander in Chief, Lieutenant General Stuart has recently recorded a Minute containing an explanation of the grounds on which he is of opinion that it might be inexpedient to extend to this Presidency the modification adopted in Bengal with respect to the management of Military Bazars and the disposal of the proceeds arising from that source of Revenue.

4th

We have the honor to enclose for the information of this Excellency in Council a Copy of Lieutenant General Stuart's Minute, and beg to state that as we consider the opinion

which

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I have been requested by the Commander in Chief relative to the situations of Officers on Opposite command of Rations to apply with the utmost dispatch force to the higher ranks of the Army under this Presidency, we should be unwilling to depose the Officers under such circumstances this moderate advantage which may be afforded to them under the operation of our late orders as the restrictions provided by those orders effectually obviate the inconvenience

2d Under this impression and under the latitude allowed for in his Excellency on Circular 20th June last conducted to frustrate the fraudulent Presidency of the Regulation transmitted with His Excellency's letter of the 28th ultimo last

We have the honour to be

Sir &c &c

/ Signed Albert Kirk &c

Council

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable
Lord William Cavendish Bentinck
Governor and President
Lieutenant General James Stuart
Commander in Chief
William Petrie
and
John Chamier
} Esqrs.

Tuesday the
20th. December
1803.

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.

The Commander in Chief

delivers in the following Minutes -

Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting applications from Lieutenants Morgan and Mathew the former for permission to proceed to Sea and the latter to return to Europe for the reestablishment of their health reports the death of Lt. Hewitt and of Assistant Surgeon Halloway - Recommending that Mr. J. Campbell Cadet of

Minute of the Commander in Chief -

May before the Board an application from Lieutenant Morgan of the 1st. Battalion 8th. Regiment of Bombay Native Infantry / serving under this Presidency / for permission to proceed to Sea for the benefit

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of Cavalry be promoted to the Rank of Lieut. from the 2nd April 1803

benefit of the health. As this application is supported by the preserved Certificates I recommend compliance with Lieutenant Morgan's request.

The death of Lieutenant Hewett of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry which happened at Cuttack on the 4th. of December, has been reported to me by the Officer Commanding that Province.

I have also to report the supposed death of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Henry Halloway of this Establishment; as reported by Major General MacDonald Commanding the Forces on Ceylon — Mr. Halloway was employed on that Island, and during duty at Candy on the 24th. of June 1803 when he is supposed to have fallen in the general Massacre which took place on that day —

The Commander in Chief recommends that an application which he

Lieut

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lays before the Board from Lieutenant Mathew of the 6th Regiment Native Infantry for permission to return to Europe upon sick Certificate may be complied with. 86

Mr. John Campbell Cadet of Cavalry having been reported to Ride extremely well, and to be in all other respects qualified to do duty as an Officer with the Corps of Cavalry - The Commander in Chief recommends that Mr. Campbell be promoted to the rank of Cornet of Cavalry from the 27th of April 1803.

20th December 1803. (Signed) J. Stuart.

The Right Honorable
Lord William Cavendish Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George.

My Lords,

I Herewith I have the honor of transmitting Surgeon's Certificates of my ill

State

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State of health, and beg leave to solicit the indulgence of your Lordship's permission to proceed to Sea for its reestablishment.

I have the honor to be

Mangalore
6th December 1803.

Sir
Your
Obt Hble
Servt
/Signed/ Charles Morgan
Lieut 1st Batt 8th Regt
Bombay Native Infty

I Francis Cruso Assistant Surgeon 1st Battalion 8th Regiment N.I do Certify that Lieutenant Charles Morgan of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment N.I. is at present indisposed with Pains in his left Thigh in consequence of a fracture: and having tried an extensive variety of Medicines for his relief, do consider it necessary for him that he should be permitted to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health.

Mangalore
December 4th 1803.

/Signed/ Francis Cruso
Asst Surgeon
1st Bn 8th Regt

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I John Price Supd Surgeon in Canara do
Certify that I have frequently visited Lt Morgan
of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment of Bombay
Native Infantry, and perfectly agree with Mr.
Assistant Surgeon Cruso in recommending a trip
to Sea for the benefit of his health.

Mangalore (Signed) J. Price
December 4th 1803. Surgeon

To His Excellency The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before
you a Certificate stating the necessity of my return-
ing to Europe for the recovery of Health, and trust
your Lordship will be pleased to grant me
permission so to do, and to direct that I may be
accommodated with the usual allowance of
Passage Money.

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15th December 1803

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
/ Signed / John Mathews
Lieut.t 6th Native Infty Aid.t &c.

We William Ord and
John Underwood Surgeons at Madras do hereby
declare on Oath that we are of opinion it is
absolutely necessary Lieutenant John Mathews
of the 6th Regiment Native Infantry, should
leave this Country and go to Europe for the recovery
of his health.

/ Signed / William Ord
Surgeon

Fort St. George
13th December 1803.

John Underwood
Surgeon

Sworn before me
/ Signed / Hon.r Grant
Justice of Peace.

/ Signed / James Anderson
Physician General.

Received

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Resolved that Lieutenant 88

Mathew of the 6th. Regiment Native Infantry be permitted to proceed to England on sick Certifi-cate, and that Lieutenant Morgan of the Bombay Native Infantry be permitted to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health.

Resolved that Mr. John Campbell Cadet of Cavalry be promoted to the rank of Cornet.

Minute of the Commander in Chief

In the Military letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors of the 26th. of January last I have observed a claim of Major General Ross for an equivalent to the amount of the Share drawn by the Commandant of Artillery of the Profit on the Sale of Arrack which the Honorable Court have declined to decide untile the nature of the arrack allowance and the opinion of this Government on the General claim to participate in it has been received,

and

Do. Do.
Recording his concurrence in the Resolution of the Board on the subject of the claim of Major General Ross to participate in the profit on the sale of arrack—submits his sentiments on an advance made to Major Davidson of the difference of pay and half-batta and states the consequences of such indulgence.

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and I consider it proper to record my entire concurrence in the resolution of the Board upon the subject of that extraordinary claim.

The same letter of the Honorable the Court of Directors has notified to this Government a decision, on which I regret that a reference has not been first made to the Country as it may tend to establish a precedent which if admitted to have weight will subject the Honorable Company to a very considerable expence. I allude to the arrangement made to Major Dawson of the difference of Pay and half Batta from the 20th of March 1800 when by the retirement of Major Gomande he was, as stated by the Honorable Court entitled to the Rank of Major, to the 6th of February 1801 the date of his Promotion by the orders of this Government.

From the date of the orders of the Honorable Court of the 3d September 1801

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1801, this Government had given to all Officers promoted on vacancies occasioned by retirement in Europe Rank from the date of such retire-ment, but had not allowed that order any retros-pective operation - To do so would have created extreme confusion in the relative rank of Officers and have disturbed the arrangements of the army considerably - The admission by the Honorable Court of Major Davison's claim to profit by such retrospection will have a tendency to produce that consequence when generally known and the farther admission of his claim to Pay will invite claims of a similar nature to a very large amount which it will be difficult to reject after that of Major Davison has been allowed -

The regulations of this Govern-ment founded on the instructions of the Honorable the Court of Directors are adverse to any claim of this nature - Considering the

Duty

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duty performed as the Criterion by which the remuneration should be regulated. The Officers of the Honorable Company's Army who attain Superior Rank by promotion are authorised by Government to draw the Pay of that Rank only from the date of its promulgation in orders to the army; not from the date of Rank assigned to them in consequence of Casualties not previously known.

By warrant of the Board

In the case of Major Dawsons an Expence of £213.19.9. has been incurred, and the President may produce demands to a large amount that I deem it my duty to recommend that the attention of the Honorable the Court of Directors may be particularly drawn to the subject in the next Despatches.

Resolution thereon

Signed J. Stuart.

Resolved that the subject of the foregoing Minute be particularly noticed in the next General Despatch to

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the Honorable Court of Directors. 90 —

Read the following letter —

from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board. Requesting that application be made for a Statement of Grain and Provisions furnished by the Dewan of Mysore for the use of the Company.

We beg leave to represent to your Lordship in Council the necessity of an application being made to the Resident at the Court of His Highness the Rajah of Mysoor, requesting that he will obtain, and transmit to the Military Board, Copies of all Charges made by the Dewan for Grain and Provisions furnished by him for the Service of the Honorable Company, in order to enable the Board to bring the value of such Supplies to account in the Books of those Departments

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

(Signed) E. Trapaud
P. St. Agnew
J. Brunton
Alex.r Orr

Order thereon.

Ordered that a Copy of the
foregoing letter be furnished to the Resident
at Mysoor, and that he be desired to apply to the
Dewan of the Rajah for the Statements
requested by the Military Board.

Read the following letter
from the Military Auditor General.

From the Military Auditor General.
Stating his opinion
respecting the
increase Establishment of the
Paymaster in
Malabar

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have been honored with
your commands in a letter from the
Secretary

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Secretary in the Military Department under
date 7.th Instant, and due attention shall be
paid to the instructions on the several points
therein detailed, in the meantime it is
incumbent on me to report that it was
irregular in the new appointed Paymaster
in Malabar to enter into any agreement
or make any arrangement on account of
his Office Establishment beyond what had
already been sanctioned by Government for his
predecessor, without previously submitting this
the proper channel to your Lordship in
Council such intended change, together
with his reasons at large for proposing it,
and I can only ascribe the premature steps
taken by that Gentleman to accomplish the
end he had in view to a want of experience
and knowledge of official forms indispen-
sibly necessary to be gone thro' on all
occasions similar to the present.

I am

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I am however persuaded that the Official Establishment allotted to Mr. Richardson & Mr. Douglas's predecessor, was not absolutely sufficient as to the rate of Pay, compared with the establishments allowed to other Paymasters situated as the Paymasters on Malabar are, both in amount and value of Payments. I have therefore no hesitation in recommending that a change shall take place in the Paymasters Office Establishment as stated in the enclosure (Number 2 A, B & C) what his predecessor has been accustomed to draw.

3

By this change your Lordship will perceive that the principal increase is in the Pay of the Head Clerks and Accountant, which I am of opinion should be allotted in order to attach a person of ability equal to the duties required of him to the situation, but it does not follow that because Mr. Douglas

deems

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deemed it expedient to make the Agreements which he has detailed, that the public are to become a party in them, the Servants therefore engaged by him ought not to be considered entitled to the pay of the public until they commenced the execution of the duties required of them, — neither has it ever been admitted that Paymasters who now receive liberal Salaries have any — claim on the public either for their own or their Servants travelling expences — their own Salaries only commence from the period of taking charge, I will however hope that had the new Paymaster been acquainted with those particulars he would not have made the demand — Mr. Douglas has at all events a claim on the Bombay Establish- = ment to which he belongs for allowances usually granted to Gentlemen of the Civil Service of his standing until he took charge of his Paymastership —

His precautions to ensure a satisfactory

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Satisfactory discharge of his duty although irregular in the first instance, must notwithstanding be considered praise-worthy particularly as he states to have ascertained that the delays in the transmission of accounts and other outward circumstances chargeable to the conduct of his predecessor was principally to be ascribed to want of proper assistants

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
My Lord
Your Lordships most obedt
humble Servant
Signed J. Brunton
Mily Aud. Genl

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General's Office
Fort St. George
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Proposed

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Proposed new Establishment of Servants for the Paymaster in Malabar

		P.	C.
Southern Division.			
1 Head Clerk and accountant		50	"
1 Writer		25	"
1 Ditto		20	"
1 Ditto		15	"
1 Shroff		15	"
4 Peons @ 1.30 each		6	36 "
Northern Division			
1 Head Clerk Superintendeng		30	"
1 Writer		20	"
2 Do. @ 15 each		30	"
1 Shroff		15	"
4 Peons @ 1.30 each		6	36 "
		233	30 "
Allowance for Servants in the Grain and Provision Department		1467	3 "
Total Star Pagodas		33033	"

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Fort St. George 13th. December 1803.

/signed/ J Brunton
Asstt Auditor Genl

Old

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Old Establishment of Servants originally allotted for the Paymaster in Malabar

Southern Division		P. Mo.
1 Head Clerk		23 24.
1 Second Do		22 36.
2 Third Do @ 17.6. each		34 12.
1 Shroff		14 12.
4 Peons @ 1.30. each		6 36.
Northern Division.		
1 Head Clerk		23 24.
1 Second Do.		22 36.
2 Third Do @ 17.6. each		34 12.
1 Shroff		14 12.
4 Peons @ 1.30. each		6 36.
Allowance for Servants in the Grain and Provision Department		25 30.
		11 67 2.
Total Star Pagodas		360 33.

Military Auditor General's Office } Signed } J. Brunton
Fort St. George 13th December 1803. } Mily Auditor Genl
Recorded

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Resolved in conformity to the Military Auditor General's recommendation that an additional Sum of Twenty Pagodas per Month shall be allowed for the Establishment of the Military Paymaster in Malabar.

The Board entirely coincurring in opinion with the Military Auditor General on the several Subjects of Mr. Douglass's application, ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be furnished for the information and guidance of that Gentleman, through the channel of the Military Paymaster General.

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

From Do. Do. submitting his opinion on the claim of Captn Ross who acted as field Engineer at the Seige of Seringapatam.

My Lord,

I Having given due consideration to the claim preferred by Captain D. Ross of the Artillery, late acting Field Engineer

and

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and Commissary of Prisoners at the Presidency of Fort St. George, communicates to me on the Secretary on the Military Department's Letter of the 7th Instant, I beg leave to suggest as the best and apparently, under the particular circumstances of the case, the only mode of adjustment that the amount of the original Memorandum of the charges, be solemnly declared on Oath before a Magistrate, when they could be presented and carried to the Court of Requisitions against the Dutch Settlements.

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I have no credentials from the Dutch Authorities for recovering but a general Power of Attorney, and I am of opinion the solemnity of an Oath is indispensably necessary, but the opinion is not founded on any distrust or Doubt as to the honor of Captain Clerk to the support of the charges, but to procure for the public the most satisfactory voucher there can be had for the disbursement of a very considerable

Sum

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sum of Money.

With respect to interest on the original amount which Captain Ross solicits, I have only to observe that in no instance of the kind, within my recollection, has a demand of that nature been allowed, it will therefore rest with your Lordship in Council to decide on this part of the claim, which I trust will be decidedly against its admission, to the end that no precedent may be established for the payment of similar demands on future occasions.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. Brunton

Milit. Auditor Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
13th. December 1803.

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be instructed to call on Captain Ross to substantiate by Oath the amount of the charges, which he may have incurred in the Public Service on the Expedition against

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against Tenate, and to admit the charge or which that Officer may be substantiate with the exception however of any demand for Interest.

The Board having taken into consideration the several letters from the Military Paymaster General under date the 15th. September 1802, 15th. July 1803, 10th August 1803 and 24th. September 1803 respecting the demand of the Company on the Estate of the late Mr. Shanley as Paymaster at Madura

It is Resolved that the Military Paymaster General be furnished with the following instructions.

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir

15th Sept 1802
15th July 1803
10th Aug 1 do.
& 24th Sept. do.

To the Military Paymaster General with the Security Bonds executed by Mr. Shanley on his appointment to the Office of Paymaster at Madura to call on the representatives of that Gentleman for the payment of the balance due by him to the Honble Company, and to apprize

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having taken into consideration your several letters noted in the margin on the subject of the Balance due by the

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approve them of the imputation of fraud which has been attached to the head Servant of Mr. Thursby.

The late Mr. Thursby to the Honorable Company, I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Security Bonds deposited by that Gentleman on his appointment to the Office of Paymaster at Madura, and to desire that you will call on his representatives and Securities to discharge the debt without delay.

It may be proper that the representatives or Securities of Mr. Thursby should be approved of the imputation of fraud, which has been attached to the Head Native Servant of that Gentleman; I am accordingly directed to desire that, if they shall require it, you will furnish them with Copies of the depositions taken by Mr. Wetherell on that subject.

Fort St. George
22d December 1803.

I am &c.
(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Govt.

Read.

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Read the following letter from the Military Paymaster General.

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 Mr. Paymaster Linley dated the 16th Instant before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council stating that it is very doubtfull whether Mr. Carter Sparrow will be able to supply him with any part of his January Estimate. I have therefore to request to know, whether Mr. Linleys demand for Cash from the Presidency is to be complied with.

I am &c &c &c.

(Signed) B Roebuck
Military Paymr. Genl.

From Dr. Lee submitting a letter from Mr. Paymaster Linley stating the uncertainty of a supply of Cash from Mr. Collector Sparrow for the January Estimate & requests to know if Mr. Linley's Demand for Cash from the Presidency may be complied with.

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The Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Collector Garrow by which it appears very doubtful whether he will be able to supply me with any part of the amount of my January disbursements, I think therefore it will be desirable for me to depend upon you for the full amount of my payments for that Month being Pagodas 38,969. I am particularly anxious to commence my payments on the first of every Month as the Sepoy families suffer considerable distress by even a days delay. If therefore I may expect the Cash from the Presidency, I shall be much obliged by your despatching the amount of my Military disbursements Viz. Pag.s 38,969 so as to arrive by the 31st Instant; and that for Pondicherry as soon after as convenient

being

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Seeing Rogers 3000, your reply to this letter will oblige.

Vellore

16th December 1803. / Signed / Wm. Lindley

True Copy

Paymaster

/ Signed / Br. Roebuck

Mutiny Paymaster Genl.

Ordered that instructions be issued to the Sub Treasurer for despatching to Vellore and Pondicherry the sums required for the payment of the troops at Pondicherry for the next Month.

Read the following letters

From the Town Mayor of Fort St. George.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter which I have received from Captain Charles Forget French Prisoner of War on Parole

Captain

From the Town Mayor Enclosing a letter from Capt. C. Forget and recommends the Maintenance of that Officer's allowance.

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Captain Charles Pariset is in the same predicament with his brother Captain P. Pariset to whom his Lordship in Council was pleased to authorise a continuance of Pay during his Residence in India, I am therefore in hopes his Lordship will grant a similar indulgence to — Captain Charles Pariset

I have the honor to be &c &c

/signed/ Allan Grant
Town Major

Fort St. George
15th December 1803.

Major Allan Grant
Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir

As you are thoroughly — acquainted with the leave to stay with my — family in India having been granted to me by the English Government on account of Madam Pariset being at that time very ill and unable to

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to embark herself with safety on the Cartel
having this morning made an application
to have my allowance paid as usual Since
Retirement of war which have stayed on this
Country and hereby tells that I was not on the
Paymaster's list, I once more apply to your
Sir, for having you remembered & had the honor
to inform you with my circumstances which
render me incapable to live without my allow-
ance, upon which observation you told me
that it would be but those whose master could
be found Lawful as mine that should have
the continuation of their treatment after the
Cartel being sailed

As I think that it is
through a misunderstood that I was excepted
I trust and beg of you being kind enough as
to send orders for my allowance being continued.

I have the honor to be &c &c

[Signed] Chas Perret

late Comp.e Capt.n
Pondicherry

Pondicherry
9th December 1803

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Resolved under the peculiar circumstances which prevented Captain Charles Parker from embarking on the Cartel Matilda, that the payment of his allowances be continued until an opportunity shall be afforded to him of proceeding with his family to France.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Do. recommending that a pension be granted to the Mother of a deceased Sepoy.

Having received a Petition from a woman of the name of Tammaka representing that by the death of her husband and Son, who were both Sepoys in the service of the Honorable Company, she is left with two Children without the means of subsistence; I have made particular enquiry into the circumstances of her case, and consider them sufficiently distressing to entitle her to the humane consideration of the Right Honble

the

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Timmanka, being unwilling to deviate from the principle on which the payment of Family Certificates has been continued to the nearest relations of the Native Soldiers, who dies on Service to the Eastward; but the case of Timmanka as represented in the Letter of the Town Major, appearing to merit the favorable attention of the Board - It is Resolved that a pension of two Pagodas per month shall be granted to her from the 1st. Instant.

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry -

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Secretary to the Military Department and in Compliance with the orders of His Lordship in Council, the Balance of the Pulo Penang Revenues of this place shall

From the Commandant at Pondicherry - Relative to the Collection of the Pagoda Duties at Pondicherry -

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shall be handed over to the Collector on —
demand.

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I have to request the favor of
your stating to his Lordship in Council that it
may be necessary to inform the Collector, on
assuming the Collection of these duties he is in
no way to interfere with the Police authority
hitherto exercised by the Commandant, should
it be the intention to continue it in him, and
further add to his Lordship for the following —
reasons it will be both difficult and expensive
to controle and observe the inhabitants in the
place by any change of power.

There is probably living now
in Pondicherry four hundred Europeans
among whom are several families of distinction
and perhaps five or six thousand Portuguese,
half Castes and Natives, the minds and views
of these people have been put in a State of —
activity, by the arrival of the late French —
Expedition

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Expedition, and many have endeavoured on
the prospect of the speedy return of the Board
authority, to regain the esteem of their
Governors, by various acts and enterprises
=mical to the British Interest. Besides the
the adjustment of their own internal disputes
and misdemeanors, in case of such a change
would add to the difficulty and trouble in our
of change. To do them any kind of Justice it
occupies the whole of the Commandants time from
eight o'Clock in the Morning till four in the
Evening.

The Collectors usually arrange
the Pettahy Bazars by a writer, the Judges
having the Native Courts of Circuit to
to for Justice and a decision of their Differences

Ineed not say that a Native
Writer is incompatible to exercise the functions
above described, besides vesting them in such a
person would be very injurious to the feelings
of

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of the many respectable French families now residing in the place.

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The Collector to do it himself would require his constant presence on the spot and occupy his whole time. To do it by an assistant would be expensive his Salary and attendant Establishment would consume the whole produce.

I need not remark to you that a divided authority in a place inhabited as above described would be particularly injurious to the public Service.

At present the administration of the Police, Courts Government nothing, the Commanding Officer exercises the authority without any Salary. I am soliciting his Lordship's Council's attention to the difficulties that may probably arise from vesting the police and the collection of the duties in the Collector. I am far from desirous that they should be continued as an emolument or reward to the Commanding Officer,

and

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and of his Lordship should see the matter in the light I have pointed out, that little else than the strong arm of Military power, and the prompt execution attendant on it's authority can control and observe the Inhabitants of Pondicherry, a regular account shall be kept of the proceeds of the Bazars &c.a collected on the provisions of those in Camp, and the amount remitted Monthly to the Collector. The charges of maintenance of Prisoners, Town Repairs &c.a may be defrayed out of the Bazar Fund subject to the prescribed check and control of the Military Board before Sanction.

Pondicherry
11th December 1803

/Signed/ G. St. Johns
Colonel.

Resolved that the Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot shall be charged with the duty of Collecting the Police and Bazar customs at Pondicherry, but that in the exercise of that duty he be restrained from any interference with

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with the authority of the Commanding Officer.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary force at Hyderabad.

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I beg you will make known to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I appointed Captain Lieutenant Vernon of the 1st. Battalion 6th. Regiment to command at Ahmednuggur, which surrendered to the Force under my command on the 25th. ultimo. I should have made an earlier report of the circumstance; but waited for the confirmation of the Honorable Major General Wellesley, and which I have just received.

From the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary Force. Submitting for approbation the appointment of a Commandant at Ahmednuggur.

My Establishment for the Garrison is as economical as the nature of the Service will admit, and I beg leave to transmit extracts of the orders I have issued, and trust they will

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Will meet with approbation of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Camp at Sandare
13th November 1803

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
/Signed/ J. Stevenson
Lt Col Comg Subsidiary Force

Extract of D.O. of the Subsidiary Force

Camp 3 Mds S. of Aflore

22d October

Captain Vernon is appointed to command the Fort of Aflore and the whole are to be delivered to him in front of the Fort at 6 o'Clock tomorrow Morning, with exception of those from the Cots at present on duty which will be delivered over to him at Aflore

Camp 3 Mds S. of Aflore

25th October 1803.

Captain Burke will be pleased to order four Gun Lascars into the Garrison of Aflore from one of which a Gun is to be mounted

To

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To Captain Vernon to act as 2d Tindal. 1087

The Commissary of Stores will also order four Store Lascars into Affeer Ghur and Captain Vernon will entertain four more with 1 Smith 1 Carpenter 1 Hammermain 1 Bellows Boy as an Establishment for the Garrison.

The Lascars sent into Affeer Ghur must be all effective Men and have served at least 12 Months.

True Extracts.

(Signed) J. Colebrooke

Dept. Adjt. Genl. Army

D. O.

Camp 3 Miles S. of Affeer Ghur 22 October 1803.

Captain Vernon will entertain and draw an allowance for 1 Writer at 10 Pagodas and 12 Hircarrahs at 2 Pagodas each per Month for the purpose of obtaining and forwarding Intelligence to Colonel Stevenson.

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Stevenson

Above Extract

(Signd) J. Colebrooke

Depty Assistant General

Subsidiary Force.

The Board confirm the appointment of Captain Lieutenant Vernon to command at Tanjore, and approve the Establishment of Lascars, Miners and Kavarahs attached to the Garrison.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding at Malacca.

To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that Mr. J. H. Bourne having solicited permission to relinquish the Office of Fiscal of this Settlement — on account of

From the Commandant at Malacca reporting his appointment to the Fiscal and other Deputy Commissary of Stores at Malacca

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of his age and bodily infirmities which have rendered him very inadequate to the discharge of the various and important duties of the said employ. I have granted his request and have appointed Mr. J. D. Rahenel a Civilian on the Dutch Service lately arrived from Ceylon / of whose abilities and integrity I have every reason to form the most favorable opinion / to succeed Mr. Owens as Fiscal until the pleasure of Government shall be known.

I have judged it expedient to relinquish for the present the charge of the Ordnance Department and have erected Lieutenant Thomas Shute to officiate as Deputy Commissary of Stores till further orders.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Wm. Farquhar
Capt. Commandt
Malacca

Malacca
31st October 1803

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The Board Confirm the appointments notified in the foregoing letter.

Read the following letter from the Governor of Ceylon, and from the Chief Secretary at Columbo.

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
&c. &c. &c.
Governor and President in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Governor of Ceylon Requesting permission for the Agent of His Government to recruit at Madras

I had the honor of acquainting your Lordship in Council of the eventual permission of your Lordship in Council to accept Proposals which had been made to me at Madras for raising three additional Companies of Lascoys for His Majesty's Regiment of Ceylon Native Infantry.

May I at present take the liberty of requesting your Lordship in Council to cause your Consent / if you see no objection

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objection to granting it / to be intimated to the Agent of my Government at Madras, and to continue to the persons charged with the recruiting Service the same Protection and assistance which you were pleased to shew them on similar occasions.

Columbo
29th November 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
/Signed/ Frederic North

To George Buchan Esqr
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Fort S. George

Sir,

From the Chief Secretary at Colombo Reporting the arrival of Captain Mc Phersons Detachment and requesting that it may remain on the Island.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acquaint you for the information of His Lordship the Governor of Fort St. George in Council, that the Alexander Country Ship arrived here this morning having on Board a Detachment of Madras Volunteers under the Command of Captain Andrew Macpherson

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Macpherson.

The party had been embarked at Penang for Madras but the Ship not being able to reach that Port, anchored in Tengoo Roads from whence they were ordered to proceed to Ceylon and to wait the orders of His Lordship the Governor of Fort St. George - a Serjeant and half of the Detachment with the Subaltern Officer Lieutenant Stewart have been landed at Trincomale and the remainder disembarked here -

It appears from the Representation of the Commanding Officer that four Months Arrears are due to the Detachment which agreeable to the instructions of the Most Noble the Governor General shall be discharged here, and the amount placed to the Debit of Fort St. George as soon as the proper abstracts and Certificates are made out -

The Excellency hopes that

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That His Lordship the Governor of Fort St. 107
George in Council will have no objections to
allow the Detachment to remain on Ceylon
and to add this favor to the many others he has
already conferred on the Government

Columbo
November 28th. 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Hble Servt.
/Signed/ Robt. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Govt.

To George Buchan Esqr.
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have received and laid before
His Excellency the Governor Mr. Secretary Brachey's
letter of the 12th. ultimo, suggesting to His Excellency
the expediency of making an arrangement for
the final disposal of the Store Lent and Gun
Lascars belonging to the Presidency of Fort St. George
but at present serving on Ceylon, and at the same
time

From Lt. Col. Agnew respecting the Artillery Lascars and Medical persons belonging to this Presidency on the Island of Ceylon.

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time expressing the wish of the Government of Fort St. George that the Madras European Artillery and the Medical Officers of that Establishment now on Ceylon should return to the Coast as soon as Convenient

The arrangement which His Lordship the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to propose for the disposal of the Madras Lascars, namely to permit them to be attached to the Royal Artillery would be highly agreeable to His Excellency, as it would be extremely inconvenient to dispense with the Service of that useful Body of Men, and quite impracticable to replace them on the Island - His Excellency has already applied to the most Noble the Governor General for permission to raise a proper number of Lascars at Chittledroog, where that description of men are generally procured, and I have by his Excellency's directions instructed the Commandant of Trincomalee

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Trincomale, Lieutenant Colonel Bridges to endeavour to persuade the Lascars of the Madras Establishment to attach themselves to the Royal Artillery for three years, at the Expiration of which period they shall be allowed to return to the Coast, and as a further inducement, a Gratuity will be offered to those who accept of these Conditions - Lieutenant Colonel Bridges is at the same time directed to take the first good opportunity to convey the European Officers and Men of the Madras Artillery to that Presidency -

There are at present three Medical Officers belonging to the Madras Establishment on Ceylon, Dr. Williams Yates, Mr. Colin Rogers and Mr. Longdale, of these Mr. Rogers is attached to the Artillery at Trincomale, and will of course return with the Europeans of that Detachment to the Coast - Your Excellency however cannot

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cannot allow him to depart without recommending him in the strongest manner to the protection and favor of His Lordship in Council on account of his valuable services in different Departments which he has filled under his Government.

Mr Longdale who arrived here lately, having charge of the Bengal Volunteers, has been attached to the Detachment of Madras Volunteers from the Eastern Islands, who now wait the pleasure of the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort St George.

If His Lordship is pleased to allow that Corps to do duty on the Island, he may perhaps see for that a Medical Officer of the same Residency should be attached to it, and permit Mr Longdale to continue on that duty.

However much the Executive may regret the departure of Dr Hyatt, whose

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whose long and meritorious Services, entitle him to his highest approbation, he has instructed him to hold himself in readiness to join the Residency to which he belongs, by the first good opportunity.

Columbo

December 2d. 1803

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signd) Robt. Arbuthnot

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Resolved and Ordered that the following Letters be dispatched.

To His Excellency

The Honorable Frederic North

Governor of

Ceylon.

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of the 29th. Ultimo, and beg to assure your Excellency that we shall be happy to afford every assistance

the Governor of
Ceylon acquainting
him that every assistance
will be afforded to
the Agent of the Govern-
ment in procuring
Native Recruits at
the Presidency for the
Service of Ceylon.

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In answer to the Agent of your Government
in raising Native Recruits at this Station
for His Majesty's Service on the Island of
Ceylon to the extent proposed by your Excellency

Fort St. George
22d December 1803.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed W. Bentinck
in Council

To R. Arbuthnot Esqr.
Chief Secretary to the Government
at
Colombo

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon.
Governor in Council to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letters of the 7th.
(Military and 9th Instant

To the Chief Secretary
at Colombo - Expressing
the satisfaction of the
Government in being
able to comply with
the wishes of His Ex-
cellency the Governor
of Ceylon in regard to
the Enlistment on that
Island of the Native
Volunteers recently
returned from Portu-
guese Territory to
Madras, and transmitting
Mr. Arbuthnot's
acknowledgement
for the intention of the
Excellency to comply
with the wishes of Govern-
ment, by the return
of the Artillery and
Medical Officers
belonging to the
Establishments.

I am directed by His Lordship in Council
to request that you will
express to His Excellency the Governor of
Ceylon His Lordship's satisfaction at being
enabled

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enabled to comply with his wishes in regard to the Continuance on that Island of the Detachment of Madras Volunteers, recently returned from the Eastward under the Command of Captain Andrew Macpherson.

The Lordship in Council is sensible of the propriety of his Excellency's determination to attach Mr. Assistant Surgeon Longdale to that detachment; and Com. accordingly directed to request that His Excellency will Continue to employ Mr. Longdale on that duty.

I am further directed to request that the acknowledgement of His Lordship in Council may be expressed to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon for his early intention to comply with the application of this Government for the return of the Detachments of Artillery and the Medical Officers belonging to the Establishment.

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I am further instructed to inform you that the Governor in Council approves the measures which you propose to be taken for the better protection of the Black Town.

In authorizing the works at the North East Angle of Madras known by the Name of Chinis Battery to be transformed into a Redoubt; it is the express desire of His Lordship in Council that the Redoubt may retain the respectable name, which at present distinguishes the Battery.

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22d December 1803

Edwd Hodges

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Govt

" W Kerr Clerk
" J Hewett
" H Pitt
" Sd Chamier

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Diary. 1/2

21st Received and Sent the —

following letters entered on the B. fos 41 42.

From Mr. Roebuck Sub.

From the Military Paymaster General.

= mitting an additional estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Masulipatam on account of the Troops at Hyderabad —

To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Auditor General — Referring for his examination an additional estimate of Cash required by the — Paymaster at Masulipatam —

22d Sent the following Letters.

To the Acting Resident in Mysoor.

Sir;

To the acting Resident at Mysoor to obtain a copy of a letter from the Military Board to obtain from the Dewan the Statements which that Board have required —

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs me to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Military Board at this Presidency, and to desire that you will obtain from the Dewan of His Excellency

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The Rajah of Mysoor the Statements for which That Board have recommended that application may be made

Fort St. George
22d December 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most Obedt Servt
George Strachey
Secy to Govt

To the President and Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instt, and to acquaint you that application has been made in consequence to the Rajah of Mysoor for the Statements which you are desirous of having furnished by the Dewan of His Excellency the Rajah.

Enclose the Plan and Estimate of a Road proposed to be made

for

To the Military Board
Acquainting them
that application has
been made for the
Statements with
which they were
requested to be fur-
nished from the
Dewan of His Excellency
the Rajah of
Mysoor - the Superin-
tending Engineer
for the reconnoi-
sance of the
Coimbatore Road
must. A plan and
Estimate enclosed

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for the accommodation of the Company's Investment, and am directed to desire that the Superintending Engineer may be instructed to execute the work accordingly.

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22d December 1803.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) George Strachey
Secrety to Govt.

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo.

To the Military Paymaster General acquainting him that the encreased establishment recommended by the Military Auditor General for the Paymaster on Malabar has been authorised—Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General enclosed for the information and guidance of Mr. Douglas—

His Lordship in Council having consulted the opinion of the Military Auditor General on the application received from the Paymaster in Malabar for an increased Establishment of Servants I am directed to transmit to you for the information

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information and guidance of Mr. Dou
the enclosed Copy of a letter from that Of
as the Sentiments which it expresses
on the grounds stated in the Paymaster
application been approved by His
Lordship in Council.

The Governor in Coun
has been pleased to authorize the encreas
Establishment recommended by the Ac
=ing Auditor General for the Paymaster
Malabar, amounting together with the
charge for the former establishment to
the Sum of three hundred and eighty
Pagodas, thirty three fanams per Mo. /380.-33.-/ and has directed that it shall
commence as well as the payment of Mr
Douglas's Salary from the date of his
receiving charge of the Office.

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22d December 1803.

Sam Ly. Lt.

/Signed/ George Strachey

Secretary to Gov

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To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 13th Instant

To the Military Auditor General. Directing him to admit the charges which Captain Ross may have incurred on the Public Service on the Expedition to Ternate when the same shall be substantiated by an Affidavit. The establishment recommended by him for the Laymasts on Malabar approved

Her Lordship in Council has resolved in conformity to your recommendation to call on Captain Ross to substantiate by oath the amount of the charges, which he may have incurred on the public Service on the expedition against Ternate.

You will accordingly apprize Captain Ross of Her Lordship's resolution by the earliest opportunity; and when you shall have received from him the Affidavit required, you will admit the charges which he may substantiate in that manner with the

exception

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exception however of any demand for interest.

The Governor in Council has approved your sentiments respecting the Establishment of the Paymaster in Malabar, and directs me to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a letter to the Military Paymaster General for your information and guidance on that subject.

Fort St. George
22d December 1803.

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

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs me to transmit for your information and guidance the enclosed Extract from a letter

to

To the Military Auditor General
Extract from a letter from a Gentleman in Malabar to the Secretary to Government
Extract
"I have to request that you will state to the Board of Trade in explanation of a further check on disbursements on account of the hire of public Buildings at the Presidency, to authorize the Payment of Bills from the Paymaster and from the Officer Commanding at Tellicherry. The appointment of Captain Vernon to command at Tellicherry with the establishment

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establishment of Lascars & attached to that Garrison approved 6

To the Board of Trade in explanation of a further check which His Lordship has been pleased to establish on disburse-ments on account of the hire of public buildings at the Presidency.

His Lordship in Council directs me to desire that you will pass for payment the enclosed Bill amounting to Pagodas 1/. 3.— presented by the Paymaster for water supplied for the use of a Detachment of His Majesty's 10.— Regiment of Foot on board of the Ship Union.

His Lordship in Council also directs me to desire that you will authorise the payment of the enclosed — Bill of the Commanding Officer at — Trichinopore amounting to Pagodas 14, 36.— on account of Clothing supplied to three Malay Prisoners.

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Fort St. George 25th December 1804

I inclose the copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary force of Hyderabad, and have the honor to inform you that His Lordship in Council has confirmed the appointment of Captain Vernon to command at Ashtee-ghur and the establishment of Lascars and artificers attached to that Garrison.

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22d December 1803.

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

To the Town Major

Sir,

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

In consideration of the peculiar

To the Town Major of Fort St. George.
Respecting Lieut Hall of Flank Corps entitled to receive his allowances until his return to Europe to return to the Staff only to Command and Fortifications considered incumbent to renew the Family Certificate of the Deceased to pay the Extraordinary Expences of his Brother Lieutenant Hall to Bombay to embark for England

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peculiar circumstances which prevented
Captain Charles Paget from proceeding
to Europe on the Cartel Matilda, the
Governor in Council had been pleased to
direct that he should continue to receive
his allowances until an opportunity should
be afforded to him, of returning with his
family to France -

His Lordship in Council
does not consider it expedient to renew
the family Certificate of the deceased Sepoy
Kenchatasawmy in favor of his Mother
Semmaca; being unwilling to depart from
the principle on which the payment of
Family Certificates was confined to the
nearest relations of Sepoys who died on
Service to Eastward; but His Lordship
in Council considering the case of Semmaka
as represented in your letter, to merit his
favorable attention, has been pleased to grant
to,

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To the Officer Commanding
at Pondicherry

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having taken into consideration your letter of the 14th Instant, has been pleased to resolve that the Collector of the Southern Division of Land and Sea Customs with the duty of collecting the Police and Bazar Customs at Pondicherry shall be charged with the duty of collecting the Police and Bazar Customs at Pondicherry; but that on the exercise of that duty he shall be restrained from any interference with the authority of the Commanding Officer.

I have &c &c &c

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(Signed) George Strachey
Secty to Govt

To the Officer
Commanding at
Pondicherry desiring
him that the
Collector of the
Southern Division
of Land and Sea
Customs with the
duty of Collecting
the Police and Bazar
Customs at Pondicherry

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To Messrs Chase & Co

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Gentlemen,

To Messrs Chase & Co
desiring them
that in consequence
of the loss of the
necessary Vouchers,
the claim of Capt.n
Ross on account of
expences incurred
by him at the Leige
of Ternate must be
supported by an
Affidavit

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, and to acquaint you that in consequence of the loss of the vouchers necessary to support the claim of Captain Ross on account of expences incurred by that Officer at the Leige of Ternate, His Lordship in Council has deemed it to be proper to call on him to support those charges by an affidavit.

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I am &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Govt.

Received and Sent the following Letters entered on the 63 Nos 13 to 16 - 105

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From the Secretary at Fort William.

From Captain Hook,

Advising an advance to Captain L. Shore of His Majesty's 34th Regiment of one Month's Pay and allowances.

From Colonel Campbell

Requesting that authority may be given for an advance of Six Month's Pay and allowances to Captain Shore of His Majesty's 34th Regiment on account of the Ceylon Government.

To the Secretary Board and Medical Board.

To the Secretary and Medical Board.

To the Board of Trade to forward the Board with information respecting such Buildings and Godowns which may have been occupied or rented for the use of the Military Department.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President.

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief.

William Petrie

Friday the 23d December 1803.

and

John Chamier

} Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultn.

=tion read and approved.

The Commander in Chief

delivers in the following Minutes

Minute of the Commander in Chief

The following Casualties have been officially reported to me

Minutes of the Commander in Chief Reporting several Casualties and recommending promotion in Consequence — Submits an application from Major Green Commanding at Madura for permission to visit the Presidency

Major J. Hunt of Invalids died at Vizagapatam on the 11th December 1803.

Captain

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Captain Richard Baker of
the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry died
at Ericheneply on the 11th of December
1803

In consequence of the
death of Captain Baker, Secondment
that the following Promotions be made in
the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry

Captain Lieutenant S.H.
Collins to be Captain of a Company vice
Baker deceased, date of Commission 15th
December 1803.

Lieutenant Robert Hall Bird
to be Captain Lieutenant vice Collins promoted
date of Rank 15th December 1803.

Submitted to Government

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An application from Major Lyon, Com-manding the Garrison of Cuddapa, for permission to visit the Presidency; and recommend that leave be granted agreeably to his request.

23d December 1803. /Signed/ J. Stuart

The Right Honorable

The Governor in Council

My Lords,

Having particular Business which calls me to Madras, I take the liberty of requesting your Lordships permission to proceed thither for a short period—

Making every allowance for the badness of the roads and swelling of the Rivers at this season, which may retard me much on the Journey; I am induced to request leave to be absent from my Station for the purpose of visiting the Presidency/

on

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Captain Richard Baker of
the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry died
at Cuddapah on the 11th of December
1803.

In consequence of the
death of Captain Baker, Government
have the following Promotions & Removals in
the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry

Captain Lieutenant J. H.
Collins to be Captain of a Company vice
Baker deceased, date of Commission 15th
December 1803 -

Lieutenant Robert Hall Bruce
to be Captain Lieutenant vice Collins promoted
date of Rank 15th December 1803 -

Submitted to Government

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An application from Major Gowen, Com=manding the Garrison of Madura, for permission to visit the Presidency; and recommend that leave be granted agreeably to his request

23d December 1803. /signed/ J. Stuart

The Right Honorable

The Governor in Council

My Lords,

Having particular business which calls me to Madras, I take the liberty of requesting your Lordships permission to proceed thither for a short period

Making every allowance for the badness of the roads and swelling of the Rivers at this season, which may retard me much on the Journey; I am induced to request leave to be absent from my Station for the purpose of visiting the Presidency

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on the whole for the space of Two Months
hence if practicable will certainly return
before the expiration of the above period.

Madura
14th. December 1803.

(Signd) Thos. Green
Major Commanding

Madura

Order thereon —

Ordered that the Promotions
recommended in the foregoing Minute be
executed to take place in General Orders

Memorandum

The Officer Commanding
the Company of Gentlemen Cadets having
established at Seringapatam a School for
the Instruction of the Cadets in the
Hindoostany Language, and being desirous
that the Systems for the conduct of
their Studies, and the Proficiency they have
made, should be examined and reported
by persons properly qualified for that
purpose, the Commander in Chief suggests

Memorandum of the Commander in chief recommending that the Deputy Persian Translator be directed to examine the performance of the Gentlemen Cadets at Seringapatam in the Hindoostany Language.

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the expediency of directing the Deputy Persian Translator to proceed to Trichinopoly on this duty; and as it is the intention of the Commander in Chief to order a Staff Officer to inspect and report on the Military proficiency of those Gentlemen Cadets, who are considered qualified to join Corps as Officers early in January next, he recommends that the examination of their proficiency in the Hindoostany Language, may take place at the same time

23d December 1803

Signed J. Stuart

The Board approve the proposition of the Commander in Chief, and it is Resolved that the Deputy Persian Translator be directed to proceed to Trichinopoly accordingly.

Ordered that the necessary instructions for that purpose be prepared from the Public Department.

Read

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Read the following letter from the Chief Judge and Principal Collector on Malabar

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Chief Judge and Principal Collector on Malabar transmitting an application for an allowance with Correspondence on the subject

I have the honor to enclose an original letter dated the 1st Instant to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council from one of the Petitioners mentioned in the Margin with Copies of my Correspondence with the Superintendant of Tellicherry on the subject of this petition, and have to request you will submit the same for the Lordships notice.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedient Servant
Thos Strachan
Chief & P.C.

Tellicherry
3d December 1803.

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To the Honorable

The Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

at Madras

My Lord,

The unexpected renewal of War which is so unfortunate for the Dutch particularly to me that have spend all I possessed to exist here for the peace, which your Lordship's Government was pleased so favorably to permit me in the year 1797, since which time I have not received any maintenance, having before obtained a honorable payment of f. 150 rupees per month, and as by the Treaty of Peace of Amiens is stipulated, that the expences of the prisoners of War shall reciprocally be repaid -

I beg your Lordship's to grant me only as much as I and my wife

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Cochin

1st November 1803.

To the Assistant at Cochin

Sir,

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J Bos

Principal Collector

Sir,

I have directed the Dubash to transmit for your notice the accompanying Copy of a Petition received from a Mr. Bos.

The first Judge and the Principal Collector is not hereby aware of any objection to applications of the nature adverted to in Mr. Bos's letter being forwarded to Government, but if there are any

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orders against it, you are desired to report thereon. 122

Should such however not be the case; the Principal Collector conceives it will be right to solicit the orders of Government in respect to the present situation of the Dutch at Cochin

Tellicherry

14th November 1803.

Jam. &c. &c.

/Signed/ I H Pearson

Asst. to the P.C.

To R Rickards Esqr.

Principal Collector &c. &c. &c.

Tellicherry

Sir,

My circumstances are of that nature that it is impossible to me to subsist any longer with my wife without a maintenance, I have therefore taken my recourse to your Honorable Government by an address which I enclosed in a letter to the Magistrate here, who returned it

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it to me.

Whereupon I could not
have done any thing else but applying to
Colonel Macauly, who received and answer-
-ed my letters without any answer.

I am thus obliged to
address myself to you and beg of your
goodness to forward the application I
take the liberty to enclose herein, to the
Honorable Government. Wherefore I shall
everlastingly be grateful to you.

I also take the liberty
of enclosing for your notice a Copy of my
letter and Mr. Dawsons answer to it.
by which you will observe that I have
done every possible means to obtain my ambi-

I have the honor to be

Cochin
11th. November 1803.

&c. &c. &c.

[signed] J. Cox

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To the First Judge and 123
Principal Collector
Malabar

Sir,

1. I have to acknowledge your Assistant's letter of the 14th. Instant enclosing copy of a Petition from Mr. Bos a Dutch Inhabitant of Cochin, and desiring me to report thereon.

2. My reasons for not complying with Mr Bos's request, were that in the first place his letter was addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to whom it would have been irregular in me to have forwarded it direct.

3. There is reason to suppose that Mr. Bos is not in the distressed circumstances he represents, as he held immediately before the Surrender of Cochin

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immediately previous to the surrender of Cochin that your circumstances are not in the distressed State in which you have thought proper to represent them, this added to the circumstance of your having refused to take the oath of allegiance to the British Government and a consideration of your general conduct subsequent to the late Peace induces the first Judge and Principal Collector to conceive that it will be needless his forwarding the application you have addressed to the Right Honorable Lord William Bentinck- at all events if forwarded, it will be accompanied by the Remarks herein contained-

Tellicherry
20th November
1803

I have &c. &c.
/Signed/ J. H. Parson
Agt. G. G.
for

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To Robert Richards Esqr 125

First Judge and Principal Collector

of Malabar

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 20th Instant. the contents of which made me very sensible, and as you form a wrong idea in regard to my circumstances and Conduct, permit me &c. to justify myself before you.

The Residency of Quilon did not give me as much as 300 Rs a year, and as Member of Council nothing. If you will take the trouble to take information either at Cochin or Quilon, you will be convinced that I say the truth.

It is true that for

seven

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Seven years before I have been Custom Master, and Resident at Porca for eleven Months; and from the income of those appointments I purchased a House in the Fort, and a small garden on the Country, which is all the fortune I now mortgaged with the other things I had of any value.

Of the rest I bought the necessary and lived of, and my Parents has left me nothing of consequence, which every one of this place can testify. —

Since the surrender of Cochin I lived with my wife in my Garden, retired from the world, I never had affairs with any body; no Complaints whatsoever is made against me, and I never transgressed the laws or orders issued; but submitted for it

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with obedience.

The only thing then, that you charge me with, and in reality do, is that I have refused to take the oath of allegiance. I beseech you, Sir, to bring my case home to you, and am so bold to ask if you would not also have refused it - and that without taking the Oath, I have conducted myself quiet and neutral, so as no body here, and nothing will be easier for me to Answer, if the least can be laid in my charge, on the other hand the Honorable Government of Bengal have been pleased to grant a honorable maintaunance to the Commanders of Marshall, and the Members of Council after they has refused to take the oath of allegiance, but offered the parole of honor by which they have

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Saund themselves. Thus, if I may say,
Sir, I wanishes to entirely this charges,
and therefore I beg you to forward my
application to the Honorable Government
of Madras, with all such Remarks as
you may think proper, for which I
cannot fear being guiltless of, and as I
trust on Justice and virtue which is so
much expected from your Nation.

I leave myself that the
Honorable Government will take
enquiry of such Charges as may be
advanced against me, and when the con-
-trary of it is found, will allot to me
the assistance requested for, which I cannot
absolutely miss. I therefore entreat you
Sir, once more not to detain my applic-
-cation any longer, but to forward it as
soon as possible, and the reason that
moves me for it, obliges me also to the

Reflection

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degression, beg'g your pardon for your
attention which I have troubled so long
and wherefore I have nothing else to
offer on return but a true grateful
heart that shall ever endeavour to be
worthy of the expected assistance, and
I have elevated the
Cochin
30th November
1803
to the highest Respect
Your very obedient Servt
Signed J. Cox
True Copies
Signed J. H. Easton
Lt & D.C.

Pte

Fort St George 23d December 1803.

The Board deem it to be proper to

reject the application of Mr Box

W Petrie

J Stewart

J Hodgson

E Hyde Thornhill

Recd 24th Dec. 1803

Regd & Copied by Lieut

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24th Received the following Letter

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General — His report on the additional estimate of Cash for the current month. —

1. Having examined the additional Estimate of Cash for the current Month, which accompanied a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department, under date the 21st Instant, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Pagodas Eleven thousand four hundred and twenty eight, fanams twenty four, (Pos 11,428.24) is admissible and if unable by Bills on the Military Paymaster General, being required by the Paymaster at Masulipatam for the payment of the Detachment at Hydrabad, under Major Itton, in arrear for the last

and

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and in advance for the present Month.

I have deducted the

Sum of Pagodas Seventeen Thousand one

hundred and forty two, Fanams thirty six

of Payments to the Detail and Invalid

of the Subsidiary Force as I am not aware

of the arrival of any Troops at Hyderabad

with the exception of the Detachment under

Major Storie, and as I do not find, on

reference to the records of this Office that

any Family Certificates have been granted

by the Troops &c. Composing the Detachment

serving with His Highness the Nizam

Military Auditor

Generals Office

Fort St. George

24th December 1803.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J Brunton

Milty Aud.r Genl.

Sent the following letter

To

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To the First Judge and
Principal Collector in
Malabar

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant,
and to acquaint you that the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council has judged it to be
proper to reject the application of Mr. Bos
for an allowance from the Honorable Company.

Fort St. George
23d December 1803.

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

(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Govt

To the first Judge and Principal Collector in Malabar — Acquainting him that the application of Mr. Bos for an allowance from the Company cannot be complied with.

Received and Sent the following letters entered in the B. Nos 46. 47. 48. 49. 50.

From the Secretary at Bombay

From Mr. Grant transmitting a Packet addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency.

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To the Chief Secretary at Colombo

To Mr. Arbuthnot -

acquainting him that an advance of pay and allowance has been made to Ensign Kean of His Majesty's 51st Regiment, and that the amount will be debited to Government.

To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Auditor General. To authorise an advance of Pay &c. for four months to Ensign Kean of His Majesty's 51st Regiment on account of the Government of Columbo - Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at Fort William relative to an advance of Pay &c. at that Presidency to Captain Moore of His Majesty's 34th Regiment enclosed.

To the Military Paymaster General -

To the Military Paymaster General - acquainting him that instructions have been furnished to the Sub. Treasurer for dispatching to Vellore and to Pondicherry the sums required for the paiyment of the troops

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Troops at the latter place in the ensuing Month.

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To Do Do Enclosing the Military Auditor Generals Report on his additional Estimate of the 25th Instant.

At a Consultation

Present

William Petrie Esqr.

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

and

John Chamier Esqr.

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President — absent

Indisposed

Tuesday the 27th December 1803

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

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Fort St. George 27th December 1803.—

The following Minute of the Commander in Chief having been returned from Circulation is ordered to be recorded.

Minute.

When the Commander in Chief received the authority of Government for adopting measures to raze the fortifications of Cochin, he requested Major Macaulay the Resident at Travancore to assume the general Superintendance of that work, and charged Captain Bentley an Officer of the Corps of Bombay Engineers with its immediate execution. The demolition has been conducted with a degree of expedition and effect highly creditable to the zeal and professional judgement of those Officers; and the Commander in Chief has the honor of submitting to the Board Extracts of letters from Major Macaulay respecting its completion.

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Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting extracts of letters from Major Macaulay reporting the demolition of the fortifications of Cochin—Expresses his approbation of the Conduct of the Officers employed on that duty—Recommendations in consequence—Submits Major Macaulay's reports &c.—

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The Board will observe that the expence attending the dismantling of Cochin, will be nearly repaid by the amount of receipts for the materials sold; and the Commander in Chief will beg leave to support the recommendation of Major Macaulay that Mr. Rolland, the person employed in disposing of these may be allowed the usual Commission for his trouble - Major Macauley has also recommended that the Officer of Engineers may be allowed a per centage on the amount of his public disbursements during the demolition of Cochin; but the Commander in Chief does not consider it expedient to support that claim, as a similar application on the part of Major Norris who dismantled Tellicherry has been recently rejected - The Commander in Chief has the honor of laying before the Board with Major Macauley's

report

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reports, a letter with an Account of disbursements from the Engineer, and a plan of Cochin shewing its former and its present state -

23d December 1803. /Signed/ J. Stuart

Extract of a letter from Major Macauley Resident at Travancore to the Secretary of the Commander in Chief - dated at Cochin December 6th 1803.

"I have great satisfaction in transmitting to you for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief the enclosed report by the Engineer employed in the demolition of Cochin, from which His Excellency will observe that the demolition is completed."

"I have approved of Captain Bentley's discharging this evening all the Artificers and working people, and so soon as I receive his Statement of the disbursements made

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made by him, during the demolition, it shall be transmitted together with the Sketch of Cochin to be laid before the Commander in Chief."

"I will be, Trust highly satisfactory to His Excellency to perceive that where so many Europeans were employed and in a place so crowded with houses and Inhabitants, there occurred no serious injury to the persons or property of any one."

"The demolition of Paulans being nearly completed by Captain Dardel it does not appear to me that Captain Bentley's presence there was necessary. I have therefore acquiesced in the propriety of his returning forthwith the Engineer Department to Head Quarters in Malabar."

"It is a very pleasing part of my duty to request your bringing under the notice of the Commander in Chief the distinguished

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distinguished merit of Captain Bentley in
the able execution of the important Service
for which this Officer was so successfully
selected, the short period in which the demo-
=lition of this extensive Forteſs has been
completely effected bears the fullest and best
testimony to the indefatigable activity and
public Zeal of Captain Bentley: while the
manner and Style of the execution reflect
Credit upon his professional Skill."

"It is but justice to add
that the Disbursements have been managed
with attention and integrity."

"I have also great Satisfac-
=tion in acknowledging with gratitude the
useful Assistance uniformly received throughe-
=out the progress of the demolition from
Lieutenant Colonel Grant the Officer
Commanding."

To

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To Major Macauley
Resident &c &c
Travancore

Sir,

I have the honor to report to you for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the demolition of Cochin is completed.

The Revetments of all the works, and all the Publick and Military Buildings have been blown up, and are perfectly demolished, the covert way, the places of arms, and the Glacis have been levelled and the second Ditch filled up, The Main Ditch has been filled in the Military sense of the word. It is not filled to the level of the Esplanade, but the whole of the demolished Lines are accessable to Troops without danger of their quitting their Arms, and it appears to me that further Expenditure upon it would be a waste of

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Publick Money

The Masonry of the Revet-
ments upon the exterior towards the land
to the Eastward Southward and S.W. has
been removed and thrown into the Ditch. The
Rubbish upon the whole of the Interior and
upon the Rivier Face, and towards Mattinchery
Exterior, and Egmoor; remains as it fell to
from the Explosions in Mayde.

The Bastions have been
levelled and Excellent roads have been made
through them.

I have the honor to
forward herewith a Sketch of Cochins
Stood previous to the demolition and in its
present State, which I trust will shew the
Extent to which the demolition has been
effected.

It is my intention with
your approbation to discharge all the
artificers

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artificers and working people this Evening, and I shall forthwith send you a Statement of all disbursements made by me during the demolition, and of all the Expences attending it, as far as my Knowledge of them will enable me so to do.

I have particular Satisfaction in reporting to you, that the demolition has been effected without any serious accident occurring amongst the people employed upon it, or material injury to the Houses or property of the Inhabitants - In some instances a trifling damage has been sustained in the Roofs of the Houses situated near the Curtains upon the Interior, and where this has occurred to the Habitations of the Lower orders of the Inhabitants, it has been repaired at the Publick Expence.

I have the honor to report to you that Captain Lieutenant Dardel of the Engineers

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Engineers who has been detached to Quilon, reports the perfect demolition of the Curtains of the Crown work at that place - The Publicke Buildings there have been also demolished, and as the mines under the Bastion and two demi Bastions, were nearly ready for Loading upon the 1st Instant, I have no well founded expectation, that very little remains to be effected towards the Complete Demolition of Quilon -

As the general duties of Malabar require my attention I beg leave to submit to your Hon. for my presence is necessary at Quilon, and the propriety of my returning forthwith the Engineer Depart-ment to Head Quarters in Malabar -

Cochin
16th December 1803 -

/ Signed / B. Bentley
Capt Lieut
Bengal Engineers
Malabar

Extract

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Extract of a letter from Major Macaulay Resident at Travancore to the Secretary of the Commander in Chief dated at Cochin the 10th December 1803.

"I transmit herewith an account of the Disbursements made by the Engineer in account of the demolition of this place. I am not yet able to forward an exact account of our receipts from the sale of the Materials as it is not yet closed. I found it necessary to appoint an Agent to conduct the details of selling and Collecting the produce of the sales, having every reason to be satisfied with the attention of the Agent in this troublesome business Mr. Charles Rolland I beg leave to recommend his being allowed the usual Commission for his trouble, it seems probable that the amount of our receipts will not fall far short of

Six

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Six thousand Pagodas, and as I have
desired Mr. Rolland to sell on the Company's
account the separated Stones of the works
and public buildings to those who may
be inclined to purchase and at a reasonable
rate, it is far from improbable, but that
the receipts may cover if not exceed the
whole of the expenditure, but supposing
these not to exceed Six Thousand Pagodas
the Commander in Chief will observe the
trifling expence which the demolition
Costs the public.

I have presumed to affix
my Signature as a sanction to the extra
charges in the Engineers Account, these I
conscientiously considered unavoidable, but
with respect to his claim to Commission
upon the amount of the disbursements, I
informed him that a sanction to such a charge
was beyond my competence should there
however

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however appear nothing inconsistent 136
irregular in such a charge I would take
the liberty of recommending it to the favora-
-ble notice of His Excellency the Com-
-mander in Chief-"

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355	Do	Do	at 3 Pags 30 fanams	Do	43 40 70
35	Do	Do	Boys at 1 Pag 30 fanams	Do	2 " "
5802	Cochin Bricklayers		at 2 Pags 24 fanams	Do	697 12 "
2070	Do	Carpenters	at 2 Do 24 Do	Do	497 18 "
2	Do	Do	Boys at 1 Pag 12 fanams	Do	" 3 50
166	Smiths		at 2 Pags 24 fanams	Do	14 9 50
13	Hammermen		at 1 Pag 30 fanams	Do	" 3 120
11	Bellows boys		at 1 Pag 12 fanams	Do	" 1 9 70
990	Taylors		at 2 Pags 24 fanams	Do	84 36 "
177018	Cooles		at 1 Pag 3 fanams	Do	6323 362
	Cooles for bringing Stores from the Bunder to the Store house				" 8 40
3	Maunds 15 ℔ Ct Candles		@ 8 Pags 24 fanams ℔ Maund		30 8 15
2	Lanthorns				" 1 6 "
39	Seers Charcoal				4 31 70
14	Maunds 25 ℔ Ct Ea at 24 fanams ℔ Maund				8 20 5
9	Gallons of Arrack				4 34 "
53	℔ Twine at 3½ ℔ per 12 fanams				4 21 "
2	℔ Bees wax				" 14 30
				Carried Over	7485 3 30

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Deduction

5000 Gaz of Plank — Company's Stores — 193 24
11 Bills of Canvas, from the Commissary of supplies — 94 12 — 287 36

Star Pagodas Eight thousand one hundred and
twenty two Fanams, twenty six, and Cash forty three — 8122 26 43

[Signed] B Bentley
Capt. Lieut.

Senior Engineer Malabar

Fort St. George 2nd Dec. 1811

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Copy of Letter dated 27th December 1819

I solemnly declare upon my honor that the workmen and materials as charged on the above bills have been solely used upon the public Service, and that I have not received and will not receive any Emoluments from the works over and above the allowances granted by Government

/ Signed / B. Bentley
Capt & Lieut. Senior Engineer
Malabar

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Sept. 1st Cochin 21st December 1809.

I declare that the above Bill is charged according to the rates of the Station.

/Signed/ M Grant
Lieut Col
Commanding Cochin.

The Extra charges of the above bill have been sanctioned by me as undispensibly necessary to the public Service.

/Signed/ C. Macauley
Resident Travancore.

Statement of the Powder expended at Cochin

Bombay and Bengal powder 83900 lbs. in 839 Barrels
Dutch Powder ——— 13774½ lbs. in 245 Do
Total 97374½ lbs in 1084

/Signed/ B. Bentley
Capt Lieut & Senior Engr Malabar

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Dr. Public Cash in Account

Expended as per Bill		P. F. C.
Advanced Captain Dardel on account of Duties		xxx22. 5. 53
Advanced by permission from Mayor Macaulay to the people of the Engineer Department		135 30. -
		98 23 53
	Star Pagodas	9006 17 31

Balance due by Captain Bentley to Establishment P. F. C. 99. 13. 27.

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with Captain Bentley — 140 Co

1803
Octr. 1st By cash received from — — — } 428 24
Mr. Drummond — — }

" 5th By Cash. received from Lieu Lo — — 285 30

" 7th Lieu — Lo — from Mr Rolland 285 30

" 8th Lo — Lo from Mr Drummond 357 16

" 21st Lo — Lo Lo — — 1428 24

Novr 1st Lo — Lo from Mr Rolland — 1285 30

" 11th Lo — Lo from Mr Drummond 1428 24

" 23d Lo — Lo — Lo — — 1428 24

" 27th Lo — Lo from Mr Rolland — 285 30

Mar Pagodas — 7998 12

Balance — 8 5 31

8006 17 31

Public R. Cash upon account of the Engineer

/ Signed / B. Bentley
Capt. Lieu. & Senior Engineer
Pondicherry

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Minute be furnished for the information and guidance of the Military Board.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord William Bentinck Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

From the Military Board - Explaining the causes which obstructed the adjustment of the accounts of the Northern Detachment - report the failure in certain parts of the fortification of Fort St. George, and submit plans with explanation in consequence - submit Register of Extraordinary charges for November - recommend an alteration in the Tent allowance to that of the Corps of Pioneers, and that the same be published in General Orders - recommend an Advance of 1000 Pagodas to the Commercial

My Lords,

1. We have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Commands conveyed to us in letters from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated the 7th instant, and to report that we have given the necessary orders for carrying them into execution.

2. We reply to the questions respecting the nature of the objections which

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Commercial Resident at Ingeram.

may have occurred to the admission of the Indents referred to in the letter from the Most Noble the Governor General in Council under date the 17th November. We have to observe that no such objections have been made, nor has any Indent which either was known, or could be supposed, to be for Stores for the equipment of the Northern Field Detachment, been either rejected or delayed. We imagine the report made to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, may have arisen from a misrepresentation made to Lieutenant Colonel Campbell by the Commissary of Supply at Ganjam, which stated that we had rejected Indents on emergency, a thing Lieutenant Colonel Campbell should have known was impossible, as the Articles had been furnished, and were actually dispatched

for

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for Cuttack, before the Indents accompanied by bills for the Stores came under our examination - And objections, as will appear from the enclosed Copys of our letter written to the Commissary of Supply, were to his charges for the Articles furnished, and by no means to the Indents, as his charges were unsupported by any of the Certificates which are always required to be annexed to Bills of that nature - In rejecting these Bills till properly supported, we conceive that we acted in strict Conformity to the wishes and intention of the Most Noble the Governor in Council in Council, it being desired in his letter to your Lordship in Council of the 17th November, that Bills for charges incurred in the prosecution of the publick Service in Cuttack may be admitted, "after they "shall have been examined and checked in

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"the usual manner by the proper Officers
"under your Lordship's Government." In
concluding this explanation we deem it
necessary to remark that the Bills in question
were for Doolies, Country Timber, and Petty
Stores of very trifling Consequence, and that
as it must have been consistent with the
knowledge of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell
that Indents for Ordnance Stores, —
Ammunition, Artillery &c. as expressed
in the Governor General's letter, could not
by any means have come into the possession
of a Commissary of Supply, we are wholly
at a loss to account for its having been
represented to His Excellency in Council
that we had rejected Indents of that
nature —

3. We are much concerned
to report to your Lordship the failure
of a Considerable extent of the Gallery in

the

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the Counterscarp of the Ditch between the St. George Ravelin Gate and that part of the Counterscarp opposite to the West face of the Royal Bastion, in consequence of the late heavy rains: as also, the entire facing of the South East Lunette of the South Front of Fort St. George. On receiving from the Senior Engineer a report of these circumstances, we directed the damaged works to be examined and reported on by a Committee of our Board, and we have now the honor to submit for your Lordships consideration the results of their investigation, together with a plan for rebuilding the damaged parts of the Gallery of the Counterscarp.

4th. The Gallery on the Counterscarp and Traverses was found much cracked, particularly the Traverses and

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and that part of the Gallery opposite the St. Georges Ravelin Gate - We have not been able to procure a Section through the Foundation of the Counterscarp of the Ditch, which cannot be had till the old walls are removed; but, from information received from the Native Artificers employed in the construction, that the foundation of the Counterscarp Revetment is not more than 2 feet 6 inches, we are led to attribute the failure to a deficiency of Foundation.

5 The accompanying Section A B. through the exterior of the retaining Wall of the Gallery shews that it is not sufficient to support the Superincumbent weight; neither are there any cross walls in the Foundation connecting the interior retaining wall of the Gallery with the Counterscarp of the Ditch, — without which it is impossible it could

Stand

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stand, as it must be liable to be sapped by the water of the Ditch getting under the Countenscaip Revetment.

6th. It may be proper here to remark that the Traverses 22. were taken down last year and rebuilt upon the old Foundations with the greatest care - Their failure, evidently from defect in the Foundation, is a convincing proof that no dependance can be placed on the old work.

7th. Although the whole of the Gallery is deficient of foundation, I still am think that it may be supported for some time in a serviceable condition by only rebuilding the Traverses and the re entering Angles on wells (See the section No 5) This mode will support the intermediate Galleries, & will lessen the

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present expende much, and not interfere
with the future execution of that general
plan of repair, of which it forms a —
part.

B The part of the Gallery in
front of the St. George Revelin Gate —
must be entirely taken down, the crack
in the crown of the Arch being upwards
of two inches wide.

C. The accompanying Plans
Nos. 1. 2. & 3. Shew the extent and direction
of the failures.

10 On examination of the
South East Lunette, it was found in a
very Dangerous State. The East face has
parted from the body of the work; the
arch between the outer and inner Gate-
-ways has decided so as to cause an
apprehension of it falling into the —
Ditch

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Ditch, the Gate cannot be closed, owing to the Key Stone having sunk when the Gate was opened for the purpose of commencing the failure, the crown of the arch of the whole of the bomb proof is also sent; in fact, this work is so extremely shattered, that the Concussion which would be produced by the fire of Cannon from it, would, we are persuaded, bring the whole into the Ditch we therefore recommend that it be taken down, and rebuilt on wells with all practicable expedition.

11th. The accompanying plan and Section No 4 shews the extent and direction of the Cracks.

12. In the course of the late inspection of the above works, we are concerned to state it has been observed that similar failures appear to have taken

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taken place in several other parts of the
Galleries and outworks of the place; these
will be more particularly reported on at
the approaching period for the Annual
Committee of Inspection.

13. We have the honor to
forward for the decision of your Lordship
in Council Register of Charges for Extra-
-ordinaries for the Month of November
last.

14 No alteration of the Tent
allowance originally fixed for a Corps of
Pioneers of fourteen Companies having taken
place on the formation of that Corps into
two Battalions of 8 Companies each, we
have prepared and have now the honor
to forward Tables specifying the Quantity
of Stores, and the number of Tents,
Carriage and Followers which we consider
necessary for a Battalion of Pioneers,

with

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with the Monthly allowance for the provision of the Tents, and Carriage of the Camp Equipage and Stores and beg leave to recommend that the attention may be published in General Orders to commence from the 1st January next.

15 We recommend that an advance of one thousand Pagodas may be paid to the Commercial Resident at Ingeram on account of the Provision of Tents for the European Troops in the Field

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
12th December 1803.

[Signed]

J. Stuart
D. Smith
R. & Agnew
J. Brunton

To

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To the Commissary of Supply
at Ganjam
Chicacole

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Sir,

I am directed by the President of the Military Board to reply to your letter of the 6th November, and to acquaint you that you are incorrect in your Statement that the Indents were returned as inofficial, and that your having made a humble Representation to Lieutenant Colonel Campbell of a circumstance which you could not substantiate is deemed highly reprehensible, as having been calculated to impress that Officer with a belief that obstacles were thrown in the way of the equipment of the Northern Field Detachment, when on the contrary every practicable facility has been afforded it throughout

even

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even to the total abandonment of all
form or regulation - It was to your Bills
that the Military Board objected, as not
withstanding your endeavors to know the
of the forms of the Office you could you
chose to forward them deficient of, and
unsupported by, any Certificate or Affirma-
tion whatever, and as they have been a
second time transmitted in the same
incomplete form, I have been again ordered
to return them with information that
until they are supported as the regulations
direct the charges will not be admitted.

Fort St. George
19th November 1803

/ Signed / John Macleane
Secretary Mily Board

A true Copy
/ Signed / John Macleane
Secretary Mily Board

Resolved

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Resolved to communicate

to the Governor General in Council the

explanation afforded by the Military Board

in regard to the delay which has been experi=

=enced in the adjustment of certain charges

incurred on account of the Equipment of

the forces serving in Cuttack, as represented

in the letter from his Excellency in

Council under date the 17th ultimo.

Resolved to post pone

the consideration of that part of the foregoing

letter, which relates to the State of the

works of Fort St. George, until the health

of the President shall permit him to resume

his seat at the Board.

Resolved that the Esta=

=blishments, proposed by the Military

Board for the Corps of Pioneers be allotted

to that Corps from the 1st of the ensuing

year; and that they be published accordingly

on

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(Original Letter)

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

1. We have to acknowledge the Receipt of letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department dated the 15th December

2. We do ourselves the honor to submit for your Lordships consideration Copies of Papers received since the despatch of our Report under date the 12th Instant from the Commissary of Supplies at Ganjam - upon the subject of these Papers we have nothing to add to the explanation contained in our Report of the 12th instant - We may however be necessary to remark that Mr Wilson appears, from the Statement in Paragraph 5th of his Letter

From Lieut. Lee
Submitting Copies of Papers from the Commissary of Supplies at Ganjam relative to the Charges on account of the Troops there Embarked
Recommend an advance of Cash and the payment of Bills.

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Letter of the 7th December that his charges 48—
in the rejected Bills were agreeable to fixed
rates, and that he therefore considered the
afseveration unnecessary. Mr. Wilson has
now forwarded one general Bill for all the
Articles charged for in the several Bills—
rejected on comparison of that Bill with
the Table of Rates contained in Form of 1st
Section 1st of the Printed Ordnance Regulations
it will be found that of all the Articles—
supplied by Mr. Wilson, two only (Waxed
Cloth and Charcoal) are included in the
Table of Rates.

3. We recommend payment
of an advance of Pagodas 1800— to the
Superintending Engineer being one third of
the amount of the Estimate for repairs to the
Cantonment at Coonamalle passed under
authority from your Lordship in Council
under date the 10th November—

We

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

No. 1 Bill of the Officer Commanding at Madura for reheaving the Native Hospital at that Station, amounting to Pagodas. 45:. 12:. 60..

No 2. Bill of the Garrison Store Keeper on Malabar for Provision Stores purchased at Tellicherry amounting to Pagodas 610. 37. 10..

Fort St. George 19th. December 1803.

We have the honor to be
/Signed/ &c.a &c.a
T. Stuart
D. Smith
P. A Agnew

To the President and Members of the Military Board.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen, I have the honor to acknowledge

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Acknowledge Mr. Secretary Maclean's letter of the 17th instant wherein he was directed to convey to me the Board's opinion deeming my conduct highly reprehensible. 169

On all occasions I have ever exerted my utmost abilities to avoid public censure from My Superiors and I believe I may safely declare this to be the first time that my conduct has to my sincere regret and sorrow drawn on me the displeasure of the Board under whom I have the honor to serve.

I hope and trust the Board on perusal of the following may be induced to deem the occasion of my conduct being called in question an error in judgement and not in any way intended to impress Lieutenant Colonel Campbell with a belief that obstacles were thrown in the way of the equipment of his Detachment.

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Detachment.

Sir

On the 11th ultimo I had the honor of transmitting Sundry Indents on Sundry
and Bills to Mr. Secretary Mackenzie all
of which, under my Letter, were returned
to me in a blank Cover and on the back
of my letter was written in Pencil Informa-
I was consequently at a loss to ascertain
where the error lay and last no time in
addressing Lieutenant Colonel Campbell
on the subject, informing him of the same,
Copy of my letter to the Colonels, I have
the honor to enclose (A 1) as also (A 2) the
Endorsement made on the back of my
letter which was returned in a blank Cover
as before mentioned, and the said endorse-
ment I am sorry to say has been the
cause of your displeasure.

I am further instructed

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of my conduct it is necessary for me to
observe that I have lately made large
expenditure of Public Money for the said
Detachments, which for want of the
regular form being observed I find much
difficulty in bringing to account, and
from my Indents being returned under
blank Cover, I at the moment conceived
Colonel Campbell might have omitted
making the necessary informations to the
Board as directed at the time of making
Indents on emergency, as will appear
from the contents of my letter to him,
I was more particularly led to suppose
so, at the time, as many of the Indents
I transmitted were made out agreeable
to the Code of Regulation and G. O. by
Government. Section 1st. dated Fort St. George
18th April 1797 wherein I had made the

charge

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charge agreeable to the fixed rates as ordered, and several Students having lately fraised of the latter discription I thought seeing so clearly laid down

In consideration of the foregoing and the many difficulties and confusion I have lately experienced and responsibility thrown on me for large advances of public Money made on account of the Northern Detachment and =veby further than the orders from the Commanding Officer of the Northern Detachment. I humbly hope and trust that the Board will have the goodness in some measure to acquit me of the severe disgrace lately conveyed to me, and not deem an error on judgement, wilful neglect or inattention

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inattention of your orders.

As a further proof that I exerted my utmost in assisting Colonel Campbell as far as lay in my power. I allowed the whole of my public Servants at Ganjam to accompany the Detachment when they went into the Cattac Country and to this moment they are employed there, which from the nature of the numbers of Calls on me for Stores &c. has put me to very great inconvenience.

I have now the honor of transmitting the Indents and my Bills with the needful attestation on honor which I hope will prove satisfactory.

Chicacole
7th December 1803.

[Signed] H. Wilson
Commy of Supply

A true Copy.

[Signed] John Macleane
Secretary to Bd.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel A. Campbell

Commanding a Northern Division

of the Army

Ganjam

Sir,

The various Indents on Commissariat Agency countersigned by you and transmitted to me by your order for sundry Supplies wanted for the Northern Field Detachment at the time the Troops were about to march and since they left Ganjam, were forwarded by me to the Military Board and the whole of the said Indents on Emergency have been returned to me as informed by the Secretary to the Board.

I believe by the Regulations it is necessary when Indents on Emergency are to be complied with, without the sanction of the Military Board that the Commanding Officer should send immediate notice thereof

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thereof to the Military Board - a circumstance that probably from multiplicity of busines at the time escaped your Notice.

Having expended a consi-derable Sum for the said supplies which I wish to bring to account you will oblige me by transmitting the needful information on the subject of the said Indents on Emer-gency to the Military Board, that I may receive permission to insert the expenditure in my accounts.

Chicacole
31st October 1803.

/Signed/ Henry Wilson
Com.y of Supply

True Copy
/Signed/ H. Wilson
Commy of Supply

A true Copy
/Signed/ John Maclane
Secretty Milit.y Board.

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The Honorable Company

For the following Articles supplied by Mr. Henry Watson Commissary of Supply into the Military Stores at Ganjam agreeable to the Indents No. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6 and 7. on Emergent Service under date the 25th July 3. 15th August. 7th and 14th October 1803.

Indents		No.	Rupees		
1	Dooley with Bedding and Pillows complete	30	375	"	"
2	Palankeen or Timber Country 6. 6. length and 3. Girth	1	1	6	-
3	Doolies with bedding and Pillows complete	12	150	-	-
4	Timber Country 23 length and 3. Girth	2	3	18	-
	" 18 Lee Do 2 Lee	3	3	-	-
	" 16 Lee Do 3 9 Lee	2	2	-	-
	" 15 Lee Lee 3 6 Do	1	"	39	"
	" 14 Lee Lee 3 9 Lee	3	2	34	40
	" 14 Lee Lee 3 3 Lee	1	"	36	-
	" 13 Do Lee 4 " Lee	1	"	40	40
	" 12 Do Do 3 3 Lee	1	"	38	-
	" 11 Do Lee 3 6 Lee	1	"	36	-
	Charcoal Buckets and Soaps	106	4	9	22 -
5	Cloth 10 Cass 13 Cowries each Piece	40	70	-	"
6	Cloth 12 Do 13 Cowries each Piece	50	87	21	"
7	Paper Cartridge Country Lines	660		37	30 -
				Rupees	251 -

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The Board grafe for payment
the Bills and advances of Money recommended
in the foregoing letters -

Read the following letter
from the Military Paymaster General -

To the Chief Secretary
of Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General - Enclosing Copy of a letter from the Paymaster of the Northern Division of the Army relative to his establishment

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Captain Thompson Paymaster to the Northern Division of the Army of the Establishment required by him for the Conduct of his Office which I request you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and obtain his Commands thereon -

Fort St. George
23d December 1813

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Benj.n Roebuck
M.G.

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To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr. 154

Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

As I have experienced much inconvenience and embarrassment in supporting my Office Establishment, since my appointment to act as Paymaster to this Detachment, in consequence of no Salary or allowance having been annexed to the appointment, may I request you will have the goodness to state the circumstance to Government.

I beg leave to propose the undermentioned List of Servants, as necessary for the Office Establishment of my Department and which I trust will meet the approbation of Government.

I have &c.

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		Pgs.
1 Head Writer	Pr. Mensem	30
2d — Do	—	20
2 Gentoo Writers at 15 each	—	30
1 — Do	—	10
1 Cash Keeper	—	6
1 Peon	—	5
1 Sheroff	—	8
2 Gollahs at 4 Pagodas each	—	8
2 Peons at 3 Pags each	—	6
Stationary	—	15
	Star Pagodas	133

I With respect to my Salary as Paymaster I shall be satisfied with any allowance that Government may think me entitled to, from the responsibility attached to the Station, the duties of the Office, and the Taxes I may sustain by Retrenchments.

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Cuttack
8th December 1803

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
/Signed/ Thos Thompson
Capt. & Dy. Pay. Mr. Northern
Division of the Army.

True Copy.
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Milty Paymr General.

Resolved that the opinion of the Military Auditor General be consulted in respect to the Salary and establishment, which it may be proper to allow to the Paymaster of the Forces serving in Cuttack.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Commandt at Pondicherry - requesting permission for a Mr Goy a French Surgeon to proceed to Calcutta.

I have the honor to request you will submit the herewith enclosed for the consideration of his Lordship in Council, and state at the same time that I am satisfied

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Likewise Mr. Gay has no other object at present than obtaining Passport from the Presidency in order to prosecute his profession, in which I understand he possesses Considerable experience and Science.

He has lived as Mr Gay life while here has been quiet and inoffensive.

Pondicherry (Signed) G. St. John
December 22d 1803. Colonel

To the Honorable
Colonel St. John
Commandant of
Pondicherry &c &c

Honorable Colonel

I am Gay aged 45 years formerly Surgeon and principal Physician to the Military Hospitals, Surgeon Associate and Resident Member of the Medical Society of Paris &c

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I Has the honor to represent to you that, from the year 1780 to 1793 he resided at St. Domingo, that thro' the Esteem and favor which he acquired among the Inhabitants of that Island he attained a very handsome fortune whereof nearly the half 215000 Livres, was remitted to France. That the succession of events which took place in that Colony having compelled him to quit it in July 1793, he returned to his Native Country in the Expectation of enjoying a Portion of the Fruits of his Labors and that quiet of which he so much stood in need - but to his great surprise on his arrival there, and before he had disembarked, he found himself deprived of his liberty and his fortune and was conducted to Prison like a Criminal, where he was detained during a period of

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ten and a half months.

On quitting the Prison of Victoria, having no resources for supplying the urgent wants of Life, he solicited of all the different authorities of the Republic the reimbursement of the Sum of Money of which its agents had deprived him, but notwithstanding all he demands, and all the steps he took he could not obtain Justice; disgusted with remaining any longer in his own Country he solicited an Employ in a Situation the most remote from his professions and obtained the place of Chief of the Department of health at Chin-
-sernagore under the Command of General Montegny, but having been precluded from proceeding on his functions by the breaking out of the War he solicited from

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from your goodness, and that of your (57)
Government / being fully resolved not to
return to a Country where he has experi-
-enced so many misfortunes and so —"
much injustice / Permission to proceed
to Calcutta there to follow his profession
and live under equitable Laws-

His gratitude will
equal the favor he asks of your "
benevolence-

Pondicherry / Signed / F. Gay.
21st December 1803. Physician & Surgeon

A true Translation
/ Signed / G. G. Hebble
French Transr to Govt

Resolved that the applic-
-ation of Mr. Gay submitted with the
foregoing letter be referred for the decision
of the Governor General in Council-

Read

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Read the following letter from the Offic. Commanding at Palamcotah -

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To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to state to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that in consequence of the heavy and long continued rain, which has fallen here lately, the works of this Fort have sustained considerable injury.

From the Offic. Commanding in Tinnevelly Dist. Reporting that repairs are required to the Works and Magazine at Palamcotah.

The exterior stone revetment of the Curtain in the body of the place, on the western side, has fallen down for an extent of about thirty yards; and in another contiguous place for nearly twelve yards.

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The earth which forms the Rampart, still continues to stand, and presents a perpendicular wall; but it may soon be expected to fall entirely, or to moulder into an accessible slope.

In the stone Curtain of the False-bray there are two breaches, one of about seventeen, and another of nine yards in length; besides breaches in two Bastions in that line of defence.

As the Fort of Palam-
-cottah has no Ditch or Glacis, His Lord-
-ship in Council will perceive that those injuries lay the place (otherwise not strong) almost open to an assault.

I also request you to report to Government that the operation of the same Caride, has likewise shewn the Magazines of this Garison to be in a

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very indecent state; as the whole of them
seemed in so considerable a degree, that
of great exertion had not instantly been
taken, in effecting a temporary repair, by
means of turf and earth the Powder in
Store would have been entirely ruined;—
which it is to be feared has nevertheless
suffered some damage; but which the
state of the weather has not yet permitted
to be ascertained.

I beg leave to present an
Estimate for such repairs as appear to me
indispensably necessary for the Magazine,
and which merely go to the construction
of those new doors, and to give a covering of
brick and Chunam over those places of
the roof which admit the rain.

Palamcottah
17th December 1813.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alexr Dyce Lieut. & Comy
Tinnevelly District

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An Estimate of Materials and Number of Workmen required for repairing 3 Magazines and making up 3 new Magazine Doors shewing the total Expence to be encurred.

Palamcottah 12th December 1803

	No.	Rate per 1000	Madras Fanams per Cadjan	Madras Fanams per Cadjan
Burnt Bricks @ 22½ Madras Fanams per 1000	8437	3	40	40
Chunam at 5¼ Madras Fs. per C.Wah	115	12	9	20
Jaggery — Pounds	795¾	5	24	"
Teak Wood Planks at 8 feet long 1¼ feet Broad 3 Inch thick	4	5	40	40
Do. Do. Do. @ 7 feet long 1¼ feet Broad 3 Do. Do.	9	11	22	40
Teak Do. Beams at 8 feet long 8 Inch Broad 6 Inch thick	6	8	36	"
				48 4 60
Carpenters at 4 Fs. per day	46	4	16	"
Sawers at 3 Do. per Do.	8		24	
Bricklayers at 4 Do. per Do.	90	8	24	
Coolys at 3 Do. per Do.	100	7	6	"
Do. Boys at 1 Do. per Do.	275	623	"	27 9
Grand total Star Pags				75 13 60

/Signed/ I Stephens
Comr of Stores

/Signed/ Alex.r Dyce
Lt Col. Comg

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Ordered that the
Military Board be desired to submit
their opinion respecting the repairs
stated to be required at Palamcottah.

Read the following
letter from the Officer Commanding the
Body Guard.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I request that you will
be pleased to obtain the authority of
Government for the prepayment of Twenty
Four Pagodas on account of one Havildar
and two Sepoys who were some Months
since detached from the Escort of the
Resident at Poonah / which is
proceeded from the Body Guard /
to request to report my proceeding with
discipleining a Corps of Cavalry on the

F. Bamber

From the Officer Commanding the Body Guard — Requesting authority for the payment of family Batta &c. &c. to one Havildar and 2 Sepoys employed in disciplining a Corps of Cavalry on the Bombay Establishment

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Fort St. George 27th December 1803.

Bombay Establishment, the — 160 —

Auditor General declines paying them the authorities to do so, for — several Months, I have paid the — Families at my own Expence.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Servant

(signed) D. Grant

Lieut Commandg

the Body Guard.

Madras

December 27th 1803.

Ordered that application be communicated to the Military Auditor General for granting Family Certificates to the Drapers mentioned in the foregoing letter.

Read the following letter from Messrs Attorney & Veale.

To

6506 Fort St. George 27th December 1803

George Stratchey Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

With the application
of most irregular Schedule for
which allege by agent enforcing
the what the terms of the
Contract were entered into by
Government and the Builder
Agent on the breaking out of the
War in 1798 with Tippoo

Fort St. George — Have under
27th December 1803. Signed and
Sealed.

Signed D. C. Wade

Resolved that the
application of the Builder be
irregular and cannot be complied
with —

C. Reas

Referring
Note. Required
to know the terms
of the contract with
the Builder covering
in 1799

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Read the following 161

Letter from the Secretary at Bombay

To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Major General the Honorable Sir Arthur Wellesley dated the 27th. ultimo with the Bills therein referred to, in order that they may be adjusted in the manner recommended by the Honorable Major General

From the Secretary at Bombay - transmitting Bills for Country Medicines supplied to General Wellesley's Army for adjustment at Fort St. George - Copy of a letter from that Officer inclosed -

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Colombo 27th December 1808

General

Bombay Castle

6th December 1808

Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 12th ultimo relative
to the Subsidy of Pensioners to the
Troops under my Command by
the Medical Storekeeper at
Bombay

I have

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Union the Regulations of the Government of Fort St. George the Establishment of Medicines as established by the Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency, and the Medicines are paid for by a Stoppage of 20 Cash per Diem from each Soldier from the allowance given to the Surgeons of the Regiment to which Corps he belongs; which Sum of 20 Cash per Diem is received by the Medical Storekeeper. The bills for the Supplies for the European Regiments are not therefore to be Discharged by the Medical Storekeeper

6510 Copy Ld George 2d 5 December 1803

6511 St. James's 29th December 1803.

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Governor Sir Thomas Maitland

to the Secretary of State

Desiring that they may be granted

and there Land may be

recovered from those by whom

they are legally held according to the

Regulations of Her Lordship's

Government

Camp

November 29th 1803

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t

humble Servant

Signed Arthur Wellesley

A true Copy

Signed J. Hayden

Secretary

Ordered

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Fort St George 27th December 1803.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be directed to take the necessary Steps for adjusting the Medical Accounts transmitted with the foregoing Letter.

To the Military Auditor General

W. Petrie

W. Page

John Chamier

Office Asst Secy to Govt
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Diary

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28th Sent the following Letters

To His Excellency

The Most Noble the Marquis Wellesley K.p

Governor General in Council

Fort William

My Lord,

To Bengal— transmitting an extract from a letter from the Military Board containing an explanation of the cause which retarded the adjustment of the charges incurred on account of the Detachment employed in Cuttack

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, dated the 17th Novem- ber last.

Having on the receipt of that despatch deemed it to be proper to call upon the Military Board at this Presidency to report any cause of obstruction which might have occurred to retard the adjustment of the charges incurred on account of the equipment of the Detachment

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detachment employed in the province of
Cuttack, we have recently received a
letter from the Military Board contain-
ing an explanation on that subject
which we have the honor to inclose
an extract for the information of His
Excellency in Council.

We trust that His Excellency
in Council will be satisfied from
the explanation furnished by the Mili-
tary Board that the impediments ad-
verted to in His Excellency's despatch
proceeded from an accidental cause
connected with an apparent miscon-
ception on the part of the Subor-
dinate Officer of Supply; and We beg
to express our confidence that the in-
structions which have been given
will prevent the recurrence of any
unnecessary difficulty in the future

6575. Fort St. George 2 December 1803. 2

arrangement of the charges in question. 65

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
28th December 1803.

Yrs &c
(Signed) W. Benteck
Yrs &c
Yrs &c Council

To Captain L. Hook
Secretary to the Government at
Fort William

Sir,

To the Secretary at Fort William with copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry inclosing an application from an inhabitant of that place to obtain the Governor General's decision thereon.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will lay the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry before the Most Noble the Governor General in Council with the request of His Lordship in Council that you will obtain for His Lordships guidance the decision of His Excellency in Council on the application of the Inhabitant at Pondicherry which has been submitted

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Salary &c. which it will be proper to allow the Pay-master in Cattack. Copy of a letter from the Military Pay-master General inclosed.—

recommended in the enclosed Extracts from letters from the Military Board dated the 12th and 19th Instant.—

His Lordship in Council directs me to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Military Pay-master General, and to desire that you will submit your opinion respecting the Salary and establishment which it will be proper to allow to the Pay-master of the Forces in Cattack.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George. 28th December 1803.—

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) George Strachey
Secretary to Govt.

To the Officer Commanding
at Vellour

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hono-rable the Governor in Council to enclose for

To the Officer Commanding at Vellour transmitting Copy of 2

6519 Fort St George 27 December 1803.

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a Regulation regarding the future collection of Inland duties in the territories under this Presidency, instructions in consequence.

For your information and guidance the Copy of a Regulation which has been published for regulating the future collection of Inland duties in the territories subject to this Presidency.—

You will observe that agreeably to the principle established in that Regulation the collection of Road Duties is in future to be discontinued; and I am directed to desire that you will for the present apply the Rules which it prescribes in the collection of a Town Duty at Vellour, so far as those Rules can be made applicable at that Station.—

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) George Buchan
Chief Secry to Govt

Fort St George
27th December 1803.

Received

6520 Fort St. George 2 December 1803.

Received and Sent the follow-
ing Letters entered in M.B. N.os 51, 52, 53, 54, 55.

From Mr Roebuck Enclosing
an additional estimate of Cash re-
quired in the Current Month.

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Captain Campbell Re-
questing authority for an advance of One
Months pay, &c.a to the Officers of His
Majesty's 65.th Regiment who are about
to join that Regiment in Guzzerat.

To the Military Auditor Gen.l
Referring for his examination
-quired for the Current Month.

To the Military Auditor Gen.l

To the Officer Commanding at
Pondicherry, Acquainting him that the
request of Mr. Goy, for permission to
proceed to Calcutta will be submitted
to the Governor General.

To the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry

To Mr. Neale Acquainting
him

6521 Fort St. George 2 December 1803.

him that the application which he sub-
=mitted on the 20th Instant being irregu=
=lar cannot be complied with.

29th Sent the following Letter.

To the Officer Commanding
The Body Guard

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that you will detach two Private Troopers from the Body Guard and send them by an early opportunity to Columbo for the purpose of assist=
=ing in the Discipline of a Corps of Ca=
=valry which His Excellency the Go=
=vernor of Ceylon has stated his in=
=tention of raising on that Island.

It is the desire of His Lord=
=ship in Council that the two troopers detached may be struck off for the present

To the Officer Commanding the Body Guard - Two troopers to be sent to Columbo for the purpose of assisting in the Discipline of a Corps of Cavalry which is to be raised on Ceylon the troopers to be struck off for the present from the strength of the Body Guard and the Vacancies to be supplied. - Authority has been given for granting Family Certificates to the troops whom he may detach on this Service as well as on account of the Havildar &c. mentioned in his letter of the 27th Inst.

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Present from the Strength of the Body
Guard, but that they be readmitted
into the Corps on their returns from
Ceylone. In the mean time you will
supply the Vacancies.

The Military Auditor General
has been instructed to authorise the
grant of Family Certificates on Ac-
count of the two troopers whom you
may detach on the present Service, as
well as on account of the Havildar
and two Troopers mentioned in your
letter of the 27th Instant.

Fort St. George Sam.l Ca.e Vice

29th December 1803. (Signed) George Strachey

Secry to Govt.

Received and Sent the following
Letters inclosed per H.C. No 5057

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From the Military Paymr General

From Mr Rochfort Enclo-
sing

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Enclosing a Statement of the expence of the Madras Army for January 1804.

From Messrs. Harington & Co

Reporting the death of Lieutenant Ross of the Artillery.

From Messrs Harington & Co

To the Military Auditor Genl

To the Military Auditor Gene-ral Enclosing Copies of letters from the Secretary to the Government at Bombay and from the Acting Deputy Adjutant General to the Kings Troops to adjust in the usual manner the Medical Accounts transmitted with the former letter and to authorise an Advance of One Months Pay &c. to the Officers of His Majesty's 65th Regiment on account of the Presidency of Bombay.

To Ditto Ditto

To Do. Do

Referring for his examination an additional estimate for the ensuing Month.

A.P.

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present from the Strength of the Body Guards, but that they be readmitted into the Corps on their returns from Ceylon. In the mean time, you will supply the Vacancies.

The Military Auditor General has been instructed to authorise the grant of Family Certificates on Account of the Two troopers whom you may Detach on the present Service, as well as on account of the Havildar and two Troopers mentioned in your letter of the 27th Instant.

Fort St George
29th December 1803.

Sam'l Cox
Sam'l Cox
(Signed) George Strachey
Secy to Govt

Received and Sent the following Letters inclosed in M.B. No 5057, 58, 59.

From the Military Paymr General

From Mr Roebuck Encls

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To Ditto Ditto Referring.

To Do. Do.

for his examination an additional estimate for the ensuing Month.

A.S.

6524. Fort St. George 30th December 1803.-

At a Consultations

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President

Friday the 30th Decr. 1803.-

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

John Chamier

} Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved.

The Commander in Chief

delivers in the following Minute.-

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Minute of the Commander in Chief

1st

Minute of the Commander in Chief Reporting several deaths in the Army and recommending for Retirement in Consequence

Recommends that Captain J. Thompson be appointed Deputy Paymaster General at Hyderabad Vice Read deceased and that Major Malcolm Resign his Situation of Barrack Master to the Southern Division be accepted Recommends also that Captain A. W. Campbell of His Majesty's 84th Regiment be appointed Secretary to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division Vice Lieutenant Colonel Shorland Compelled to Resign

Extract of the Proceedings of a Board assembled by the Orders of the Commander in Chief of the 30th October 1803

The Board assembled pursuant to Adjournment

Present

Captain James Read of the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry

and Captain Lieutenant Mark Hope of the 1st Regiment of Cavalry

The Board having taken into Consideration the Letter from the Deputy Paymaster General dated the 29th Instant and the Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Shorland dated the 30th Instant

Report

That Captain Thomas Read be appointed Deputy Paymaster General at Hyderabad Vice Read deceased

That Major Malcolm Resign his Situation of Barrack Master to the Southern Division be accepted

That Captain A. W. Campbell of His Majesty's 84th Regiment be appointed Secretary to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division Vice Lieutenant Colonel Shorland Compelled to Resign

2nd

The Subjoined Promotions and Retirements have been recommended by the Commander in Chief of the 30th October 1803 in consequence of the Retirement of Captain James Read of the 1st Regiment Native Infantry.

To be Captains of Cavalry

Lieutenant Charles Hardcastle dated 29th October 1803

Lieutenant Read dated 29th October 1803

To be Captains of Infantry

Lieutenant Mark Hope dated 29th October 1803

Lieutenant J. D. Parker to be

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be Captain Lieutenant Vice Mandeville promoted: dat. of Commission 19th October 1803.

The Situation of Deputy Quarter Master General being Vacant by the death of Captain James Read the Commander in Chief recommends that Captain Evans one Hundred of the European Regiment be Appointed to that Situation.

The Commander in Chief has the honour to lay before the Board Majors Macaulays request to Resign the Office of Barrack Master to the Southern Division of the Army which he recommends may be Accepted.

The Situation of Secretary to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army by the Death of Lieutenant John Morshead Campbell Killed at the Battle of Assaye, The Commander

6527 Fort St George 30th December 1803.

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Commander in Chief Recommends that Captain Allan William Campbell of the 74th Regiment be appointed Secretary to the Officer commanding the Northern Division of the Army.

30th December 1803 — (Signed) J Stuart

To the Adjt Genl of the Army
Fort St George

Sir

Be pleased to inform the Commander in Chief of my wish to resign the Office of Barrack Master of the Southern Division of the Army and to request that His Excellency may obtain for me the permission of the Honorable the Court of Directors to resign my Name.

Travancore
15th Decr 1803.

(Signed) C Macaulay Bt Mr Genl

Resolved that the promotions and Appointments recommended in the foregoing Minute be directed to take place in General Orders

The President recommends the appointment of Lieutenant John Dennison of the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry to be Barrack Master of the Southern Division of the Army vacant by the resignation of Lieutenant Colonel Macaulay

Approved

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Approved and Ordered Accordingly —

W Petrie

J Stuart

Wm Petrie

John Chamier.

Col. Agnew
W. Fort St George

6529 Fort St. George — December 1803.

Diary

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30th Sent the following Letter

To the Officer Commanding
the Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army desiring him that it is the intention of Government to restow to the Bramins of the Island of Seringham the Nachiyar Pagoda of Warriour in which has been used as a barrack to state the inconvenience which such a measure may produce in the accommodation of the troops under his Command and of the probable expence which would be incurred in providing accommodation of equal extent.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having received through the channel of the Board of Revenue a representation relative to the convenience which would be derived to the Bramins of the Island of Seringham by the restoration to the purposes of their religion of the Nachiyar Pagoda of Warriour near to Trichinopoly, which has been used as a barrack for troops, His Lordship in Council is desirous under a general wish to consult the feelings and happiness of the native subjects of the Company, that the application of the

Brazing

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Bramins should be complied with.-

Previously however to the

adoption of any resolution on that Sub-

=ject, His Lordship in Council desires

that you will State whether the dis-

=continuance of the use of the Pagoda

as a barrack will be productive of

material inconvenience in the accom-

=dation of the troops under your Com-

=mand, or if that effect is likely to be

produced, the expence at which it

might be practicable to provide ac-

=comodation for the troops of equal

extent in a more Suitable situation.-

I am

Sir,

Fort St. George
30th Decr. 1803.

Your most Obedient Servant,
(Signed) George Buchan
Chief Secry to Gov.t

Order

6531

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Order of Council

Military Department

31st December 1803.

Received the following letters from the Military Auditor General.—

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c.a &c.a &c.a
"

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General Reporting on the additional estimate submitted for his examination on the 28th Inst.t

Having examined the Additional Estimate of Cash for the current Month, which accompanied a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department, dated the 28th Instant, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Pagodas Thirty One Thousand and Thirty Seven Fanams twenty three and Cash Sixty Six (Pag.s 31037.23.66) is admissible and issuable from the Jenral

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Fort St. George 1 December 1803.

General Treasury being required by the
Military Paymaster General for the
purpose of discharging the amount of
Bills drawn upon him by Subordinate
Paymasters, for the payment of Sundry
Bills passed in this Office by Order of
Government and to make Advances
to the Deputy Adjutant General of the
Army on account of Army Cloathing
and to the Garrison Store Keeper at
the Presidency on account of the Pro-
vision of Stores required for the use
of the Arsenal, under authority
from Government.

2 The Military Paymaster Ge
neral included in this Additional
Estimate the full amount of the
Quarterly Account of the Garrison
Store Keepear at the Presidency for ar-
=ticles

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Fort St. George 1st December 1803.

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Articles supplied for the use of the Arse-
=nal during the Quarter ending the 31st (
October last, Viz.t Pagodas Five Thousand
Seven hundred and forty Fanams thirty
Six and Cash forty two (Pag.s 5740. 36. 42).
but, as it appears the Garrison Store Keeper
has received advances of Cash from the
Military Paymaster General on account of
the Articles supplied during that Quar-
=ter, equal to Pagodas two Thousand one hun-
=dred and eighty, Fanams eight, and Cash
ten, (Pagodas 2180. 8. 10), and that he had
balance on hand, equal to Pagodas Two
Thousand one hundred and thirty one),
Fanams thirty One and Cash eight (Pa-
=godas 2131. 31. 8,) on the close of his
Accounts for the preceding quarter,
I have accordingly deducted the amount
of the two last mentioned Sums from

the

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Fort St. George 31 December 1803.

The Total Amount of the Additional Estimate of Cash.

Military Auditor General's Office Fort St. George 30th December 1803.

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

(Signed) J. Braunton
Mil.y Aud.r General

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

Having examined the General Estimate of Cash for the Month of January 1804 which accompanied a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department, under date the 29th Instant, I have the honor to Report that the Sum of Pagodas Four Lacs Four hundred and Seventy Seven [illegible]

Of from the Military Auditor General—his report on the General estimate of Cash for January 1804—

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Fort St. George, December 1803.

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Sanams Thirty five, and Cash Fifteen (Pa-
-godas 4,00,477. 35. 15) is admissible and
issuable as follows, being required for
the Payment of Military Charges which
become due on the 1st of the ensuing
month.

From the General Treasury 1,42,464 " 32 " 74

By Bills on the Military
Paymaster General } 2,58,013 " 2 " 21

Pagodas 4,00,477 " 35 " 15

2 This Amount is exclusive of
the Sums that will be required by the
following Paymasters, Viz.t The Paymas-
-ter to the Division of the Army, in the
Field, under Major General The Hono-
-rable A. Wellesley, the Paymaster with
the Detachment serving with His High-
-ness the Nizam and the Paymaster
to the Northern Field Detachment,

whose

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whose Estimates, it appears, have not yet been received by the Military Paymaster General.-

3. On referring to the Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, dated the 30th November last, I find he had a balance of Cash on hand, amounting to Pagodas Three Thousand five hundred and ninety One, Fanams Six and Cash twenty two, (Pagodas 3591.6.22) applicable to the payment of arears for the present Month, I have, in consequence, made a deduction equal to that Sum, from the total amount of his Estimate and shall take occasion to point out to him (Mr Hawkins) the necessity there is for his complying in future with the regulations by deducting from the amount of his Monthly Estimates, the balance of Cash

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Cash on hand at the end of each month.— 176

4 The Sum of Pagodas Five
Thousand (5,000 Pos). has ~~been deducted~~ from
the Total amount of the Estimate of the
Paymaster in Kanara for the reason
given, on making a similar deduction
from his Estimate for December 1803,
in the 5th Paragraph of my report on the
General Estimate for that Month, under
date the 1st Instant.—

5 Not having as yet received the
Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements of
the Paymaster to the Division of the
Army in the Field, under Major General
Campbell, the Paymaster at the Presi-
dency, the Paymaster at Masulipatam
nor the Paymaster in Malabar for No-
vember last, I have not the means of
ascertaining the correctness of the De-
ductions made from their Respective Esti-
mates

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Estimates on account of the balance

of Cash on hand, I shall, however, be

desire them to be more particular in

future in forwarding their Abstracts of

Receipts and Disbursements, so that

they may be received by me in due

time to ascertain that material point.

I have the honor to be

With the greatest Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) J. Brunton

Mily. Audr. General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
31st December 1803.—

In

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The Sum of Pagodas 173497. 11. 60 to be issued to the Military Paymaster General.

In consequence of the fore-going reports, Ordered that the following Sums be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General.—

On Account of the Additional estimate for the Current Month enclosed in his letter of the 27th Instant	31,032.23.66
On Account of the General estimate for the Month of January 1804 enclosed in his letter of the 29th Instant	142,464.32.74

By Order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council—

(Signd) George Strachey
Secry to Government

Sent

6540 Fort St. George 5 December 1803.

Sent the following Letters.

— entered in M. B. Nos 60. 65. —

To the Military Auditor Ge=
neral — With an extract from the Pro=
=ceedings of Council in the Public De=
=partment — to report the nature of the
objections which appear to have oc=
=curred against the admission of
charges mentioned by the late Mas=
=ter Attendant at Tranquebar.

To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Paymaster
General — Acquainting him that the
Sum of Pago das 1,73,497 - 11 - 60 has
been

To the Mili=
tary Paymas=
ter General.

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been ordered to be issued to them from

the Treasury

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Sent the following Letter

To the Officer Commanding

the Southern Division of the Army

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hono-

rable the Governor in Council to trans-

mit for your information and

guidance the Copy of a Letter from

the Secretary to the Government at Fort

William conveying the instructions of

His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor

General relative to the mode in which it

is the desire of His Excellency that Lord

Viscount Valentia shall be received in his

progress through the British territories in India

or the territories of the Allies of the British Govern-

ment

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To the Officer
Commanding the
Southern Division
of the Army
Enclosing Copy of a
Letter from the
Secretary to the
Government at
Fort William
Conveying the in-
structions of the
Governor General
relative to the mode
in which it is the
desire of His Excel-
lency that Lord
Viscount Valentia
shall be received
in his progress
through the Brit-
ish territories in
India and the
territories of the
Allies of the Brit-
ish Government

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His Lordship in Council desires that if Lord Valentia should visit Trichinopoly he may be received with every mark of respect and distinction suitable to his Rank, and conformable to the orders of His Excellency the Governor General.

Fort St George
30th December 1803

Jam Hs Hs

[Signed] G Buchan
Chief Sec to Govt

The Same Mutatis Mutandis

To the Officer Commanding at Palamcottah & Provence of Tinnevelly

Ditto — at Madura
Ditto — at Dindigul
Ditto — at Vellore
Ditto — at Arcottah
Ditto — at Bangalore
Ditto — at Seringapatam

" Wheatcroft
" Wood
" Dixon
" Hutchinson

W. Strange

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