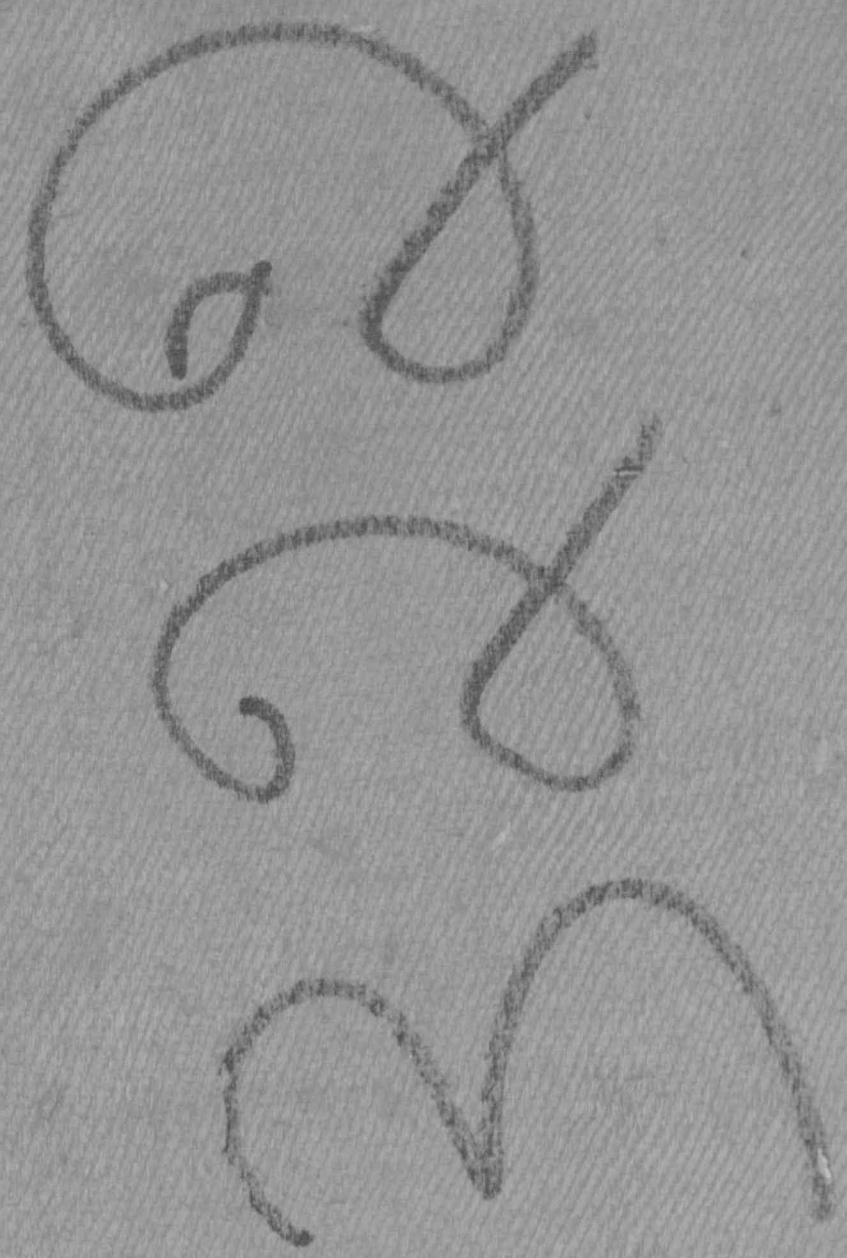


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Diary

Rec'd the following Letter —

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

My Lord,

In obedience to your commands dated the 10th Instant. I have the honor to enclose two abstracts of the contingent expences incurred during the months of December 1803 and January 1804, with the Division of the Army under the Command of Major General the Honble A. Wellesley —

No 1. Contains the charges which do not appear to be of a Military nature, the Vouchers for which accompany it, in order that they may be transmitted to the Accountant Genl for adjustment in the "General Books."

No 2 Contains the Charges which appear to be of a Military Nature, the Vouchers for which I have retained for the purpose of being passed in this Office in the usual manner, previous to their being transmitted to the proper Paymr for insertion in his disbursements under the head of Sepoy account.

I have &c. honor to be &c.
/ Signed / A. Brimton Actg

Milit. Aud. Genl. Office
Fort St George
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Abstract of the Military and Civil Contingent Expences incurred during the months of December 1803 and January 1804 with the Division of the Army under the Command of Major General Wellesley —

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Abstract of Contingent expenses incurred during the Months of December 1803, and January 1804, with the Division of the Army in the field under the Command of Major General the Honble A. Wellesley, which do not appear to be of a Military nature and chargeable to the Head of "General Books".

No	Particulars	Amount Ps Fs Bs
	December 1803	
1	Bill for Money paid for provisions &c. given to Sadasheo Row, Vakeel of Bapojee Gonesh Goklah in December 1803	45 12 40
2	Bill for Money paid in lieu of provisions to Soaboo Row, Vakeel of the Rajah of Kittore in December 1803	23 30 "
3	Bill for Money paid in lieu of Provisions to Ballaja Punt, Vakeel of the Rajah of Colapore in Decr 1803	44 12 "
4	Bill for Money paid for provisions &c. given to Jeswunt Row Goreporah, Vakeel of Dowlut Row Scindiah in December 1803	1591 3 25
5	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. given to Jeswunt Rao Ramchunder Vakeel of the Rajah of Berar in December 1803	388 13 20
6	Bill for Money paid for provisions &c. given to Veitell Punt, Dewan of Dowlut Row Scindiah in December 1803.	442 9 50
	Carried forward Pagodas	2,534 38 55

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No	Particulars	Amount P	f	b
26	Brought forward Pagodas —	2534	38	55
10	Bill for Money paid to Captain Colebrooke for a Horse presented to Vetell Punt Maha Deo Dewan of Dowlut Row Scindiah	230	"	"
18	Bill for Money paid for Articles purchased at the Sale of Captured property for presents	637	30	"
	January 1804			
1	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. given to Sadashee Row. Vakeel of Bapoo Gorniesh Ghiklah	47	22	60
2	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. for Sooboo Rao Vakeel of the Rajah of Kittore	23	20	70
3	Bill for Money paid for provisions &c. to Bâlaje Punt. Vakeel of the Calapore Rajah	44	12	"
4	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. to Jeswunt Rao Gorepporah. Vakeel of Dowlut Row Scindiah	1077	8	25
5	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. to Vetul Punt Dewan of Dowlut Rao Scindiah	290	4	60
6	Bill for Money paid for provisions &c. to Jeswunt Row. Ramchunder. Vakeel of Raghoojee Bounselah Rajah of Berar	439	32	60
9	Bill for money paid to Captain Colebrooke for Shawls for presents	91	18	"
10	Bill for Money paid to Captain Colebrooke for Double barrelled Gun. a present to Scindiah	130	"	"
	Carried forward Pagodas —	6.146	20	5

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	Brought forward Pagodas	6.146 20 6
11	Bill for Money paid to Captain Cole = brooke for a four barrelled Gun, a present to Scindiah	200 . .
20	Bill for Money paid to Ghazie Khan	428 24 .
	Star Pagodas	6775 2 5

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

Military Auditor
Generals Office.
Fort St. George
25th May 1804.

Abstract

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Abstract of contingent Expences incurred during the Months of December 1803 & January 1804 with the Division of the Army in the field under the Command of Major General the Honble A. Welles-ley which appear to be of a Military nature and chargeable to the Head of "Charges Military" —

No	Particulars	Amount P.s F. b
	December 1803	
7	Bill for Money paid to Hircarrahs and for small contingencies per account Kept by Captain Barclay in December	976 21 60
8	Bill for Money paid to Hircarrahs under Mr. Elphinstone in December	112 " "
9	Bill for Money paid by Govind Row to Hircarrahs in the month Margasie Hire 59 " 30 — " Rewards 64 " — " = P.s 123 — 30 — "	123 30 "
11	Bill for Money paid to Hirrarrahs by Capt.n Baynes when on Detachment	27 30 "
12	Bill for Wages of an additional Multeedy in December 1803	11 18 "
13	Bill for Wages of an additional Moonshie in December 1803	8 12 "
	Carried forward Pag.d	1259 27 60

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№	Particulars	Amount Pr Fs Cs.
	Brought forward Pagodas	1259 27 60
14	Bill for Money paid as hire to Gomastahs and Peons employed in collecting & bringing forward the Bunjarries from Mysore to the Detachment in December	36 " "
15	Bill for Money paid the expence of the Post Office in Camp for December	1315 24 54
16	Bill for Money repaid to Colonel Close laid out by him for Military purposes	56 " "
17	Bill for Money paid Major Hill's contingent Account	100 " "
	January 1804	
7	Bill for Money paid by Govind Row as Wages and presents to Hircarrahs in Poosh Magah	101 4 64
8	Bill for Money paid to Hircarrahs & for other small contingencies per Account Kept by Captain Barclay	531 36 "
12	Bill for Money paid to Mr. Surgeon Boag for his expences in removing the Field Hospital from Aurungabad to Ahmednuggur	57 " "
13	Bill for Money paid to Hircarrahs at Aurungabad by Captain Palmer of the Nizam's Service	31 21 23
14	Bill for Money paid to Doctor Baird for his expence in filling up the field Hospital in Cliehpore	39 32 20
15	Bill for Money paid the hire of an additional Muttesedy	11 18 "
	Carried forward Pagoda	3,638 38 61

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№	Particulars	Amount ℘	ƒ	ß
	Brought forward Pagodas	3538	38	61
16	Bill for Money paid the hire of an additional Moonshie	8	12	.
17	Bill for Money paid as hire to Gomastahs and Peons employed in collecting Brinjarries in Mysore and brought them forward to Camp	35	"	"
18	Bill for Money paid to Hircurrahs by Captain Thos. Baynes when Commanding a Detachment	58	24	.
19	Bill for Money paid the expence of the Dept Office in Camp	1104	28	45
	Star Pagodas	4745	19	22

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Generals Office
Fort St George
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(Signed) St. Brunton
Mil.y Aud.r Genel.

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Order of Council
Military Department
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Received the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

My Lord, &c. &c. &c.

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

Having examined the additional estimate of Cash which accompanied a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department dated the 21st. Instant, I have the honor to report that the amount thereof Viz.t Pagodas Sixty one thousand six hundred and Ninety Six, fanams five, and Cash twenty three (Pag.s 61696. 5. 23) is admissible and is payable from the General Treasury, being required by the Military Paymaster General for the following purposes Viz.t. to honor the Amount of Bills drawn upon him by Subordinate Paymasters, to discharge

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discharge the amount of Bills, passed in this Office, to make Sundry advances to the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency under authority from Government, to make advances to Officers Sick Absent and on duty at the Presidency, and to Officers lately promoted, to enable them to join their Corps.—

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

(Signed) I Brunton

Milit. Aud. General

In consequence of the foregoing Report, Ordered that the Sum of Sixty One Thousand Six hundred and Ninety Six Pagodas Five Fanams, and Twenty three Cash (P. 61,696.5.23) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the additional Estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 23d instant.—

By Order of the Right Hon.ble the Governor in Council.—

(Signed) G Strachey

Sec.y to Govern.t

Rec.d

The Sum of Pagodas 61,696. 5.23 to be issued from the Treasury on Account of the additional Estimate for the Current month—

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Received and sent the following Letters entered in A.B. Nos. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47 48. 49.—

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort William —

From Captain Mack Reporting an advance of 1000 Rupees to Mr. Assistant Surgeon Allardice of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons. —

From the Secretary to Government at Bombay —

From Mr. Grant. Transmitting an address to the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency. —

From the Secretary to the Military Board. —

From Captain Macleane — With a Duplicate Account of Military Stores Supplied for the use of the Government of Columbo. —

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From Ditto Ditto. Transmitting a Return of Articles shipped on the Wellesley for the use of the Troops of His Majesty's 8th Dragoons. —

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William

To Captain Mack — Enclosing an additional Return of Articles shipped on the General Wellesley for the use of the Troops of His Majesty's

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Majesty's 8th Dragoons —

To Mr. Arbuthnot — Enclosing

an Account of Military Stores supplied from the

Arsenal for this Presidency for the use of the —

Government at Columbo —

To the Chief Secretary to the Government at Columbo —

To the Military Paymaster —

To the Military Paymr. General —

General — Acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas

61,696. 5. 23. has been ordered to be issued to him

on Account of the additional estimate. —

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Received and sent the following

Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 50. 51. 52. —

From Captain Macleane —

From the Secretary to the Military Board

With a Packet addressed to the Secretary to the

Military Board at Fort William. —

From Mr. Roebuck — Enclosing

From the Military Paymaster General —

a Statement of the expence of the Madras Army

for June 1804 —

To the Accountant General —

To the Accountant General. —

Enclosing for adjustment an Abstract of contingent

Charges incurred with the Army under Major —

General Wellesley —

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To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Auditor General — Referring for his examination a General estimate for the ensuing Month.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President.

Tuesday the 29th May 1804

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

John Chamier

} Esqrs

Minutes of last consultation

Read and approved.

The President Records the following Minute.

President's Minute relative to the Right vested in the Governor of recommending for Military Appointments under this Government —

I have objected to the recommendation of Officers for the Commands of the Southern Division of the Army, of Trichinopoly and of Arnot originating with the Commander in

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in Chief.—

My objection is founded upon former usage, and has been confirmed by the Board. There appear upon the records, exceptions to this general rule, but whence they have arisen I do not know it would be better that such exceptions were never made. They may not be of consequence at the moment, but they never fail to produce future inconvenience.—

I admit that the order of the Court of Directors upon occasion of the controversy which took place between Lord Hobart and General Harris, has not drawn the line so clearly as to put the question entirely out of doubt.—

The passage to which I allude are these— In stating the appointments which shall be proposed by the Commander in Chief, among others are inserted.—

"Persons for the supply of Vacancies usually occupied by Military Officers"

Literally

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Literally taken, the Sense is evident, and the
meaning of the Court .. .. of Directors.
would be clear and unequivocal if the following
Sentence had not been added" at the same time
"We must consider our respective Governors at
"full liberty agreeably to the usage of the Service
"to bring forward for the approbation of his
"Council, the Name of any Officer, whom he
"may think proper to Select for the Command
"of any particular Station and expedition.
"and We Agree in opinion with Lord Hobart
"that there are situations rather of a Political,
"than of a Military nature, on the Selection
"for which, however .. .. necessary it may
"be to pay a due attention to professional
"merit, the choice must turn upon points not
"exclusively Military, and therefore within the
"peculiar consideration and province of Govern-
-ment" Here we are again at Sea, the particular
Stations remain in the same uncertainty as before.
I will in the Course of this Minute enumerate

also

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all the appointments held by Military men,
in Order that if it shall so please the Court
of Directors, the rule henceforth may be made
absolute.—

The intention of the Court
appears to be that all Officers whose duties are
exclusively Military and confined exclusively
to their allotted Stations in the established
Military System, should be proposed by the
Commander in Chief, and that all Officers —
whose duties immediately and directly affect
the internal tranquillity, or external defence
of the State, or involve the Civil duties of the
executive Government, should be proposed
by the Governor. Such a decision appears to be
founded upon a principle of Acknowledged
Policy and Justice, Viz.t, where the responsi-
bility is vested, there also should be given
the most free and unshackled choice of —
Instruments, essential to the discharge of
the trust.—

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The Commander in Chief has usually filled two characters in this Presidency, those of Member of Council and Commander of the Forces. In the first he shares with the rest of the Council the general responsibility. the principal burden of which falls upon the Governor. In the latter situation he has duties to perform for which he is separately and distinctly responsible. They are directed to the execution of the Regulations. relating to the interior Economy. and discipline of the Army, and to the general efficiency of the Machine. all the situations necessary to the performance of this separate charge ought to be filled by him. They consist of the Adjutant General and his Assistants. Quarter Master General and his Assistants. Judge Advocates, Brigade Majors, Fort adjutants, with the exception of Fort St George, conductors of Stores, Persian Translators to Military Commands, Town Majors / excepting that of

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Fort St George) all Regimental Officers, all Medical
Officers.—

In these appointments, I
conceive are included all the means which
a Commander in Chief can require for the
completion of the several duties assigned to
him.—

With the Government rests
the whole responsibility of the movement.
Payment, supplies, distribution of the Army with
regard either to internal tranquillity or prepa-
-ration against external attack. In my opinion
all Officers connected with these heads should
be recommended by the Governor.—

By the Second Paragraph in
the letter of the Court of Directors above —
alluded to, the word "Political" would seem to
express the line of distinction. I know of no
other Interpretation to be given to the Word
"Policy" than the Administration of its Civil
and Military Affairs for the general preser-
-vation

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preservation of the State of this description. I
conceive all Officers in Command of Stations,
Districts and Forts. Either they are necessary to
the Safety of the State or they ought to be abo-
lished. But it ought always to be kept in
mind that we are Foreigners and that we rule
over a conquered Nation. It is true that the
tranquil and easy Government of these exten-
sive Territories may be due in part to the re-
ligion of the Natives and in much greater
part perhaps to their debased character. not the
work of Nature but the Slavery of ages. But
Still We should Recollect that We have many
troublesome and turbulent Subjects. We are giv-
ing laws, and establishing Courts of Justice,
which I trust will in time give effectual secu-
rity both to Person and property, and will I
hope be the means of obtaining the confidence
and happiness of our Subjects.

But whatever aid we may
receive from Civil Institutions, however just

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and popular our administration may become, the Government from the nature of our situation, must always be despotic, the fundamental support of which must ever be our superior Military Strength, and from thence all commands under this Government will have a greater degree of political consequence than in our own, or in any free state. Under the head of Payment — I include the Military Auditor General and his Assistants, Acting Paymaster to the Kings Troops. —

Of Supplies

All agents for the supply of Horses of Public Cattle, for the construction of Gun Carriages, Commissaries of Stores, Grain &c. To these are to be added — The Superintendant of Tank repairs, and his Assistant — Superintendant of the breeding Stud — Officers in charge of Barracks — Conductors of Stores — Secretary to the Military Board and his Assistants

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Assistants and all Officers whose duties are Civil. Every situation has been now stated which is occupied by Military Men.—

In time of War it may be expedient to place many of those Departments under the exclusive controul of the Commander in Chief. The executive Government at the time will best Judge what portion of their responsibility they will choose to entrust to their Commander in Chief. In a late instance Genl. Stuart was invested with all the authority of the State, and I am intirely of opinion that the more unlimited the Powers given to the Officer Commanding an Army in the Field upon the same principle of his arduous responsibility, the the better. But in time of peace I can see no reason for the delegation of such extraordinary Powers and trust.

It may be asserted that the Commander in Chief is at all times the best Judge of the various qualifications of Military

Men

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Men, But the Governor can always consult his opinion, and on the other hand every other Government not Military assumes to itself the capacity to estimate the merits for different offices of their Civil and Military Servants. But supposing for the sake of argument the responsibility to be with the Government, and and the recommendation with the Commander in Chief, constituted as the Council is, the Governor is not likely to make any objection to the choice unless there should exist some very strong grounds. If that necessity should exist, for the Common course of human nature, the consequences to a State of previous good understanding, are not likely to be encouraging. Also the Person recommended may not be the most eligible although not extremely objectionable.

What then becomes the case of the Governor? In his degree of Superior responsibility, he finds himself under the necessity of sacrificing the welfare of the State in one instance, for the sake of averting discord

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and disunion, which in his opinion may be attended with more disadvantageous effects.—

It is my conscientious opinion that if the whole Military Patronage & all Situations filled by Military men, should remain at the disposal of every Commander in Chief, there would be vested in the hands of that Officer, a power not warranted by political prudence, and, if upon the grounds of keeping up the discipline of the Army it should be considered necessary to intrust that authority in one Person, I certainly think that this Officer should be at the head of the Government. Because it is to the Government properly so called, and not to an executive Officer under that Government, that the Army should look up which will be the case in fact, tho it may appear otherwise in the Theory of the constitution. But however this may be, whether I am right or wrong in my conclusions, I am anxious that this Board, should offer their strongest recommendation

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recommendation to the Court of Directors, that they may be pleased to define this question accurately in the one way or the other. In this Government, by a Council and Subordinate Boards, the extreme delay and tardiness in the transaction of all business, are the worst features. It is the more necessary that union should prevail and it becomes wise precaution to remove those points of doubt, which as they have already, so they may again produce serious dissension and discord.

I have great pleasure in saying, that no such feeling exists between General Stuart and myself, but entirely coinciding with him in opinion upon this point, I was anxious and I expressed to him my particular request that it might be brought to a decision at a time when it could be productive of no interruption to the harmony existing between us, which I shall ever remember with grateful satisfaction. It will be perceived that I object not to the Officers proposed. It is only to the principle.

I am

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Sir the Selection of Officers I

conceive it to be the duty as it must be the inclin-
-nation of a Governor to consult the opinions of
the Commander in Chief, and my respect for the
experience and Judgement of Lieutenant General
Stuart would have disposed me to have been
entirely guided by his advice, and I shall be
truly concerned for my own sake and for that
of my Country notwithstanding the high opinion
I entertain of his Successor, when this source of
Security to our Civil & Military Interests is lost.
But I feel it also my duty as it is his interest
all innovation upon the principles of the consti-
-tution according to our conceptions of them.
It is no contest for power, it is simply on my
part the sincere exertion of a maxim which
I believe to be sound, that with the chief re-
-sponsibility should be reposed the fullest
Confidence and Powers.

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I Signed W. Bentinck

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The Commander in Chief records the following Minute.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief recording his opinion regarding the Appointment of Officers to Commands under this Government.—

The resolution adopted by the Board on the 18th. Instant respecting the appointment of Officers to Commands, renders it necessary for Lieutenant General Stuart, in Justice to the Situation of the Commander in Chief, and to his Sense of the spirit and intention of the Orders issued by the Honorable Court of Directors to record his deliberate opinion regarding that Subject.—

The discussions relative to this question between Lord Hobart and Lieutenant General Harris preclude the expediency of entering into detailed observations regarding it, even if it were not the Commander in Chief's determination to avoid that Course of proceeding. Those discussions produced a formal decision by the Honorable Court of Directors, on which Lieutenant General Stuart founds his opinion that, the recommendation for the appointments

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appointments of Officers to Military Commands belongs in General to the province of the Commander in Chief.— The Orders of the Honorable Court of the 7th of May 1800 are not confined to mere branch of Military Appointments, they constitute the decision on a discussion which although connected in its origin with Ordnance appointments embraced the whole subject, and this circumstance together with the terms of the Orders which refer particularly to Commands, removed all doubts in General Stuarts mind that they were intended as a decision applicable to the question in its full extent.—

After repeating that "it is undoubtedly the province of the Commander in Chief to propose to the Board subject to its confirmation all matters relative to the disposition of the Army, filling up vacancies in the several Corps, promotion of Officers in the regular Order of Succession, and to form Regulations subject to the like confirmation

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"respecting the disposition, Cantonment or distribu-
"tion of the Company's Troops, and in ordinary
"cases to put in nomination Persons for the supply
"of Vacancies to Posts usually occupied by Military
"Officers." The Honorable Court state in the
manner of an exception to a General rule "that
at the same time they must consider our respec-
"tive Governors at full liberty, agreeably to the
"usage of the Service to bring forward for the
"approbation of his Council the name of any Officer
"whom he may think proper to select for the
"command of any particular Station or expedition";
and the Court then describe the nature of those
particular Commands by an explanation of the
peculiar qualifications requisite on the part of
the Officers selected to fill them. — This passage
in the Judgement of the Commander in Chief
plainly implies an exception to a General rule,
if it had been the intention of the Honorable
Court that the President should recommend
Officers for all Commands, a Specification of

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the particular commands for which he is at liberty to propose Officers would be superfluous and unnecessary, and it appears difficult to suppose that the court would have specified particular Cases. and there explained the nature of those Cases. if it was their intention that all Commands should belong to the Governors nomination. By annexing to the Order regarding the Commands at the disposal of the Governor, a description of the qualifications Requisite for those Commands they are evidently limited to the Cases only where those qualifications may be Requisite.—

Lieutenant General Stuart accordingly understands the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors to place the Recommendations for Military Commands in General, like that for all other Military appointments in the Province of the Commander in Chief, excepting in cases when the President may attach Political importance to the Command

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of certain Stations or expeditions, in which cases he shall be at liberty to recommend Officers for those situations.—

However confident the Commander in Chief may be in the justness of the interpretation which he has given of the Honorable Courts Orders of 7th may 1800, it is apparent that they admit of doubts by the difference of opinion which exists at the Board regarding them. It therefore becomes the duty of the Commander in Chief to request that the Subject may be again referred to the Honorable Court, in Order that they may explain whether it was their intention in declaring the Governor at liberty to recommend for particular Commands, that all Commands should belong to his Nomination, or whether the Recommendation for Commands in General should be attached to the Province of the Commander in Chief, excepting in particular cases, to which the Governor might annex political importance.— The question requiring the specific

orders

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orders of the Honorable Court is not intricate. it is reduced to the point whether the President shall bring forward Officers for the Command of Garrisons and Cantonments of every discription or of those only which he may consider to be of political importance.—

The Commander in Chief has not referred in this Minute to the usage of this Government, although the records will shew that since the receipt of the Orders of the 7th May 1800 or at least since General Stuart assumed the Command of the Army, the Governor and the Commander in Chief have each in particular cases recommended Officers for Commands.—

The Commander in Chief regrets that a difference of opinion should exist between the Right Honorable the Governor and himself on this Subject. he is confident that the same unanimity regarding appointments in General which has prevailed since his arrival will continue to subsist; and he is persuaded that the President will

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will concur in the propriety of recording his opinion and soliciting definite instructions on a question which is calculated in its present state to involve future discussions and opposition of sentiment.—

(Signed) I. Stuart.

The following Minute of the Commander in Chief together with the Proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 23rd of December and 30th of January having returned from Circulation are ordered to be recorded.

Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting his sentiments on the accompanying proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 23rd December 1803 and 30th January last

The Commander in Chief regrets that the very extraordinary nature of the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board dated the 23rd December and 30th January last, compels him to explain his sentiments regarding them at a length which appears to require the indulgence of Government.—

The Army took the Field in the beginning of January 1803, provided with a Stock of Country Medicines for three Months. A further supply for the same length of time

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time was soon afterwards dispatched from the Presidency, but having arrived on the frontier at too late a date to join General Wellesley's Army was thrown into Bellary.— That Army after its arrival at Poonah received from Bombay a supply of Medicines for three Months, which was equivalent to the quantity deposited at Bellary, and completed its stock until the end of June.—

The Medical Storekeeper is ordered by the regulations for Field Service to have at all times in readiness at an advanced Station, a Stock of Country and Bazar Medicines for three Months in order to ensure the regular supply of the troops.—

In the Month of July, the Medical Storekeeper represented to the Medical Board that the Armies in advance were completed with Medical Stores until the end of June only, and requested their authority to dispatch a further supply.— His request was refused. In

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September. The Commander in Chief found it necessary to Order a Supply of Wines and Country Medicines for 6 Months to be forwarded with the greatest expedition to the advanced Armies. — In the mean time the troops in the Field were almost destitute of Medical Stores; the expenditure had been encreased by the great amount of Sick and Wounded; and the Surgeons of Regiments and Field Hospitals were obliged to purchase at — enhanced rates Such Wines and Country Medicines as could be procured in the Army Bazars. The Supply for 6 Months directed to be dispatched by the Commander in Chief, went therefore to — Complete the Army from June till December, replacing of course the Articles of the same discrip- = tion provided before its arrival at the private expence of Regimental Surgeons. —

On the 20th of November. the — Staff Surgeon of Major General Wellesley's Army addressed a Letter to the Medical Store Keeper stating that he was requested by Major General Wellesley

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Wellesley to write about forwarding another three Months supply of Wines and Country Medicines. — The address of this Letter was private; its contents were entirely public; and as they related to an apparent emergency of the Service, The Medical Storekeeper submitted the Letter to the Medical Board requesting in a respectful manner their instructions on the Subject. —

The Board returned the Letter; and expressed their Surprize at the Medical Storekeeper having adopted so irregular a mode of calling their attention, while there did not appear any exigency of Service to sanction it. —

The Medical Storekeeper — received two other Letters from the Staff Surgeon of Major General Wellesley's Army urging in the strongest terms the dispatch of a Supply of Medicines for three Months in addition to what was on the road, and representing the distress which was occasioned by

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the want of Medicines. The Medical Store-
Keeper was precluded from submitting these
Letters to the Medical Board by the censure which
he had just received for submitting a Letter of a
similar discription: and their suppression might
produce the most dangerous consequences to the
Armies in advance, engaged in an arduous
Service, unprovided with a sufficient Stock of
Medicines, and remote from the sources of supply.
In this predicament The Medical Storekeeper
forwarded the whole correspondence to the Com-
mander in Chief through the Medical Board;
and in the representation which he addressed
to the Commander in Chief, explained the urgency
of the public considerations by which he was
impelled to adopt that measure.

The Medical Board after a
delay of ten days forwarded the representation
on the 23rd of December to the Commander
in Chief without any remarks and on the same
day forwarded a Copy of the same representation

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to Government with their Proceedings, in which they laid the Medical Storekeeper with the most severe censure for having submitted to them Mr. Gilmour's Letter, and for having addressed the Commander in Chief on the subject of that Letter.—

On receiving this communication the Commander in Chief ordered that a supply of Europe and Country medicines for three Months, might be immediately forwarded to the advanced Armies.—

The Conduct of the Medical Storekeeper had been Zealous and correct, and as the observations of the Medical Board appeared to be unjust, and unnecessary, the Commander in Chief returned their Proceedings, and directed the Board of Physicians to delay their opinion Regarding the Misconduct of the Medical Storekeeper, to prefer specific charges against him, in order, that he might be brought to trial before a General

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General Court Martial.—

The Medical Board composed fresh proceedings on the 30th of January and without having submitted them to the Commander in Chief, delivered them with their former Proceedings of the 23rd December personally to the Governor.— In those Proceedings they attack the Conduct of the Medical Storekeeper in the aggravated animosity, deny that they are amenable to the Articles of War, and decline to prefer Specific charges against that Officer.— The Governor having returned the Proceedings to the Medical Board, they forwarded them to the Commander in Chief to be laid before Government in the regular Channel, avowing and justifying the step which they had taken.— They included those Proceedings although aware that they had not been submitted to Government, in the Volume of their records forwarded to the Court of Directors by the last dispatch.—

The Regulations of the Service direct

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direct the European troops to be furnished every quarter with Europe and Country Medicines in exact proportion to their strength. The indents of Regimental Surgeons Accompanied by abstracts of the strength Signed by the Adjutants constitute the Vouchers for the issues. — When the Army is in the Field inorder to obviate a delay in securing so important an object, the Medical Store Keeper is directed to have in readiness at such advanced Station as the Commander in Chief may direct, a Supply of Medicines for three Months. — It is unnecessary that regular indents should arrive to determine the Amount of Supplies on Account of the Army in the Field; for as that Amount corresponds with the Strength of Corps, and is regulated by fixed rules, it can always be ascertained by a reference to the returns in the Adjutant Generals Office. — The supply of Wines and Country Medicines sent to the Armies in September by Order of the Commander in Chief, was calculated to last until the

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end of December only.— When the Medical Store-
=Keeper received the first Letter from Mr Gilmour
the period of time for which that supply was furnish=
=ed had nearly expired, the advanced position of
the Armies occasioned a considerable delay in the
transit of supplies, and the contest in which
they were engaged required encreased Medical
Assistance.—

It is the indispensable duty
of every Officer to communicate to his Supe=
=riors the best information which he can obtain
regarding the state of his Department however
he may obtain it.—

The Medical Store Keeper
was therefore required by the positive regula=
=tions of the Service which charge him with
the duty of forwarding Supplies, by his Know=
=ledge of the State of the Medical Depart=
=ment with the Army, and the length of
time necessary for the arrival of fresh supplies
by the principles of his duty, and by the —

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urgency of Mr. Gilmours request to submit to the Medical Board the letter which he had received from that Office. The form of its address did not lessen the obligation to adopt that measure. Its contents were public authentic and sanctioned by General Wellesley, and it is evident Mr. Gilmour expected they would be acted upon — The information regarding public measures is not always derived from Official channels, the forms of Office, the activity of Field Service, must often retard the usual communications, and such forms are always disregarded and understood to be dispensed with, in circumstances where they are not to be performed — The mode of forwarding Mr. Gilmour's Letters to the Medical Board was Submissive and Respectful, and it is impossible to conceive a reasonable pretext for its having excited offence. —

Stronger Considerations Urged the Medical Storekeeper to forward

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the correspondence to the Commander in Chief when the Medical Board censured him for having submitted Mr. Gilmours Letter to them. — He had in the mean time received two subsequent Letters discribing the distress for want of Medicines — and pressing their Dispatch, if he suppressed them, he would be guilty of concealing important information, and a dangerous responsibility would attach to him, if any misfortunes — should result from that concealment. He had seen the Commander in Chief in September direct the dispatch of a supply of Medicines for 6 Months, and it was his duty in order to relieve the existing emergency to bring the Correspondence under the Notice of the Commander in Chief who is placed at the head of the Medical Department — He had also — received a Censure from the Medical Board, and he was authorized by every rule of the Service to represent his grievance through that Board to their Superiors. —

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No advantage can be derived by the Medical Storekeeper from the issues of European Medicines. He issues them to a prescribed extent, under the Superintendance of the Medical Board, in exact proportion to the Known Strength of Corps, and the receipts of the Officers to whom they are dispatched constitute his Vouchers for ultimately passing them in his Accounts.

For the supply of Wines and Country Medicines the Storekeeper is allowed 20 Cash for each European. He furnishes a fixed quantity of those Articles according to the strength of Regiments, and defrays the expences of its provision, package and dispatch. His Bills can never exceed the Amount of 20 Cash per Man, and they are checked in the Military Auditor Generals Office by a reference to the returns of Corps. It is evident therefore that the Medical Store Keeper can derive no profit from

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from anticipating the transmission of supplies, for in that case he would only dispatch the same quantities which it would be his duty to dispatch in the regular course of the Service.— On the contrary a premature dispatch of Wines and Country Medicines while the Army is in the Field involves a certain loss to the Medical Store Keeper, as he charges only for the actual strength at the time of delivery, and as that strength would be materially diminished before the period of issue arrived, an overplus would be occasioned, for which he would receive no payment.—

The Medical Store Keeper made no attempt to evade or encroach upon the authority of the Medical Board.— In the first instance he requested the Orders of the Board, and in making a representation to the Commander in Chief he knew that whatever Orders might be issued in consequence would be addressed to the Medical Board, and carried into effect under their Superintendance.— The

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existence of an emergency at the date of Mr. Gil-
=mour's Letters is proved in the Proceedings of the
Medical Board of the 30th January, where they
forward a Letter from themselves to the Superin-
=tending Surgeon of the Northern Division
dated the 17th December directing him to trans=
=mit by Tappal to the Armies in Advance.—
Medicines of different discriptions, although
in their Proceedings of the 23rd December they
make the principal crime of the Medical
Store Keeper to consist in pressing upon them, an
application for Medicines, which was not sanc-
=tioned by any exigency. But in the situation
of the Armies it was the duty of the Medical
Board to provide supplies for their use on the
most Liberal and extensive scale, and to employ
every exertion to prevent the possibility of their
suffering want.

The conduct of the Medical
Store Keeper in every view was strictly conformable
to the principles of his duty and the regulations
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of the Service - It is necessary that this truth should be recollected in perusing the Proceedings of the Medical Board, else their enlaborate endeavours to criminate that Officer, and to impugn the motives and object of his actions, although incapable supported by a single fact might produce an unfavorable impression of his Conduct. — as the imputed misconduct of the Medical Storekeeper which forms the foundation of those Proceedings is obviously unreal, it is unnecessary to enter into a detailed examination of the Board's observations; for an analyses of these would only shew that they have offered suspicions for facts, imputations for guilt, and allegations for conclusive proof. —

The Medical Board professed no means of judging of the particular nature of the Service on which the troops in advance were employed further than that they were aware of its being remote, active, and requiring extraordinary supplies. Yet they not only re-

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rejected the information communicated to them of the urgent necessity for dispatching further supplies, but they adopted no step whatever for relieving the wants thus brought within their Knowledge. and reprimanded the Officer who stated them.—

Pursuing the same line of conduct the Board, on receiving the Medical Store Keeper's representation to the Commander in Chief with the 2nd and 3rd Letters from Mr. Gilmour, delayed to forward the correspondence for 10 Days, and when they forwarded it, Suggested no means of supplying the Armies in the Field, made no observation that could shew they felt an interest in supply-ing them, but employed themselves in compo-sing an unnecessary address to Government against the Medical Store Keeper, on a Military point referred to the Commander in Chief, and belonging to his cognizance.

The Commander in Chief directed the Medical Board to prefer specific charges against the Storekeeper in Order that their

their general accusations might be substan-
tiated if they were just. or that the Medical
Storekeepers innocence might be Vindicated
if they were unfounded. — The refusal of the
Board to prefer those charges may be considered
as an Acknowledgement of their inability to
support them. —

If the Medical Depart-
ment is placed under the Commander in —
Chief he is indisputably empowered to take —
Cognizance either personally or by Military
Law of all questions of a Military Nature
which may occur in the conduct of the duties of
Medical Officers The regulations of the Court
of Directors under date the 15th January 1796.
the Orders of this Government of the 27th July
1796. and the 5th January 1783 have put the —
Medical Department of which the Medical Board forms an integral
part under the Superintendance and authority
of the Commander in Chief. the usage of the —
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Department in regard to rank. to commissions, to pay. furlough and retirement have hitherto been conformable to those Ordinances, and the Orders of Government of the 27th June 1796 confirmed by the Court of Directors on the 25th July 1798, forbidding a separation of the Medical Depart.= ment into Civil and Military branches have continued the whole of that line in the Military Service. Surgeons holding Civil situations are lent only to that department. they are always liable to be called upon to perform Military duties, nor does their temporary employment in Civil Offices exempt them from subordination to Military Law, for the same principles which entitle them to the advantages afforded by the Military Service subject them to the rules by which it is governed. — The Medical Boards like the Military Board, or like Military Offices are occasionally employed by Government in the performance of Civil duties. but that employ= =ment cannot be understood to vest them with a

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a General Character independant of their Military Character. it does not change the Nature of their constitution nor remove them in any respect from the controul of the Commander in Chief. in what ever regards the duties and the regulation of the Medical Department.—

In transmitting to the Commander in Chief the representation of the Medical Store-Keeper the Medical Board. acknowledged his Authority. but by forwarding on the same day a Copy of that Representation to Government with their observations regarding it, they treated that authority with disrespect, and their conduct in censuring that Officer to Government for behaviour which was then under Reference to the Commander in Chief was equally disrespectful.—

If the Commander in Chief had posessed no authority over the Medical Board, it would have been improper to forward Mr. Boiswell's representation to him, but the Board do not attempt to deny that authority, although they passit, and

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address Government, on a point specially refer-
-red to the Commander in Chief, which was,
transmitted to him in a separate communica-
-tion, and on which he was competent to decide.
When their Proceedings are returned, the Board
compose additional Proceedings in which they
admit fresh grounds, and change their State-
-ment of the Case, and deliver these direct to the
Governor, quoting an obsolete Order, which
bears no reference to the case, and has been abro-
-gated by Subsequent Orders. — From the date
of the formation of the Medical Board until
the arrangements of 1796 they communicated their
Proceedings direct to Government; those arrange-
-ments changed the constitution of the Board
and placed them under the Commander in-
Chief; an Order was issued to this effect, direct-
-ing that all applications and recommendations
should be transmitted through him, and since
that time the Board have invariably forwarded
their Proceedings until the late instance through

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the Commander in Chief. They have often been returned to the Board for correction; in some instances the Board persevering in their opinion have given them into the Commander in Chief a second time; but until the present instance they have never presumed to deviate from the prescribed channel. — The Board might have been justified in delivering direct to Government the Proceedings of the 23rd December, which had been returned to them; but nothing can justify their having delivered in that mode their Subsequent Proceedings which the Commander in Chief had never seen. — That Act was a deliberate attack upon his Authority; an open defiance of his controul. — It was equally contrary to the usage of the Service, to the orders of the Court of Directors, and of this Government. — At a time when the Medical Board heap upon an inferior Officer the most unjust obloquy for being suspected of an attempt to invade their rights, themselves are guilty of a —

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direct Violation of Orders, and of Discipline.—
They by such Proceedings countenance similar acts
of insubordination in the whole Medical
Department.—

The opinions contained in
those Proceedings are not less Reprehensible than
the mode which the Medical Board adopted
of bringing them before Government.— They
refuse obedience to the Orders of the Commander
in Chief to prefer specific charges against the
Medical Storekeeper, because neither themselves
or that Officer are amenable to the Articles of
War.— A deliberate declaration so contrary
to fact, so hostile to the whole Military System
of the Service, and so pregnant with mischief
to the discipline and Order of the Army cannot
be sufficiently censured.— The whole of the
Medical Servants hold Military Commissions
in which they are directed to "observe and
"follow such Orders and directions from time
"to time as You shall receive from Us The
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"Governor in Council for the time being, or any
"other Your Superior Officer according to the
"rules and discipline of War; the experience of
every day shews that they are subject to Military
trial; and there is nothing in the situation of
the Medical Board or the Medical Storekeeper
which can annul their responsibility to Military
Law. — In the Proceedings of the Supreme
Government, confirmed by the Court of Directors,
The Medical Board and Superintending Surgeons
are considered as Staff Officers; to be selected
from the establishment of Surgeons, removeable
at the pleasure of Government, and amenable
to all the regulations under which Military
Surgeons are placed. —

The Medical Board have
Violated their duty in another instance, they
have forwarded their Proceedings of the 23rd
December and 30th January to the Court of
Directors, although those Proceedings have
not been submitted to Government until
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this period. — The records of the Medical Board are kept in the following manner. — Their Proceedings are forwarded to the Commander in Chief, if approved submitted by him to Government, transcribed in the Secretarys office, and a Copy of them is returned to the Medical Board, with the resolution of Government, under the signature of the Secretary inserted in the Margin. — This form constitutes the authority for the Medical Board to act upon their Proceedings, and to insert them in their records. — But without waiting for the sanc= =tion of Government in the present instance, they inserted them in their records and for= =warded them to Europe. — This measure is calculated to produce the effect of occasio= =ning an unfavorable impression on the= minds of the Honorable Court of Directors of the Medical Storekeper; an impression which if it has taken place the Commander in Chief trusts will be effectually removed by

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by the communication from Government to the Honorable Court upon this Subject.

It was for some time the intention of the Commander in Chief to bring the Medical Board to trial before a Court Martial for the impropriety of their Proceedings. The consideration however that their conduct involved discussions relative to the limits of authority, a Subject inconvenient to be agitated by a Court Martial, together with a regard for the length of Service of the Members of the Board induced the Commander in Chief to relinquish that intention, and to submit their Conduct to the decision of Government. — Anxious to avoid the necessity of recording his opinion of the misconduct of the Medical Board, The Commander in Chief encouraged some proposals which they were recommended to make, of withdrawing their Proceedings, but that measure became impracticable when the Commander in Chief understood that they had

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forwarded those Proceedings to the Honorable Court of Directors. The Communications which occurred on these points have prevented the Commander in Chief from bringing the Subject at an earlier date before the Govern-ment.—

The Commander in Chief must consider the conduct of the Medical Board throughout the whole transaction which he has examined, to be repugnant to the principles of Justice, duty and Zeal.— By refusing to forward supplies at a proper season they exposed the Armies in the Field to a want of Medicines, and obliged the Commander in Chief to interpose his authority for the purpose of sending supplies; they reprimand the Officer charged with the dispatch of those Supplies for having done his duty, because there was no exigency of the Service to sanction his conduct, although they confess in their subsequent proceedings that there was such an

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exigency; when that Officer makes a respectful representation to the head of the Medical Department they accuse him of impracticable designs and load him with imputations and Suspicians, unsupported by evidence, by facts, or by probability; they pass the authority of the Commander in Chief to whom the representation was Specially addressed, and refer it to Govern= =ment, manifesting the most unequivocal dis= =respect to his authority; when their Proceedings are returned they compose fresh Proceedings, — and in violation of their duty deliver them direct to the Governor; they make declarations of an evident tendency to promote insubordi= =nation in the whole Medical Department; and in direct opposition to the established — forms of their Office forward their Proceedings to the Honorable Court of Directors before they had been seen by Government. —

The Commander in Chief judges it to be equally his duty to vindicate

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innocence as to punish guilt. This considera-
tion with a sense of the support due to the
authority of the Station which he occupies, and
to the Regulations of the Service, have obliged
him to dwell with more length than he intend-
ed on the extraordinary, unprecedented, and
irregular Conduct of the Medical Board.

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[Signed] I Stuart

Medical Board

23rd December 1803

From the Medical Board
Submitting Copies of Corres-
pondence with the Medical
Storekeepers and others, and
expressing their disapproba-
tion of the Conduct of that
Gentleman.

1 In compliance
with the Medical Storekeepers
request contained in the
enclosed Copy of his Letter
[No 7]; The Medical Board
have this day forwarded, to-
gether with certain other
papers, a Letter from that
Gentleman, to His Excellency
the Commander in Chief;
Copies of all which, to
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obviate any irregularity that may be alledged in the unprecedented measure, being a matter also, materially involving their general duties, as a Department of Government, and as such, compelling them to make it a record on their Public Proceedings: they take the earliest opportunity of saying with a few necessary Remarks before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and it was from motives of lenity only, to the Medical Storekeeper, that they were induced, to forego representing to Government, the irregularities, and evil tendencies, which in the first instance,

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appeared to them in Mr.
Gilmour's private Letter to
Mr. Boswell. dated the
20th Ultimo.

2 The Medical
Storekeeper "being thrown
"into a state of much embar-
"rassment." as he is pleased
to express himself. in the
first Paragraph of the letter.
he has thought proper to
address to the Commander
in Chief. or that they have
denied him any instructions.
or support. which was proper
to give him. the Medical
Board are altogether at a
loss to understand. Had that
Gentleman explained where.
and how. he was at all —
answerable. they might the

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more readily have met his position.—

3 But in his "public "situation" as a Subordinate Officer of this Board, he is, with its Secretary or any other of its executive Servants, equally they presume, without vote, opinion, and responsibility, in the determination of mea- sures for the public Medical Service.—

4 When emergencies immediately connected with that branch of the Medical Department, are in charge of the Medical Storekeeper come to his Knowledge, it is un- doubtedly his express duty, to submit them to this Board, as his direct Superiors, with

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whom, his representations pro-
=perly made, would meet, as
they have always been received,
with every candid attention.—
But, whatever answer the Board
might in their judgment rela-
=tive to their public Department
have at any time, deemed it
necessary to give that Gentleman,
they presume it ought to have
been conclusive with him; the
responsibility resting where
it was originally, and syste-
=matically vested.—

5 Where it otherwise
and possible that all the
Subordinate Offices of the
different Departments of the
Honorable Company's Govern-
=ment here, could be allowed
from any erroneous or undue
motives

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motives, which might govern them, to arrogate to themselves, the duties of their immediate Superiors, it is not difficult to see, the destructive consequences that would inevitably ensue.—

6 In submitting to Government this extraordinary reference from the Medical Storekeeper, to the Commander in Chief, they feel assured that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, will view it in no common light, for being an appeal, not as in ordinary cases, against personal injury, or praying for personal justice, which might have been denied him, by his immediate

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immediate Superiors; but, in a manner teeming with every mark of disrespect to, and Contempt of, their authority, it is, the Medical Board are sorry to say, a daring attack on the established principles and regulations of the Service, and in the Subversion of — which, claiming the para= =mount power, to issue the — Honorable Company's public Medical Stores, to any amount he may think proper.

7 For a Conduct unpa= =ralleled as this appears, the motives of the Medical Store Keeper are not to be look= =ed for, at any usual source. Without attempting to go into further ground however, the

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the Medical Board will simply confine themselves to what may be found in the documents furnished by the Medical Store Keeper himself, and the Staff Surgeon to General Wellesley's Detachment.—

& Accordingly of Mr. Gilmour's first private Letter to Mr. Boswell if any serious attention could have been given to it, by the Medical Board, it must have been that of censuring and representing both for their neglect and disrespect to them, in unwarrantably endeavouring to set a-side their Legitimate Power.—

This Private letter, 9 the first that has ever appeared before

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before the Medical Board,
from the Staff Surgeon to
General Wellesley's Detachment,
appears the more remarkable,
in its irregular mode of appli-
= cation for Wines, Country
Medicines, Cloathing &c. as
in an Official Letter from that
Gentleman, to the Secretary
to this Board, dated 22nd Novem-
= ber, (Copy of which, (No 8) is
herewith enclosed) there is not a
word mentioned, relative to
the necessity of Supplying these
Articles, which in his private
letter to Mr. Boswell, dated
the 20th November the Detach-
= ment is said, may be so much
in want of.—

10 By such a line of con-
= duct on the part of the Staff
Surgeon

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Surgeon of General Wellesley's
Detachment, in confining the
official duties of his situation,
to such private channel of com-
munication; and on the part
of the Medical Store Keeper, in
thus contumaciously preffing
it forward the Medical Board
cannot help being led to an
impreſsion, that both have been
influenced, by Considerations
deviating very much from the
Regular Course of their duty.

11 And in this opinion,
the two Letters subsequently
received by Mr Boswell from
Mr Gilmour dated the 21st and
27th November, tend very much
to confirm them, and are further
proofs that, the disappointment
the Medical Board, have
experienced

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experienced. in not receiving
the Official details. - ...
... from the Staff Surgeon
to General Wellesley's -
Detachment. has neither
proceeded from want of
time to make them out,
or opportunities to trans-
-mit them; nor can it they
presume, escape the notice
of Government, that the
pages which, could convey
the matter from Mr. Gil-
-mour. which is now before
the Honorable Board, -
might equally have com-
-municated to this Office.
a Report of, if not indents
for, the Medicines &c. -
said to be wanted for the
use of the Detachment;

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as well as Abstracts of the Returns, of the sick and Wounded, of which nothing of the Kind appears at this moment to have been dispatched, by the Staff Surgeon to General Wellesley's Detachment, since the taking of Ahmednagur, and battle of Assaye.—

12 The Medical Storekeepers experience, which he has with views best known to himself, deemed it necessary to bring forward, relative to situations similar to that in which Mr Gilmour is placed, was never questioned by the Medical Board; though they have no reason to believe it exceeds that of many other Surgeons, and is certainly

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yet, much short of that which they themselves profess.—

13 In regard to "dispensing with Forms" as suggested in the Medical Store Keeper's Letter to the Commander in Chief, the Medical Board have never been regardless, when sit occasions called, for waiving the prescribed attentions to such, and of which they must always consider themselves more competent to judge, than any Subordinate Officer of their Department—But this point the Board would have hoped, the Medical Storekeeper would have been more guarded in agitating, and spared them the necessity of again forwarding any remark,

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considering the animadversions,
he compelled them to make
on it in their Proceedings —
dated the 19th April. of last
Year. and the consequent dis-
= approbation of the Right
Honorable the Governor in
Council. expressed and —
conveyed to him. for his
neglect of duty. and their
marked spirit of insubor-
= dination. —

14 To purchase the —
Subject of Forms however,
as it relates to General —
Wellesley's Detachment,
it appears by the documents
now submitted to Govern=
= ment. that six months
Supply of Wines. and —
Country Medicines. for
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for some mentioned to have been
dispatched some time ago by the
Medical Store Keeper, had not
reached Camp when Mr Gilmour
wrote his Letter of the 27th ultimo:
so that however soon after that
period, these articles might have
arrived, a very small proportion
of them, even now can be expended:
of course, there could not either
on the part of the Medical Store-
-Keeper, or Staff Surgeon to Gener-
-al Wellesleys Detachment,
be the smallest reason for
disregarding the rules established
for duly regulating the issue, and
expense, of the Honble Compys
public Medical Stores.—

15 The present Medical
Storekeepers improper conduct,
on the former occasion mentioned
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in Paragraph 13th of these Proceedings, placed the Medical Board under the necessity of thereby adverting — to certain Extracts from the Honorable the Court of — Directors, which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, had been pleased previously to Order them to be furnished with, together with a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, the more particularly to call their attention to a due fulfilment of the Orders of the Honorable Court. —

And it is with extreme reluctance, that the Medical Board now find themselves

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themselves obliged by the
Medical Storekeepers re-
-peated irregularity, thus
publicly to make a second
reference to these Extracts,
and to lay them before
Government. / No 9 / By
which, and Paragraph
28th of the Regulations in
force (No 10) it will appear
how much the Vigilance
of the Medical Board is
looked for and exacted; and
how much the responsibility
of duly checking the expen-
-diture of Medicines and
Stores is thrown
upon them.

17 It is true that
in the Subsequent Paragraph
35th of the existing Regulations
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for Field Service, (also N° 10) the Medical Board are not expressly mentioned again, but it is not to be thereby imagined, that one Paragraph is meant to contradict another, or that the purposes of the 35th Paragraph were to be carried into effect, but under the professional sanction of the Medical Board also, Vested in them, by the Specified Paragraph 28th and all previous regu-lations. —

18 Had it been intended, that the Medical Store Keeper, whose profits accumulate, in proportion to the extent of his own

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issues from the Honorable
Company's Store should by
Paragraph 35th just quoted,
profess a Power of issuing
the Medicines and Medi-
-cal Stores independently
of the Medical Board—
Or, if the Honorable Company's
Great Stores at this Presidency,
or the area under the roof which this
Board sits, and from which,
all issues whatever to His
Majestys, and the Honorable
Company's Troops, to the
whole of the Civil Service,
to His Majesty's and the
Honorable Company's Ships
on the Coast, and frequently
to distant Settlements &c.
are not under the entire
cheik

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check, and control of the
Medical Board, every idea
of their Superintendence, —
they presume, would have
been done away, by a formal
abrogation of all previous
Orders. —

19 Though, by the —
Medical Store Keeper calling
upon the Medical Board,
for instructions upon a
private application, they
are led to a confirmation of
their former belief, that he
could not entertain any —
desire, to ignore the Honorable
Company's Medicines, and
Medical Stores, independently
of their authority, on the
less explicit manner in
which Paragraph 35th is
expressed

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expressed. — Yet as that
Paragraph in its present form
may with persons not guid-
-ed by principles of due
Subordination and obedience
hereafter be considered to
admit of some doubt, the
Medical Board, are induced
to take this opportunity of
Recommending to Govern-
-ment, that it may be or-
-dered to undergo such change
as to place its true meaning
beyond every possibility of
being questioned — by which
the province of the Medical
Board in that particular
will not be liable to any
misapprehension; and by
which, they will be enabled
to carry on their Superinten-
dence

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Superintendence, with full
effect towards the furtherance
of the public Service, and in
defining and limiting the
whole of the Honorable
Company's expense in that
essential branch of the
Medical Department.—

20 The Medical
Board are aware, that the
Right Honorable the Governor
in Council, may judge that
they have been led here, to
a greater length of discussion,
than at first view might
appear necessary; but on a
further consideration, they
trust, the case will be
found altogether singular
in its nature as well as in
the manner, in which it has

to

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so forcibly been presed upon them - and in relying, that His Lordship in Council will give it such consideration and decision as it may really seem to merit; they feel themselves impelled to assure the Honorable Board, that they are influenced by no motive whatever, but those of an honest Regard to their individual character, to the respect due to them as a public regulating Board, and to a just fulfilment of the important trust committed to their charge.

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

" Terence Gahagan M.D.
and 2nd Member Med. Bd.

" Nicol Mein
3rd Member Med. Bd.

To

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To James Anderson Esqr.

Physician General and Members of the

Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

Though the accompanying Letter from the Staff Surgeon to General Wellesley's Army, is in part of a private nature, yet there is in it, matter which will perhaps crave Your attention, and induce You to favor me with instruc= =tions, in what manner I am to comply with Mr. Gilmours Suggestions for the benefit of the Detachment.

Fort St. George
6th December 1803

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

(Signed) Alexr. Boswell
Medl. Storekeeper

(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Sub. Medical Board

My

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My Dear Boswell.

I am getting in arrears in writing in proportion as we advanced to the Northward, which is rapid enough. Having no help from a Subassistant, Comicopoly, or Writer. I am hard pushed to get thro' the daily duties of the line, the only useful man or two that was left, was sent into Field Hospital at Adjuntas. However I must endeavour to get order out of confusion, by explanations and apologies, to the Medical Board, about returns of Sick &c. - a whole trunk full of Journals are waiting an opportunity: but returns of Sick must be sent in the mean time. - I have this day sent a general Indent for Europe medicines to Bombay. In a conversation with General Wellesley last night, he requested me to write about forwarding another three Months supply of Wines, Country Medicines &c., this ought to be done on a liberal scale as in the wants of much Service, or being sickly, or obliged to

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to form field Hospitals. You can easily judge the difficulties we have to encounter — as we have a field apothecary. whatever is sent can be now arranged and taken care of. Surgeons of Native Corps. ought certainly to be allowed a proportion of Wine. and Country Medicines in situations like this, altho' hitherto very healthy, we cannot expect a continuance of it if long in the Field. when the next supply of Wines. and Country Medicines &c. are forwarded. some useful Europe ones might be added by a separate Indent such as Bark. Salts, Specacuan. Jalap. and perhaps Cloathing for 50 or 100 — Europeans. — It might also be of infinite use to us. to send two or three Subsistants. one of those with careful looking after. would be of more use than half a Dozen Griffins. I could now suggest many things from experience but they are as yet so badly arranged for want of time. that I say no more at present all — this I suggest. Knowing Your Interest with

those

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those whose humanity and power are proportiones
to all our wants. It is no common Service this,
and altho' our Medical demands may seem great
they might with propriety be extended further.
Were are now I believe in some part of the un-
= explored tracts, and getting far north, but
our movements must be well known to some
who can inform You: The Surgeon of the 74th left
us long ago, and I can get no Letters from Kenne-
= dy - at least for 15 days past otherwise should
now send you the Effective Strength, for the month
= of You mention. Favor me with an acknow-
= ledgement of the Receipt of this, and get supplies
ready for us. Those You dispatched are somewhere
between us and Hydrabad - but we do not expect
to see them for a month to come.

Very sincerely Yours /
/ Signed / Pat Gilmour

Camp
20 November 1803

To Alex.r Boswell Esq.r
Madras

/ A True Copy /
/ Signed / Alex.r Boswell
Asst. Surg.n

/ True Copy /
/ Signed / Wm. Hardiman
Sub. Mr. B.

To

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To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board, to return the private Communication conveyed to them by You, in Your Letter dated the 8th Instant; and to express their surprize at Your adopting so irregular a mode of calling their attention, while there did not appear to exist, any exigency of Service to sanction it.—

Had the Staff Surgeon to Honorable Major General Wellesley's part of the Army actually been in want of Medical Supplies for the Troops, from this Presidency, the Board cannot doubt, but he would at once have forwarded his application Officially to them, through the regular channel, the opportunities, for which he must know, are as open publickly to them, as privately to any individual.—

It is the opinion of the Board

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Board, however, that the supplies expected to reach Camp from Bombay, and those on their way from this place via Hydrabad, will be sufficient, effectually to relieve the wants of the Detachment. But should it prove otherwise, the intimation you have now given, can only tend to oblige the Medical Board, in fulfilling their public trust, to represent Mr. Gilmour, and to report him to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and to Government, for a remissness in a very essential part of his duty.—

Fort St George
Medical Board Office
10th December 1803

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy Med. Board.—

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Alexr. Boswell
Asst. Storekeeper

(True Copy)

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy Medl Board.—

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My Dear Boswell

I wrote you yesterday regard-
-ing another three Months supply of Wines,
Country Medicines &c. for both Detachments
and our wish they might be forwarded as soon
as convenient a large Indent for Europe —
Medicines is gone to Bombay, but I suggested
your also helping us out with Bark, Salts,
Spruce: Ointments, plaster &c. and if possible,
a Sub-assistant or two. I have severely felt the
want of Active Medical Servants - all the pray
and persuation I could advance I have never
been able to get one to join me from Madras,
or Bombay: some people of this description,
are said to be on their way, but the opportu-
-nity of joining us appears very distant, as
we are daily advancing to the Northward —
This is Serious and active contest, and its —
termination or extent very uncertain we —
ought to have more Medical Men, especially
Young hands for want of Assistance in writing
Compounding

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Compounding Medicines &c. I can just get thro' the more active duties of the day after a march, nor do I know how to make up or forward my sick returns for the last two Months, with every wish for your welfare I remain. —

Camp
21st November 1803

Yours sincerely
(Signed) Jas Gilmour

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Alex. Boswell
Medical Storekeeper
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Sen. Medical Board

My Dear Boswell

I enclose You the states of the 74th for the Months You want — I wrote You some days ago about sending us a three Months supply in addition to what is already on the roll. this may appear a great quantity considering — You have already forwarded a Six Months Stock, but the great breakage in the Bombay Package will make us break in immediately on what

You

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You sent us — and the prospect of more active Services will make our wants multiply Bark. We are in great distress for an Account of numerous Fevers — if possible forward an immediate Supply of that, with opium and Salts — As Bombay must be nearly exhausted. Kennedy Writes fevers rage, and they have no Bark left — We have none to send them. This is a most distressing Circumstance — We shall send regular Indents afterwards for any thing You may now forward, excuse haste from yours Sincerely: —

27th November 1803 (Signed) Jas. Gilmour

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Alex.r Boswell

Medical Store Keeper

(True Copy)

(Signed) Wm. Harsman

Sen.r Medical Boat.r

To

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To His Excellency

Lieutenant General Stuart

Commander in Chief of the Forces

&c. &c. &c. Fort St George

Sir,

Being thrown into a state of much embarrassment, in consequence of the Medical Board having disapproved and censured my conduct, for transmitting to them an important communication which under any Circumstances I should have considered it unwarrantable and culpable in me to withhold; a due regard for my public situation and a thorough conviction of having chosen the only alternative that could tend to relieve an emergency of Service, impel me to submit the Correspondence to Your Excellency, and respectfully to call for those instructions and support which my immediate Superiors have thought proper to deny me. —

In this appeal I wish it to be understood

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understood that I am actuated by motives very different from disrespect, or a want of due deference, for the decision of the Medical Board, nor is it my intention to arrogate to myself more zeal or consideration for the welfare of the Service, than those in more responsible situations, when I state that the grounds on which I have taken the liberty to press this Subject forward, to your notice are the following.-

First. That from my own experience of situations similar to that in which Mr. Gelwood is placed, the most regular and Systematic public Officer would find himself on many occasions, under the necessity of dispensing with Forms for the sake of Activity. In the present instance the Staff Surgeon could have no reason for supposing that a Regular Indent was requisite, the last supplies having been furnished as is frequently done to distant Stations when the communication

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communication is interrupted or uncertain —
according to the latest returns of the Troops received
at the Office of the Adjutant General: and in
all matters regarding Supplies it has never been
considered unusual or irregular to make this
Office the Channel of Communications to the
Medical Board. —

2nd. The experience I have had
both in furnishing and receiving supplies on
Field Service, dictating that in case of a reference
to Mr. Gilmour the only alternative now left,
and which would embrace a period of five or
Six weeks - the Detachment in the event of
extraordinary Sickness, or other Casualties of Service
tending to exhaust their supplies sooner than expected,
might be exposed to very serious inconvenience.

3rd. That with the exception of the
address of the Letter in question and to which
Circumstance I solely alluded when I stated to
the Board, that it was in part private - there is
not a sentence in it but what is of a Public
nature

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nature, requiring immediate notice and in the General tenor involving details of Medical import connected with my Department.

In further justification of the necessity of the appeal, and likewise of Mr. Gilmours manner of application not being more formal - I have the honor to lay before Your Excellency two subsequent Letters from him on the same subject, and beg leave to call your attention, to the difficulty he has stated of Collecting the effective Strength of the Corps, without which in the first instance, he could make no regular Indent also to the solicitude he has evinced that Supplies should be sent for the use of the Detachment, and lastly to his desire that I should acknowledge the Receipt of his first Letter, neither of which have I the power of doing in a Satisfactory manner, while involved in my present

difficulty

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difficulty.—

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5th December 1803

I have the honor to remain
&c &c

(Signed) Alexr Boswell
Medical Storekeeper

(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm Horsman
Secretary Medical Board.

To James Anderson Esqr
Physician General, and Members of the
Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

I request you will be pleased to forward the accompanying Letter and Correspondence to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be &c

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December 1804

(Signed) Alexr Boswell
Medical Storekeeper

(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm Horsman
Secretary Medl Board.

To

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To the Secretary to the Medical Board.

Sir,

Since the appointment of Field Superintending Surgeon has been done away, I have to request the favor of your laying before the Members of the Medical Board the anxiety I feel at being so late in transmitting the Journals and Returns, of Sick of this Division of the Army, for the last two Months.—

The wounded after the battle of Assaye, required Several Days constant exertion from every Medical man the Subsequent establishment of a Field Hospital 30 Miles distant, our constant marching ever since, and the Sudden Removal of Medical Men from Corps &c. rendered accuracy of Returns or writing the Journals for September almost impossible.—Corps detached and frequent want of communication for a length of time, made it long before returns or reports could be received—sending into Field Hospitals

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Hospitals my most useful Servants has given much additional duty, particularly in preparing and compounding Medicines &c. — These and other Reasons will I trust appear satisfactory on account-ing for the delay of sending in General Returns of Sick for September and October, but which shall be transmitted as soon as all are nearly renewed. Journals and Registers shall be forwarded as favorable opportunities offer.

I have also to request that information of what is expected of me, or if I should observe any form in the General Return of the Sick Monthly, or how far I can extend indulgence to those who have an extensive charge or be otherwise prevented from writing Copies of their Journals &c. —

I have to report the Troops in general healthy, and the care, humanity and Skill of most of our Medical Men, thro the whole of this Service considering our situation and the desperate action of the 23rd September

we

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We got our waunded and sick as comfortably situated in a Field Hospital, as could well be expected.—

As the duties of Staff Surgeon here are extensive, should the Board recommend a Subassistant or two to be sent up to this army they would be of great Service, as the number of public and private followers, who require our assistance, are great and have constantly been attended.—

I rely with confidence on the indulgence and advice of the Board, and shall endeavour to get into more regularity as to Returns &c. in future.—

I have the honor to be

Camp
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(Signed) Jas. Gilmour
Staff Surgeon Genl's Military's Army

(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Sec'y Medical Board

Extracts

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Extracts of a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department to the Medical Board dated 8th March 1802. –

Para 1st "I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to transmit to you the enclosed Extracts of a Letter, from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 26th August 1801."

6 "The Governor in Council desires, that the Medical Board will furnish a particular explanation of the cause which has occasioned the increase of Medical expenditure, noticed by the Honorable Court of Directors, and I am directed to point out to your attention, the observations of the Honorable Court, in regard to the embezzlement of Stores by the Servants of the late Medical Store-Keeper."

(True Extract)
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy Medl Board.

Extracts

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Extracts of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors. Dated 26th August 1801.

Para 127 "We think it necessary to call your attention, to the enormous expenditure of Europe Medicines and Medical Stores, as Stated on the Proceedings of the Medical Board."

128 "Altho some part of the encreasing expense above stated, may be attributed to the augmentation of your Army, and to the Medicines furnished to the Settlements of Ceylon &c.; yet, it appears to us, that a Sufficient check has been wanting in this point, and we apprehend that the Medical Stores have been issued to persons, not entitled to benefit thereby, at the Company's expense."

129 We observe also, by the Proceedings of the Medical Board under date of the 29th October 1799; that some of the Servants to the Medical Store Keeper had been guilty

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guilty of Embezzling the Stores; and that from the insecurity of the Godowns, the Medical Board were prevented holding the Storekeeper responsible for these embezzlements.—

130 All these Circumstances shew that due attention has not been given to the care, and Disbursement of the Medical Stores; and, you will therefore inculcate on the Medical Board, the absolute necessity of a Vigilant and Constant control, over this Department submitted to their Superintendence.—

(True Extracts)
(Signed) G Buchan
Sec.t to Government

(True Copy)
(Signed) W.m Horsman
Sec.y Medical Board.

Extracts from the General Orders by Government. Dated 5th January 1803.—

28th "The Medical Board will

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continue to check the Indents and Superintend the expenditure of Medicines and Medical Stores, to the full extent of their present powers, over that Branch of the Medical System; to the performance of which duty, the present — alterations in the regulations of the Medical Service, will give additional facility."—

35th "The Medical Store Keeper at the Presidency, shall have at all times in readiness, at such advanced Station or Stations, as the Commander in Chief may direct, a — Stock of Country and Bazar Medicines, equal to the probable consumption of three months, for the Number of European Troops in the Field, for the purpose of supplying the Regi- = mental Surgeons, with such Articles on — Indent, as before regulated.—

True Extracts

(Signed) Wm Hosmair

Sec.y Medical Board.—

Medical

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"every three Months."—

3 Genuine as the—
grounds appear, on which they
are hereby supported, the—
Medical Board cannot help
again expressing to the Right
Honorable the Governor in
Council, how deeply they—
lament the necessity they have
been placed under, of adopt-
-ing a measure that would
seem, not entirely to accord
with such as the Commander
in Chief would wish them
to pursue.—

4 And in Regard
to the Subject of the
-dence, which Lately passed
between the Medical Board
and the Medical Storekeeper,
it is a painful consideration
with

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with them, that circumstances
should have occurred, to lead
them into an opinion at all
differing from that, which
His Excellency entertains.—

5 That it is the indis-
=pensable duty of a Subordinate
Officer in charge of a Depart-
=ment, to Submit to the
Consideration of his Superiors,
any information of an authen=
=tic, important, and emergent
nature, the Medical Board
presume is fully Acknowledgd
and laid down in Paragraph
4: of their Proceedings accom=
=panying dated the 23rd
Ultimo.—

6 And if it was
upon this principle, that the
Medical Store Keeper forwarded

to

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to the Medical Board, the
Letter in which he received
from Mr Gilmour Dated
the 20th November, they
can with equal truth assure
the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council, that
they from the same impres-
sion, gave it a serious and
full deliberation, and if
it had only appeared ques-
tionable as a private
Communication when a
public one could as easily
have been made out and
Conveyed, that irregularity
would probably have been
over-looked by them.

The Motives of
the Medical Board for re-
turning

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returning to the Medical
Storekeeper the Letter from
Mr. Gilmour of the 20th
November, will appear by
their Secretarys Letter in reply
to the Medical Storekeeper
and dated the 10th Ultimo,
to have been from there —
not appearing to exist, any
Exigency of Service, to sanction
that irregular mode of —
calling their attention, —
(thereby fully implying,
that every exigency of Service,
would be readily attended
to by them, in whatever —
form the expediency of it
came to their Knowledge)
and from its being the —
opinion of the Medical
Board, that the Supplies
expected

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expected to reach Comp from
Bombay, and those on their
way from this place via
Hydrabad would be suffici-
=ent effectually to relieve
the wants of the Detach-
=ment.—

8 The justice of the
motives which in this instance
influenced the Medical
Board, as a public regulating
and controlling body, is
therefore next to be enquired
into and with that View
the Medical Board, would
anxiously beg the attention
of Government, to the
Letter in question; in which
Mr. Gilmour states, that
he had that day sent a "gener-
=al Indent for Europe
Medicines

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Medicines to Bombay - and that the Supplies dispatched by the Medical Store Keeper here, were somewhere between Hydrabad and Camp; but that they did not expect to See them for a Month to come. So that independent of the expected Supply from Bombay, the Divisions of the Army in advance, were by Mr. Gilmours own Calculation and Acknowledgement, to be in posession of Wines, Country Medicines &c. for Six Months from the 20th. of December, and all these, without appearing to have been at all deficient, when he wrote that Letter. To which last Consideration

* 6 Months - 17th. Sept.

private

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Bombay, and those on their
way from this place Via
Hydrabad would be insuffi-
=ent effectually to relieve
the wants of the Detach-
=ment.—

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therefore next to be enquired
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anxiously beg the attention
of Government, to the
Letter in question; in which
Mr. Gilmour states, that
he had that day sent a "gener-
=ral Indent" for European
Medicines

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that the Supplies dispatched
by* the Medical Store Keeper
here, were somewhere between
Hydrabad and Camp, but
that they did not expect to
see them for a Month to come -
So that independent of the
expected Supply from Bombay,
the Divisions of the Army
in advance, were by Mr.
Gilmours own calculation
and Acknowledgement, to
be in possession of Wines,
Country Medicines &c.a for
Six Months from the 20.th
of December, and all -
these, without appearing to
have been at all deficient -
when he wrote that Letter.
To which last Consideration

private

* 6 Months - 17.th Sept.

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private Letters in regular
Correspondence from Mr Staff
Surgeon Kennedy. to the
Secretary of this Board, up
to the 30th of November, in
which no want of Wines or
Country Medicines is —
expressed would give a further
evidence, and one much to
be regarded Mr. Kennedy —
being Mr. Gilmours Senior.
employed on the same Service.
and a Gentleman who. in
all that concerns. his profes-
sional duties. is well Known
to be able. prompt. Zealous.
active and regular. —

9 From these Circum-
stances it did not appear
to the Medical Board. that
it was at all necessary to
involve

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involve the Company in any additional expense, by acting immediately on Mr Gilmours private Letter to Mr Boswell, Dated the 20th November, or that the public Service was — likely to sustain the smallest inconvenience by any time it might necessarily have taken, to remind Mr Gilmour of the Regular Channel of — making his public applications, was the period of five, or even Six Weeks to have been exceed- -ed, by such a regard to the good Order, and economy of the Service. —

10 And the Medical Store Keeper being well informed as he was, of the expected Supply of European Medicines

to

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to General Wellesleys Division
of the Army, from Bombay,
and of the Six Months Stock
of Wines, Country Medicines
&c. which he himself despat-
ched, so late as the 17th of
September — The Medical
Board judged that they could
not do less, than express their
Surprize at his forwarding to
them, under an Official Cover
from himself, the letter of the
20th November from Mr.
Gilmour; nor do they conceive
it possible that they could
Consistently with a due regard
to the Orders of the Honorable
Court of Directors, furnish
them by Government as their
guide, and to Paragraph 35th
of the existing Field Regulations

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(in which Government sanction only a three months supply of Country and Bazar — Medicines, to advanced Stations) have presumed, on their own authority to act otherwise than as they did. —

11 Thus much the Medical Board have been induced to state relative to the propriety of their declining to sanction on the information afforded by Mr. Gilmours private Letter of the 20th — November only Supplies of Wines, Country Medicines, &c. much beyond what are authorized by Government, or that any emergency of Service seemed to them to require. —

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12 In proceeding how-
=ever to the Consideration of Mr.
Gilmours third private letter
to Mr. Boswell dated the 27th
November, it will appear that,
a further aid of Wines, and
Country Medicines in addi-
=tion to the ample supplies
above stated, had actually been
received from Bombay, by
the Staff Surgeon to Major
General Wellesleys Division,
(a fact since confirmed by the
Letter of the same date, from
the Honorable Major General
to the Secretary to the Govern-
=ment of Bombay, trans-
=mitted by the Right
Honorable the Governor in
Council to this Board, with
the Account thereof, amount-
ing

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Amounting to Rupees 3020.—

13 And this the Medical Board are led to consider as a further proof, that the Army in advance, was not likely to be so soon in want of Medical Supplies, as represented by Mr. Gilmour, and as supported by Mr. Boswell; and contributes to place the conduct of the Medical Storekeeper in proceeding forward in so unprecedented a manner to the Commander in Chief, the three private Letters of Mr. Gilmour, under cover of his own remonstrance, against the Medical Board, in a still more extraordinary point of View, and especially in the very

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very delicate situation which
he stood, as the person gain-
-ing considerably in emolu-
-ment by the issues of the
Honorable Companys Mines,
Country Medicines &c.—

14 The Medical
Storekeeper in Paragraph 3d.
of his Representation to
the Commander in Chief
appears to have been at par-
-ticular pains to explain
to His Excellency, that the
contents of the first private
Letter from Mr. Gilmour
to him, were exclusively
of a "Public nature" and
involving details altogether
of "Medical import:—

15 The Medical
Board fully acknowledge
that

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that on perusal they were instantly struck with such being the contents, not only of the first, but also of the two Subsequent Letters from Mr. Gilmour, and had they not been influenced by a Strict attention to the efficiency of their public Department, as their most immediate duty, and by motives of Lenity towards the Medical Storekeeper, (as expressed in their Proceedings Dated the 23d Ult.mo) they would on that point simply, have taken the liberty of soliciting the attention of Government, at the earliest moment.

16 Had any occasion

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of approaching deficiency of Medical Supplies, been casually mentioned in any private Correspondence on other subjects from the Divisions of the Army in advance - and had the Paragraph stating such threatening deficiency, been forwarded to the Medical Board, at any time when their other communications might, from the Occurrences in War, have been intercepted or lost, Nothing more would have been required to satisfy the minds of the Medical Board, that it was the belief of the Writer, as well as of the forwarder of the Paragraph, that the public Service was likely to suffer, if Supplies were not immediately

immediately dispatched; and
would have at once demanded
and ensured, their utmost
exertions for its most speedy
and effectual succour.—

17 In the present
Series of private Letters how-
-ever, from the Staff Surgeon
of General Wellesleys Divi-
-sion to the Medical —
StoreKeeper; which apply-
-ing with a confidence
of Success, for Subassistant
Surgeons, Cloathing &c.
not at all connected with
the Medical Store Branch
of the Department, and
treating solely on the Subject
of the general and impor-
-tant duties, which the
Medical Board have ever

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been thought to consider, as
their peculiar Province to Regu-
-late, they have not been able;
however well disposed, to
observe any thing on the part
of the Staff Surgeon of General
Wellesleys Division, but the
strongest marks of Neglect
of duty, and disrespect towards
them, though he seemed to
think that it was necessary, to
keep up the Form of explana-
-tions and apologies to the
Medical Board, which is all
they have yet had.—

18 But when they
afterwards saw the Letters
of private Letters, on the
unfounded plea of Public
expediency, confidently prefer
on beyond their acknowledged
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and enjoined control, by another
Subordinate Servant of their
Department, to whom these
Letters were addressed, the
Medical Board, are led to
trace this cause of neglect of
duty, and disrespect to a deeper
Source, and to apprehend that
they cannot, in their public
Capacity, view the correspondence
in any other light, than that
of having been Systematically
Arranged with the design of
Subverting their constituted
authority, and of setting
a-side every System established
for duly regulating the issue
and expense of the Honble
Companys Medical Stores,
and thereby tending to open
that Field for collusion,

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and a Buser, which in the
Orders of the Honorable the
Court of Directors, and of
Government, it is laid down
as the first principle of
their duty, to check.—

19 Under these
Circumstances and entertain-
-ing, as they do collectively
and individually the high-
-est sense of General
Wellesleys liberal and
distinguished character, it
is a matter of sincere regret
to the Medical Board, that
the Honorable Generals name,
should in the pursuance
of their public duty, have
been produced to them from
any authority, or in any
form that would prevent
them

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them praying to it, that a ready and respectful Attention which they consider it so fully entitled to.—

20 In regard to the Medical Board having with held for 10 Days the second and third Letters from Mr. Gilmour pressing the immediate dispatch of Medicine, the Board willingly allow that, professing a high sense of their duty, they judged it prudent to act deliberately on charges of so new and extraordinary a Nature, as those preferred against them, by the Medical Storekeeper, to the Commander in Chief— But they trust that it will appear to the

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Honorable Board by No 12
accompanying, that even on
that Crisis, the Medical
Board were fully alive to
the apparent real wants of the
Service; and that by the prompt
& ... mode which they took
of Ordering the Bark, Opium
and Salts to be forwarded
from the Stores at Masuli-
-patam, effectual relief
was likely to be given, much
more speedily, than if those
Articles had, after the
earliest Reference, been dis-
-patched from this Presi-
-dency.—

21 That the Orders
of the late Government, place
the Military Medical
Department, under the
authority

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authority of the Commander in Chief, the Medical Board admit. But in considering the Medical Department at large, it will readily appear, that a great deal is therein included, which is totally unconnected with the Military Line; and to which, Military law they humbly conceive, cannot have any Reference.

22 The Medical Department to its full extent, under the Superintendence of the Medical Board, comprehends not only the Military, but also, the whole of the Civil Service of the Honorable Company; besides many collateral Branches;

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among which, and not the
least important is, that of
the General Medical Stores.
which have ever been under
the sole, and entire direction
of Government; and on the
Subject of which, as well
as that of many others. —
Government have uniformly
maintained a direct, comma-
-nication in the general line
of the Medical Service, with
the Medical Board, as one
of its integral Departments,
nor is there any instance
whatever, in which an-
Order from Government,
has ever been transmitted
to the Medical Board, but
through the Chief Secretary,
or one of the other Secretaries

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to Government.

23rd In this view of the case, the Medical Board, with the utmost deference and submission to the Commander in Chief, cannot conceive themselves more subject to the operations of Military law, than any other Collective Board, or Department of Government, in the general line — Neither do they suppose, that any Surgeon or Assistant Surgeons, unless attached in his duties, to some Military Situation, would be considered amenable to the Articles of War.

24 As the Medical Storekeeper therefore, in his branch of the Medical Department

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Department is not confined
to the charge of the Medicines
and Medical Stores for the
Military Service of this
Establishment only; but
intrusted with all those
Requisite to answer the de-
-mands of the many other
Situations for which they
are so frequently called the
Medical Board could not
be aware of the necessity or
propriety of Attempting
to bring the Medical Store-
-Keeper to a General Court
Martial. The moderation
which they wished to pur-
dictated the mode of proced-
-ing against that Gentleman
for his late irregularities
and misconduct towards
them

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them, but such as had on all former occasions been Adopted, and to the impartial determination of Government, as their immediate Superiors in the general point of View. the Medical Board humbly submitted their representation.

25 The Medical Board have suffered extreme uneasiness, on finding that their mode of forwarding the Medical Storekeepers Letter, should have given the Commander in Chief the smallest Reason to be dissatisfied with them; disrespect to His Excellency's Authority, in any Shape, was certainly the most distant from their Minds; a just sense of their duty, and of

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propriety. they hope will
ever direct them in a Mow.
becoming, and Honorable
Course; and they confidently
trust, that the Commander in
Chief will still entertain
a more favorable opinion
of their intentions. if his
Excellency will be pleased
to consider, that there was
nothing differing from the
Customary address, in the
Proceedings of the Medical
Board dated the 23rd Ultimo
which being open to the
animadversions of the
Commander in Chief, and
to such objection and dis-
= approval, as upon His
Excellencys Statement they
might be found liable to
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in Council; it did not occur to the Medical Board, that any other Remarks, on the Medical Store Keepers Representation, would be at all expected or necessary from them. —

26 The Medical Board have now only to express the concern they experience in having been thus led to obtrude so long an address on the time, and attention of Government, in which they have been influenced by no consideration whatever, but that of an ardent desire to evince their strict regard to the existing Orders, and Regulations; and to manifest

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Their earnest solicitude
to be favored with any
others, that the Honorable
Board may be pleased to
think necessary, towards
explaining and defining
the exact situations of and
the particular functions to
be performed by the Medi-
= cal Board. The Comman-
in Chief, and the Medical
Board, seeming to inter-
= pret them so very diffe-
= rently.—

27 In the course of
18 Years that the Medical
Board has been establish-
it is their happiness to
reflect, that their conduct
has in many instances met
with the warmest approbation
of

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of Government, and of the Honorable the Court of Directors, and it is only within these last two years, that they were honored with the distinguished mark of the Honorable Courts sense of their Services, by an aug- = mentation of their Salaries.

28 A disinterested attention to the efficiency of their Department, has ever guided the present — Members of the Medical Board; and having served the Honorable Company, not only with unimpeached Characters, but with Zeal and Readiness, Severally 43. 37 and 32 Years, they would anxiously have hoped

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hopes, in the willing and
cheerful prosecution of their
further duties, that their
feelings would not have been
unnecessarily wounded, by
any Language allied to
Military Severity.

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" Terence Gahagan
and 2nd Member Med. Board
" Nicol Mein
3rd Member Med. Board.

To the Secretary of the Medical Board

Sir,

I am directed to communicate
to you for the information of the Medical Board,
the Sentiments of the Commander in Chief regard-
ing the representation made to His Excellency
by the Medical Storekeeper on the 15th of
December.

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The Commander in Chief is concerned that he is obliged to differ in opinion from the Medical Board, on the subject of the Correspondence, which has passed between that Board and the Medical Store Keeper, and of the observations which they have judged it proper to address to Government Relative to that Officer's conduct.—

It is the indispensable duty of a Subordinate Officer in charge of a Department to submit to the consideration of his Superiors any information of an authentic, and important discription, communicated to him, which he may deem essential to the due execution of the Service entrusted to his conduct; and the obligations for the prompt performance of that duty are augmented, if the information, should be Received from a Regular Officer in his Own particular Line, or if it should appear to be of an emergent Nature, and necessary to be immediately Acted upon for

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the good of the Service. On this acknowledged principle, it was the indispensable duty of the Medical Storekeeper, to submit without any delay to his immediate Superiors the Letter under date the 20th of November, which he had received from Mr. Gilmour Sta. Ff Surgeon to the Army in advance. — Nor are the obligations of that duty affected by the Circumstance of the address of Mr. Gilmours Letter, being of a private form, because the contents of that Letter were exclusively of a public Nature. the information which it conveyed was highly important to the efficiency of the Medical Department with the Army in Advance. and the evidence of every part of the Letter demonstrates the belief of its Writer, that it was a Sufficiently authentic communication, to be acted upon at the Presidency. Mr. Gilmour states that the peculiar nature of the Service on which the Army was employed, rendered enlarged Supplies of Medicines

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Medicines requisite; that the same circumstance prevented the regular transmission of Official Papers, that the supplies expected to arrive were insufficient; and that he was desired by Major General Wellesley, to write for more. The Commander in Chiefs opinion regarding the Conduct of Mr. Gilmour in adopting that mode of communicating information of his wants will be explained hereafter; but the point in discussion at present refers to the Conduct of the Medical Storekeeper. — It may be asked what Course of proceeding was proper to be followed by the Latter Officer on Receiving the letter of the 20th November from Mr. Gilmour. — If he suppressed that communication, he would be guilty of a serious — offence in concealing highly important — information, if he returned the letter to Mr. Gilmour in Order that the form of its address might be changed, a delay of 5 Weeks would ensue before he could receive a Reply. — He

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adopted that line of conduct which was prescribed by his duty, and by a due estimation of the Nature of the Service in which the Troops were engaged. — He submitted the letter to his immediate Superiors, apologizing for the form of its address, and soliciting with much deference to the authority of the Medical Board, such instructions as they might be pleased to communicate to him on the occasion — The Medical Storekeeper received a pointed censure from that Board, for his conduct in the foregoing instance, and he received about the same time two other Letters in the same form of address, from the Staff Surgeon with the Army in advance, representing with much force the distress which was actually experienced in consequence of the want of certain Medicines and the prevalence of Numerous fevers, and pressing in urgent terms the immediate dispatch of a further supply of Medicine. —

It is the undeniable right of every

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every Officer in the British Service, to represent through the proper channel, to the head of the line in which he serves, a grievance or an injury which he may suppose himself to have suffered from any intermediate authority.- The Medical Store Keeper appears to have considered himself aggrieved by the censure passed on his conduct by the Medical Board for the performance of an act of duty, he was therefore justified according to the rules of the Service in appealing to the judgement of the Commander in Chief, the constituted head of the Medical Department. It has already been stated that it is the duty of an Officer conducting a Department to submit to his Superiors any authentic and important information which he may receive on the subject of his particular charge. — The — Medical Store Keeper received two authentic and important Communications from the Staff Surgeon with the Army in Advance,

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containing information of an Urgent nature.
He was precluded from submitting those letters
to the Medical Board by the censure which he
had just received for submitting to them a letter
of a similar discription; he could not consistent-
ly with a sense of public duty suppress them
he therefore adopted the only alternative
remaining of bringing them under the notice
of his Superiors without Violating the rules of
the Service. and forwarded them to the Head of
the Medical Department through the Medi-
cal Board. — The information contained in
those papers was of a nature which induced the
Commander in Chief to Order that the Medical
Board should dispatch without delay, a sup-
ply of Medicines for three months to the
Armies in advance. — This Review of the con-
of the Medical Storekeeper produces in the
judgement of the Commander in Chief, the
evident conclusion that he acted throughout
the whole proceeding in strict conformity to
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the principles of his duty and to the rules of the Service.—

An examination of the consid-
-erations which induced the Medical Board,
to convey a censure to the Medical Storekeeper,
in reply to his letter of the 6th of December, is
not necessary to the purpose of the present letter,
but the Commander in Chief is concerned that
the Medical Board, on receiving a Communi-
-cation from the Staff Surgeon of the Army in
advance, stating under the sanction of Major
General Wellesleys name, the necessity of dispatch-
-ing farther supplies of Medicine, had not
employed means to ascertain the justness of
that Statement, or had not requested from the
Commander in Chief, information regarding the
expediency of forwarding those supplies.— The
Medical Board professes no means of judging
of the peculiar nature of the Service on which
the Armies in advance are employed, further
than that they must be aware of its being remote,

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active, arduous, and of its requiring extraordi-
-nary supplies; it is therefore a subject of
regret that the Medical Board should have
rejected at once the information which was
offered to them in an authentic although not
strictly official, form by the Officer in
charge of the Medical Department of that
Army, without adopting previous measures
to ascertain whether that information was
just. After receiving the second and third letters
from Dr. Gilmour, pressing the immediate
dispatch of Medicine, the Medical Board,
without the transmission of them to the
Commander in Chief for 10 Days; and when
they transmit them, suggest no means of relie-
-ving the evident wants thus brought within
their Knowledge, but at the same time forward
Copies of the same letters to Government, with
a long address censuring the Medical Storekeeper
for conduct which must appear on a just
examination of the Subject, to be entirely

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consistent with a Zealous discharge of his duty.—

The Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors, constituting the Commander in Chief the head of the Medical Board, the Orders of this Government placing the whole of the Medical Department under the special controul of the Commander in Chief, the acknowledged subjection of that Department to the operations of Military law, establish the principle, that all questions of conduct of Military duty, and of discipline should be referred to the Commander in Chief, to whose authority it belongs to take cognizance of those questions, to submit them to the consideration of Government, if that measure should appear to him necessary, or to assemble a General Court Martial for their investigation. Pursuant to this principle the representation of the Medical Storekeeper, which related to a point of Military duty, and was specially addressed

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to the Commander in Chief, should have been exclusively referred to his consideration by the Medical Board: but the Board forward that representation to His Excellency without any Remark whatever, and at the same time forward the same representation to Government accompanied by their detailed observations. — The evident disrespect of this proceeding to the Authority of the Commander in Chief, and its direct tendency to relax the efficacy of the regulations established for the Government of the Medical Department, under his controul, demand his particular disapprobations. —

The Commander in Chief would however wave this Consideration, and Submit the Proceedings of the Medical Board to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, if they Contained matter in any respect deserving the deliberation of Government. — The Commander in Chiefs opinion regarding the imputed mis-conduct of the Medical Storekeeper, which

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forms the foundation of the observations detailed in those Proceedings has been already exposed, but if that misconduct even appeared to be real, it relates to a point of duty of too unimportant a nature, and too inconsistent with the dignified conduct of Public business to be obtruded upon the attention of Government — The Commander in Chief therefore returns the Proceedings of the Medical Board, under date the 23rd of December; and he desires, if the Board should retain the opinion which they have advanced, regarding the present misconduct, and the repeated irregularities of the Medical Storekeeper, that they will prefer specific charges against that Officer, in Order that he may be brought to trial before a General Court Martial. —

The Commander in Chief entirely agrees in opinion with the Medical Board, regarding the impropriety of the conduct of the Staff Surgeon with the Army in advancing in addressing in a private form to the Medical Storekeeper

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Storekeeper important observations regarding the Department under his charge, instead of Officially communicating them to the Medical Board: The Commander in Chief has accordingly directed Major General Wellesley to convey to that Officer His Excellency's particular disapprobation of his conduct in that instance and His Excellency requests the Medical Board to be assured that he considers it a duty incumbent to afford every practicable degree of support to the just authority and measures of that Board.—

The Regulation to which the Medical Board object forms a part of the Field Regulations, and appears to be necessary to enable the Commander in Chief to advance the necessary Supplies of Medicines without the delay of referring to various authorities at the Presidency.— The Commander in Chief will however Submit to Government with much pleasure

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pleasure, the opinions of the Medical Board, on this point, which relates to a subject of general Arrangement, if the Medical Board will insert it in their proceedings unconnected with points of duty of conduct, and of discipline.—

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
11th January 1804—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Munro Sec.y
(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Sec.y Med.l Board.—

To the Superintending Surgeon
Northern Division

Sir,

I am Ordered by the Medical Board, to desire that You will immediately on receipt of this Letter, direct the Deputy Medical Storekeeper at Masulipatam, to dispatch, addressed equally to the Staff — Surgeon of General Wellesley's detachment, and the Staff Surgeon to His Highness the Nizam

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Nizams Subsidiary force such quantities of Peruvian Bark, purging Salts, and opium as can be spared from the Stores of the Northern Division, until suitable quantities of these Articles, can be conveyed to You from this Presidency, for which immediate instructions will be given to the Medical Storekeeper.

I am directed also to desire that You will report the same to this Board as soon as the Medicines are dispatched from Masulipatam.

Fort St. George
Medl. Board Office
17th December 1803

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy. Medl. Board.

(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy. Medl. Board.

Extract of a Letter from the Deputy Medical Storekeeper to the Superintending Surgeon Northern Division dated 25th December 1803.

Agreeably to Your Orders of

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of this day I have dispatched for the Staff —
Surgeons with the Forces under General Wellesley
and Colonel Stevensons, the following Medicines —

Cort. Peruv. pulv. ℔ 80.
Sal. Cathart. Amar. ℔ 20.
" Glauber — ℔ 20.
Opium ——— ℔ 4

A true Extract
(Signed) Alex.r Watson
Super.nt Surgeon N.D

(True Copy):
(Signed) W.m Horsman
Sec.y Med.l Board —

To the Secretary to His Excellency
The Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical
Board, to state to you for the information
of His Excellency the Commander in Chief,
that they perused with attention your letter to
me dated the 11.th Ultimo; and in Reply —

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to it, to say now, that they were far from wishing to offer, in their Proceedings of the 23rd December any thing of an unfavorable tendency, towards the Medical Storekeeper farther than they conceived necessary, in just support of an indispensable duty of their Station, forced upon their Notice, by that Gentleman.

The Commander in Chief,

high disapprobation of the conduct of the Medical Board however, in what they could not help considering altogether incumbent on them — the imputation of disrespect to His Excellency, and to the Honorable Major General Wellesley, expressed in Your Letter above mentioned — together with the Commander in Chief having declined forwarding to Government their Proceedings of the 23rd December, compelled them in their own justification, to draw out on the 30th Ultimo, Additional Proceedings addressed immediately to Government, according to former usage; and against

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which, there is not yet any actual Order. —

The Medical Board Viewing their situation a case of exigency, in which — their public duty collectively, as well as their — private Characters individually, were so materially involved, they deemed it only a justice to their feelings, to present the entire Correspondence — and Proceedings personally to the Right Honble the Governor, which they had the honor to do, also on the 30th Ultimo. —

The Right Honorable the Governor having however, after perusing the — several papers, Signified, in a second personal Communication with the Medical Board, on the 10th Instant, His Lordships desire that, they should take them back, and forward them — through the Channel which, His Lordships in Council had been accustomed to receive them, they readily Complied with that desire — And they have accordingly now directed me to enclose the whole to You, for the purpose of being laid

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before the Commander in Chief, in the hope that His Excellency will be pleased to submit them to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, as well for the reasons stated, as that the Resolutions of Government on their Proceedings have hitherto appeared on the face of all their dispatches to Europe, and without which their Records must appear mutilated.—

Fort St George
Medical Board Office
13th February 1804

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Wm Horsman
Secy Medl Board.

Mr Petrie Records the following Minute.—

Mr Petrie's Minute— His opinion on the Minute recently recorded by the Commander in Chief regarding the Proceedings of the Medical Board.—

After having attentively considered the Minute of the Commander in Chief and the Proceedings of the Medical Board, which have been sent in circulation, I have formed the following opinions.—

That although the communications made to Mr Boswell the Medical Store Keeper at

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at the Presidency by Mr. Gilmour the Surgeon in the Field, were not in an Official Form, yet as the substance was of a Public Nature and represented the immediate necessity of a supply of Medicines for the Troops upon actual Service, I can discover no impropriety whatever in the transmission of this information, although informal by Mr. Boswell to the Medical Board, and consequently I attached no blame to that Officer for his conduct on this occasion.

I think nevertheless that the Vigilant attention of the Medical Board upon this and Various other occasions which have Come to my Knowledge, in their Superintendence of the Medical Stores, is laudable and meritorious, nor does it appear that any injury could accrue to the Public Service from their rejection of Mr. Gilmours informal Communications, as they state that they acted upon the Substance of the information and took

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took necessary precautions for supplying
General Wellesley's Detachment of the Army
with such Medicines as the Troops might be
supposed to be in want of.—

I do not Know that it was necess=
sary for the Medical Board to pass an official
Censure upon Mr. Boswell for the irregularity
of his Communications, or that it was requi=
=site for that Gentleman to complain of
the Censure of his immediate Superiors to the
Commander in Chief. but I apprehend it
cannot be denied that if Mr. Boswell felt
himself injured, he had, according to the
gradations of Authority in the Service, a
right to appeal to the Commander in Chief,
and that upon the same principle the Com=
=mander in Chief, if he thought proper, had
a right to decide upon that appeal.—

I do not discover in the
Papers that I have read that the Commander
in Chief has denied to the Gentlemen of the
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Medical Board's privilege which the constitu-
-tion of the Service gives them, namely the right
of appealing from his decision to the Governor
in Council and even ultimately to the Honble
the Court of Directors, if they should think
themselves aggrieved by the determination of
this Government.—

In any resolution which
may militate against this privilege: I shall
never concur, although I admit that these
appeals should certainly not be made upon
trivial occasions or where the importance of the
Subject does not from public Considerations,
call for the interference of Superior Autho-
-rities.—

I have recorded my opinions
upon the alterations which took place in the
Constitution of the Medical Department
under this Presidency in the Year 1802: but
although my sentiments upon that Subject
have undergone no change since that period,

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there can be no necessity for renewing those discussions at this time. I opposed the alterations but since they were adopted by Government, it became my duty to submit to them and to support the authorities in that Resolution confirmed.

Although the Commander in Chief has in the discharge of his Public duty judged it expedient to record Strong Sentiments of disapprobation of the Conduct of the Medical Board, the propriety of which it is by no means my intention to question, yet I apprehend Government would not be justified in recording a Censure upon that Public Body without affording the Members of the Medical Board an opportunity of replying to, or explaining those parts of their Conduct which appeared the most reprehensible to the Commander in Chief.

With every Sentiment of Public and private respect for the Commander in Chief

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Chief, and to his opinions upon this occasion, I cannot reconcile to my ideas of Justice, a condemnation of a respectable Body of Public Servants without affording them every allowable means of justifying their conduct.—

/Signed/ Wm. Petrie

Madras
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The Board proceed to pass the following Resolutions on the Proceedings of the Medical Board, under date the 23rd of December and 30th of January last.—

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation. Expressing the displeasure of Government at the conduct of the Medical Board in regard to the censure passed by that Board on the Medical Store-Keeper.—

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Government regret that they cannot concur in the justice or propriety of the censure passed by the Medical Board on the Medical Storekeeper for having submitted to that Board an important communication connected with the duties of his Office as it is evident he acted on that occasion from motives of that duty and Zeal and with perfect respect to the Authority of the Medical Board.—

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2 It appears to Government that the conduct of the Medical Store Keeper in addreſsing the Commander in Chief as immediate head of the Medical Department, when he considered himself to be aggrieved by the censure paſsed on his conduct by the Medical Board, and when he was precluded by that censure from bringing under the notice of his Superiors in any other mode, two important Communications received from the Staff Surgeon of Major General Wellesley's Army, was entirely conformable to the rules of the Service and to a Zealous discharge of his public duty.—

3 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council regrets that the Medical Board should have addreſs to Government observations of such length on a point of inferior importance, of a Military nature, and which was Specially referred to the Commander in Chief who was fully competent to

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to decide on it; and the Government still —
farther regret that proceeding as the Conduct
of the Medical Board in thus passing the
Commander in Chief was disrespectful to his
authority, and as their observations were not
required by the state of the case. but proceeded
from an erroneous and sinister construction
of the behaviour of the Medical Store =
= Keeper. —

4 Government perceive farther
cause to regret the conduct of the Medical
Board in not complying with the desire —
communicated to them by the Commander in
Chief to prefer specific charges against the
Medical Storekeeper on the foundation of
their general accusations against that —
Officer. —

5 Government disapprove
in the strongest manner of the proceedings
of the Medical Board of the 30th January
last. and the mode adopted by that Board.

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of bringing them before Government; and desire the Board to be impressed with a full sense of the displeasure of Government at the Mistaken unfounded and dangerous opinions contained in those Proceedings and at the Violation of the established Rules of the Service manifested by their having delivered them personally to the President. — a repetition of such conduct will necessarily call for a more marked and powerful exertion of the displeasure of Government.—

6 Government equally disapprove the Conduct of the Medical Board in including in the Volume of their Records forwarded to the Court of Directors their Proceedings of the 27th December and 30th January last, before the receipt decision of Government on those Proceedings had been communicated to the Board.—

7 Government direct the Medical Board to make a suitable apology to the Commander in Chief. for their disrespect to his authority; and to abstain in future from obtruding

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obtruding upon the attention of Government re-
presentations upon subjects of a Military nature
on which the Commander in Chief is competent
to decide.—

Government direct the Medical
Board to adhere with strictness to the regulations
of the Service, which Order all Communications
from the Board to be given into Government
through the Commander in Chief, and to
consider those Regulations to be applicable to
the records of their Proceedings given in to
Government for transmission to the Court of
Directors.—

9 Government are of Opinion
that it is not necessary to define more
particularly the duties and the Relative
Situation of the Medical Board; their duties
are clearly described in the Regulations of
Government of the 5th January 1803, and
their relative situation has been fixed by
repeated Orders both of the Court of

Directors

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Directors and of Government, which place them
in the superintendance of a Military Department
of the Service under the immediate authority of
the Commander in Chief, and the ultimate auth-
-rity of Government.—

10 The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council considers the Regulation regard-
-ing the forwarding of Medicines, to which the
Medical Board object, to be useful and necessary,
for the purpose of preventing any delay in the
transmission of Medical Supplies to the Armies
in the Field, a delay which experience shews
would be likely to take place if that regulation
were abrogated.

As Mr. Chamier views the
conduct of the Medical Board in a light entirely
different from the Commander in Chief, He
is under the necessity of dissenting to the above
Resolutions, which appear to him to be formed
from the opinions and positions contained
in the Minutes of the Commander in Chief.

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Mr. Chamier Records his intention of delivering in at a future meeting his Sentiments more at large upon this Subject.—

Mr. Petrie Records the following Minute.—

Mr. Petrie's Minute. Stating his dissent from the censure recently passed upon the conduct of the Medical Board.—

Mr. Petrie dissents to the singularly severe Censure passed upon the conduct of the Medical Board, because the Members of that Board have not been heard in their own defence, and also to the whole of the Resolutions except to those parts which exculpate the Medical Storekeeper, because it appears to him that the positions laid down in those Resolutions are inconsistent with the constitution of the Company's Service, and that the conclusions upon which the Censure is founded, are not supported by the Proceedings of the Medical Board or by the other Documents which have been laid before Government.—

Mr. Petrie is sincerely convinced that the age, the former long and

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meritorious services and the present respectable Stations of those Gentlemen have not upon this occasion operated so far in their favor, as to have produced some mitigation of the severe sentence which has been passed upon them, and which to Men of feeling can hardly be less painful or degrading than actual dismission from the Honble Company's Service. —

(Signed) Wm. Petrie

Madras
to
29 May 1804

The Commander in Chief Records the following Minute. —

Minute of the Commander in Chief. —

The death of Captain James Duncan of the 15th Regiment of Native Infantry has been Officially reported to have happened at Noosum on the 22nd Instant. —

In Consequence of this casualty, and of the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Ferguson, I recommend the following Promotions. —

Infantry

Minute of the Commander in Chief Reports the death of Captain Duncan in Consequence of which and of the retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Ferguson he recommends promotion. Recommends that Captain Whittle be appointed Deputy Quarter Master General to the Subsidiary force of — Hyderabad — Submits an application from Major Kirkpatrick for permission to proceed to Europe on sick certificate — Submits also the proceedings of the Medical Board. —

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Infantry

Major William Sheppard from
the 3rd Regiment of Native Infantry to be
Lieutenant Colonel. Vice Ferguson retired
from the Service - date of Rank. 26th May 1804. -

3rd Regiment of Native Infantry

Captain Lieutenant Heckman Vesey
to be Major. - Vice Sheppard Promoted; -
date of Rank 26th of May 1804. -

Captain Lieutenant Thomas
Little to be Captain of a Company Vice Vesey -
date of Commission 26th May 1804. -

Lieutenant Joseph Knowles
to be Captain Lieutenant Vice Little promoted;
date of Rank 26th May 1804.

Ensign Alexander Sweedland
to be Lieutenant. Vice Knowles promoted; -
date of Rank 26th May 1804. -

15th Regiment of Native Infantry.

Captain Lieutenant Williams
Munro to be Captain of a Company, Vice -

Duncan

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Duncan deceased date of Commission 23rd May 1804.—

Lieutenant Garnet Warburton to be Captain Lieutenant Vice Munro promoted to date of Rank 23rd May 1804.—

I recommend the appointment of Captain Thomas Whittle of the 19th Regiment of Native Infantry to be Deputy Quarter Master General of the Subsidiary Force serving with His Highness the Soubadar of the Dekkan; Vice Thompson, appointed Town Major of Fort St George.

I have the honor to lay before the Board an application from Major Maddox of the 8th Regiment of Native Infantry to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate — and I recommend that his request be granted.—

I lay before Government the Proceedings of the Medical Board in their Meeting of the 25th Instant.—

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(Signed) J Stuart

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The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

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My Lord,

Finding my constitution much impaired by a continued residence in this climate, since the Month of August 1781, I am induced to Solicit the permission of your Lordship in Council to proceed to Europe for the recovery of my health. I have the honor to enclose a Certificate from two Surgions stating the necessity of a change of climate. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed G Hadow

Major 8th Regt N Infy

Madras
26th May 1804 —

I do hereby certify that Major George Hadow of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry has been for many months under my care, for the relief of Symptoms induced by General debility, from a residence

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of nearly 23 Years in India, and as these Symptoms are increasing, having lost the Vision of One Eye, his bowels being in a torpid state, and unable to bear exposure to the Sun, it is my opinion that a Voyage to Europe is absolutely necessary for the reestablishment of his health.

(Signed) Whit.u Ainslie
Surgeon 2d B.r Art.y

Madras
25th May 1804

We do hereby Certify on Oath, that in Our opinion, it is absolutely necessary for Major Hadow of the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of health.

Sworn to before me
this 25th day of May 1804

(Signed) And.w Berry
Superintend.g Surgeon
Centre Division

(Signed) G Taswell
Justice of Peace.

(Signed) Whit.u Ainslie
Surgeon 2d B.r A.y

Resolved that the promotions and appointments Recommended in the foregoing Minute be directed to take place in General Orders.

Resolved

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Resolved that Major Haddow of the 2d Regiment of Native Infantry be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick certificate.—

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

Resolutions of the Governor in Council 29th May 1804

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From the Medical Board. Report the failure of the Vaccine disease in Malabar. Recommendations in Consequence—

Medical Board 26th May 1804

The Medical Board have the honor to forward Copies of Letters from the Superintending Surgeon of Malabar, and from the Superintendent of Vaccine inoculation in that province, reporting the loss, and the Circumstances which led to the Medical Board the entire failure, of the Vaccine disease in that part of the Peninsula— for the recovery preservation, and benefical

Ordered that they do give such instructions as may deem necessary to Mr ... ... Surgeon

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Surgeon Meek for the beneficial extensive of purpose of restoring and preserving the vaccine disease in Malabar, and Mr. Meek while employed on that duty will receive the same allowances as have been already granted to other Medical Officers while employed under similar circumstances. which the Board are induced to submit the Recommendation of Mr. Macmellance in favor of Mr. Meek. to the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General.

Terence Gahagan
M.D. and 2nd Member
Medical Board.

By Order of the Right Hon.ble
the Governor in Council.

(Signed) Jg Buchan
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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To James Anderson Esqr. M D

Physician General &c. &c. &c.

Members of the Medical Board

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Gentlemen,

It is with much concern, that I have to report the loss of the Vaccine disease in this Province during the course of last Month — The circumstances which led to this loss, are clearly detailed in the enclosed Letter from Mr. Surgeon Mack, from which the necessity of appointing some person to these duties alone, at present, will I trust appear evident to the Board. —

I have no doubt but Mr. Mack will speedily succeed in reproducing the disease in Malabar; but I am appre- hensive that, situated as he is, he will not be able to preserve it long, from the great difficulty of procuring Subjects for vaccination in Tellicherry, and the Neighbouring Districts

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in which tranquillity has not yet been perma-
= nently restored. I beg leave therefore to recom-
= mend, that some other Gentleman be appoin-
= ted to the immediate Medical duties of
Tellicherry; and that Mr. Meek who, from
the Zeal he has already evinced, his attention
to duty, and Knowledge of the manners and
Language of the Natives is, in my opinion
well qualified for the appointment, be continued
Vaccinating Surgeon with instructions to move
occasionally to all parts of the Province.

As by this Arrangement
Mr. Meek will lose the benefit of
this Garrison Surgeoncy at Tellicherry,
and considerable expense must accrue from
Constant travelling. I trust the Board
will have the Goodness to Recommend
to Government that such additional
allowances may be granted him as they may
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14 April 1804

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
/Signed/ J. McC. Neelance
Super.t. Surgeon Malabar

(True Copy)
/Signed/ Wm. Horsman
Sec.y Med.l Board.

To the Superintending Surgeon
Province of Malabar
Sir,

I have to regret the necessity
I am under of having occasion to represent to
You for the information of the Medical Board,
my having lost the Vaccine disease in this
Province, the circumstances which led to this
are as follow.—

In the Month of December
last when on my Vaccinating tour North-
-ward, I established very generally the —
disease at Tellicherry, Mahe, and amongst
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the Corps of Police, Kolkars under the Command of Captain Watson, as that Corps had a Medical Gentleman attached to it, who with others of the Profession appeared anxious to preserve and propagate the disease, I left Tellicherry confident in this hope, for my Southern situation at Cochin where I had not remained more then 20 Days, when I Received an Order from Colonel Montresor Commanding the Province, to Proceed to Tellicherry and take upon me the Medical duties of that Station. —

Having but so very recently established the Vaccine to the northward, I left Cochin in the full expectation, that on my arrival at this place, I should find the disease in the same genuine purity as I left it. In this however, I am sorry to say I have been disappointed; this failure I believe has chiefly been occasioned from the unsettled state of affairs on this ill fated neighbour-

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Neighbourhood which prevented the Medical Gentleman who undertook to preserve the disease from paying that attention to it, that could have been wished; also from the greater part of the inoculated Kalkars having been necessarily detached, in consequence of Commotions in the Interior.

Having brought up with me a supply of Virus from Cochin, I inoculated at different times with it, but failed, this I in some measure attribute to my having had a very tedious passage from the Southward, and the matter having been taken four Days previous to my departure.

I have since then received a small supply of Virus from Dr. Keer at Bombay but with which from an untoward and Vexatious accident, I have also failed - out of 6 Children Vaccinated, two took the disease in the most perfect

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manner and both in the night of the 7th day
scratched and destroyed the Pustules.—

As the strong North west—
winds at present prevail and as boats and
Vessels are constantly leaving Bombay for
Malabar. I am in daily expectation of—
receiving further supplies from that quarter
as well as from Anjengo, where through the
Zealous exertions of my friend Dr. Robertson
the disease has been preserved and propagated
most successfully.—

I conceive it my duty to—
State to you as my opinion, that it is alone
in the Southern Districts of this Province,
that the humane and benevolent wishes of
Government Respecting the Vaccine, can with
effect be carried into execution,— there the
Natives are much more enlightened and—
liberal in their ideas, nor professed of those
extreme prejudices, and Superstitious notions,
which so much Characterise the Inhabitants
of

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of the northern Districts, independent of their rebellions and turbulent disposition, fortunate it is however that the Southern Districts constitute by much the greater part of this Province.—

It is unnecessary for me I presume, to state to you, that as there is no other Medical Person at this Station; and it being the general resort of most, if not all the Officers, and others, from the Jungles of Cotiote, and Wynaad, it will not be practicable for me to move about the Province with that facility I have hitherto been enabled to do; but so far as I am capable, no exertion on my power shall be wanting, to execute in the most satisfactory manner, the charge You have thus intrusted to me.

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) J Meek Sup.d Asst Surg.n

Tellicherry
April 14. 1804

(True Copy)

(Signed) Wm Horsman
Sub Med.l Board.

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Read the following Letters from the Military Board.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board Thirteen Minutes &c &c Comp.a Letter & Proof supplying Spiritous Liquors to the Company.—

1. We have to acknowledge the receipt of Letters from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department dated the 30th April and 7th May.

2nd. On receipt of your Lordships Orders respecting the proposals made by Mr. Edward Campbell for supplying the Company's Agent at the Presidency with Rum and Arrack at stated prices from his Manufactory at Chuddumbrum, We transmit Copy of Mr. Campbells address to the Agent for Spiritous Liquors, with directions that he should report how far the offer it contained was advantageous, or otherwise, to the Public—

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and that he should state for our information
the proportion below, or above, London proof,
of the Liquor supplied by him for the use of
the Troops — We have now the honor to for-
= ward for Your Lordship's consideration Copy
of Mr. Cochrane's Reply — and to Report
our opinion that Mr. Campbells tender of
Arrack ought not to be accepted; but that
in proportion to Mr. Campbells actual —
delivery of Sugar for the Service of the Company,
Rum may be Received from him to the —
extent of, but not exceeding 60,000 Gallons
per Annum, at Sixteen per Cent under —
London proof, or Pagodas 36-17. — per
150 Gallons, without Casks, all Casks
which may not be Returned to Mr —
Campbell to be paid for at the rate of
4 Pagodas per Leaguer, three Pagodas
per pipe, and one and an half Pagoda
per Hogs-Head — No advance of Cask

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to be made on Account.

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We have the honor to be
Sir. Sr.

(Signed) I Stuart
" D Smith
" P A Agnew
" I Brunton
" Alex. Orr

To the President &c. Members of the
Military Board
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter, dated the 7th Instant, enclosing me Copy of an address to Government by Mr. Edward Campbell, and desiring that I should report to you, how far the Offer it contains is advantageous, or otherwise; and that I should state the pro= portion below, or above London proof of the Liquor I supply for the use of the Troops.

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The Statement of the prices of Spirits of the different proofs, as also of Casks proposed to be furnished by Mr. Campbell, are all perfectly correct and moderate, provided that Rum only is delivered, but it is far too dear for Arrack; as appears from the following Statement.—

Mr. Campbell offers to supply 150 Gallons of Arrack, at 18 per Cent under London proof at Pagodas ... 35. 25. 20.

Add the value of the Cask 4. .. ..

Total cost of the Liquor with the Cask ... Pagodas 39. 25. 20

New Columbo Arrack, of the same Strength, is purchased by me with the Cask, for ... 31. 30.

The difference in favor of the Columbo Arrack is ... Pagodas 8. 33. 20.

— or 26 per Cent.—

But this difference is not the only loss, which Government will sustain if they

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they consent to Mr. Campbell's Manufacturing and delivering Arrack to the exclusion of Columbo Arrack, for as Mr. Campbell will claim the same privilege he has hitherto enjoyed of importing his Manufacture, duty free, the Ceylon Government will lose their Export duty, and Government here their Import duty, which calculated upon one Leager, stands as follows. —

Export duty at Columbo 8 Rix Dollars or Star Pagodas	2	—
Import duty at Madras 6 per Cent on the Tariff price of Pagodas 30	1	33 4.8
Total loss to Government on One Leager Pagodas	3	33 4.8

It has been my wish all along to give every encouragement to the Sugar Manufactures on this Coast; and I have repeatedly informed Mr. Colley the Manufacturer at Ganjam and Mr. Campbell the

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the Manufacturer to the Southward, that I was willing to take half the annual supplies in Rum from them; and that that quantity should be equally divided between them; that the other half would be supplied from the Manufactures of Ceylon, and occasionally from Batavia, in Order to secure a supply of good Field Casks at a cheap rate, which have of late been so much wanted.—

The giving due encouragement to the Trade between this Coast and Ceylon is of infinite consequence to the respective Governments, as much Grain and Piece Goods are carried from this Coast to Ceylon, and the principal Return is in Arrack; which if we exclude, the Trade will be considerably diminished, and consequently the Export— and Import duties of this Government as well as that of Ceylon.—

It is naturally the interest of Mr. Campbell to run down the quality of Ceylon

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Ceylon Arrack. He can only speak from theory; but long practice has proved, that Columbo Arrack, when Kept to a proper age, is a wholesome good Spirit: what I mean by a proper age is, that it ought to be from Six to nine Months old before it is received into the Grand Store, where it is Kept one year, and allowing, on an average, that it is not drank at the out-Stations till 3 to 6 Months after it is sent from the Grand Store, the Spirit will be nearly two years old before it is used, which I think is a proper age.

Mr Colley the Manufacturer at Ganjam was very anxious to Manufacture Arrack from Toddy. But I told him, for the above stated reasons I could not receive it into Store if he made it, and strongly Recommended it to him to confine his attention to the Manufacture of Rum only, and that only from the draining of the

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Sugar, that he Manufactures for the sole use and benefit of the Honorable Company. That no long as he adhered to this System, he would have a Claim on Government to take his Rum off his hands at a moderate price; but in case he extended the Manufacture of Spirits by making it from Molasses beyond the proportion of his deliveries of Sugar, from that moment his Claim on Government for any Indulgence ceased. — I further added, that, at any rate, the extent of the receipts of Rum from him must be limi= =ted to the quarter part of the Annual — purchases, for that I reserved one quarter for Mr. Campbell, and the other two — quarters for Columbo and Batavia — Arrack. —

Mr. Colley had an idea that he would be able to make as good Arrack as that made at Batavia. — I explained to him many attempts had

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been made at Bencoolen by the Honorable Company and by individuals to Manufacture Arrack like that of Batavia, but that, although so near to Batavia, they had all failed, and were attended with very great loss to the parties concerned. That similar attempts had been made at Calcutta, by men professing practical Knowledge, and without success.

Notwithstanding what I told Mr. Colley of the various unsuccessful attempts that had been made to Manufacture Arrack like that of Batavia, he persisted in trying it, but totally failed, which he attributed to his being unacquainted with the art of Malting the Grain, and that without professing that secret no person will ever succeed — Mr. Colley therefore, very wisely, gave up the pursuit, and adhered to the Distilling of Rum, in which he has succeeded so well, that his Agents here have lately been able to sell part of the produce of

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of last Year to great advantage at Madras.

Mr. Colley professes much practical Knowledge, and by a steady perseverance to one line of conduct has been able to supply the Honorable Company annually with a large quantity of Sugar of an excellent quality, and at a cheap rate. — This being the case he surely is entitled to every indulgence from Government, in respect to taking off his hands the Rum Manufactured from the drainings of the Sugar; which he would be deprived of, were the proposals of Mr. Campbell accepted without limitation, particularly if he is allowed to make arrack, which could be Manufactured in the Black Town of Madras equally well, and of as good a quality as that made at Chillumbrum. —

The same advice given by me to Mr. Colley (and which experience at last obliged him to follow) was repeatedly urged

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urged by me to Mr. Campbell. particularly when he was last at Madras in June 1803. when he produced to me a sample of Arrack made from Paddy, and said he proposed — Continuing the Manufacture in Order to find employment for his Stills until the Sugar Canes were sufficiently grown to enable him to make Sugar, when he would begin to distil Rum from the drainings of the — Sugar. —

This sample of Arrack was examined in Mr. Campbell's presence, and it had not only a disagreeable taste, but was so offensive in point of smell, that the very Writers in my Office complained of it — This I observed to him at the time, but without effect, he saying that he should improve as he got on. I then added, that if he wished to satisfy himself whether Arrack like that of Batavia could be made on this Coast, he had better confine himself

himself to the making of one Cask per
Month, and by keeping each in Store for a
twelve Month, he would see how it improved,
and if it sold well in the Madras market
he might encrease the quantity by degrees
agreeable to the demands for it, and if it
did not sell, the loss would not be very
great.—

On Mr. Campbell telling
me that he could not afford to allow his
Stills to remain unemployed. I observed to
him, that sometimes it was good policy for
a person to remain idle; that I had little
expectation that he could make such an
improvement in the Manufacture as to
Render it Saleable in the Madras Market
to any advantage; and in the event of his
making a large quantity of Arrack, it
would only remain on his hands as I certainly
should not purchase it, and it was not
likely that he would be able to sell it to

advantage

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advantage at Madras;— That he could have no claim on the Honorable Company to take off his hands such a spirit, particularly when it militated against the Revenue they derived from the trade carried on between this Coast and Ceylon.—

Mr. Campbell has however persevered in his plan, & lately I was tendered some Arrack Manufactured by him, which I declined receiving, it having a disagreeable taste and smell— Should he therefore sustain a loss from my declining to receive it, he cannot plead want of Knowledge of my resolution on that head; besides if the quality of the Spirit is really good, why does not sell it in the market here, the same as is done by the Agents of Mr. Colley of the Rum Manufactured at Ganjam— and as Mr. Campbell has not lately delivered any Sugar to the Honorable Company, he certainly can have no claim on Government to purchase his

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Arrack.

In the letter I had the honor of addressing you on the 7th September 1802. I stated my reasons why I had so favorable expectations of the future success of the Rum Manufactured by Mr. Campbell, because it was under the immediate directions of an Old Jamaica Distiller, and the Master then taken from two Casks delivered to me by Mr. Campbell and laid before your Board was certainly of a Superior quality, but I am sorry to observe that the flavor of the Liquor he delivered to me the following Year instead of being nearly equal to Master, had a very disagreeable taste and smell, and although it has been in my Store upwards of a Year it still possesses the same bad qualities.

This Rum was of so bad a quality that I did not think myself authorized to purchase it on Account of the

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Arrack Agency. now should I have received it at all, had it not been with the view of relieving him in part from the heavy Loss he had sustained by the great Fire in the Black Town in April 1803.—

When I complained to Mr. Campbell of the bad taste of the Rum delivered he observed that, by mistake, the Casks had been filled up with some Arrack that he had Manufactured. This I admitted; but, to my utter astonishment, I was told afterwards, by Mr. Flannagan, his Rum Distiller, who lately left his Service, that the abovementioned Casks of Rum were actually filled up with the Arrack of his Manufacture at the particular desire of Mr. Campbell himself and Contrary to his Mr. Flannagan's advice, who assured him that it would be immediately detected by me.—

Now what dependance is there to be put in the engagements of Mr. Campbell when

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when he acts in such a manner! and now that he is deprived of the Services of Mr. Flannagan the old Jamaica Distiller, on whom he placed such de= =pendance, does Mr. Campbell posses sufficient practical Knowledge to warrant my recommend= =ing the acceptance of so permanent a contract, to the exclusion of Mr. Colley, a regular Manufac= =turer, possessed of much practical Knowledge, who has proved his real ability by the quantity of Sugar manufactured by himself and delivered to the Honorable Company.

As You are pleased to ask my opinion, I shall give it freely; which is, that in the proportion of Sugar Mr. Campbell furnishes the Honorable Company that Rum may be received from him to the extent of, but not exceeding 50,000 Gallons per annum, at (16) sixteen per Cent under London proof, or Pagodas 36: 17 - per 150 Gallons, without Casks; and to pay for the Casks that are not returned at the rate of four Pagodas per Leager, three

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Pagodas per Pipe, and one and a half Pagoda per Hogshead, no advance of Cash to be made on account.—

I fix upon 16 per Cent under London Proof. Because new Spirit loses considerably the first Year, and particularly when it is often shifted, owing to badness of the Casks; which has been the case ever since the late War with the Dutch, which prevented the importation of good Batavia Staves to Columbo, as was formerly the case. The Staves that are made use of at Columbo are the growth of the Island, and are made so thin, and the wood is so brittle that in rolling the Casks on hard ground the Slave on the bulge of the Cask breaks and much Liquor is thereby lost; which obliges me to shift the Spirit without loss of time. — This Corresponds exactly with the report of the Storekeeper at Bombay on the subject of Columbo Casks; and indeed the great loss I have sustained in point of Leakage induced me

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me to think of erecting the Watts, which, when they are compleated, I expect will be a consi- derable saving in respect to Leakage, as well as in the Evaporation of the Spirit, which hitherto has been unavoidably very great. Rum of a higher proof was therefore required to make up for the weakness of the Batavia Arrack, which on an Average generally ran 32 per Cent under London proof; this with the usual evaporation Reduced the Liquor very low, and required strong Spirit to mix with it to bring it to the Standard proof, Viz.t., 25 per Cent under London proof, as issued to the Troops being the same as Served to His Majesty's Navy; and when the Liquor is destined for distant Stations and likely to be exposed much to the Sun it is sent of a Stronger quality.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Fort St George
13.th May 1804

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

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List of Musters of Rum and Arrack for the ex-
amination of the Military Board.—

Mr. Campbells Rum.—

No 1 Received 12th April 1803			11	per Cent under London Proof	
No 2	Do	Do	11	Do	Do
No 3	Do	Do	12	Do	Do
No 4	Do	Do	11	Do	Do
Mr. Colley's Rum					
No 1 Received in Febr 1804			16	Do	Do
Batavia Arrack					
No 1 Received in June 1803			33	Do	Do
No 2	Do	Do	33½	Do	Do
No 3	Do	Do	35	Do	Do
Columbo Arrack					
No 1 Received in May 1803			23½	Do	Do
No 2	Do	Do	22½	Do	Do
No 3	Do	Do	23	Do	Do

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(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

(A true Copy)
(Signed) John Macleane
Secy Milit. Board.

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

My Lord,

1 We have the honor to —
the Military Board — Sub-
mitting Mr Payne's letter Young's
explanation of his demand
Gold deduction in Mr
Collardons demand on Account
the difference of exchange.
Draft of a G. O. for Bring-
ing the profits of Exchange
the Company's Credit. —

Acknowledge the receipt of Letters from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department dated the 15th and 16th May, and have, in consequence, engaged the Tonnage required for the conveyance of the Troops of His Majesty's 8th Light Dragoons to Calcutta. on Board the Ship General Wellesley, on which Vessel 20 Days provisions and Water have been embarked. —

2 In compliance with your Lordship's desire, We called upon the Commissary of Supply at Masulipatam to explain his Reasons for having demanded of the Collector at that Station a payment in Gold, and now

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do ourselves the honor of forwarding Copy of
his reply, by which it will appear that he has
acted on this Occasion, without the orders of
this Board — We however, concur in opinion
with him, that, under the Circumstances which
he states to have attended the purchase of the
Grain, the Company would have been subjected
to considerable loss by exchange had the payment
been made in Silver. —

3 In conformity to your Lord-
ships Orders under date 19th April, We
beg leave to propose that a Regulation to
the purport of the enclosed draft be established
and published in General Orders, as the
made which we consider most eligible for
ascertaining the Gain or Loss by exchange in
the execution of Public Works. —

4 We Recommend payment
of the undermentioned Bills and Advances of
Cash. —

Advance

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Advance to the Superintending Engineer at Fort St George, of one third of the estimated expense of rebuilding the East Lunette or Spur, amounting to Pagodas 3,053: 3: 58.—

Advance to the Superintending Engineer at Fort St George of the third of the estimated expense of rebuilding the Gallery and Counterscarp opposite Coote's Counterguard, being Pagodas 1456: 37: 58.—

Bill of the Commercial — Resident at Ingeram for the provision of — 100 Tents. amounting to Rupees 7,113: 10: 10½ — the Balance due to Mr Fullerton being — Rupees 3,263: 10: 10½.—

We forward Copy of a Correspondence which has passed between the Commercial Resident at Ingeram and the Paymaster of Masulipatam, relative to a Loss sustained by the former in Receiving advances for making up

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up Tents in Rupees in place of Pagodas, and in recommending payment of his Bill for the Provision of 200 Tents, requested that the Loss by exchange, Amounting to Madras Pagodas 100: 9: 24½ might be reimbursed to Mr. Fullerton with which Your Lordship was pleased to comply — It will however appear from the enclosed Corrected Bill and Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter addressed to us by Mr. Fullerton that the Loss by exchange, on that Occasion did not prove so great as he had Reason to expect, the actual Loss being only Madras Pagodas 60: 41: 2 — We therefore, beg leave to Recommend that the Bill now forwarded, Amounting to Madras Pagodas 3319: 30: 76½ of which the Balance due is Madras Pagodas 60: 41: 2, be Sanctioned, and Directions given to the Accot and pay Departments for cancelling

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Cancelling the one which was formerly passed.—

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21st May 1804

We have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(Signed) I. Stuart
" D Smith
" P A Agnew
" Alex Orr.—

To the Military Board.
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of Your Secretary's Letter of 23rd Instant requiring from me an Explanation of a demand. made by me in September last. for Gold on the Collector of Masulipatam.—

The purpose for which I applied for Gold in that Month. was to pay for the Stock of Grain Ordered by Your Board to be purchased and laid in Store;

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and my reasons were, the saving the Company from a very considerable and unnecessary Loss. as You Gentlemen, are desired to give Your opinion of the Reasons I may assign for my Conduct; to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. I think it my duty to enter more fully into the Subject for your information. Notwithstanding the repeated and positive Orders to the Collectors to establish the Company's Rate of Exchange - It is a well known fact that the Bazar exchange of Masulipatam and its Neighbourhood, has never, (since I have been Paymaster) been near that Rate, a considerable difference, has always existed; and sometimes an enormous one - I cannot at this distance of time recollect the exact rate in September last Year, but about that period it was upwards of 420 Rupees P.o Madras Pagodas The Inhabitants who contracted to deliver the

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the Grain, (under the public Advertizements) were by Agreement to be paid in Gold. — Merchants, Traders, and others who sell and buy Articles are entitled to the price Agreed upon for those Articles, and if they are paid at a Rate which in the public Market is of less Value, than that they Received it for, are in fact not paid their dues. These People therefore Calculating the Value of the Madras Pagoda at what it would fetch in the Market, named a Price Accordingly; If they were to be paid in Silver, they would naturally have named their Price in Rupees at the Value they Really bore, and the Company lost of Course the difference. But by paying in Gold I got the quantity for 100 Madras Pagodas that I could not have got for 100 Rupees. —

I have never called for

Gold

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Gold, for the current Military payments, because being Pay and allowances to those in Employ of the Company, their Servants are bound to adhere to their Orders in the Rates when I have called for Gold it has been on for some Extra purpose in which the payment in Silver would have been attended with a Loss - For Instance Mr. Fullerton when ordered by Your Board to make up Pay to and I. to advance him (a Mr. Cas. Pagodas 2500) he requires me to send him the Cash Cas per accompanying Copies of his Letters) in Gold as Rupees will not pass at the Company's fixed Rate of Exchange - I applied accordingly, because Knowing he made up the Pay upon Honor, the Company would be charged with the Loss - Which was the Case, as appears by his Bill wherein he brought the Rupees to Account at 410 p% and which Your Board disallowed Accordingly, and forwarded to me. My Department, as Commissary of Supplies

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is exactly similar, I charge the Company the bona fide cost, under a very solemn asseveration, accompanied by one as solemn, from the Commanding Officer, and therefore it matters not to me, whether I pay in Gold or Silver, but it does materially to the Company; and I must consider it my duty to ask for Gold, on such occasions, as long as Gold will purchase the Articles wanted at a more favorable Rate than Silver; I am allowed a Commission for my trouble, and am in Duty baind to save the Company all I can. If Government require Gold for more Important purposes they will of course order the Paymaster not to have any, but I know no Order existing that forbids a Paymaster applying for or receiving Gold. Twice upon the demand of Mr. Fullerton for Tents, have I applied for Gold, and on occasion of purchasing the Grain (which in consequence of the Impending scarcity you directed to be done

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done without loss of time) — I do not recollect any other instance in which I applied for Gold, and yet I conceive that branches of my Depart-ment have as much occasion and more claim than any Commercial one, for which Depart-ment the Accountant General says the Gold is to be exclusively kept. —

The weaver affords to the Company his Labour, and a small Loom Tax and no more — The Inhabitants who cul-tivates Grain, affords equally the produce of his Labour and pays a Land Tax, (the chief branch of the Company's Revenue) and also a Duty on the Grain, and further affords his Cattle for the public service — cheerfully and often to the distress of him-self and Family by impeding his regular Cultivation and Lessening his Crops.

The Collectors a considerable time back used to send me part Gold, part Silver, as they brought proper, I did not

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not know what coin I was to receive, till I got it. The Collector of Nellore continued to furnish the payments for that Garrison all in Gold, 'till within these last Two or three Months without any application of mine - not having had any in Masulipatam; I applied expresly for Gold for the purpose above quoted. It never entered my Ideas that there could be a Question of blame on the Subject, as I was furnished in some places with Gold coin for the Current Military Payments — The Sum necessary to advance for the purchase of Grain in the Country, I received in Gold, but when I called for the small balance to compleat the purchase, both that, and Mr. Fullertons were paid in Rupees the Collector stating "no Gold in the Treasury."—

I enclose a Copy of a Letter from the Accountant General to the Collector, of January last, relating to the Subject. His Assertion that the Company suffered a loss by Supplying

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supplying me with Gold for an Emergent Service. I do not see how he can support it as the contrary appears to me to be sufficiently proved. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Samuel Young

Masulipatam
6th May 1804

(A true Copy)
(Signed) John Maclean
Sec.y Milit.y Board.

To Samuel Young Esq.r
Military Paymaster at
Masulipatam

Sir,

Annexed are Copies of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General, and of an Extract from the Military Board to His Lordship in Council — I trust it will be convenient to you to dispatch without delay the amount you are authorized to advance to the Commercial Resident for Tents Irequest it

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it may be paid in Gold as Rupees will not pass here at the Company's fixed Rate of Exchange.

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

Ingeram
22nd March 1804

(Signed) George Maidman
Deputy Commercial Resident

To Samuel Young Esqr.
Military Paymaster at
Masulipatam

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I have the honor to be &c.

Ingeram
2d May 1804

(Signed) R Fullerton
Commercial Resr.
To

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(Signed) Samuel Young

Masulipatam
6th May 1804

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&c. &c.

Ingeram
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(Signed) George Maidman
Deputy Commercial Resident

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Masulipatam

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I have the honor to be &c.

Ingeram
27th May 1804

(Signed) R Fullerton
Commercial Rest.
To

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To P. R. Cazalet Esqr.

Collector of the Zillah of

Masulipatam

Sir.

Amongst the various letters found here on my return to the Office, was Yours of the 27th September last, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. Young for an advance in Gold — when You had received particular directions to retain the whole of that Coin for the advances to the Commercial Department.

I do not perceive any thing in Mr. Youngs Letter which merely states an Emergent Service, without any Explanation to authorise the deviation you made from the Orders You had received, a deviation which must Subject the Company to a Loss, and I request that You will explain to Mr. Young that Similar applications will in future be Rejected unless backed by an authority from the Presidency where the necessity should first be stated

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stated. or unless he should upon his own respons-
-sibility declare that he is employed by the Orders
of his Superior in the execution of a Duty the
particular of which he is not at liberty to reveal.
and which absolutely requires that he should
Receive in Gold — in this case You will comply
with his request and forward copy of his Letter
to this Office to be laid before the Right —
Honorable the Governor in Council. —

Fort St. George
Accountant General Office
11th January 1804

Sam Hes Hes
(Signed) Cecil Smith
A G & C A

(True Copy)
(Signed) S Young

(A true Copy)
(Signed) John Macleane
Secr. Milit. Board.

G O By Government

Officers of Engineers, or others,
executing public works or disbursing the public
Money in detailed contingent payments —
Requiring their exchanging the Coin they receive
from

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from Paymasters into fanams or Copper Coin. are hereby required, on closing and adjusting the Account of any particular Work executed, or otherwise, according to the Circumstances of the Case, for the performance of which they receive Money in advance, to state on the face of such Account, after enumerating the Coins in which they were paid, the rate of exchange they received for the Coins they converted into Fanams or Copper, whether Pagodas or Rupees; which rate of Exchange is to be supported by the Certificate of the Head Shroff of the Station where the Coin was exchanged, to be countersigned by the Officer in Command, and where there is no Commanding Officer, the Officer executing the Works, or otherwise disbursing public Money, as above, is to declare on honor to the truth of the Head Shroff's Certificate, to the best of his Knowledge and belief.

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Extract from a Letter from the Commercial Resi-
dent at Ingeram to the Secretary to the Military
Board dated 7th May 1804.—

"The balance of the last
"account Viz.t 758: 31: 7/4 having been paid in
"Madras Pagodas and not in Rupees as I was
"led to expect from the letter of the Paymaster
"at Masulipatam under date 16th February last,
"the loss by exchange is only 60: 41: 2 instead
"of 100. 9. 2 1/2 as per Account transmitted on
"the 20th February last— I have now the honor
"to enclose a corrected Account of the same
"shewing the Balance due on 60.. 41. 2."—

(A true Extract)

/Signed/ John Macleane

Sec.y Milit.y Board.—

Order thereon

Ordered that the Military Board
be furnished with the following
Reply.—

To

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Fort St. George 29th May 1804

The recommendation contained in your letter of the 9th of March.

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30th May 1804

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) G Strachey
Sec.y to Government

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General. —

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

My Lord,

Colonel Dickens Commanding His Majesty's 34th Regiment having been pleased to address me a Letter of this days date of which the enclosed is a Copy on the Subject of a Retrenchment against the Regimental Paymaster of the Corps under his Command, for an allowance for Stationary drawn for the Regiment for the last half Year, Amounting to (£ 36 S 19) Thirty five Pounds.

From the Military Auditor General — Submitting a letter from the officer Commanding His majesty's 34th Regiment on the Subject of a Retrenchment against the Paymaster of that Corps on Account of Stationary Recommendations in Consequence. —

I have the honor in consequence to

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to represent to your Lordship in Council that my predecessor in Office the late Major General Sydenham Referred for the decision of the Governor General (then President in Council here) under date 2d July 1799. the personal claim of the Paymaster of His Majestys 10th Regiment of Foot on the new establishment to (£ 20 St.) Twenty Pounds Sterling per Annum for Stationary. the answer which was dated the 3rd of the same month expressed that if the Regimental Paymaster drew the (£ 20) 20 Pounds Sterling per Annum on the forementioned Account. the (£ 70 St.) Seventy Pounds Sterling drawn for the Regiment was to cease.—

3 On the 31st March 1803. I referred for the Decision of Government the claim of the Regimental Paymaster of the 34th Regiment to the (£ 20 St.) Twenty Pounds Sterling per Annum for Postage and Stationary, giving it as my opinion that as all his Letters on the busines of the Regiment went Postage free, that (£ 10 St.) Ten Pounds Sterling ought only to be allowed

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for Stationary for the Corps. which I considered confirmed by the Reply I received under date the 7th April following. —

But as Colonel Dickens's Letter explains particularly the Custom of the British Service at Home, in such cases, the Subject appears to merit a favorable Reconsideration in as much as very considerable Regimental Records must of necessity be Kept, and because the (£ 20 Stg.) per Annum to Regimental Paymasters on the new Establishment, appears now to me to have been intended as a personal Allowance to the Paymaster without reference to what was usually disbursed for the Stationary of the Corps; under this impression, and as the (£ 20 Stg.) per annum continues to be drawn by Regimental Paymasters on the Old Establishment (who have no personal Allowance for Stationary) and which is exclusively for the provision of Stationary for the Regiment, an Article much dearer in this Country than in England, provided Your Lordship views the

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the Subject in the light I have represented it in Consequence of the information obtained from Colonel Dickens the same annual Allowance to Corps on the Old, may be continued to those on the new Establishment of Paymasters, exclusive of the Annual Sum of £10 Sterling fixed as a personal Allowance for the Paymaster for the provision of Stationary for his Office.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) I Brunton
Mily Audr Genl

To
Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
16th May 1804

Lieutenant Colonel Brunton
Military Auditor General
&c &c &c

Sir,

Having received a Report from the Paymaster of His Majesty's 33rd Regiment under my Command, that a Retrenchment had been made against him for the last half yearly Allowance of Stationary, I think it my duty

on

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on this occasion to state to you that if this Retrench=
=ment is to stand good, and no other allowance
substituted in its place, it will be impossible for
me to find the necessary Books and other Articles
which are indispensibly necessary in every Re=
=giment.—

Under the new System of Pay=
=masterships at Home, in every Battalion where
the effective Numbers Amount to three hundred
and Sixty Men the allowance to the Regiment
for Postage and Stationary is thirty Six Pounds a
Year, with some other small allowances which
make it Amount in the whole to about fifty
five pounds, and besides this there is an allowance
to the Paymaster for Stationary of Twenty pounds
a Year.—

It seems to me to be perfectly
just and necessary that if the Retrenchment at
present alluded to is persisted on, at least these
other allowances should be substituted, with

a Reference to the last half Year, which is
these

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Thus Retrenched. —

Fort St. George
the
May 16. 1804

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

(Signed) R M Dickens
Colonel Commanding 34th
Regiment

(A true Copy)

(Signed) I Brunton
Military Auditor Genl

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General Relative to the Amount of the Pension paid to one of the late Nabob's Native Officers. —

Amongst the pensioned native Officers who were in the Service of the late Nabob of the Carnatic, Abdul Cawder Subadar of Cavalry received a Certificate Signed by the Fort-Adjutant of Trichinopoly, Countersigned by Major General Bridges Commanding, Stating the Amount of his Pension to be Pagodas Seven, Fanams twenty one per Month, on comparing this Certificate with the Lists transmitted to my Office it appeared — that Pagodas three fanams thirty three was only

allotted

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allotted as this native Officers Pension which induced me to retrench the difference between the former and latter Sum. the Sum stated in the Lists. I am well aware is a mistake, and not conformable to the Orders of Government of either the 2nd or 3rd October 1801. Extracts from which I have the honor to enclose, and to express it as my opinion that Subadar Abdul Cawder is entitled to Pagodas Six per Month, being the Pension enjoyed by all other Native Officers of Similar Rank, who had Pensions allotted them at the time Lists and Certificates were made out in the interior of the Country, error and confusion were both in the first instance unavoidable. I have therefore to request your Lordships permission to take up his present Certificate, and to substantiate another in lieu of it at Pagodas Six per Month, and to recommend in Consequence of the mistake in the original Certificate a remission of the Retrenchment. Viz. the difference between Pagodas 7. 21. drawn

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drawn by him and Pagodas Six per Month which he appears to me fully entitled to, and which he will only draw in future, the mistake in the Certificate appears to me to have originated in the public Officer at Trichinopoly, Considering this Officer entitled to half the full pay he received in his late Highness's Service Vizt. Pagodas fifteen per Month.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) I Brunton
Milit. Audit. Genl.

Military Auditor
Genl's Office
Fort St. George
29th May 1804.

Extract of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government in the Military Department to the Deputy Military Auditor General—Dated—
Fort St. George 2nd October 1801.

Para 4th That each Subadar and Jemidar shall be pensioned on half of the pay allotted to him in the Service of His late Highness, provided such amount shall not exceed the Ordinary half pay of the Corresponding

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corresponding ranks in the Company's Service,
which is to be the highest Pension to any Subadar
or Jemadar.—

Extract of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to
Government in the Military Department to the
Deputy Military Auditor General dated Fort St George
3rd October 1801.—

Para 9th

It is the intention of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council that all the
Native Commissioned Officers in the Service of
the late Nabob shall receive from the Company
a Pension not exceeding half the pay of their
Rank, corresponding with the pay and ranks of
the native Commissioned Officers in the Service
of the Company.—

A true Extract
(Signed) I Brunton
Mily. Audr. Genl.

To

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To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

His Excellency the Commander in Chief having done me the honor to transmit to me the Salary and Establishment he proposes for the Medical Store Keeper with the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad, the former at Pagodas thirty, the latter at Pagodas Twenty per Month, the Salary is such as has been usually granted on such occasions, and the establishment is very moderate. a Mastry and six Coolies for the Carriage of Medicine is also required together with two Baggage Carts, and which it is my opinion should be allowed whilst the Subsidiary force is on actual Service — Against an Enemy in the Field only, this Establishment and Coolies to be regularly Mustered and Muster Rolls transmitted Monthly

From the Military Auditor General — approving the Salary and establishment recommended for the Medical Store Keeper with the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad

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Monthly with their pay Abstracts.—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
29th May 1804

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) I Brunton
Mily Aud Genl

To the Military Auditor General
Sir.

Para 1st I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letters dated the 2d 16th 26th and 28th Instant.—

2 I have the honor to return to You the Statement of Retrenchment against the Paymaster at Trichinopoly submitted with Your letter of the 2nd Instant.— with the decisions of the Governor in Council.—

3 His Lordship in Council has been pleased to Resolve that the Sum of £70 per Annum shall be allowed for the provision of

To the Military Auditor General.— Returning to him the Statement of Retrenchments against the Paymr at Trichinopoly with the decision of Government thereon.— The sum of £70 p Annum to be allowed for Stationery for the use of His Majesty's Regiments exclusively of £50 p Annum allowed to Paymasters on the new establishment on that Account.— To furnish Abdul Cauder with a Certificate entitling him to receive an Allowance of 6 Pagodas p month in lieu of that in his possession which has been granted by mistake.— The Salary &c proposed by the Commander in Chief to be allowed to the Medical Storekeeper at Hyderabad appears to authorise that Officer to entertain an establishment of coolies and Cooties to the extent mentioned in his letter of the 28th Instant—

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of Stationary for the use of His Majestys
Regiments exclusively of the Sum of £ 10 per
Annum allowed to Paymasters on the new
Establishment for providing the Stationary
required in their immediate Departments.

It being evident that a mis-
4 take has occurred in fixing the Amount of
the Pensions granted to the Native Officers
mentioned in Your Letter of the 26th Instant,
the Governor in Council directs me to desire
that in lieu of the Certificate now in the
profession of Abdul Cawder You will fur-
- nish him with one entitling him to receive
an allowance of Six Pagodas per Month:
and that You will Regulate at the same rate
the payments already made to him.

5. The Governor in Council
has also provided the Salary and Establishment
proposed by the Commander in Chief to be
allowed to the Medical Storekeeper at
Hydrabad; the former Amounting to 30

Pagodas

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30 Pagodas, the latter to 20 Pagodas per Month:
and His Lordship in Council is further pleased
to desire that You will authorise that Medical
Officer to entertain an Establishment of Carts
and Coolies to the extent specified in your letter
of the 28th Instant.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) G Strachey
Sec.t to Govern.t

Fort St George
30th May 1804

Read the following letter from
the Military Paymaster General.—
To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's Letter of
the 28th Ultimo. directing me to state the par-
=ticular Circumstances under which the Debt
by

From the Military Paymaster General his report on the Amount due to the Company by His Majesty's Regiment De Meuron.—

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by the Munro Regiment was incurred, and whether it can be adjusted here without subjecting the Regiment to inconvenience.—

I have to state for your Lordships information that advances were made to the Regiment upon receipt for two Years,—it was long before their capitulation was understood, and of course no Abstracts could be delivered in upon which Regular payments could be made, nor could any Balance be struck until their abstracts were brought forward entered upon Disbursements, and Audited. I am not sufficiently master of the Subject to understand the Justice of the Claims which are said by some of the Regiment to be due to them, if they are admitted they will perhaps nearly balance the Account, but I conceive the Account ought to be closed and the balance struck on the 30th September 1797 as from that period they received pay upon regular abstracts.—

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I will certainly put the Regiment to inconvenience if stoppages are made from the Regiment to repay these Sums, over drawn by the Colonel, but as the Paymaster has adjusted the account with me and has acknowledged the justness of all the Debits as well as the justness of all the Credits, having signed a Counter Account Current, I beg leave humbly to Offer as my opinion that he should be called upon to draw Bills upon the Colonel proprietor of the Regiment for the Amount of the Balance Pagodas 11.902 — . 43 with Interest from the 1st October 1797 in favor of the Honble the Court of Directors, when no doubt the Court De Meuron will bring forward any claims his Capitulation may entitle him to, and which have not been admitted in this Country. —

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your
[Signed] B Roebuck
Mil. Paym. Genl

Fort St George
29th May 1804

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Ordered that the foregoing letter be copied for the information and guidance of the Military Auditor General, and that the Military Paymaster General be furnished with the following Reply.—

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

To the Military Paymr General approving the mode which he has proposed for adjusting the balance due by His Majesty's Regiment De Meuron on the Honorable Company. instructions in consequence. —

Para 1st. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has received your Letter of the 21st Instant, and has approved the mode which you have proposed for adjusting the balance due by His Majestys Regiment De Meuron to the Honorable Company.—

I am accordingly directed to desire that you will state to the Paymaster of that Regiment the expectation of His Lordship in Council that he will draw Bills for the amount on the Colonel and proprietor of the Corps in favor of the Honorable Court of Directors by the earliest opportunity. —

I am &c &c

(Signed) G. Strachey Jr to Gr.

Read

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Read the following Petition from

Mrs C. S. Saalfet.

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

The Petition of Christina Sophia Saalfelt. Widow of Mr. William Andreas Saalfelt. late accountant to the Dutch Government at Pulicat.—

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners Husband

Petition from Mrs C S Saalfelt Soliciting the continuance of the Pension granted to her late Husband

Received from the Honorable Company ever since Pulicat came into possession of the English. a Pension of Twelve Star Pagodas a Month, with which he maintained his Family in a decent manner, but could lay by nothing for their support after his Death.—

That by the Death of Her Husband, which happened on the 19th of this Month

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Month. Your Petitioner is left with three young Children, and now big of another without any means of living, and therefore with all humi= =lity throws herself and her Infants on the humanity of Your Lordship in Council, pray= =ing You to grant her a continuance of the Pension allowed to her deceased Husband; and she begs leave to mention that a similar benevolence was exercised by the Government of Madras in the case of her deceased Mother, the Widow of Mr. P H Meppen, late Surgeon to the Factory of Pulicat.—

May it therefore, please Your Lordship in Council to grant to Your Petitioner such Aid as You shall judge meet.

And Your Petitioner, as in duty bound,

Shall Ever Pray

/Signed/ Christina Saphia Saalfelt

Madras
24th May 1804

Resolved that the Pension of Twelve Pagodas per Month allowed to the late

Mr.

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Mr Saalfeld be continued to his Widow, and that Orders be given to the Military Auditor General for that purpose. —

Read the following Letter from Mr C. M. Young.

George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 10th Instant, intimating that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council had been pleased to Order the release of the property of my constituents detained at Malacca. —

The readiness which Government have evinced to do impartial Justice in this Case, will be no less sensibly felt by my constituents than it has been by me, and will no doubt be duly appreciated in the various Countries to which these Men resort and tend

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From the Attorney for the freighters of Neutral and British Property on the Brig Waaplah detained at Malacca soliciting a confirmation on the part of his constituents for the loss incurred by the detention of their property.

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to confirm and establish that confidence in the Justice, the impartiality, and good Faith of the British character for which it has ever been preeminently distinguished.—

That my constituents have suffered much inconvenience — as well as severe loss and heavy damage by the unwar=rantable seizure and long detention of their property at Malacca will be readily allowed, but the extent of that loss and damage can only be duly apreciated by those who are Acquainted with the nature of mer=cantile transactions.—

As my constituents cannot therefore be fully indemnified; I shall only presume to solicit the indulgent consideration of his Lordship in Council to their case — and trust His Lordship will be pleased to Order such an allowance or Remuneration to be made them by the Commanding Officer at Malacca, as His Lordship in Council may

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may deem proper.

Madras
May. the 22nd. 1804

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) C W Young
Attorney for the Freighters
of Neutral and British
property on the Brig
Waaghals detained at
Malacca.

Ordered that Mr. Young
be furnished with the following Reply.

To Mr. C W Young

Sir,

The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council having taken into consider-
ation your Letter of the 22nd Instant, directs
me to inform you that His Lordship in Council
does not deem it to be necessary to pass any
further Orders in addition to those which have
been already Communicated to you on the
Subject of the property referred to in your
letter

To the attorney for the freighters of Neutrals and British property on the Brig Waaghals detained at Malacca Acquainting him that it is deemed inexpedient to pass any further orders on the subject of the property referred to in his letter of the 22d Instant

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Signed G Strachey

Secretary to Government

Read the following Letter from the

Resident at Hyderabad.—

To George Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the

From the Resident at Hyderabad Relative to the Bungarry establishment

Receipt of your Letter of the 30th Ultimo inclosing Extract from a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors relative to the Bungarah plan, which I submitted in March 1801 to the consideration of the Government of Fort St George.—

2 On a reference to the Records of this Residency, I am concerned to find that no final report would appear to have been made by me of the result of the arrangement in question, though I perfectly recollect that it

failed

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failed partly in consequence of the length of time which elapsed between my original recommendation of the measure, and its final provisional adoption by the Government of Fort Saint George, in which interval the Bullocks belonging to the Bunjarahs who made me the proposals were greatly diminished in their Numbers, and partly owing to the Proposers themselves, who were great sufferers by the long state of suspence in which they were held, declining to pledge themselves to the Extent required by Mr. Secretary Buchanan's Letter to me of the 17th July 1801.

In the foregoing State of the Business, I addressed a Letter to Major Munro the Superintendant of the Ceded Districts, Extracts from which I have the honor to enclose for the Right Honorable the Governor in Council's information, and I have only further to add that the result of the enquiries which Major Munro set in Consequence on Foot, were (as he afterwards privately advised me) unsuccessful

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unsuccessfull.

4th On a reference to the 3rd Paragraph of my letter of the 4th March 1801 to Mr. Secretary Webbe it will be seen, that my only prospect of accomplishing this most desirable arrangement on terms so peculiarly advantageous to Government was derived from the fortunate capture in the Campaign against Dondiah Waugh, of a large Body of Bunjarrah cattle with their owners, formerly in the Service of Tippoo Sultaun.

5th The recurrence of such a contingency cannot well be looked for, and if the Right Honorable the Governor in Council therefore should hereafter be disposed to encourage and promote a plan of a similar nature, the Bunjarahs who are at present all absent with the Armies in the Field, will in all probability insist on higher terms than those on which a particular Body of them were once willing to engage themselves.

I have the honor to be &c.

Hydrabad
16 May 1804

(Signed) J A Kirkpatrick
Resr

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Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Hydrabad to Major Munro dated 26th September 1801.

"Among the number of Bunjarahs who were taken prisoners with all their cattle with Lieutenant Colonel Bowser, subsequent to the defeat of the late Dhoondiah Waugh, and who proposed entering into engagements for the purpose of supplying the subsidiary force serving with his Highness the Nizam, were three principal Men named Kundoo Naik, Ramoo Nauck and Hurrah Nauck, to whom I request leave of absence with their cattle, on condition of their repairing again to Hydrabad, when summoned by me.

They now however refuse to fulfill the above stipulation and understanding them to be either at Gooty or in its Neighbourhood, I beg leave to request that either you or the Officer Commanding the Garrison will endeavour to find them and prevail upon them to return with Lt. Roster to Hydrabad, under the assurance of being taken into immediate and permanent employment, in consequence

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consequence of authority which I have now
obtained for the purpose from the Government of
Fort St George. —

I am also endeavouring to pre-
=vail one one of their tribe to accompany Lt Keates
for the purpose of pointing out the abovementioned
persons. —

Hydrabad
the
September 26. 1801

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) I A Kirkpatrick
Resr

(A true Extract)

(Signed) Charles Russell
act. Ags. Secy

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Ordered that the foregoing communication be brought under the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors in the next Dispatch from this ... ...

Department—

" W Petrie

" Stuart

" W Petrie

" Hackman

Ch Hackman

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Diary

May 30th Sent the following Letters.—

To. The President
and Members of the
Military Board
Gentlemen.

To the Military Board Enclosing copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, relative to an alteration of his original plan for constructing a Terrace in Front of the Custom House, to submit their report thereon.

Para 1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to refer for your consideration and report the enclosed x Copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency, relative to an alteration of his original plan for constructing a Terrace in front of the Custom House.—

2. It is the desire of His Lordship in Council that you will take measures for ascertaining whether the Work has been executed in a sufficient and an economical Manner.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) F. Strachey
Secy to Govt.

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30th May 1801.—

x Dated 16th May 1801
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To

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To The Military Auditor General

&c &c &c

To the Military Auditor General with Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster General the mode suggested by that Officer for adjusting the Balance due by His Majesty's Regiment De Meuron approved To authorise payment of the Bills and Advances recommended by the Military Board An Advance at Fort William to Mr. Assistant Surgeon Allardice of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons reported The pension of 12 Pagodas a Month enjoyed by the late Mr. Saalfeld of Pulicat to be continued to his Widow.

Para 1st I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Military Paymaster General, and to acquaint you that He has approved the mode suggested by that Officer for adjusting the Balance due from His Majesty's Regiment De Meuron to the Honorable Company.

2d I am directed to desire that you will pass for payment the Bills and Advances of Money recommended in the enclosed Extract of a letter from the Military Board, dated the 21st Instant.

3 I enclose for your information and guidance the Copy of a letter from the Board at Fort William relative to an Advance of Money paid at that Presidency to Mr. Assistant Surgeon Allardice of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Dragoons. I am

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No. I am directed to inform you that the Governor in Council has been pleased to continue to Mrs C. S. Saalfelt of Pulicat the pension of 12 Pagodas per Month, enjoyed by her late Husband, who is reported to have died on the 19th Instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Geo. Strachey
Sec.y to Govt.

Fort St. George
30th May 1804.

To
Mrs C. S. Saalfelt

Madam,

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has taken your Petition into consideration, and has been pleased to continue to you the Pension of Twelve (12) Pagodas per Month, which was allowed to your late Husband by the Honorable Company.

I have the honor
Madam
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) G. Strachey
Sec.y to Govt.

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Received

To Mrs C. S. Saalfelt The allowance of 12 Pagodas per Month granted to her late Husband to be continued to her.

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Received and sent the following Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 54, 55.—

From the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Wilhelmina—

From Mr. Webb Enclosing an Account for Victualling a detachment of Coast Artillery.—

To Lieut.t Colonel Fergusson—

To Lieutenant Colonel Fergusson— Returning his letter of the 22.d Instant together with his address to His Lordship in Council of the same date.—

31.st Sent the following Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 56, — 57.

To the Medical Board—

To the Medical Board— Enclosing Copy of the Resolutions passed in Council on their proceedings of the 23.d of December 1803.—

To the Military General—

To the Military Auditor General— To authorise the payment of the balance Stated by the Military Board to be due to the Commercial President at Ingeram, and to give directions for cancelling the bill formerly passed in favor of that officer

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President

Friday the 1st June 1804.—

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie } Esqrs

and

John Chamier }

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

The President Records the following Minute.—

Upon the Subject of Captain De Havillands' parole, I shall only state that his interpretation of it agrees with the practice both of the Austrian and French Armies during the last War—I can assert also that, I never heard the practice condemned as a Violation of faith.—It was understood

President's Minute on the Subject of Captain De Havillands parole.

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there that the engagement not to serve against the Enemy or his Allies implied direct Service, personal acts of hostility immediately against the Enemy.—

The inclination of my opinion is that Captain de Havilland may be employed in any Service in this Country.—

No Military operations are carrying on, against the French or their Allies in India the repair and construction of Fortresses are acts of defence, and are done in times of profound peace by Nations whose locality renders them Rivals, such acts may in some cases indicate a disposition to go to War, but they never were considered to Amount to actual hostility.—

The definition of the situation of a person under Parole as made by General Stuart in the last

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last Sentence of his Minute is dictated by a very nice sense of honor— But to admit it as just, would be allowing all paroles however worded, to be equally disqualifying of Military Service on the part of the Officer so circumstanced— This we know not to be the case.— When, General, Burgoyne's Parole "not to serve in America" became the subject of discussion in the House of Commons, it seem'd to be the opinion of the House that the General might be employed in any other Service out of America, and even should an American Army land in England he would be justified in taking up Arms— But Paroles like Treaties should be taken in their literal sense, unless it is evident that the words do not express the intention of the Parties— In this case the French Captain had the liberty of imposing his own Conditions— Had he intended that Captain de Haviland should not have served

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in India, he might have Stated his meaning in those Words — or he might have said that he should not Serve 'till he was exchanged — But his intention was in all probability — to say what he has said — If the French or their allies land in India, you shall — not Serve against them — Barring this condi- -tion, you may do what you please — For the rest I am indifferent.—

But as the National honor may be committed and as this decision will form a precedent for future times, the question will be more properly submitted for the determination of the Governor General.—

(Signed) W. Bentinck

Resolved that the following Letter be dispatched to the Government at Fort William.—

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To His Excellency The Most Noble
The Marquis Wellesley K.G.P.
Governor General in Council
at Fort William

My Lords,

We have the honor to acquaint
His Excellency the Most Noble the
Governor General in Council that a case
having recently been brought under our
consideration involving a question of the degree
of obligation which the usage of War may
be deemed to impose on Officers who may
have been bound by their Parole of Honor,
we have from the circumstances attending
the subject judged it proper that it should
be referred to the determination of His
Excellency in Council.—

2. An Officer of the Corps of
Engineers on this Establishment having been
taken prisoner on board of the Honorable
Company's Extra Ship Admiral Aplin,

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No. Bengal Refer-
ring for the deter-
mination of the
Governor General in
Council the degree
of obligation which
the usage of War
may be deemed to
impose on Officers
who may have
been bound by their
Parole of honor,—
several papers
on the subject
transmitted.—

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subscribed in common with the other passengers of that Ship, an Agreement that he should serve in no capacity against the French Republick or its allies, until regularly exchanged. Captain De Havilland this Officer in question on his Arrival at this Presidency communicated to the Commander in Chief the terms of the Condition to which he had become liable; but under a considerably more limited interpretation of its meaning, than the Commander in Chief conceived that the nature of the document which had been subscribed, could be construed to imply.—

3. Lieutenant General Stuart accordingly in laying the subject before His stated an explanation of his sentiments regarding the extent of the obligation which had been incurred, and with respect to the particular case of Captain De Havilland expressed his opinion that it amounted to a disqualification for the employment of

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of that Officer in any duty connected with his professional Line, until an exchange could be effected— The Commander in Chief however communicated at the same time for our consideration different documents of respectable authority, tending to establish the fact that a less rigid construction of the intention of a Parole of Honor might be justified from precedent founded in the practice of War in Europe and that according to that practice examples might be adduced of the employment in active operations of Troops who had previously surrendered as prisoners of War under their parole.—

4. We trust that we need not assure His Excellency the Governor General in Council of the cordial satisfaction with which we unite in our sentiments of the honorable principle inculcated in the Minute of the Commander in Chief; and if arguments of considerable weight had not been placed

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in opposition to the conclusion which has been drawn on that subject, we should have no hesitation in concurring in the most extended sense which the instrument which has been brought under our Attention could be considered to have conveyed: But under the explanation which has been offered, we should be unwilling to impose on the Officers of our Army any restriction of greater severity than might be consistent with the usage of other Countries, or than Enemies of the British Nation might be considered to be expected from them when placed under the like circumstances.—

5. We consider it to be not improbable that cases similar to what we have described may have occurred at Fort William, which may be applicable as a rule in the present instance: or if no particular example should have existed, we shall be solicitous to obtain the decision of Your Excellency

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Excellency in Council as a guide on the present and in future occasions of the like Nature which may be liable hereafter to occur:— We have accordingly under the general import-ance which may be attached to the question, and under the doubt which exists in our minds, felt it to be our duty to suspend our decision on the case of Captain De Haviland, and to submit the subject to His Excellency the Governor, General in Council.—

&c. We have the honor to trans-mit to His Excellency in Council a Copy of the Commander in Chief's Minute and of the enclosures to which it refers; together with the Copy of a Minute which has been recorded by Mr. Petrie, containing a further detailed explanation of the circumstances of the case.—

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

Fort St. George (Signed) Wm. Bentinck &c.
1st June 1804.— &c. Council.

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P. S. In addition to the papers to which we have referred, we have the honor to transmit the Copy of a Minute subsequently recorded by Lord William Bentinck.—

(Signed) Wm. Bentinck
Jc. Council

The Commander in Chief—

Records the following Minutes.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I have the Honor to lay before the Board a Letter which Major General Grant has requested me to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

I Recommend that Captain W. H. Hewitt of the 17th Regiment of Native Infantry be appointed to Command the 3d Extra Battalion vacant by the Appointment of Captain White to the Staff of the Subsidiary Force serving with the Soubah of the Dekkan; and that Captain Charles Hodgson of the 53d Regt

Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting a letter from General Grant on the Subject of that Officer's Claim on the Officers Saving fund. Recommends that Captain Hewitt be appointed to the Command of the 3d Extra Battalion vice White, and that Captain Hodgson be appointed Major of Brigade to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division vice Hewitt. Submits an Application from Lieut Blackwood for permission to proceed to Europe on

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on sick certificate — Recommends that Captain Wilson be appointed Major of Brigade to Major General Smith vice Haslar promoted.

To
13th Regiment of Native Infantry &c &c
appointed Major of Brigade to the officer
Commanding the Northern Division of the
Army vice Hewitt.

I submit to the Board
an application from Cornet Blackwood of
the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry, solicit-
-ing permission to return to Europe on Sick
Certificate, and I recommend compliance with
his request.

At the request of Major
General Smith I Recommend Captain
James Wilson of the 11th Regiment of Native
Infantry to be Major of Brigade to that
Officer in the room of Captain Haslar
promoted.

1st June 1804. (Signed) J. Stuart

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

My Lords,

Having received the permission
of

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of Your Lordships in Council to retire to
Europe, and it being very unlikely that
I shall ever return to this Country, I have
to request of Your Lordship in Council
that, I may be indulged with the computed
Amount of the remaining third of my
Off Reckonings for the Years 1800 1801 and
1802.— And the computed Off Reckonings for
1803; Should Your Lordship in Council accede
to my request in these particulars, I shall
be ready to execute such Bond of Indemnity &
as Your Lordship in Council may deem
necessary.—

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

Madras
May 28th 1804.— (Signed) Thomas Trent
Major General

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
&c. &c. &c.

My Lords,

I have the honor of forwarding

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before your Lordship in Council a Certificate
Signed by two Surgeons stating the necessity
of my proceeding to Europe for the Recovery
of my Health, and, I beg leave to solicit
your Permission for that Purpose.—

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

Fort, St. George
29th May 1804.— (Signed) Wm. Blackwood
Cornet 3d Reg.t N.C.

We John Goldie, and
William Horsman Surgeons on this
Establishment, do hereby declare
on Oath, that We are of Opinion
it is absolutely necessary, that
Cornet William Blackwood of the
Honorable Company's 3d Regiment
of Native Cavalry, should leave
this Country, and go to Europe for
the

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the recovery of his health

Sworn to,
at the Public office
in Fort St. George
this 28th Day of May 1804

(Signed) John Goldie
Surgeon
Wm. Horsman
Ass. Surgeon

Before me

(Signed) R. A. Mainwaring
Justice of Peace

(Signed) Ja. Anderson
Physician Genl.

Resolved that Cornet William Blackwood of the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate.

Resolved that the Appointments recommended in the foregoing Minute be directed to take place.

Resolved that the Claims of Major General Trent on the Office becoming Fund be adjusted to the close of the Year 1802, on the same that a similar indulgence was

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was granted to Major General Sir Eyre Coote

Sums.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

The Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in Chief Relative to the reduction of the Peons raised for the defence of the Coast

Stated his expectation in the last Minute which he recorded on the Subject of the defence of the Coast, that circumstances would permit an early reduction of the Peons raised for that Service.—

The eight Extra Battalions which have been formed under this Presidency having been reported to be in a respectable State of discipline, and the latest intelligence of the Amount of the force in the French Settlements in India having rendered it improbable in the judgement of the Commander in Chief that any expeditions against this Country can be attempted by that Nation for some time, he is of opinion that the period proper for the Reduction of the Peons

maintained

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maintained upon this Coast has—

arrived.—

The Commander in—

Chief according by proposes that

the Deons raised in consequence—

of his Recommendations on the Coast

of Coromandel may be discharged;

but the unturnquil condition of the

Province of Malabar and the—

extreme weakness of the Military

force in Canara, appear to render

it expedient that the Peons main-

-tained in Malabar and Canara—

should be continued in the Service

-until the Amount of regular—

troops in those Provinces can

Augmented.—

In proposing the—

measure Recommended in this Minute,

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it is not The Commander in Chiefs—
intention to express an opinion that
the means of defence within our
controul are adequate to oppose a
successful resistance against—
the invasion of a foreign Enemy.
Our force has however been encreased
to a sufficient extent to enable
Government to dispense with a—
Species of Troops whose employment
could only be warranted by the—
extreme and total weakness of—
our Military force when their Services
were first engaged.—

1st June 1804.— (Signed) J. Stuart

Resolved

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Resolved and ordered that Instructions be
given to the Board of Revenue for directing the Collectors
to disband the Peons Calely embodied, with the exception
of those employed in Malabar and Canara.

W. Bentinck

J. Stuart

Wm. Petrie

John Chamier

Ed. Webbe

Offices dt. D.o Wednes.y 1st June 1804
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Diary

Order of Council

Military Department.

1st June 1811.

Received the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

To The Right Honorable Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lords,

From the Military Auditor General. His report on the General estimate submitted for his examination on the 28th Ultimo.

1. Having examined the General Estimate of Cash for the Month of June 1811, which accompanied a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated the 28th Ultimo, I have the honor to Report that the sum of Pagodas Four Lac, Seventy eight Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty eight, Fanams thirteen and Cash twenty Six (Pagodas 4,78,768. 13. 26.) is admissible and issuable as follows, being required

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Required for the payment of Military Charges which became due this day.-

From the General Treasury ..... 122551.. 1.. 6½

By Bills on the Military Pay Master General ..... } 356257.. 11.. 6½

Pagodas ... 478760. 13. 2

2. This Amount is exclusive of the Sums that will be required by the Paymasters with the Division of the Army under the Command of Major General the Honorable A. Wellesley, and the Northern Field Detachment; whose Estimates have not yet been received.-

3. I have deducted the Sum of Pagodas Six hundred and thirty seven (637.. 38.. 3.) from the Amount of the Estimate of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, being the balance of Cash in his hands on the 30th of April, applicable to the payment of Arrears for the preceding Months, and-

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likewise the Sum of Pagodas Six hundred over estimated for on Account of the Troops and Department at Nagore, Negapatam, Erode and Coimbatore.—

4. I have deducted from the Amount of the Estimate of the Paymaster at Vellore the Sum of Pagodas One Thousand five hundred (Ps. 1500—) over-estimated for under the head of "French Prisoners of War at Pondicherry."—

5. The Paymaster at Seringapatam has included in his Estimate Pagodas Four Thousand (Pags. 4000—) under the head of "General Agent for Cavalry Supplies Bills" no explanation whatever, relative to that Sum, appears to have been forwarded, and, as, I do not know by what Authority the "General Agent for Cavalry Supplies has drawn those Bills on the Paymaster at Seringapatam, I have deducted the Amount from the total of the Estimate.—

6. I have deducted from the Amount of the Estimate of the Paymaster at Masulipatam, the Sum of Pagodas One Thousand (Pags. 1000—) over-estimated for

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on Account of the Detachment of the Madras European Regiment at Masulipatam, and likewise the Sum of Pagodas Five hundred (Pagodas 500:—:—) over estimated for on account of the 11th Extra Battalion of Native Infantry at Ellore.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Brunton
Mil. Aud. Gen.

Military Auditor Gen.l's office
Fort St. George
1st June 1804.—

In consequence of the foregoing report,

Ordered that the Sum of One Lack Twenty two Thousand five hundred and fifty one Pagodas, One Fanam and Sixty Cash (Pagodas 122551. 1. 60.) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General estimate for the Current Month, enclosed in his letter of the 28th Ultimo.—

The Sum of Pagodas 122551. 1. 60. to be issued to the Military Paymaster General on account of the General estimate.—

By Order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—
(Signed) G. Strachey Sec.y to Govt.

Sent the following letters entered in Mil.y Book.

2.—

To Captain Hook transmitting a letter addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board, at that Presidency.—

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William.—

To the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Military Paymaster General, acquainting him that the Sum of Pag.s 122551. 1. 60. has been ordered to

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2 ... to be issued to him on Account of the General estimate ...

3 Received the following Letter ...

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

My Lords,

From the Military Auditor General Returning for adjustment abstracts of contingent expences incurred with the Army under Major General Wellesley ...

1. In obedience to your Commands, under date the 24th Ultimo, I have the honor to enclose two Abstracts of the Contingent Expences incurred, during the Months of February and March 1804, with the Division of the Army, in the Field, under the Command of Major General the Honorable Arthur Wellesley ...

No 1 Contains the charges which do not appear to be of a Military Nature, the Vouchers for which accompany it, in order that they may be transmitted to the Accountant General for adjustment

in

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In the General Books.

No. 2. Contains the charges which

appear to be of a Military Nature, the

Vouchers for which I have retained for

the purpose, of being passed in this Office,

in the usual Manner, previous to their

being transmitted to the proper Pay-

Master for insertion in his disbursements

under the head of "Suspense Account"

1802/3.

I have the honor to be,

with the greatest Respect.

My Lord

Your Lordship's most Obed.t

Military Aud.r Gen.l's Office

Fort St. George

2.nd June 1804.

Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Brunton

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1. Abstract

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Abstract of Contingent Expences incurred, during the Months of February and March 1804, with the Division of the Army in the Field under the Command of Major General the Honble A. Wellesley, which do not appear to be of a Military nature, but chargeable to the Head of General Books.—

No.	Particulars	Amount P. F. Rs
	February 1804.—	
1.	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. given to, Sadashiv Rao, Vakeel of Bapojee Gonesh Goklahe	111.31.11.
2.	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. given to, Ballajee Punt, Vakeel of the Kolapore Rajahe	16.15.10.
3.	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. given to, Issurwunt Rao Gorepurah Vakeel of Dowlut, Rao, Scindiah	1639.35.35.
11.	Bill for Money paid by, Govind Row for Provisions &c. given to the Women and Children of Moro Punt Dantiah taken Prisoners at Mankoiser	23. 1. 60.
5.	Bill for Money paid by, Govind Row for Provisions &c. given to Prisoners taken at Mankaiser	22.21.—
7.	Bill for Money paid by Govind Row for Shawls and Turbans purchased for Presents	521. 6.—
	Carried forw. to Leg.	2303.29.66.

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No.	Particulars	Amount
		Pr. F. 6.
	Brought forwd. Pr.	2303. 29. 6
11.	Bill for Money paid to Colonel Halliburton for Arms taken at Alfear Ghurr and Sold at Outcry in Camp, and afterwards repurchased by him to be sent as presents to Dowlut Rao Scindiah	786. — —
12.	Bill for Money paid to the Officers in charge of Captured property on Account of Captain Conway for Khasin Khan purchased from them for presents	1160. — —
13.	Bill for Money paid to the Officers in charge of Captured property for Cloathing &c.a furnished to the Family of the late Killadar of Gowel Ghur.	1000. — —
111.	Bill for Money paid to the Officers in charge of Captured property for Armour taken in Gowell Ghurr, and received from them at a Valuation to be presented to the Raja of Berar.	1913. — 6. 20.

March 1804.—

1	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c.a given to, Sadashee Row Vakeel of Bapoo Gomeshe, Goklah	47. 2. 9.
2.	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c.a given to, Ballajee Punt Vakeel of the Rajah of Colapore	47. 17. 10.
	Carried forward Pag.a	5903. 37. 55.

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No.	Particulars	Amount P. F. G.
	Brought forward Ps.	5903.37.55.
3.	Bill for Money paid in lieu of Provisions, given to Soubah Rao Gaikwar Vakeel of the Rajah of Colapoor 7th & 31st March inclusive	107. 6. —
4.	Bill for Money paid for Provisions &c. a given to Jeswunt Rao Goorporah, Vakeel of Doulut Rao Scindiah	1634.25.70.
5.	Bill for Money paid for Jewels purchased at Poonah, by Govind Rao for presents	3.70. — —
6.	Bill for Money paid for Shawls purchased by Govind Row at Kandallah for presents	71.18. —
7.	Bill for Money paid for various Articles purchased at Bombay for presents by Govind Row	611.33. —
13.	Bill for Money paid to Custorjee Jamshedjee for Articles purchased from him for presents	2583.32. 1.
	Star Pagodas.	11.652.26.19.

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Fort St. George
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(Signed) J. Brunton
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

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Abstract of Contingent Expences incurred, during the Months of February & March 1804, with the Division of the Army in the field, under the Command of Major General the Honorable A. Wellesley, which appear to be of a Military Nature, and chargeable to the Head of Charges Military.

No.	Particulars	Amount Ps. Fs.
	February 1804.	
6	Bill for Money paid by Govind. Row as hire and presents to Hurcarrahs in the Month of Feby	62. 2. "
9.	Bill for Money paid to Hurcarrahs by Lieut. Knox	59. " "
10.	Bill for Money paid to Hurcarrahs and for small Contingencies per Account kept by Captain Barclay	202. 36. "
15.	Bill for Money paid to Tomasha Sa Peon employed in collecting the Bringarries in Mysore & bringing them forward to Camp.	35. " "
16.	Bill for Money paid as hire to an additional Mukkadim	11. 38. "
17.	Bill for Money paid as hire to an additional Moonshie	8. 20. "
18.	Bill for Money paid to Lieut. Col. Close for his Accounts of disbursements in January	50. 10. 10.
	Carried forward Ps.	429. 11. 10.

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	Particulars	Amount P. F. C.
	Brought forward ...	1129 " 4 " 10
19.	Bill for Money paid to Lieutenant Colonel Close for his Account of disbursements in February ...	56 " " "
20.	Bill for Money paid the Expense of the Camp Tapsall ...	1432 " 39 " 15 "
21.	Bill for Money paid for Necessaries lost by certain Dragoons in the 19th Regiment when thrown on Bullocks by order on the forced March on the 4th and 5th February ...	16 " " "
	March 1801.	
8.	Bill for Money paid by Govind Row to Hircarrahs ...	30 " 6 " "
9.	Bill for Money paid to Hircarrahs and for small Contingencies as per Account kept by Captain Barclay ...	323 " 28 " 61 "
11.	Bill for Money paid the Wages of a Mussolchy ...	11 " 18 " "
12.	Bill for Money paid the Wages of an additional Moonshie ...	8 " 24 " "
14.	Bill for Money paid to Gomastahs, and Peons Employed in collecting the Bunjarries in Mysore, and bringing them forward to Camp ...	35 " " "
	Carried forward Pag.	2101 " 36 " 69 "

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No.	Particulars	Amount Pp.	Fs.	Cs.
	Brought forward Pp.	2,408.	36.	69.
15.	Bill for Money paid the Exspence of the Camp Tappalls	1155.	3.	11.
	Star Pagodas	3511.	40.	29.

Sd. J. Brunton
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Mil.y Aud.r Genrals Office
Fort St. George
2d June 1804.—

No. 4

From the Secretary Letter

To Captain S. Hook

Secretary to the Government
Fort William

Sir,

The Right Honorable the
the Governor in Council directs me to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
the 12th Instant, and to request that you will

For the Instruction of the Commanding Officer Fort William
Transmitting Copies of General Orders published this Day for any Regulations to effect the Honble Court's instructions under date the 20th April 1803

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1803, Copies of Minutes recorded on the subject recorded by the Commander in Chief enclosed.

No. 52 Dated 1st May 1804 with 15 Do. Do.

The 11th will lay before the Most Noble the Governor General in Council the enclosed Copies of General Orders published at this Presidency under the instructions of His Excellency in Council for carrying into effect the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors under date the 20th of April 1803.

I am also directed to request that you will submit to the Governor General in Council the enclosed Copies of Minutes recorded by the Commander in Chief in explanation of some parts of the General Orders in question, which do not exactly correspond with the Arrangements adopted at Fort William under the authority of His Excellency in Council.

Dated 1st May 1804 with 9 Do. Do.

I have the honor to be

For &c. St. George

11th June 1804.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo: Strachey

Sec.y to Govern.t

Received and Sent the following

Letters

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No. Letters entered in No. B. Nos. 3) No...

From Lieutenant Colonel Agnew

From the Adjutant General of the Army

Enclosing an Indent for Stationary required for the use of his Office...

To the Accountant General

To the Accountant General...

Enclosing for Adjustment an Abstract of contingent charges incurred with the Army under Major General Wellesley...

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Tuesday the 5th June 1804...

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie } Esqrs

and

John Stanier }

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Thos

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The Commander in Chief Records the following Minutes.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief:—

The Death of Lieutenant John Elam of the Madras European Regiment at Masulipatam, on the 28th of May, has been officially reported to me.—

I submit to the Board the undermentioned Applications to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council from Military Officers.—

1st From Lieutenant F. Langley of the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry, who requests permission to resign the Honorable Company's Service, in consequence of his appointment to a Commission in His Majesty's 78th Regiment.

I recommend that his resignation be accepted.—

2d From Lieutenant J. Y. Porter, of the 9th Regiment, soliciting Permission to return to Europe for the benefit of his Health, and enclosing Certificates of the necessity of this measure, from Bombay, whence he wishes to embark

Minute of the Commander in Chief—Reports the death of Lieutenant Elam—submits applications from Lieut. Langley for permission to resign the Company's Service—from Lieut. Porter for permission to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate—and from Lieutenant Colonel Pitts requesting to be transferred to the Non effective List—Recommends promotion—Reports the arrival of Mr. Alsop from England & recommends that he may be sent to Trepassore and paid the allowances of a Cadet.—

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embarks, and where he requests to draw the
usual allowance of Passage Money. I recommend
that the request of this Officer who has
long suffered from severe indisposition may
be complied with: and that the Bombay
Government may be requested to make the
advance of Passage Money on account of
this Presidency.—

3. An application from Lieutenant
Colonel Aiskill requesting to be transferred
to the Non Effective List.— As Lieutenant
Colonel Aiskill of the 13th Regiment has
long laboured under the effects of illness
contracted when on Service in the Hills, I
recommend that he be transferred to the
Invalid List.—

I recommend the following

Promotions.—

Madras European Regiments

Ensign W. Godby to be Lieutenant
vice Elam deceased; date of Rank the
29th

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29th of May 1804.—

Mr. James Hoop having—
arrived from Europe with a Certificate from—
the Secretary at the India House "That he is—
permitted to Embark for India" I recommend—
that he be sent to Trippasore and paid—
allowances as a Cadet.— The death of his—
friends in this Country has exposed him to—
some Embarassments, the Consideration of—
which induces me to Recommend his immed—
-diate admission without waiting for the—
more regular Notification of his actual—
appointment.—

5th June 1804.— (Signed) J. Stuart

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

My Lords,

His Excellency, The Comander
in

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I have the honor to forward Promissory Notes to a
Commission in His Majesty's 78th Regiment
of Foot, I have to request that if your Lord-
ship will be pleased to grant me permission
to resign the Service of the Honorable Company
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Obt. Servt.
Frederic Langley
Lieut. 1st Batn. 13th Regt.
Native Infty.

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

I have the honor of addres-
sing Your Lordship as directed by this
Government requesting leave to proceed to
Europe for the recovery of my Health, and
of enclosing the required Certificates.
I solicit

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I solicit your Lordship's permission to depart from this place, and to draw the Sum provided on such occasions.—

I have the Honor to be

&c &c &c

Bombay

May 22nd 1804.— (Signed) J. Y. Porter Lieut.

1st B. 9th Reg.t N. I.—

I the undersigned Surgeon do hereby Certify that Lieutenant Porter of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment Madras Native Infantry is in an ill State of health, and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that in my opinion a change of Climate is indispensibly necessary for his recovery; I do therefore beg to recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to Europe.—

Certified at Bombay May 8th 1804.—

(Signed) George Keir

M.D. Garrison Surgeon

We the undersigned Members of the Medical Board of Bombay, certify that

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that we have seen Lieutenant Porter, and
according to the Opinion of the Surgeon who
attended him, We Recommend his being allowed
to proceed to Europe.

(Signed) Will. Moir
1st Member

Bombay
8th May 1804

H. Scott
2d Do.

To The Right Honble
Lord William Bentinck
&c. &c.
Governor In Council

My Lord, and Gentlemen

Finding myself inadequate
to the active Duties of my Profession from a
series of bad Health, and a broken Constitution,
and after a Service of Twenty five Years. I have
to request your concurrence to withdraw from
the Effective to the Non Effective List, and to
be permitted to reside at Dindigul.

Cuddalore
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(Signed) F. Mis[illegible] Lieut 16th
1st B. 13th Regt N.I.
Resolved

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Resolved that the Recommendations contained in the foregoing Minute be carried into effect.—

The Commander in Chief has the Honor of laying before Government the Proceedings of the Medical Board in their Meeting of the 4th of June. As the Board have offered no Apology in those Proceedings to the Commander in Chief, but only stated in a doubtful manner their regret for the disrespect of their Conduct towards his Authority, it appears to be requisite that the terms of a suitable concession should be prescribed to them by Government. It is true that the Medical Board in their Proceedings of the 30th of January expressed a sense of respect for the authority of the Commander in Chief; but that expression, made at the moment when their acts were directly hostile to it, aggravated the general disrespect of their Conduct.—

5th June 1804.— (Signed) J. Stuart.
Medical

Minute of the Commander in Chief Proposing that the terms of a suitable concession should be prescribed to the Medical Board by Government for the disrespect of that Board to his authority in their proceedings of the 23d December and 30th January.—

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From the Medical Board. Expressing their concern for having in their endeavours to conduct the duties of their department with satisfaction and benefit to their employers, incurred the displeasure of Government in so many particular instances, their willingness to offer any apology to the Commander in Chief, which Government may prescribe and request that their proceedings of the 23d December and 30th January with the papers connected with them may make a separate Number in the next dispatch to the Court of Directors.—

Medical Board
11th June 1804.—

Para 1. The Medical Board have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Strachey's letter of the 31st. enclosing an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 29th. Ultimo—

We the deeply, as it must be with lasting concern, that in their Zealous endeavours to conduct the duties of their Department, to the utmost and to the entire satisfaction of Government, they should in so many particular instances, unhappily have incurred the marked and recorded disapprobation of the Right Honorable the Governor in

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in Council.—

2. In their Proceedings of the 30th of January last, the Medical Board endeavoured to express their true feelings of respect, for the Authority of the Commander in Chief— and if in presenting these Proceedings personally to the Right Honorable the President,— under the peculiar circumstances in which they were then placed, they have deviated from the Rules of the Service, they cannot but regret it, having ever been actuated by the purest Motives, and the highest respect for the Commander in Chief.—

3. Still impressed with the same Sentiments of respect, and

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and ready, as they have always
been, and as they trust they
will ever be, to manifest
the first sense they entertain
of their duty — and to evince
in every way, a cheerful
submission to, and willing-
ness to meet the wishes of
Government, they are fully
prepared to offer any further
apology to the Commander
in Chief as directed by
Government in Para 7. of
their Minutes of Consultation
dated the 29th Ultimo, which
the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council, may
be pleased to prescribe, as
behoving them to make. —

11. The Medical Board
however hope they may be
permitted