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To Messrs. Harington & Company

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d. Instant, and to acquaint you that an application similar to that of Colonel Macsey having been received from another Officer, has been referred to the consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors, and consequently that His Lordship will be unable to comply with the request of Colonel Macsey until the result of that reference shall be known.

To do. do. acquainting them that the application from Colonel Macsey cannot be complied with until the result of a reference to the Court of directors on a similar application shall be known.

Fort St. George
8th. August 1804

I am &c. &c. &c.
Signed G. Roddey
Secretary to Government

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Ceylon.

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

My Lord,

In consequence of the Letter which your

From the Governor of Ceylon dated 2

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Report of further
experiments on the
quality of the Gun
Powder dispatched
from this Presidency
to Ceylon.

Fort St. George 7th. August 1804

Your Lordship in Council did me the Honor to
write to me on the 27th. June, & ordered a Repetition of
Experiments to be made on the Powder received from Madras,
and inclose the Result of them together with the Letter of
the Military Board here, on the Subject, for the Informa-
tion of your Lordship in Council.

Samples will be sent to Madras
according to Your Desire, by the earliest Opportunity.

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) Frederic North

Colombo
11th July 1804

To His Excellency the Honble Frederic North
Governor &c &c &c

Sir,

We do ourselves the honor to acknow-
ledge your Excellency's letter of the 25th. Instant, with the
Result of an experiment made at Madras upon some
Gun Powder, of a similar kind to that received here by the
extra Ship Glory, for the use of this Government. As this
Madras Proof Report is very different from that trans-
mitted to your Excellency, shortly after the arrival, here, of
the Gun Powder, We directed the Experiment to be repeated

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and enclosed have the honor to forward the result, by which the accuracy of the former one stands confirmed. The Report is drawn up in so full, and circumstantial a manner, as to preclude the necessity of our making any Observations.

We have given directions to the Commissary of Ordnance Stores to forward Samples of the Gun Powder to Madras by the first opportunity agreeable to Your Excellency's desire.

Military Board office
Colombo 26th. July 1804

We have the honor to be
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Reginld. C. P. Barlee
Colonel & Vice President
" Jno. Desbrisay
Lieutenant Colo.
" P. F. Thorne.
Lieutenant Colonel
" J. Wallson
Majr.
" T. Sconce
Capt. R. E.

A true Copy
Richard Plasket
Deputy Secretary to Govermt.
Report

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Ordered that the Military Board be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing Letter for their information and guidance.—

Read the following Letter from Major Dawson—

G. Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Major Dawson soliciting Government not to require his Demonstration on the Glacis

I have the Honor to enclose a Letter to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, which I request you to be pleased to lay before him and am—

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Dawson

Major Madras Europ.

The Right Honble Lord Wm. Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

Having received the Order of your Lordship in Council, conveyed through the acting Town

Town Major, to warn me to quit India, and to embark on the first Ship, which shall sail from these Roads for England, a doubt presented itself to my Mind whether I was a proper Object of the Exercise of that Power, as given in the Act of Parliament, neither having resigned, nor been dismissed from the Company's Service, as however I have always felt myself disposed to bow with perfect Submission, to your Lordships Orders I should have acquiesced in Silence, had not the Circumstance of the Glory's being the only Ship now here under my Orders for sailing presented to me the Dangers of so very unpleasant a Voyage on Board that Ship, that I trust your Lordships in Council will not be Surprized or offended that I take every Means in my Power to avoid it.

I have the Honor to enclose, and humbly submit to your Lordships Attention the opinion of my Council upon the Import of the Act of Parliament, but I beg to be understood, as not having any Intention to resort to any other Tribunal, than your Lordships in Council to decide upon in this Point as an Officer in the Honorable the East India Company's Service, I know it is my bounden Duty to obey every Order of your Lordships in Council, but I trust that your Lordships will duly weigh the unpleasant Circumstances

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that have already occurred in that Ship, and the animosity that may be supposed to exist between the Officers and myself, from the Recollection of former Insults, and that my your Lordships in Council will not, unless under any pressing urgency, call upon me to embark on her, as I trust the Delay of the Departure of the following Ships will not be great, or of serious Consequence.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Signed Wm. Dawson

Major Under Secy.

ort St. George
ly 4th 1804

Major Dawson, of the Honorable Company's Service, returning from England to India and to his Rank on this Establishment came Passenger in the Extra Ship Glory Commanded by Thomas Rumbold Taylor and for some latter days of the Voyage under the Ships arrival in the Roads of Madras was under an Arrest imposed by the Commander of the Ship.

Soon after the Arrival of the Glory which was in January last Charges against Major Dawson of misconduct during the Voyage were preferred to the Government of Madras by Captain Taylor

whereupon

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whereupon the latter relied for his vindication of the mea-
-sure of severity which he had adopted.—

A Committee of Inquiry was in conse-
-quence, appointed by Government and the Charges were
taken into Consideration.—

Major Davison appeared before the
Committee, questioned some of the Witnesses whom Captain
Taylor examined in Support of his Charges—and also adduced
on his own part other Witnesses to falsify or extenuate
those Charges.—

Pending the inquiry, Captain
Taylor departed this life. The Committee nevertheless proce-
-ded with their investigation—And its result was referred to
the Government.—

The information which had been
given by some Persons (on either part) was afterwards at
the requisition of the Government or of the Committee verified
by their Oaths.—

On the 13th April, the follow-
-ing was published in Military Orders—Viz.t—

General Orders
Head Quarters of the Army
Choultry Plain 13th April 1804

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The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having addressed the subjoined Orders to the Commander in Chief to be published to the Army, they are accordingly published in Military Orders.

Fort St. George 10th April 1804.

G. O. By Government.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having on the Arrival of the Honorable Company's Extra Ship Glory from England received from the Commander of that Ship, a report of the circumstances which had led to the measure of imposing personal restraint on Major William Davison of the Service of the Honorable Company, a Passenger on board of the Glory; His Lordship in Council deemed it to be expedient to appoint a Committee of Enquiry for the purpose of investigating the Charges, on which the measure adopted by the Commander of that Ship was founded.

After a laborious and minute enquiry, and after a distinct examination of the Evidences adduced by both parties, His Lordship in Council has been concerned to observe, that the allegations against the conduct of Major Davison have been generally substantiated by Proof, which cannot be doubted, and that the behaviour

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of that Officer has been found to have been marked by circumstances of gross deception and immorality, and by acts of flagrant violence and outrage.—

His Lordship in Council laments on this Occasion the necessity of holding forth a public example, but the Conduct of Major Dawson having been injurious to the interests and honor of the Honorable Companys Service, and unworthy the station which he holds as an Officer, His Lordship in Council has resolved that Major Dawson shall be suspended from the service of the Company, until the decision of the Honorable the Court of Directors on the case shall be known, and that Officer is hereby suspended accordingly.—

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

(Signed) G. Buchan
Chief Secretary to Govt.

By Order of the Commanders in Chief.—

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Asst. General of the Army

After the Publication of this Order Major Dawson made application to the Commander in Chief for a Court Martial. The Commander in Chief, not considering Major Dawson as then in Military Service, declined the compliance of

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Fort St. George 7th August 1804.—

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On the 16th. May Major Dawson received from the acting Town Major of Fort Saint George the following Notification.—

"To Major Hon. Dawson &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

"In conformity to the Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council you are hereby warned to depart from India and to embark on the first Ship which shall sail from these Roads for England—You are moreover required to return this Notice with an acknowledgment annexed, that it has been duly served."—

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
16th. May 1804.—

(Signed) Patrick Browne
acting Town Major.

Your Opinion is required by Major Dawson.—

Whether the warning given to him (circumstanced as is disclosed above) by the notification of the 16th. May be a legal exercise of any and what authority reposed (and by whom) in the Governor in Council of Madras.—

The act of the 33d. of His present Majesty Cap. 52. Sect. 131. 2, authorises the Company by their Governments in India to arrest, and secure persons found in India not

not being lawfully licenced or authorised, and to remit and send them to England, there to answer for the offence of being so found according to the Course of Law.

By sect. 134 Persons who have been dismissed from or who may have voluntarily resigned the Company's service, Free merchants and free mariners whose Covenants have expired, or whose licences have determined, if found in India after the period prescribed for their departure become liable to the like penalties with persons found in India without licence or authority.

I am of opinion that Major Dawson is not within the description of persons to which these clauses have reference. But am satisfied that Major Dawson, in common with every officer or servant in the Company's employ may be lawfully ordered to proceed to England The Companys authority to remove, recall or dismiss their Officers or servants, is clearly recognized by the Statute before referred to and I have no doubt but the Governor in Council of Madras so far as to justify an order for Major Dawson, to proceed to England.

(Signed) Herbert Compton

2d July 1804

Ordered that the following Letter be despatched to the Town Major of Fort St. George.

To the Town Major, Fort St. George

Sir,

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To the Town Major &c

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Signed Herbert Compton

7th July 1804

Ordered that the following Letter be despatched

to the Town Major of Fort St. George.

To the Town Major,
of Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable

To the Town Major

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Fort St. George with copy of a letter from major Dawson, to acquaint that officer that there is no importance attached to his embarkation for England on the Glory.—

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the Governor in Council to transmit to You the enclosed copy of a letter which has been addressed to His Lordship in Council by Major Dawson and to desire that You will acquaint that Officer that His Lordship in Council attaches no importance to his embarkation on board of the Honorable Company's Extra Ship Glory.—

Fort St. George
8th August 1804

Jam, &c &c &c

(Signed) G. Buchan
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Read the following letter from Mr. Taswell.—

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

From Mr. G. Taswell stating the reasons which induce him to decline the Cadetship granted by the Honorable Court of Directors to his Son.—

My Lord

The General Orders of Government having made known to me the appointment of my Son as a Cadet in the Military Service, I beg leave to represent to your Lordship that the State of his health since his arrival in the Country having been so very precarious, and his dispositions appearing to have been so weakly, it is with great regret I find it necessary to give up this favorable indulgence of the Honble the Court of Directors, which I shall ever recollect with the utmost gratitude.—

I have to hope your Lordship will have the goodness to admit the necessity of the Measure, and to recommend it favorably at home.—

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

(Signed) G. Taswell

Resolved that the foregoing letter be noticed in the next dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Edge
Strange

W. Bentinck
"
W. Dunn
"

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Diary

Sent the following Letters.

To the President and Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

Para 1st I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 23rd and 30th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that the Bills which you have recommended have been passed for payment.

2 His Lordship in Council has approved the estimate submitted with your letter of the 23rd Ultimo, for the construction of a Shaft for mines in the vicinity of Coates Counterguard.

3 I am directed to furnish for your information and guidance the enclosed Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor in Council in the Public Department, relative to advances of Money issued to the Superintending Engineer

To the Military Board. authority has been given for the payment of bills recommended by them. Their estimate for the construction of a Shaft of Mines in the vicinity of Coates Counterguard at Bravo an Extract from the Proceedings of Government in the Public Department relative to advances of Money to the Superintending Engineer on Account of Civil Buildings enclosed a letter from the Governor of Ceylon on the subject of the Gunpowder dispatched to that Island on the Glory to submit their report thereon.

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8 Engineer on Account of Civil Buildings.—

I am directed to transmit to You for Your consideration and report, the Copy of a Second Letter from His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon, on the Subject of the Gun Powder conveyed to that Island on the Honble Company's Extra Ship Glory.—

Fort St George
8th August 1804.

I have the honor to be
Hon Sir
Your
[Signed] G: Strachey
Secy to Govermt

To the Military Auditor General
Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for your information, and guidance the enclosed Copy of a Letter from . . . . the Secretary to the Government at Fort William, on the Subject of the Military allowances paid to Major Sir G. Leith on his departure from Fort St George for Europe.—

To the Military Auditor General with Copy of a letter from the Secretary at Fort William on the Subject of the Military Allowances paid to Sir George Leith on his departure from Fort St George, & to call upon the Agents of that Officer to refund the excess which he received on Account of these allowances — To authorise the payment of bills thereon, drawn by the Military Board. The daily allowance of Rupees per Month formerly assigned by Madame Fairay to be continued to Mr. Dunnage on Account of the children of that Lady. Capt. Leith to draw the full batta of Lieut. Col. during the time that he shall be employed on the extraordinary duties specified

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in an Acct accompanying
a Minute of His Lordship
in Council —

It is the desire of His Lordship in Council that You will call on the Agent for Sir G. Leith to repay the excess which he received on account of those allowances above the Sum which he was entitled to draw as a Military Officer holding a Civil Situation under the Govern= =ment of Bengal. —

3 I am directed to desire that the Bills recommended in the enclosed Extract of Letters from the Military Board dated the 23rd and 30th Ultimo. may be passed for payment. —

4 I enclose the Copy of a Me= =morial submitted by M. Duvergé of Pondi= =cherry, and am directed to desire that the Pension of Twelve /12/ Rupees per Month formerly enjoyed by Madame Farray may continue to be paid to M. Duverge on account of the Children of that Lady. —

I enclose for your information and guidance an Extract of a Minute recorded by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council on

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B on the 31st Ultimo. and are directed to desire that Captain Leith may be permitted to draw the full Batta of Lieutenant Colonel during the time that he shall be employed on the extraordinary duties Specified by His Lordship.—

Fort St. George
8 August 1804

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(Signed) G: Strachey
Secretary to Govermt.

To Captain Leith
Judge Advocate General

Sir,

Para 1st

The Commander in Chief having laid your letter of the 4th of June before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, I am directed to inform you that His Lordship in Council considers the orders of the Court of Directors on the Subject of your allowances to be too Specific to admit at present of any departure from them. but that His Lordship

To the Judge Advocate General - Acquainting them that the Orders of the Court of Directors on the Subject of his allowances are too specific to admit at present of any departure from them. but that his Lordship will however submitted to favourable consideration of the Honorable Court - His Lordship has employed in the intervals of his Military duties in the completion of the Regulations for such extraordinary duties the full batta of Lieut. Colonel

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8th in Council will again submit the Subject to the favorable Consideration of the Honorable Court, with the explanation which you have furnished.—

2 The Governor in Council having resolved to employ you in the Intervals of Your Military Duty, in the completion of the Judicial Regulations, and on other Services connected with the Judicial Department, I am directed to enclose for Your information, and guidance an Extract of a Minute Recorded by His Lordship on that Subject, and to acquaint You that the full Batta of Lieutenant Colonel will be allowed to You as a Compensation for the performance of these extraordinary duties.—

I am
&c. &c.

Fort St George
8th August 1804

(Signed) G. Strachey
Secy to Govermt.

Received and Sent the following Letters entered in M.B. Nos 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23.—
From

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To

From the Military Paymr General

From Mr. Roebuck - Enclosing an additional estimate of Cash for the Current Month. —

From Messrs. Colt Baker & Co.

From Messrs. Colt Baker & Co. Requesting authority for the payment of Batta due to certain Officers of His Majesty's Squadron —

To the Secretary to the Government at Bombay —

To Mr. Grant - Returning the Commission of Ensign Hall of that establishment. —

To the Military Auditor General —

To the Military Auditor General - Referring for his examination an additional estimate for the Current Month. —

To the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry —

To Lieutenant Colonel Keith - M. Johnston permitted to proceed to Tranquebar and Mr. Bayet and Mr. [illegible] to Visit the Presidency in compliance with their respective applications — The Sum of 12 Rupees pr Month to be continued to the Children of the late Madam Savoy.

To the Commander of the Honorable Company's Extra Ship Glory —

To the Commander of the Honorable Company's Extra Ship Glory - To

receive

8th Receive on board that Ship a proportion of Charter Party Passengers who will be embarked under the orders of the Town Major.—

9th Received and Sent the following Letters entered in M B Nos 24. 25. 26. 27.—

From Lieut.t Colonel Fergusson.— From Lieutenant Colonel Fergusson — Requesting that the necessary Certificates may be granted to him agreeably to the regulations regarding the retirement of Officers from the Service.—

To Mr. Grant — Transmitting a Letter addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at that Presidency.—

To the Secretary to the Government at Bombay.—

To the Military Auditor General — With Copy of a letter from the Town Major, relative to a French prisoner landed from the Honorable Company's Ship Brunswick.—

To the Military and Genl.—

To Colonel Marcourt — Enclosing an Extract from the Military Auditor General's Report on the Subject of His application.

To the Offic. Commanding the Force in Cuttack—

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application in favor of two Officers serving under his Command.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President

Friday the 10th August 1804

William Petrie
and
John Chamier
} Esqrs

Lieutenant General James Stuart
Commander in Chief - Absent
Indisposed.—

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.—

Read the following Letters

From the Officer Commanding at Malacca.—

To George Buchan Esqre

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir. Madras

I have the honor to transmit for

From the Officer Commanding at Malacca transmitting the proceedings of the Dutch College of Justice at that place on a case of Murder.—

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for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the Procedings and Decree* of the Dutch College of Justice at this place in a criminal Cause against Joao Baptista De Leiz charged with the Wilful Murder of Jannario De Ramaidia, a Portuguese Inhabitant of Malacca.—

*Sent to England

The Court having found the said Joao Baptista De Leiz Guilty of the Crime laid to his charge, have condemned him to suffer death by being Hanged on a Gallows. I therefore wait the pleasure of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council respecting the execution of the said Sentence.

Malacca
March 21st 1804

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed / Wm Farquhar
Capt.n Comm.g Malacca

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Signed/ Wm. Farquhar

Captn. Commandt. Malacca

Malacca
March 21st 1804

*Sent to England

To

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To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Madras

Sir.

From the Officer Commanding at Malacca — Transmits the Proceedings of the College of Justice in a Case of Murder. —

* Sent to England.

I feel sincere regret that it should so soon again fall to my lot to trouble the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with the Proceedings and Decree* of the College of Justice of this place in a second Criminal Cause, wherein a Bougies man named Batjoe has been accused, tried, and condemned to suffer death for the Wilful murder of Mahomed Cenos. —

There is now no less than three Criminals under sentence of death in this Garrison. —

It is therefore most earnestly to be wished, that a speedy termination may be put to their miserys.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed W Farquhar Capt.
Commd. Malacca

Malacca
28th May 1804

To

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To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

I herewith have the honor to

From the Officer Commanding at Malacca. Respecting a disputed Right to a re-captured Vessel. —

transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a Copy of a Letter of the 19th Instant, addressed by me to the Chief Secretary of the Supreme Government, together with Copies of its several enclosures Nos. 1. 2. and 3, relative to the Ship Henryetta lately captured by the French Squadron under the Command of Admiral Linois, and afterwards cut out of Batavia Roads by the Syrang and Lascars part of her former Crew, and brought in here by the Ship Caroline Captain Hays; where She now remains under the protection of this Garrison until the pleasure of Government be Known. —

I trust that the Right —

Honorable the Governor in Council will not

deem

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deem my conduct irregular in having addressed the Supreme Government on this occasion: as the present season of the year precluded the probability of an early opportunity occurring of transmitting dispatches to Madras, and as the Henrietta sailed originally from the port of Calcutta and being insured there, I judged it advisable in order to avoid delay to lay a Statement of the transaction before that Government. —

Malacca
28th May 1804

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

To John Lumsden Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honor to
acquaint you for the information of His
Excellency the most noble the Governor
General

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General in Council, that the Ship Henrietta,
formerly commanded by Captain Somer-
=ville, and captured on the 11th of February
by a French Squadron under Admiral Linois
arrived here on the 28th Ultimo from Batavia,
from whence She was cut out by the
Serang and Lascars (part of her former
Crew who had been left in charge of her)
and brought to Singin where they fell
in with the Ship Caroline Captain Hayes,
whose Assistance they requested, to carry the
Ship to Malacca, as they found themselves
unable to take her any further, having

no

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no person on board who understood Navi-
=gation.—

Captain Hayes accordingly
sent an Officer on board to take charge of
her, but not until he had previously drawn
up a letter making over all claims the Syrang
and Lascars might be entitled to on account
of the Ship Henrietta, in favor of the
Caroline, which they were required to sign,
and which the Syrang did, for himself
and people, but now declares, upon Oath,
that the purport of the said letter was not
explained to them, and that they were only
told

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told that they must sign it, otherwise Captain Hayes could not take charge of the Ship:- and that it was for their good. —

I have herewith the honor to enclose an attested Translation of the affidavit of the Syrang, and two Tindals, together with a Summary of Intelligence received from them, likewise the declaration of Mr. Hayes, master, and Mr. Hawkins Super Cargo of the Caroline. —

I have judged it expedient under existing circumstances to take charge of the said Ship until such time as I shall receive instructions from His Excellency the Most noble the Governor General in Council or the Government of Madras respecting her; to whom

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whom, however, from the monsoon being
against ships proceeding to the Coast, I have
not had an opportunity of addressing myself.
which circumstance, I trust will plead my
excuse for troubling His Excellency on this
occasion. —

Malacca
May 19th 1804

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Wm Farquhar
Capt. Comm. Malacca

(A true Copy)
Signed) Wm Farquhar
Capt. Comm. Malacca

N.B. The Ship Caroline had no letter of
marque at the time of taking charge of the Ship
Henrietta. —

This Day the first of May 1804

Appeared before me Johannes
Hamel Notary Public of this Malacca Government
present the undermentioned witnesses. The mooreen
Serrang. Boatswain (Syrang) Jowal and
Abdall both Boatswain's mates —

Tindals

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(Tindall) belonging to the English Merchant Ship Henryetta now laying in these Roads, which at the requisition of Captain William Farquhar Engineer, and Commandant of this Town and Fort, declare to be true and fully true.

That they thirteen months ago, more or less, Sailed from Bengal for Balambangan and from thence to the Malay Coast.

Returning from Tringano to continue their Voyage to Bengal they on the 11th of February Ultimo in the latitude of Pulo Anore encountered four French Ships and a Dutch Brig under the Commands of Admiral Linois by whom they were taken and sent to Batavia, where they all arrived after a Passage of Fifteen Days.

That three days after their arrival a Dutch Captain came on board bringing

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bringing with him a writing Desk. —

That the said Captain asked the Deponents if they were inclined to enter his Service, on the same allowance as they had with Captain Sammenville. to which they answered they were already a — long time from Bengal and wished assidu- = ously to return thither — The Dutch — Captain replied they could not now Return to Bengal, and in case they were to land they would be made Prisoners. —

That after this the Captain went from the Ship leaving behind his — writing Desk and two Malay men, and one Coffree Boy. —

That the discourse of the Dutch Captain frightened the Deponents so much. That twelve Days after they cut the cable in the night, and made their escape with the said Ship. —

That the deponents after

— Sammenville

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having been three and Twenty Days astray at Sea arrived at Lingin, under Arab Colours, where they met with the English merchant Ship Caroline Commanded by Captain Hays The first Deponent then went on board of her relating to the Captain every circumstance above mentioned.—

That the Super Cargo of the Ship Caroline asked them how they had come there, and if they would be able to bring the Ship safe to Malacca, to which the Deponents replied that they came along the Shore, but would not be able to bring the Ship any further.—

That the same Evening about Eight o'clock, the Captain, Super Cargo, one Officer and two Helmsmen (Lascarines) from the Caroline came on board the Henrietta with a letter.—

That they called for all the Crew in the Ship, and shewed them the letter

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Letter desiring them to sign it. with assurance that every thing set-forth therein was for their good- and when they had done so. that people would come on board and carry the Ship to Malacca — The first Deponent then signed the letter in the name of the whole Ships Crew. at the same time pleaded ignorance of the Contents. —

The above written attests of the Deponents having been fully explained in the Moorish Tongue by Mr. Andrew Burchet Bone. They declared them to be true and certainly true, being willing to give their Solemn Oaths for the same. —

Done and deposed at Malacca, dated as above in the presence of Gozo Wan Shaek, Evert van Ingels witnesses who together with the deponents and me the Notary Public, have duly signed the Minute of this Written upon a Seal of Twelve Stivers

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Stevens. —

Quod attestor

(Signed) Jn. Hamel

Notary Public

This day the 2nd of May 1804

Appeared before us the undersigned

Commissioned Members of the Honorable College

of Justice of this Government, the aforesaid

Deponents, and after their depositions having

been once more fully explained to them,

they unchangeably persisted thereby, offering

to make Oath to the same, which they did

Accordingly. —

Done recollected and affirmed

with Oath at Malacca in the Castle as above

Commissioned Members. —

(Signed) C Walburn &

Do Gruiter

(Signed) Jn. Hamel Secretary

(True Translation) Signed, I L Beggle

Interpreter

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Wm. Farquhar

Capt.n Comm.d Malacca

Intelligence

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Intelligence received from Semaulah Syrang and Corroborated by the Tindal and others belonging to the Ship Henrietta formerly Commanded by Captain Somerville.—

The Henrietta on her return to Bengal from a Trading Voyage to the Eastward was Captured by a French Squadron Commanded by Admiral Linois near Pulo Anore and dispatched to Batavia.—

Myself and part of her Crew consisting of One Syrang, two Tindals, Eight Lascars and the Gunner (an Englishman) were Removed to the French Frigate La Semillante mounting 44 Guns and about 300 Men — We were on board when the Action took place between the Homeward bound fleet of Indiamen and the French, and were compelled to assist in Working the Guns — The Gunner was also Called upon to do duty, but refused, he was in Consequence put in Irons and sent below. — The French Ships received but little injury from the

the fire of the English, and did not, as far as we could learn lose a single man.—

After the engagement the whole Squadron proceeded direct to Batavia where we arrived in about fifteen Days, and found laying in the Roads two Dutch 74 Gun Ships and a Sloop of war, who immediately prepared for Sea and sailed in less than a week Steering a westerly course. The French Squadron followed two Days after, and the whole went out to the westward.—

Myself and parity with the exception of the Gunner were soon after our arrival at Batavia removed again to the Henrietta— when the Dutch Captain came on board, he asked us if we would remain and do duty— that we should have the same Pay as We had from Captain Somerville; but should we decline his offer and go on Shore, that we would certainly be put in Goal— so we thought it best to stay on board, when

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one night about 12 or 13 Days after the sailing of the men of war. the Captain went on Shore leaving the charge of the Ship to me. there being no Officer or Guard of any discription on board.—

We judged this a very favourable opportunity to make our Escape. So determined on Cutting the Cable which was immediately done, and the Ship allowed to drop out with the Tide to a considerable — distance when We set all the Sail and steered our Course for Malacca. trusting to providence for our preservation, as none on board understood any thing of Navigation — However by Keep- ing the Land continually in sight, we at Length reached Lingen, where we fell in with the Caroline Captain Hays, from whom we Requested Assistance, stating to him the whole Circumstances respecting the Vessel, and our desire of getting to the first English Port — Captain Hays accordingly

dead

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sent an Officer on board and shewing us a* letter
written in English said it would be necessary
for us to sign it before he could have any thing
to say to the Ship. adding that it was for our
Good - So I put my mark to it for myself
and others on board the Henrietta - This done
the two Ships sailed together for this place. -
where we are (thank God) Safe at Anchor -

(Signed) Wm. Farquhar
Captn. Commandt Malacca.

* The purport of this Letter was
to make over all claim the Tindal and Lascars
might have on the Henrietta, in favor of -
Captain Hays and the Crew of the Caroline. -

Know all Men by these presents. —

That I Arthur Hayes Com-
manding and John Hawkins Super Cargo of
the Ship Caroline do hereby declare and make
Oath; that is to say, on or about the twelfth
day of April one thousand eighteen hundred
and four the aforesaid Ship Caroline was
lying

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lying at an Anchor in the roads of Singapore when there was a Strange Ship hove in sight and which Ship made but little way towards the Roads, altho' we could perceive she had at times favorable winds, but that on or about the 13th Instant, we perceived her standing in towards the Caroline and lowered her boat down, and sent her towards the Shore, and passed the Caroline's stern at a considerable distance, taking a view at times of the Caroline, when a short time the Boat was observed to be pulling towards the Caroline, nearly about this time we perceived from the Strange Ship a small red Flag at the Mizen peak, and which gave us Reason to suppose she might be an Ave The Caroline at this time hoisted no Flag but perceived the Boat coming on fast and after a short Space came on board with Passports and a Syrang, when they informed us that the Strange Ship was the Henrietta lately captured by a French Man of War

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and carried into Batavia on or about the 11th February 1804, but had been cut out from Batavia by the Lascars then on board, the Reasons the Lascars gave were, that from the great length of time that they had been confined on board the Ship after they had been taken, gave them some reason to suppose that either the French or the Dutch would make Slaves of them, therefore they Resolved to cut her out the first opportunity.— We were further informed by said Boats Crew that they were in great distress, which distress was occasioned by Sickness, many of their people being then dangerously ill on board with a Fever, and the Crew further declared that as they had been providentially so fortunate as to fall in with an English Ship that they expected that the said English Ship would take charge of them to some port of safety, for at this time no one on board had any Knowledge whatever where they were, and the dangers and difficulties they had undergone since they

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had cut the aforesaid Ships out, was very great after having obtained all the information that was necessary, and the Strange Ships being very near the Caroline the Syrang requested that we should hoist the English Colours to shew the Stranger we were friends, which was accordingly done - after this Circumstance the Boat Returned on board the Kennyetta, and Captain Hayes wrote a Letter to request the Gentleman who we were told was on board a Mr Keever to come on board the Caroline, and which he did after a short time and related Circumstances the same as we had heard before, the Crew and Mr Keever expressed strong wishes that Captain Hayes would send some person on board to take charge of the Kennyetta to Malacca, which after consulting the Officers on board the Caroline, it was thought necessary that the Boat with the Carolines 2 first Officers should go on board the Kennyetta and search in the Hold to see if any Persons

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were concealed, and to which the Henryetta's people all agreed, about an hour after the boat returned to the Caroline, having found no person on board, the Lascars and Mr Reever excepted, from the distressed state of the Ship it was necessary to consult with an intention of Knowing if the Ship should be taken charge of or not, and it was agreed that as the Ship Henryetta was in so disagreeable a situation their must, should the people all on board her agree to sign to it a Letter for the satisfaction of us and the owners of the Caroline. We therefore drew up a letter particularizing so near as possible what had been related by the Henryettas people which letter was dated April 13th 1804 and signed by the aforesaid Adrian Reever and Seaner Matter for self and people, but prior to this we were on board the Henryetta with the Carolines Chief Officer, when our determination was made publickly known to every soul on board in the native Language as well fully convinced them

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them of the great weight of charge we should have to manage, and that we thought it just and right to have inserted in the Letter / before spoke of the 13th Instant / that the Caroline should have every benefit (should there ever be any) that might arise from said Ship. only as is custo= mary under similar circumstances, but that the full charge of the Ship Henryetta should be given over unto me Arthur Hayes, when this Letter was interpreted and the real necessity of such a Letter being given to the Commander of the Ship Caroline, it was given to Mr. Keever to read, and which he said that he not only understood it fully. but that it was certainly necessary that the Caroline should have her benefit as well as the owners of said Ship for the great risk. danger and trouble that was and did ensue from the Henryetta before we arrived at Malacca the Letter was then both by Mr Keever and Arthur Hayes fully explained to the Lascars, and to which they

were glad to agree, they being well convinced of the propriety of such a letter as well as their very precarious and dangerous situation without any navigator on board, and liable every moment to be picked up by the Enemy, striking on Rocks, or what was still more probable of being taken by the Malay pirate prows. The above particularized letter was then signed by aforesaid Mr. Keever and the principal Syrang on board, and Arthur Kaye's answer to said letter was left on board with the said Mr. Keever. — Mr. William Russell the Caro-=lines Chief Officer was after this arrangement ordered to continue on board till our arrival at Malacca with two Seacunnys and a Servant when we had no doubt the Government at Malacca would take her on Account of the Honorable English East India Company, or that the Government would interfere for the benefit of those who might be concerned thus for every arrangement being made and the

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necessary Stores being sent on board we having nearly completed our business had only in — thought of getting the Ships safe to Malacca by the Southern passage by Rhio thinking we should avoid the Enemy we having been informed there might be some force of theirs off Pedro Branco, arrived after a short passage into Rhio, where we lay a few hours, while the busines of the Caroline was completed and stock &c. for the Hennyetta got on board, Sailed from Rhio, and after passing the Camerons, fell in with very strong currents against us and calmy which caused some further anxiety for the safety of the Ships from the Enemy we having been in the Straights, being off mount Tremedo and the Boat coming on board the Ship Caro= =line from the Hennyetta, we were told by the Officer in charge, how very Unpleasantly he was situated with the small crew on board the Henn-yetta they being quite ungovernable and would

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would only work when they thought well leaving all to the few hands on board from the Caroline, except when prefsed by the Syrang. — Mr. Russell — informed us further that they had buried two since he had been on board, and that many of them on board was very ill with Fevers, from these — Circumstances and finding discontent among the people to be great from they having an Idea they would all die'ere they reached Malacca, and that their Ship the Henryetta sailed so far Superior to the Caroline, &c. which made them wish (and that very naturally) that they might make the best of their way, to which Captain Hayes had no objections, and that there might be no delay, it was so agreed that John Hawkins should go on board the — Henryetta to render any Assistance, as well as Land (should the Heinryetta get in soone than the Caroline) and acquaint the Comman = dant so soon as possible, of all circumstances relating to the aforesaid Ship Henryetta

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on the Henryetta's coming off the Water Islands, their being an opportunity, John Hawkins went on Shore at Malacca and immediately waited on the Commandant, leaving with him all particulars that was Known on said busines. The Henryetta having arrived in the Roads of Malacca the Government thought it adviseable to Seize her on Account of the Honorable United English East India Company.—

To the truth of this writing shewing all particulars as far as the memory will allow how the Caroline and we had to do with the aforesaid Ship Henryetta.—

witness to the
Signing.—)

(Signed) Arthur Hayes
Commander

(Signed) John Hawkins
Supercargo

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Hillm. Farquhar
Capt.n. Comm.s. Malacca

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This day the 4th May 1804.

Appeared before us the

undersigned Members of the College of Justice

of this Government, the above deponents, declaring

that their said depositions were the full Truth

and nothing but the Truth, being ready to give

their Oath for the same which they did —

accordingly. —

Date as above

In the presence as

Members

(Signed) C Walbeehm and
D Gruiter

Malacca in the Castle

(Signed) Arthur Hayes

" John Hawkins

In cognizance of.

(Signed) C. F. Forster

Sworn Clerk

A true Translation

(Signed) I L Beggle

Interpreter

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Willm Farquhar

Capt and Commandt Malacca

To

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To George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding at Malacca Requests instructions respecting the mode of proceeding to be observed in the case of a Sepoy accused of Murder.

I have the honor to acquaint You for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that a Sepoy belonging to the Corps of Malacca Native Infantry, is strongly suspected of having wilfully caused the death of another Sepoy of the same Corps, by beating and stabbing with a sharp pointed instrument.— He has secreted himself for the present, but will no doubt be soon apprehended.—

I have to solicit that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to furnish me with instructions respecting the trial of the said offender, whether he should in this case be delivered over to the Dutch Civil Judicature established here; or take his trial by martial Law

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Law, in the latter case I must beg leave to state that I am not in posession of a warrant for holding General Court Martials. —

Malacca 12th June 1804

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Wm Farquhar
Capt.n Command.t Malacca.

N.B. The culprit has just now been brought in. —

Memorandum.

I cannot grant a warrant to Captain Farquhar for holding General Courts Martial, he not having the Rank of a Field Officer, and I cannot delegate that power to any Officer under the Rank of Field Officer. —

This objection however I could remove by ordering a General Court Martial to assemble at Malacca, and by forwarding Blank warrants to Captain Farquhar to fill up the names of the President and Judge Advocate in, but he has not a sufficient

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Number of Commissioned Officers in his Garrison European or Native to form a General Court Martial — I am therefore at a loss to recommend how his Malay Sepoy should be disposed of. —

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(Signed) I Stuart

Ordered that the Proceedings of the Dutch college of justice submitted with the foregoing letter be sent to the Dutch Translator. —

Resolved to inform the Governor General in Council that under the Reference, which has been made to His Excellency on the Subject of the Ship Mouryetta, recaptured from the Enemy, It is not the intention of this Government to enter into a consideration of the question. —

Ordered that the following letter be dispatched to the Officer Commanding at Malacca.

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To the Officer Commanding
at Malacca

Sir,

To the Officer Commanding at Malacca, in reply to the foregoing four letters.

Para 1st I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters under date the 12th, 15th, 22nd February, 21st, 22d march, 28th may and 12th June last, which have arrived at Fort St George subsequently to the dispatch of my letter to You of the 23rd of February last.—

2 With regard to the Persons who have been condemned to death by the Dutch College of Justice at Malacca, I am instructed to inform you that the confirmation of their sentences, will as in former cases of the same nature depend on the decision of His Majesty in Council, to whom the Proceedings of the College will be submitted through the channel of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

3 You will be apprized by a future opportunity of the determination of His Lordship in Council with respect to the mode of proceeding to

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to be observed in the case of the Sepoy who is mentioned in your letter of the 12th June last to have been placed in confinement under a charge of Murder.

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

Read the following letter from the Town Major of Fort St George. —

To the Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St George

Sir,

In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 25th July, the malay Prisoners who were sent from the Eastern Settlements during the late War, have been brought to the Presidency, and are in readiness to embark on the Ships now in the Roads.

I have the pleasure to forward enclosed a List of the Malay prisoners, and request to be furnished with an Order for their being received on board Ships

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) F. Thompson
Town Major

From the Town Major of Fort St George. Enclosing a List of the Malay prisoners who have been ordered to be embarked for the Eastern Settlements

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List of Malay Prisoners of War

1 Mahomed Rajah

Saffare

Abdul Noor

Abdul Rythum

5. Ahare

Hoopan

7 Solomon Rajahput

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(Signed) J. F. Thompson
Town Major

Ordered that the Town Major be furnished with the following Reply—

To the Town Major of Fort St George

Sir.

To the Town Major of Fort St George in reply to the above letter.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and to transmit to you the enclosed orders to the Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships Brunswick and Marquis Ely; for receiving on board the Malays whose names are specified in the List submitted with your letter—

His Lordship in Council desires that you will take measures for providing such supplies as

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as may be required for their use during the passage to Prince of Wales Island. —

I am &c &c

(Signed) George Buchan

Chief Sec to Govt

Fort St. George
10th August 1804

Ch Lushington

W Petrie

W Brooke

W Petrie

Thackeray

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Order of Council:

Military Department

11th August 1804.

Received the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General His report on the additional Estimate of Cash for the Current Month

1st In answer to a letter from the Secretary to Government, dated the 8th Instant, accompanied by an additional Estimate of Cash for the Current Month, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Pagodas Forty four Thousand, five hundred and Nineteen, fanams Seventeen, and Cash fifty (Pags. 44,519-17-50.) is admissible and should be Issued from the General Treasury.

2 This Sum is required by the Military Paymaster General for the following purposes. Viz.t to discharge the Amount of bills and

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as may be required for their use during the passage to Prince of Wales Island. —

I am &c &c

(Signed) George Buchan

Chief Engr to Govt

Fort S.t George
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Ed.k Strange

" W.m Kentish

" W.m Nash

" W.m Pike

" Jno Chapman

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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
&c &c &c

My Lord,

1st In answer to a letter from the Secretary to Government, dated the 2d Instant, accompanied by an additional Estimate of Cash for the Current Month, I have the Honor to report that the Sum of Pagodas Forty four Thousand five hundred and Nineteen, fanams Seventeen, and Cash fifty (Pag.s 44,519-17-50.) is admissible from the General Treasury.

From the Military auditor General His report on the additional Estimate of Cash for the Current Month

2 This Sum is required by the Military Paymaster General for the following purposes Viz.t to discharge the Amount of bills and

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— and make advances to the Garrison Store Keeper and Superintending Engineer at the Presidency for the payment of a Setl of Bills drawn upon him by the Officer Commanding the Madras Volunteer Battalion on Account of Sundry — Abstracts of Pay and Allowances due to that Corps for the Year 1803, and which have not been included in any former Estimate, altho' the Abstracts have been entered on the Disburse= =ments of the Military Paymaster at the Presi= =dency: and to make an advance to the Officer Commanding the Right Honorable the Governors Body Guard, on account of the public Followers proceeding with 190 Mares and 20 Stallions which appear to have been ordered, by the Military Board, to be sent to Ganjam with= =out delay. —

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I have deducted the Sum of Pagodas Two hundred and thirty six, fanams Nineteen, and ~~Cash~~ twenty four (Ps 236-19-24) being the Amount of a Bill of the Superintending Engineer

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Engineer at the Presidency for fitting up a part of the Old market near Popham's Street as a Prison for convicts: This Bill was transmitted to me by the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, in a letter, dated the 17th Instant, for the purpose of being praised for payment; but, as it appeared to me to be a charge belonging to the Civil Department, I forwarded the Bill to the Civil Auditor, who will no doubt have it passed for payment, in the usual manner, particularly as I informed him that the charge had been sanctioned by your Lordship in Council, and I trust that my having done so will meet with your Lordship's approbation. —

Military Auditor
General's Office —
Fort St George —
the
11th August 1806

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

In consequence of the foregoing
Report, Ordered that the Sum of Forty four —
thousand, ... five hundred and Nineteen —
Pagodas

The Sum of Pagodas 44519-19-00 to be issued to the Military Paymaster General —

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Pagodas, Seventeen fanams, and fifty Cash
(Pagodas 44.519.17.50) be issued from the Treasury
to the Military Paymaster General on account
of the additional Estimate enclosed in his letter
of the 7th Instant.

By Order of the Right Honble
the Governor in Council.

(Signed) G: Strachey
Secy to Govermt.

Received and Sent the following
Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 28.29.30.

From the Military Auditor General

From Lieutenant Colonel
Brunton - Reports the closing of the Books of his
department.

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William

To Captain Hook - With Copy
of a Letter from the Officer Commanding at
Pondicherry. the British Subjects mentioned in
that Letter have arrived at this Presidency.

To the Military Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster
General - Acquainting him that the Sum of 44.519.
17.50 has been ordered to be issued to him from
the

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12 To the Treasury.—

Sent the following letters entered

in M.B. Nos. 31. 32.—

To Captain Hook. Transmitting

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William— a General return for May of the Troops serving

under this Presidency.

To Captain Perry. With a

To the Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship Glory— list of Charter Party Passengers for England.—

Received and Sent the following

13 Letters entered in M.B. Nos 33 34.—

From Mr. Roebuck Submitting

From the Military Sec.y to Govt.— an estimate for August from the Paymaster to

the Subsidiary force at Poonah.

To the Military Auditor

Mily Auditor General— General.— With an estimate of Cash required

by the Paymaster to the Subsidiary force at

Poonah.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President

Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

John Chamier

} Esqrs.

Tuesday the 19th August 1806

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The following Minutes of the Commander in Chief having returned from Circulation are ordered to be recorded.

Minute of the Commander in Chief stating the reasons which induce him to recommend that the Office of Quarter master General may be established as the general Repository of Geographical and Topographical Surveys

An accurate and extensive Knowledge of the Geography and Topography of the Territories dependant upon this Presidency is of high importance to the Interests of the Government. It is equally necessary as it relates to the Political limits of our possessions and

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and of those occupied by our feudatories; to the Channels of Commercial Communication; and to the Sources of Revenue, and the internal Boundaries of the Country. — But to the Successful Conduct of Military Affairs this Knowledge is indispensable. — It forms the basis of all Military Plans. — It affords the means of Concerting those Plans upon principles of just Combination, and of Carrying them into execution with precision and due effect. It facilitates that adaptation of the rules of War to the Nature of the Country which is Essential to the Success of Military operations. — Destitute of that Knowledge our Military measures must be crude and imperfect; inapplicable to the state of the Country; dependant for Success upon accidental causes; and liable to be Counteracted by an Enemy Acquainted with the Country, and to be defeated by Circumstances which that Knowledge would have enabled us to

prevent

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— present. An acquaintance with the Geography of our territories is necessary in time of Peace to determine upon accurate Military principles the distribution of the Troops. and the positions requisite for the defence of the frontiers.—

An extraordinary and inexcusable neglect of Geographical pursuits in the Peninsula of India was long prevalent— no regular Surveys were instituted with exception of the Survey of the Tapur executed by Mr. Bernard. — We possessed no other Knowledge of the Nature of our territories. of our frontiers. or great roads. but what was furnished by the routs of the Armies in the Field: and these being often under every Circumstance of disadvantage. were incorrect and extremely confused.— The Public Offices will accordingly be found to contain no regular Surveys of our ancient Dominions: the Knowledge which we have of the Carnatic and — Southern

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Southern Countries, has been derived princi-
-pally from the Voluntary exertions of
Individuals: the only materials which Major
Rennel could procure for the construction
of his map of the Circars were acquired from
the march of the Bengal Detachment
under Colonel Pearce in 1784, and no addition
has been made to them since that time.

This ignorance of the local
Circumstances of the Countries which we
Govern has opposed considerable obstacles
to the Political Arrangements of Govern-
-ment and has aggravated the difficulties
of all our Military expeditions.

These embarrassments were
at last apparent to Government after the
Conquest of Mysore; and a regular plan
was adopted for the survey of that Country

The labours of Majors
Mc Renzie and Sambldon have afforded
the most decisive and honorable evidence
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of the advantages of that measure, their Surveys constitute the only correct Geographical materials that we posess of any part of the peninsula, excepting the Jagier; they have introduced a System of scientific accurate, and just Surveying, and have contributed to enlarge the bounds of General Science.—

There are still defects however in the General System of Geographical Arrangements under this Government.—

The principal defect is the want of a particular Office for the record of Surveys.— To this want may be ascribed in a certain measure, the imperfect State of Geographical Knowledge on the Peninsula.— While there was no person charged with the General Superintendance of Surveys, the exertions for the improvement of Geography were languid from the absence of due appreciation and encouragement, and the Surveys.— which

which the Individual Zeal of Officers occasio-
nally employed upon Service produced, were
dispersed and lost from the want of a System
of regular Record. Surveys of our Dominions
Constitute as important a part of the Archives
of the State, as the Records of past transactions;
but more attention and Scientific Knowledge
is requisite for their Arrangement. / To reduce
the Various Surveys to uniform Scales; to
collate them and reconcile their casual disagree-
ments upon just grounds; to arrange them
with proper Method; to preserve them with the
Scrupulous care which is requisite; and to adopt
every means of enlarging their extent, and securing
from loss every point of Geographical infor-
mation that can be obtained, require that an
Office shall be appointed with an adequate
establishment as a repository for Geographical
Materials. / Unless this Plan shall be adop-
ted the Valuable Surveys that are now carrying
on will ultimately be lost: the expence and
labour

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labour dedicated to that object will be unproductive of any advantage; and the same inconveniences will continue to be experienced that have hitherto resulted from the want of a Geographical Knowledge of our Territories.—

In Bengal where the Scientific examination of local objects has been uniformly promoted by the liberal encouragement of Government, extensive Surveys were instituted at an early period of our power and an Office of Surveyor General has been long established. Excellent maps of the Bengal provinces have accordingly existed for many years.

At Bombay where the Territories have been so limited, a similar Office has obtained; and the result of Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds's labours are likely to produce an extensive addition to our Geographical Knowledge of the Western and Central parts of India.

At Madras

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A plan was submitted to
Government by Major Mc. Kenzie in 1796
for the establishment of a similar Office
under this Presidency. — That Officer justly
observed, "The experience of several years
"has given me frequent occasion to remark
"the embarrassments and detriment arising
"from a want of premanent regular System
"of carrying on the Surveys on the Coast.
"and the difficulties that constantly occur
"in referring to what has been already
"done for want of an Office where the
"connexions of the several Surveys with
"their Documents, and the original notes
"of their construction could be traced; hence
"it arises that some are lost, or being obscure
"are of little use, while time and expence
"is lost in going over the same grounds, and
"the Service retarded and incumbered for
"want of Communication between the
"different Surveyors, whose labours are

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thus scattered in detail and of less use to
the Public. His proposal was forwarded
to the Court of Directors, but was deemed
inexpedient to the Carried into effect by that
Honorable Body.

The disapprobation of
the Court of Directors to establish an Office
of Surveyor General and a Consideration of
of the expences which it would occasion
dissuade the Commander in Chief from
Recommending that measure, but they
Necessity of adopting a plan for Recording
the Surveys of the territories under this
Government, has induced him to consider
the best mode of securing that object with
out a material increase of expence.

There are two Offices
which have occasionally been employed
in the Arrangement of Surveys, those of
the Chief Engineer and the Quarter Master
General; and the Commander in Chief is of
opinion

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opinion that one of these should be fixed upon as the repository of Geographical Surveys.—

The duties of the Office of Chief Engineer relate to fortifications and Military buildings, to the examination of plans estimates and Bills; to a Superintendance of the condition and care of all the fortresses under this Presidency; and to a consideration of the means of their defence or improvement.— The Establishment of the Chief Engineer has been formed with a reference to those duties, and they are unquestionably of that important and extensive description which must engross the whole of his attention to the exclusion of other objects.—

A Knowledge of the situation of places, of the roads, passes, mountains, forests, and features of the Country; of the positions proper for the encampments

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of Armies and Detachments, in relation both to Offensive and defensive Wars. of the Course and description of Rivers and the Supplies of Water; of the Character, resources and facilities of the Countries under Government is indispensable to the person holding the Situation of Quarter Master General. The duties of that Office embrace whatever is connected with the movements and positions of Armies, the defence of encampments, and the general Arrangement of combined operations as far as these relate to the Surface of the Ground. — The proper execution of those duties is of great importance to the Success of the Army in War; and in time of Peace the attention of the Quarter Master General is not diverted to objects foreign from those pursuits. — If the charge of Superintending and Recording Geographical Surveys shall be entrusted to the Office of Quarter Master General, it would

will attach to his department those materials which it is the first duty of his situation to Study and to Know: the measure necessary for their construction, and their reduction to uniform Scales will facilitate his Knowledge of their contents, and combine the performance of his own particular duties with the permanent arrangement and preservation of those valuable records. — This arrangement is even necessary to place the Department of the Quarter Master General on its proper footing. — It has been one of the defects of this Army that although the Knowledge already described is required to be manifested by the Quarter Master General in time of War, no means of acquiring that Knowledge have been afforded to him in time of Peace.

It is only two Years since the Guides have been placed under the Quarter Master General; and an establishment of draughtsmen, although frequently solicited has not

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yet been allowed to that Office.

The foregoing considerations induce the Commander in Chief to recommend that the Office of Quarter Master General may be established at the General repository of Geographical and Topographical Surveys and that an establishment of four draftsmen be allowed for the purpose of arranging, Copying, and reducing those materials. It will be necessary to grant an allowance of 100 Pagodas per month to the Quarter Master General, for the purpose of maintaining that establishment; which will admit of his employing a head draftsman at 40 Pagodas, and three Subordinate draftsmen at 20 Pagodas each. It is impracticable to obtain more instruction for one of this description at the Salaries

It will be the duty of the Office to arrange and reduce the Surveys and Constructions into General and Par-

-ticular

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Provincial Maps upon a regular System; and to supply such Copies of them as may be called for by Government or the Commander in Chief.

The Commander in Chief proposes that the principal Surveyors Mayors Lambton and Mc Kenzie shall continue to transmit their Proceedings to the Secretary of Government, and receive their Orders from him; their Surveys will be sent from the Secretary's Office to the Quarter Master General.

All Separate Surveys of a Subordinate and temporary nature should be transmitted direct to the Quarter Master General, and the persons conducting them should receive instructions from that Officer.

The accompanying Order has been recently published at Bengal; and the Commander in Chief recommends that

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that it may be published under this Government, and that the Quarter Master General may be authorized to provide such instruments as may be necessary to its due execution.—

It appears to the Commander in Chief that the existing Surveys are not sufficiently extended or directed to Military purposes. It is an object of importance that the Surveys of the territories dependant upon this Presidency should be completed at as early a period of time as may be practicable. —By encreasing the Number of Assistants under the present Superintendants, this object will be advanced; and a disbursement of expence will be ultimately saved; for if eight Assistants can perform the same labour under one Superintendant in one Year, that four Assistants can perform in two Years, it is evident that the Salary of the Superintendant and his Office establishment for one Year will be saved.

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Provinces have been added to this Government of which no regular Surveys, and very few Geographical materials exist. — These observations apply chiefly to Major McKenzie's Survey which is more connected with Topographical researches; and the Commander in Chief recommends that Major McKenzie may be directed to consider his Survey to embrace the Ceded Districts, with the Provinces of Canara and Canara, to recommend such a number of additional Assistants as may be necessary for that Service, and to direct the attention of his Assistants to a particular examination of the Towns, Villages, roads, passes, defiles, Mountains, rivers, forests, and to such objects in Generals as may be necessary to render his Surveys in the greatest practicable degree, subservient to Military purposes.

The Commander in Chief considers the foregoing Arrangements to be of high advantage to the improvement of our

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our Military System, an object that in the present times demands the most Vigilant and assiduous attention. —

10th August 1804 (Signed) J Stuart

Fort William

January 12th 1804

General Orders by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council. —

His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council orders and directs, that Officers in Command of detachments or Corps shall strictly attend to the following General Order of the 29th September 1788. —

"It is to be a standing
"Regulation that all Officers Commanding
"detachments of the Army, or single Corps
"on a march, do Keep an Account of their
"daily movements, remarking their computed
"distances, the Towns, Villages, and Rivers
"in their Routs, the Nature of the Roads and
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"their places of encampment, or any other observations
"which they may deem material. Copies of
"which are to be transmitted to the Quarter
"Master General, after the Troops have arrived
"at their destination."

In addition to the rules pres-
-cribed by the preceding Order, His Excellency
the Governor General in Council authorizes
and directs Commanding Officers of Corps,
when marching, to employ any Officer under
their Command — who is properly qualified,
to Keep a journal or Field Book agreeably
to the Subjoined form.

Bearings and estimated distance of objects on the left.	Bearings of the roads.	Bearings and estimated distance of objects on the right.

The names of all Towns,
Forts, Rivers, and Villages when obtainable
are to be inserted in the two broad Collumns
on each Side, also all Tanks, Seels, and
Ravines on the Route of March. Ground

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of encampment, for one or more Corps, and occasional remarks as to the nature of the Road and Country.—

The Bearings of places and objects with their estimated distances are also to be put down, more particularly of Forts, Towns, Villages, Rocky or broken ground and remarkable eminences.

The road distances, whether measured by a perambulator, or estimated by time, is to be carefully noted, in the latter case, the time by Watch between any two places or points of observation is to be put down to the nearest Minute, and the rate at which the person is supposed to have been proceeding is to be noted.

When the distances computed by time & rate is to be drawn through the Column every time a halt shall take place, and the Number of Miles marched for which the halt continues is to be noted.

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With a view to obtain an accurate measurement of the roads and of the routes of march of the Troops, the Governor General in Council directs that a proportion of perambulators and compasses be sent to each of the principal Military Stations for the use of Corps which shall be detached from these Stations, and whenever a Corps is ordered to march, The Commanding Officer is to apply to the Commanding Officer of the Station, for the use of a perambulator and compass, provided there is any Officer in the Corps qualified to undertake to Keep a journal or Field Book, in the manner above directed.

Officers so employed will be permitted to draw an extraordinary allowance, equivalent to the Allowance established by the Minutes of Council of the 11th October 1785. for an Assistant Surveyor in the Field Viz.t Sonat Rupees one hundred per month from the Commencement of the March

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March to its conclusion upon producing from the Surveyor General, a certificate of the Journal or Field Book having been kept with attention and accuracy.

The Field Books are in the first instance to be transmitted to the Quarter Master General, who will immediately after their receipt send them to the Surveyor General, who after taking a Copy of them, is to return them to the Quarter Master General in whose Office they are to be lodged.

Proposed Order to be issued by Government on the foundation of the Order of the Governor General in Council of the 12th January 1804.

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G O By Government

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council Orders and directs that

Officers

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Officers in Command of Detachments or Corps, shall strictly attend to the following General Order of the 28th February 1800.

"It is to be a Standing Regulation of the Service, that all Officers Commanding Detachments of the Army or Single Corps on a March, do Keep in time of Peace as well as War, an Account of their daily Movements, Remarking the measured or computed distance of each Day's march, the Towns Villages and Rivers on their Routes, the nature of the Roads and places of encamp-ments, whether well or ill Supplied with Water for the use of the Troops, together with every Occurrence that they may deem of importance in a Military point of View, Copies of which information is to be transmitted to the Quarter Master General, after the Troops shall have arrived at their respective distinations.—

In addition to the Rules prescribed

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prescribed by the preceding Order, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes and directs Commanding Officers of Corps when marching to employ any Officer under their Command who is properly qualified to Keep a Journal or Field Book agreeably to the Subjoined form.—

Bearing and estimated distance of Objects on the left.	Distance and bearing of the Road.	Bearing and estimated distance of Objects on the Right.

The Names of all Towns, Forts, Rivers and Villages, when obtainable are to be inserted in the two broad Columns on each side, also all tanks Ravines, jungles on the Route of March, nature and extent of the ground of encampment, and occasional Remarks as to the discription of the road and Country.—

The bearings of places and objects with their estimated distance are also to be put down, more particularly of Forts.

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Hill Forts. Towns. Villages. Rocky or broken ground, remarkable eminences and mountains.

The Road distance whether measured by a Perambulator or estimated by time is to be carefully inserted, in the latter case the time by the watch between any two places or points of observation is to be put down to the nearest Minute, and the rate at which the person is supposed to have been moving is to be noticed.—

When the distance is computed by time a line is to be drawn through the Column every time a halt shall take place, and the number of Minutes during which the halt continues is to be noted.—

With a View to obtain an accurate measurement of the roads, and of the routes of march of the Troops, the Governor in Council directs that a proportion of Perambulators and Compasses be provided at the public expence by the Quarter Master General

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and sent to each of the Principal Military Stations, for the use of Corps which shall be detached from these Stations: and whenever a Corps is ordered to March, the Commanding Officer is to apply to the Commanding Officer of the Station for the use of a Perambulator and Compass, provided there is any Officer in the Corps qualified to undertake to Keep a Journal or Field Book in the manner above directed.

Officers so employed will be permitted to draw an extraordinary Allowance of one hundred Rupees per Month from the Commencement of the March to its conclusion upon producing from the Quarter Master General a Certificate of the Journal or field Book having been kept with the attention and accuracy.

The field Books are to be transmitted to the Quarter Master General, and the Officers keeping them are to comply with such instructions as may be conveyed to

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to them by that Officer for their guidance.

Returns of Perambulators

and comptrollers to be transmitted monthly to

the Quarter Master General by the Officers

in charge of them.

By Order of the Right Honble

the Governor in Council.

(Signed) G Strachey

Secretary to Govermt.

The Board are unwilling to

Minutes thereon.

authorise an augmentation of the Quarter Master

General's Establishment in the manner recom-

=mended by the Commander in Chief without

the previous sanction of the Honorable Court

of Directors; Resolved however for the reasons

stated by Lieutenant General Stuart to recom-

=mend it to the favorable consideration of

the Honorable Court, in the event of their

continuing to disapprove on further reference,

the appointment of a Surveyor General at this

Presidency. Resolved

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Resolved however again to
Request the sanction of the Honorable Court
to the appointment of a Surveyor General, and
to refer to the facts stated in the foregoing
Minute of the Commander in Chief, as addi-
=tional Arguments in support of its Expedi-
=ency.

The Board in the mean-
time are of opinion that the objects in the con-
templation of the Commander in Chief may
in some measure be effected by adopting that
part of the proposed Arrangement which is
founded on the Orders of the Governor General
in Council under date the 19th of June 1804,
and by transferring to the charge of the Hon.ble
Company's Astronomer at Fort St. George all
documents connected with the Topography of
the Territories under this Presidency at present
deposited in the Public Offices, or which may
be hereafter furnished; Resolved therefore
that the General Order proposed by the Com-
Commander

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Commander in Chief be published, and that He be requested to give directions for transferring to the Company's Astronomer all documents which may be transmitted to the Quarter-Master General under that Order, and of all Similar documents at present in the possession of any Staff Officer.

Ordered that instructions be issued to the Company's Astronomer, — conformable to the foregoing Resolutions. —

The Board having adopted the determination of again recommending to the attention of the Honorable Court of Direc-tors the expediency of appointing a Surveyor General on this Establishment, it is Resolved to take that occasion for the renewal of the former recommendation of this Government in favor of Major MacKenzie of the Corps of Engineers, whose long and laborious Service, and whose distinguished Merit in that line of public duty; combined with his professional

Talents

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talents render that Officer in the opinion of the Board peculiarly qualified for the Office of Surveyor General; and have afforded to him the strongest ground of pretension to that mark of public distinction.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

I submit to the consideration of the Board the situation of a Company of the Regiment of Wurtemberg Commanded by Captain Gaupp, which in the year 1796 on the surrender of Amboyna was received by His Excellency Vice Admiral Rainier into the British service agreeably to the instructions under which that Island was Commanded to surrender to the British Arms.

This Company then perfectly efficient, embarked and served with the British Force employed in the reduction of Banda, and being afterwards stationed for many Months in that unhealthy Island, suffered

Considerable

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considerable loss of Men. It had been received by Admiral Rainier on the condition of serving on the same pay and allowances which had been given to the Wurthemberg Troops in the Dutch Service; and it was His Excellency's intention to send this Company to the Coast of Coromandel but, under Orders from this Government, origi- = nating in the Scarcity of European Troops. the Officer Commanding at the Moluccas was authorised to detain the Wurthemberg Troops, and to allow them the same pay as was given to the Honorable Company's Troops. —

Captain Lauppe and his Company continued to serve with Zeal and ability until the Molucca Islands were restored to the Dutch: partaking in the — Service against Ternate, and on every occasion conducting themselves with distinguished propri- = ety. When the Islands were given up, they returned with the British Garrison to — Fort St George when the Company reduced to

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three Officers and 20 Non-Commissioned and private Men has since been unemployed. —

The Officers cannot be received with their Rank into the Company's Service. nor can this Government place them on that of His Majesty's — it is even uncertain how far they are Regularly released from that of the Duke of Wurtemberg. — their situated, their future condition, becomes a question for the consideration of the Government. —

The Services of the Officers and Men entitle them to much consideration: and it appears to me that the Officers, with permission to reside when they please should be pensioned on the full or half-pay of their respective Ranks; that such of the Men as are fit for Service and willing to enlist should be received into the Company's Army, and the Rest provided with a passage to Europe and paid a Sum sufficient to defray their expences to their native Country; first settling the

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arrears of Cloathing / which by a former resolution of Government they were to receive as Company's Troops / Stile due. —

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Order in consequence.

/ Signed / J. Stuart

Ordered in consequence that the following General Order be published.

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G O By Government.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to publish in General Orders his approbation of the conduct of a Company of the Regiment of Wurtemburg Commanded by Captain Gaup from the date of its temporary admission into the British Service in the Year 1796 to the present period; when having ceased to be efficient in consequence of the great reduction of its Members. His Lordship in Council is under the necessity of directing, that it be discontinued to be born on the Strength of the Indian Army. —

G O By Government approving the conduct of a Company of the Regiment of Wurtemburg since its temporary admission into the British Service in 1796. that Company to be discontinued on the Strength of the Indian Army. - The Officers and Men to retire on full pay &c

Court of Directors on their arrival in England to afford to them the means of Returning to their Country.

The arrears of Cloathing due to the Wurtemburg Company will be adjusted with the least possible delay.—

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

(Signed) Geo. Strachey
Sec.y to Govern.mt.

The Commander in Chief records the following Minute.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief.—

Lieutenant Darke of the 5.th Regiment of Native Cavalry now sick from the effect of a severe wound, at Bombay, has made application through the Officer Commanding — that Corps for permission to return for the benefit of his health to Europe. As the Certificate, — which I lay before the Board, states the abso-

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Minute of the Commander in Chief Recommending that permission be granted to Lieutenant Darke and Captain Pattle to proceed to England on sick certificate; and that Lieut.t Bruce be permitted to resign his Commission in the Honorable Company's Service — Recommends the promotion of Officers in Case Cadets who have been reported to be qualified for Commissions —

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absolute necessity of the measure although forwarded without attention to prescribed form. I recommend that his request be granted; and that the Government of Bombay may be requested to advance the usual passage money on Account of this Government to Lieutenant Danko.—

Captain Polk of the 1st Battalion 4th Regiment of Native Infantry has also applied by the accompanying Letter for permission to proceed to England on Sick Certificate — I recommend compliance with his request.—

I submit to the Board a Letter from Lieutenant Bruce of the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry, requesting permission to resign his Commission in the Honorable Company's Service. I recommend that his resignation be accepted.

The Officer Commanding the Company of Gentlemen Cadets having reported

reported the undermentioned Gentlemen qualified for promotion; I recommend that they be promoted to the Rank of Ensign from the 27th April 1803.

Infantry.

Mejr. A. F. Swan
John Grant
W. R. Chambers
J. Williams
5 N. I. Fabois
G. H. Braune
Wm. McKenzie
J. G. Gunnes
E. Collings
10 Lt. Erskine
E. H. Leith
C. W. Bishop
J. McDonald
R. Edmonds
15 W. S. Myers
Wm. Taylor

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We Alexander Mackenzie Surgeon and I. Scarman Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, do hereby declare on Oath that, We are of opinion it is absolutely necessary that Captain Thomas Talk of the 1st Battalion 4th Regiment Native Infantry, should leave this Country and go to Europe for the recovery of his health.—

(Signed) A. McKenzie
Surgeon.
(Signed) I. Scarman
Asst. Surgeon

Sworn before me at
Fort St George the 13th
Day of August 1804.

(Signed) W. Grant
J. P.

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

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To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor &c. Council &c. &c.

Fort St George

My Lord,

I have to request that Your —

Lordship will be pleased to permit me to —

resign my Commission in the Service of the

Honorable Company. —

I have the honor to be

Chittledroog

3rd August 1804.

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Bruce

Lt. 1st Batt. 13th Regt.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved that the recommenda-

tions contained in the foregoing Minute be

adopted and published in General Orders.

Read the following Letter

from the Military Board. —

To

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board
Relative to repairs requires
at Masulipatam and Vizagapa-
-tam and the Subject of the
Answer to the late Commissary
at Bandar. —

1st. We have to acknowledge the Receipt of Letters from the Secretary to Govern-
-ment in the Military Department under
date the 25th July and 1st August, and to
Report that we have given the necessary instruc-
-tions to the Parties to whom the Orders therein
contained had reference. —

2d Previous to our Reporting
to Your Lordship in Council on the proposed
Repairs to the Fortress of Masulipatam:
We have deemed it necessary to call for plans
and Estimates of the expense of the Works
Recommended, it being impossible to form a
Satisfactory Report from the Vague commu-
-nication of the Superintending Engineer in
the Northern Division of the Army.
We are however of opinion that authority
should

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should immediately be given for filling up the tops of the Parapets before the Rains; for repairing such of the Water courses through the Works into the Ditch as may require it; and for repairing that part of the Glacis on the South side which was last year damaged by the Kistna, and to which further damage is to be apprehended from the rising of the River this year.

3 We are of opinion the repairs proposed to be undertaken at Vizagapatam should be authorised, and accordingly request that we may be empowered to pass the Estimate for execution.

4 We have the honour to submit to your Lordship Copy of a letter addressed to us by Mr. Lord late Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Amboyna and Banda, respecting a deficiency of Vouchers in support of his Accounts. As it appears that the Indents which have been either lost or destroyed

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destroyed by Insects, are for similar issues made for months prior and subsequent to same for which regular Vouchers are forthcoming. We are of opinion that no material inconvenience is likely to be experienced from their loss, and in consequence recommend to the favorable consideration of Your Lordships in Council the request contained in Mr. Lord's Letter.

We recommend payment of the following Bills and advance of Cash. Viz.

No 1 Bill of the Temporary Agent for the construction of Gun Carriages at the Presidency, for the provision of Charcoal in the Months of June and July last for the use of the Manufactory Amounting to Pagodas 200 — — —

No 2 Bill of the Superintendent of the Honorable Company's Stud in the Province of Ganjam for the purchase of Seven Stallions for the use of the Stud under authority of the Military Board — Amounting to Pagodas 4,812.

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№3. Bill of the Garrison

Storekeeper of Tanjore for provisions laid in Store

at that Station - Amounting to Pagodas 6,197 - 17 -

№4. Bill of the Garrison

Storekeeper in Malabar for the provision of

Gunny Bags for the purpose of forwarding Grain

&c. &c. to the different Stations in Cotiote and

Wynaad in March 1804 - Amounting to Pagodas

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№5 - Bill of the Garrison

Storekeeper in Malabar for the purchase of

Gunny Bags required for Conveying Grain &c.

to Cotiote and Wynaad in May 1804 - Amounting

to Pagodas 121: 34 - 31½

№6 Bill of the Garrison

Storekeeper in Malabar - for the purchase of

Quarter Leaguers for the purpose of holding the

Salt Provisions sent to the different Posts

in Cotiote and Wynaad in March 1804 -

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Amounting to Pagodas 25. 30.

N.7 Bill of the Commissary of
Supply in Malabar for the hire of Coolies employed
in Conveying Arrack from Tellicherry to Cataparamba
in May 1804. Amounting to Pagodas 1. 2. —

N.8 Bill of the Commissary
of Supply in Malabar for Coolies employed in —
Conveying Salt Provisions from Tellicherry to Cata-
=paramba and from thence to Canute in May 1804;
Amounting to Pagodas 12. 21. —. —

N.9 Bill of the Commissary
of Supply in Malabar for Coolies employed in
the Conveyance of provisions from Cataparamba
to Canute and Chavacherry in May 1804, amounting
to Pagodas 1. 48. —

N.10 Bill of the Commissary
of Supply in Malabar for hire of Coolies employed
in Conveying Stores to Tellicherry and Chavacherry
in May 1804. Amounting to Pagodas 1. 22. 66.

N.11 Bill of the Commissary
of Supply in Malabar for Salt purchased
on

on Account of the Public Service Amounting to
Pagodas f.. C. —..

№ 12 – Bill of the Commissary
of Supply in Malabar, for hire of Carriage —
Bullocks for the purpose of conveying ammu=
=nition from Tellicherry to Cotaparamba in
March 1804 – Amounting to Pagodas 3.. 23.. 64.. —

№ 13 – Bill of the Engineer
in Malabar for repairs made to the Magazine
at Tellicherry – Amounting to Pagodas 783.. 36.. 45

№ 14 – Bill of Lieutenant
George Lauty of the 2nd Battalion 8th Bombay
Regiment Native Infantry, for repairs —
performed under his Superintendence to the
Public Buildings at Calicut – Amounting to
Pagodas 226.. 10.. 70. —

№ 15 Bill of Lieutenant
George Browne of the Pioneer Corps, for repairs
executed under his Superintendence to the —
Public Buildings at the Post of Canote —
under authority of the Officer Commanding
in

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in Malabar and Canara — Amounting to —
Pagodas 20. 219. —

№16 Bill of Lieutenant
George Browne of the Pioneer Corps. for repairs
made to the Bridge at Canote — Amounting to
Pagodas 17. 422. 60. —

№17 — Bill of Lieutenant
George Browne of the Pioneer Corps for expenses
incurred in erecting public Buildings at Mallow.
Amounting to Pagodas 14. 220. 8. —

№18 — Bill of Lieutenant
George Browne of the Pioneer Corps for charges
incurred in erecting Public Buildings at the
Post of Kure, Amounting to Pagodas 2. 994. —

№19 — Bill of Lieutenant
George Browne of the Pioneer Corps for charges
incurred in erecting public Buildings at the
Post of Pychee. Amounting to Pagodas 3. 51. —

№20 — Bill of Lieutenant
George Browne, of the Pioneer Corps, for expenses
incurred in erecting a Bridge over the River at
Myrmbay

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Myrumbay - amounting to Pagodas 10: 9 12 - -

№21 - Bill of Lieutenant

George Browne, of the Pioneer Corps, for public

Buildings erected at the Post of Mallanore,

Amounting to Pagodas 8 - 14 4 -

№22 - Bill of Lieutenant

George Browne, of the Pioneer Corps for expences

incurred in erecting Public Buildings at the -

Post of Saitapoora - Amounting to Pagodas 2 -

17 4 -

№23 - Bill of Lieutenant

George Browne, of the Corps of Pioneer, for charges

incurred in erecting Bridges over the Nullahs

between the Posts of Mallanore and Chavacherry,

and between Chavacherry and River - Amounting

to Fanams 38 4 -

№24 - Bill of Lieutenant

George Browne of the Pioneer Corps for public

Buildings erected at the Post of Chavacherry -

Amounting to Pagodas 4 - 10 5 -

№25 - Bill of Lieutenant

George

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George Browne of the Pioneer Corps for the expanse of a Bridge erected between Tellicherry and the Post of Colaparamba - Amounting to Pagodas 1. 81. —

№ 26. Bill of Lieutenant George Browne of the Pioneer Corps for expenses incurred in erecting public buildings at the Post of Edayanoor - Amounting to Pagodas 5. 1113. —

An Advance of Pagodas 200. - to the Temporary Agent for the construction of Gun Carriages at the Presidency to enable him to provide further supplies of Charcoal for the use of the Manufactory.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) C Trafford
" P A Agnew
" Alex. Orr

To

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To Lieutenant General Stuart

President and Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit my Accounts in the Provision and Grain Department at Banda. A number of Indents having been lost and destroyed by insects, I hope either a declaration upon honor or Oath from the person who officiated as my Deputy that Provisions were actually issued will be satisfactory. as these Indents are for similar issues made in prior and subsequent Months, I hope no incon- -venience will be sustained.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) H. Lord

late Commissy

Grain and Provision.

Madras

9th May 1804

(A true Copy)

(Signed) John Macleane

Secy Milit. Board.

Resolved

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Resolved to desire the Military Board to authorise such repairs to the Fortress of Masulipatam, as they may consider to be indispensable before the commencement of the next Monsoon.

Resolved to sanction the proposed repairs at Vizagapatam in conformity to the Estimate submitted by the Commanding Officer at that Station.

Resolved agreeably to the Recommendation of the Military Board, to authorise them to accede to the proposal of the late Commissary of " " Grain and Provisions at Amboyna and Banda, by receiving that Gentleman's declaration on honor in lieu of the Vouchers which have been lost.

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be desired to authorise the payment of the Bills and Advance of Money recommended in the foregoing Letter.

Read the following Letter

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From the Military Auditor General.—

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General. adjustment of Major General Wellesley's Contingent Accounts for the Month of June—

I have the honor to enclose two abstracts of the Contingent accounts of the division of the Army under the Command of Major General the Honorable A. Wellesley for the Month of June last, which accompanied a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Depart=ment, dated the 25th Ultimo.—

No 1. Contains the charges which do not appear to be of a Military Nature, the Vouchers for which Accompany it, for the purpose of being forwarded to the Accountant General 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 accordingly retained and shall pass them, in the usual

manner

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manner previous to their being transmitted to the proper Paymaster for insertion in his Disburse=ments under the head of Suspense Account 1802/3.—

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I have the honor to be with the greatest respect My Lord Your Lordships most Obt. humble Servant (Signed) J. Brunton Mil. Aud. Genl.

Abstract

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Abstract of Contingent Expenses incurred during the Month of June 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."—

№	Particulars.	Amount		
	June 1804	P.	F.	C.
1	Bill for Money paid for provisions &c. given to Sadashe Row, Vakeel of Bapoo Gonesh Gokhlah	45	1 17	30
2	Bill for Money paid for provisions &c. given to Balagie Punt Vakeel of the Rajah of Colapore	47	37	40
3	Bill for Money paid for provisions &c. given to Seewunt Row Gorepoorah, Vakeel of Dowlut Row Scindiah	1582	11	5
4	Bill for Money paid in lieu of Provisions of Suba Row Gatkie Vakeel of the Rajah of Colapoor	120	.	.
5	Bill for Money paid to Hircarahs &c. per Account Kept by Captain Barclay	251	12	.
6	Bill for Money paid Gabzie Caun the balance of one Months Salary promised him during the War	428	24	.
7	Bill for Money paid Sheik Ghanzie	14	12	.
10	Bill for Money paid for feeding and curing poor Women taken up in Camp.	138	31	40
	Carried forward Ps.	2628	19	35

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N°	Particulars	Amount
	Brought forward Pags. 2628	19 35
11	Bill for Money paid Govind Rao for Articles purchased at Poonah for presents to Vakeels taking leave	351 6.
12	Bill for Money paid Captain Fraser for articles purchased at the Sale of Captures property for presents	196 36.
13	Bill for Money paid for a Horse and Trappings to be presented to Sewunt Rao Goreporah	171 18.
24	Bill for Money paid for two English Sabres for presents	242 36.

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Total Star Pagodas 3590 31 35

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

Abstract

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Abstract of Contingent Expences incurred, during the Month of June 1804 with the Division of the Army in the Field under the Command of Major Genl. the Honorable A Wellesley which appear to be of a Military Nature chargeable to the Head of "Charges Military."—

No	Particulars	Amount		
	June 1804			
8	Bill for Money paid Colonel Closes Account for May	48	"	"
9	Bill for Ditto Ditto for June	114	10	40
14	Bill for Money paid Lieut. Col. Kennedy for Stables for sick Cavalry Horses	11	6	"
15	Bill for Money paid for making up Jackets for the Gun Lascars. Non Commissioned and privates of the Native Infantry Viz.t			
	Gun Lascars	26: 34	—	"
16	1st Battalion 2nd Regiment	74: 3	—	20
17	1st Battalion 3rd Regiment	55 "	36	— "
18	1 Battalion 4th Regiment	55 "	36	— "
19	1st Battalion 8th Regiment	43 "	23	— "
20	1st Battalion 10th Regiment	23 "	18	— "
21	2nd Battalion 12th Regiment	24 "	16	" 38
22	2nd Battalion 18th Regiment	60 "	32	" — "
		364	30	58
	Carried forward —	583	5	18

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	Particulars	Amount
	Brought forward Pag.e ---	538 5 18
23	Bill for Money paid the Poonah Residency On account of the Camp Tappall in May 1804	545 6 .
25	Bill for Money paid the hire of an additional Muttesedy in June	11 18 .
26	Bill for Money paid the hire of an additional Moonshe in June	8 24 .
	Total Star Pag.e ---	1,103 11 18

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(Signed) J Brunton
Military Audr Genl.

The

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The Board approve the Military Auditor General's Adjustment of the Contingent Accounts of the Division of the Army Commanded by Major General Wellesley for the Month of June. —

Ordered that the usual communication be made to the Accountant General on that Subject. —

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before you, for sanction at the instance of Major John Reid of the invalid Establishment, two Bills for passage Money: one from Prince of Wales's Island to Calcutta, the other from Calcutta to this Presidency; the delay in bringing them forward has been occasioned by a difficulty in obtaining proper Certificates of the period the Major was on Board the respective Ships, which not having

From the Military Auditor General. Recommending that two bills for passage money may be paid to Major Reid, and that the French woman at Pooramallee may not be allowed to drink Spirits. —

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having been able to obtain sufficiently satisfactorily he has affixed an asseveration on Honor as to the period he was actually on board: the charge is in conformity to the regulations of the Service and your Lordships Sanction for my passing the Bills is all that is wanting.—

It conceive it to be my duty to Notice to Your Lordship, that the Contractor for Victualling French Prisoners of War at Ponamallee makes heavy charges for Women and Children; the Women are charged, for at the same rate with the men, and the Children at one half of that rate; I am by no means going to contend that Prisoners of War of this discription should not be Victualled, but I am of opinion that the Women should not have Arrack Issued to them, because, on Several occasions of Service where Women happened to be present, the Commanders of our Armies in the field judged it expedient that the Women should only have dry Batta issued to them; which gave them all the

the advantages of the Soldier, exclusive of the Barrack, and which it is more than probable, they do not use, but can always find a ready market for it, if disposed to sell it.—

Military Auditor I have the honor to be

General's Office &c. &c.

Fort St George (Signed) I Brunton

10th August 1804 Military Aud.r Gen.l

Resolved that the Military Aud.r General be desired to authorise the payment of the two Bills for passage Money presented to him by Major Reid of the Non-Effective esta=blishment.—

Ordered that the Commanding Officer at Poonamallee be desired to furnish a discriptive Return of the Women and Children belonging to the Prisoners of War confined in that Fort, for the purpose of enabling the Board to decide on the claims of those persons to an allowance from the Honorable Company.—

Read

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Read the following letter from
the Officer Commanding in Tinnevelly.

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

Sir,

I have the Honor to report
to You, for the information of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council, that in consequence of
enquiries lately made by me, I received notice
that some Arms or Weapons of Offence were
concealed in the Village of Kyarcoly in this
Province. A Search was Accordingly made by a
Military Detachment from this Garrison,
when 9 Swords, 5 Cris's, 5 Iron Pikes, 2 Sword
Knives and two Targets were found hidden
in the Houses of some of the Inhabi-
tants.—

The head Inhabitants
of the Lascar Cast, was in possession of a
large part of those Weapons. He could not
be

Officer Comm.
in the Tinnevelly
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of Arms in
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be taken into custody. being very unwell, and unable to move; but one of his Brothers, and a Young Man of the Lobby Cast, (who is Razy of the Village), in whose houses — Weapons also were found, are now Prisoners in Palamcottah. —

The proprietors of some houses where Swords were discovered could not be found. —

Though the Number of Arms thus found be inconsiderable, Yet, as the profession of them is an infraction of the Orders of Government on the Subject, I have thought it to be my duty to state the — Circumstance and to request the instructions of His Lordship in Council respecting the parties concerned. —

Palamcottah
2nd August 1804

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.

Signed Allan Dyce
Lieut. Col. Comm. Tinnevelly
District

Ordered

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Ordered that the following Reply be dispatched to the foregoing Letter.—

To the Officer Commanding in Tinnevelly

Sir,

i Commanding
nelly in Reply
egoing Letter.—

Para 1st. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd Instant, and to desire that the Persons whom you have appre-
-hended in consequence of Weapons having been discovered in their Houses, may be delivered over to the Civil Magistrate for the purpose of being committed for trial for that Offence under the Proclamation of the Governor in Council bearing Date the 1st of December 1801.—

2 The Civil Magistrate will be directed to provide for the Security of the Head Inhabitant of the Sanar Cast mente-
-oned in your letter, until it shall be prac-
-ticable to remove him to the usual place of Confinement.—

3 His Lordship in Council will

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will rely on Your vigilance in conjunction with that of the Civil Magistrate, for the detection of the persons implicated in this Offence, who have contrived for the present to effect their escape from Justice.

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15th August 1804

I am
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) G Strachey
Sec.y to Govern.t

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Paul Kilner of the Wurtemberg Regiment.

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council of
Fort St George

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

I beg leave to lay before You the enclosed Memorial; and request, that Your Lordship in Council will be pleased to forward it, to the Honorable the Court of Directors: but as I can only cherish the hope

From Lieut.t Paul Kilner of the Wurtemberg Company - Submitting a Memorial for transmission to the Honble Court of Directors -

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hope of Success, by meeting your support; I humbly beg, that Your Lordship in Council, will from the Circumstances, therein set forth; have the Consideration, to recommend it favorably to the Honorable the Court of Directors.—

Fort St George
2d July 1804

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) P Kellner
Lieut. Wurtumberg Company

Resolved to submit the Memorial of Lieutenant Kelner to the Honorable Court of Directors, in conformity to his request, but to state at the same time the opinion of the Board, that it will be inexpedient to comply with his application.—

Read the following Petition from J. Nonnys, late Sergeant Major in the Service of the Nabob Omdut Ul Omrah.—

To

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To the Right Honorable

Lord William Cavindish Bentinck

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort St George

&c &c &c

The humble Petition of

I Nourys late Serjeant

Major of His Highness

the Nabob's Service upward

of 32 Years.—

Petition of I Nourys late Serjeant Major of His Highness the Nabobs Service upwards of 32 years. Soliciting a pension.

Humbly Sheweth That Your Petitioner most humbly Implore to lay this address at Your Lordship feet. Submitting that your Petitioners have had the honour to Serve both Senior and Junior Nobobs Wallajah and Umdut ul Umerah for the long period of most Thirty two Years and during Your Petitioners Servitude in the above Services your Petitioners hope faithfully discharged all the duties that

was

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was delivered upon your Petitioners to the Satis-
faction of his different Commanding Officers
and have endured and undergone Manifold
fatigues and hardships, through the former
Wars in this Coast and have received two severe
Wounds in those Wars, and have exhausted
all your Petitioners Strength in the above
Service, at this Juncture your Petitioner
Received 6 Months Pay from the Company
and was discharged with the rest of the Servants
of the Nabobs, without any notice being
taken of an Old Servant, but been left des-
titute of a mouthful of Bread your Petitioner
is now much advanced in Age, and load
with family and are Unable to get your
Petitioner livelihood in any other line, but
that of Military, if your Petitioner indis-
position was not prevented, your Petitioner
might have Represented his case to your
Lordship

Lordship long afore this. —

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly craves and beseech Your Lordship will be pleased to take the above deplorable case into Your Lordship Serious consideration and see justice may be done to your Petitioner in Order that he may be shared the same Indulgence of Pension as others (in this Old age) to maintain himself who was employed from his youth at the Nobolas Services - for which act of Charity and humanity your Petitioners and his numerous family will Ever in duty bound. —

Shall Ever Pray

(Signed) I Nonnys

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The President proposes that a pension of Two Pagodas per. month be granted to P. Nannys from the 1.st Instant.

Resolved and Ordered Accordingly

W Petrie

E.d Hollange

J Stuart

W.m Petrie

J. Chamier

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Diary

15th

Received the following letter

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Madras

Sir

From the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry — On the subject of Law Suits depending at Pondicherry. —

I received your letter of the 1st Instant in answer to Para 6th, of which I have to inform you — for the information of his Lordship in Council.

That in the case of Mr. Marcelly's demand upon the native Inhabitant here the particulars of which I have transmitted to Government, there could not be a Settlement by arbitration, because Mr. Marcelly was not inclined to give up the advantage of the Decree of Court in his favour, and the native would not consent to afford on his part European arbitrators, which totally prevented a Settlement in that way — The native inhabitant I believe had another reason, he does not wish to pay any part of the Debt, and an adjustment by arbitration must be with the Consent of all parties — concerned.

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In answer to Para 2d

I have to inform you that there are many Cases of the same nature of Mr. Marcilly's and in which the Plaintiffs would be glad to solicit for the interference of the Madras Government, but in sending this answer I must beg leave to add in as few words as possible the steps I have taken, and the nature of the business as far as I have been able to Learn.-

As it was necessary to Communicate with Mr. Guese, Register of the Superior Court. Mr. S Paul acting Procureur General. Mr. Bouchery Notary public, and some others for the purpose of gaining the requisite information I called those Gentlemen together; and in presence of Mr. Marcilly laid the matter before them, when although they acknowledged as is stated above that there were many Suits of the same nature, yet they seemed to take the alarm at the smallest prospect of decisions being given in such cases, alledging that the necessities of the Plaintiffs were

were so great as to preclude any probability of their showing indulgence to the Defendants and that the latter would be totally unable to satisfy their Creditors without disposing of all they possess which owing to the poverty of the times here - and the great and all of the value of every kind of property — would occasion great distress and Calamity.

When the matter was argued, — Mr. Marcelly came forward in the handsomest manner, and said that although his present circumstance were of the most embarrassing and distressing nature, he would not individually be the means of bringing misfortunes upon others, and begged leave to withdraw his present Claims of protection from the Madras Government —

As I have reason to know that Mr. Marcilly is extremely poor and has no opportunity of exercising the Duties of his profession as an attorney, in addition to which circumstance he has a Daughter of nine years old the most miserable Idiot, I ever saw, which must add —

much

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much to the feelings of his mind, I must say that his Conduct upon this occasion has been — most praiseworthy

Pondicherry

16th August 1804

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

Signed / Alex.r Keith

Lieut.t Colonel Commanding

Sent the following letter.

To the Military Auditor General.

Sir

Para 1

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, and to desire that you will authorise the fragment of the Two Bills for passage money which have been presented to you by Major Reid of the non-Effective establishment.

2

The Commanding Officer at Poona-mallee has been directed to furnish a descriptive Return of the Women and Children belonging to the European Prisoners of War confined in that Fort, for the purpose of enabling His Lordship in Council to decide on the claims of those persons to an allowance from

To the Military Auditor General. Fort St. George

Fragment of the Bills for passage money which have been presented to you by Major Reid. The Officer Commanding at Poona.

The Governor in Council desires you will furnish a return of the women and Children attached to the Prisoners at that Fort. Authorising payment of a Pension of 10 Pagodas p. Month to Sergt. Norman's family, Sergeant Major in the service of the late Nabob of the Carnatic. To authorise payment of the said allowances of each recommended by the Military Board.

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from the Honorable Company

3 In consideration of the circumstances stated in the enclosed Copy of a Petition from I Monnys formerly Serjeant Major in the Service of the late Nabob of the Carnatic, the Governor in Council has been pleased to grant to that person a pension of Two Pagodas per month, the payment of which you will accordingly authorise from the 1st Instant. —

4 I enclose for your information and guidance an Extract of a letter from the Military Board dated the 6th Instant, and am directed to desire that the Bills and advance of money recommended in it may be passed for Payment

Fort St. George
15th August 1804

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

To the Officer Commanding
at Poonamallee

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble

To the Officer Commanding at Poonamallee - To submit a Return of the Women

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Women and Children Marked to the Prisoners of War at Poonamallee

15th

Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General, and to desire that you will communicate for the information of His Lordship in Council, a Return of the women and Children attached to the Prisoners of war at Poonamallee, with such remarks as may be necessary to make His Lordship acquainted with the circumstances under which they may have been placed in that situation

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Jam. 8va. 8va.
I signed, G. Strachey.
Secrety to Govert.

From the Military Paymaster General

Received a letter from Mr. Roebuck entered in Mr B. N° 35 Submitting an application for money from the Paymaster in Malabar

16th

Received the following letter

G Strachey Esqre
Secretary to the Government
at Fort St. George

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort St. George on the Board of Commissioners of Cavalry proceeding from Bengal

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Most

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Most Noble the Governor General in Council, to trans-
mit to you for the information of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council, the enclosed
Copy of General Orders by His Excellency in
Council of this date, condemning the grounds on
which the Governor General in Council has deemed
it to be expedient and proper to receive and con-
firm the appointment of Colonel Commandant of
Cavalry at this Presidency, as an honorary distinction
to Colonel Macan.

Fort William
the 24th July 1804

I have &c. &c.
/Signed/ L Hook
Secrety to Government

General Orders By His Excellency the most noble
the Governor General in Council dated the 24th July
1804

The Governor General in-
Council directs that the following letter from the
Adjutant General to the Secretary to the Govern-
ment in the military Department be published
in General Orders to the Army.

To

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16 To Captain L. Hook

Secretary to the Government

Military Department

Sir

The late Regulations of the Honor-able the Court of Directors respecting the new formation of the Cavalry on the Establishment having abolished the appointment of Commandant, the Commander in Chief trusts he shall be pardoned in bringing under the notice of His Excellency the most noble the Governor General the merits of the late Commandant Colonel Macan and Soliciting his favor a continuance of the Office of Commandant

During the former and throughout the whole of the late arduous Campaign, the Conduct of Colonel Macan has been marked by such distinguished zeal, gallantry and desire to forward the public Service, that His Excellency cannot but lament any circumstance which deprives them of even an honorary distinction

Sir

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In consideration therefore of the eminent Services of Colonel Macan, and to mark the just sense which Government entertains of the Services of those Officers, who render themselves conspicuous by an earnest zeal to forward the Public Interest, the Commander in Chief begs leave to recommend, that Colonel Macan be continued as Colonel Commandant of Cavalry, and this Office shall cease upon his quitting or relieving from the Service" —

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

Head Quarters
Cawnpoor
13th July 1804

/Signed/ J. Gerard
Adjutant General

With a view to manifest the just sense which the Governor General in Council entertains of the Services of those Officers who render themselves Conspicuous in the discharge of their public duty by an ardent zeal for the public Interests, His Excellency in Council is pleased to determine in consequence of the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief founded

on

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on the zeal Gallantry and distinguished Conduct of Colonel Richard Macan, that the appointment of Colonel Commandant of Native Cavalry shall be received as an honorary distinction for Colonel Macan, and that Colonel Macan shall be Commandant of Cavalry until the Commands of the Honorable Court of Directors shall have been received on the subject.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) L. Hook

Secretary to Govern.t

Received and Sent the following letters entered on M. B. Nos. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40.

From Majr. Harington &c.

Requesting authority for the payment of the allowances of Mr. Macaulay assistant Surgeon to the Resident of Travancore.

From Majr. Chase Elinnery &c. Soliciting authority for the payment of batta due to the Officers of His Majesty's Ship Dasher.

To Mr. Grant. Requesting that

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the usual allowance of passage money be granted to Lieu-
-tenants Darke and Turner of this Establishment.

To the accountant General — Trans-
-mitting for adjustment contingent expences incur-
-red with the Division of the army under major
General Wellesley. —

To the accountant General and
Civil auditor. To authorise payment of the Staff
allowance of the medical Officer attached to the —
Resident at Travancore. —

To the accountant General.

To the accountant General and Civil auditor.

From the Military Auditor General. Submitting a Statement of the Military expenditures on Ceylon at Malacca and the Moluccas —

8/7

Received the following letter.

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council 8th 8th 8th

My Lord.

In obedience to your Orders
under date the 4th Ultimo, I do myself the honor
to forward inclosed an abstract Statement shew-
-ing the military Expenditures of every description
on Ceylon, at malacca and the moluccas, according
to the accounts which have been received in my

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Office for the information of the Committee appointed by — your Lordships in Council for auditing and adjusting the accounts of the Dutch Settlements this State- = ment would have been prepared and submitted at an earlier period, but which I was prevented — from accomplishing from the great press of more important business in hand at the time I received Orders to prepare it. — —

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort S.t George 1.st August 1806

I have the honor to be &c.a &c.a
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Mily Audr General

Abstract Statement shewing the Military Expenditures of every description on Ceylon at Malacca and the Moluccas, according to the accounts which have been received in the Office of the military auditor General. —

	Expenditure against the Dutch Settlements	Dutch Private	Total.
Ceylon	1115105 1 19	57,059 2 52	1199,1264 21
Malacca	707,015 2225	34,752 27 57	791,768 766
Moluccas	895044 36 10	175,961 2765	1071,009 2575
Total Pagodas	2717165 17 74	317,36 16 8	3061,901 34 2

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17. N.B. The Disbursement of the Paymaster at Amboyna from June to September 1799, and of the Paymaster at Banda from June to October 1799, not having been received in the office of audit, the expense of those months has been averaged on the actual Disbursements of the preceding and subsequent months and is accordingly included in the above. ~

Military Auditor General's Office (Signed) J Brunton

Fort St. George 17th August 1804. Mily Audr General

Sent the following letter.

To the Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Accountant General, and to desire that you will furnish to that Officer the further information which he may require in regard to the military Payments which may be indispensibly necessary to make at the Presidency. ~

I am also directed to furnish for your information and guidance the enclosed Extract of

To the Military Auditor General. To furnish the information which the Accountant General may require relative to the Military Payments which may be indispensably necessary to make at the Presidency. Enclose an extract of a letter to the late Commander of the Dutch Brig Caroline on the subject of a compensation to be made to that Gentleman.

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of a letter to the late Commander of the Dutch Brig Caroline, on the subject of a compensation which His Lordship in Council has resolved shall be paid to that Gentlemen. —

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

Received and Sent the following

Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 41-42.

From Lieutenant Colonel Kuth-

From the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry

Enclosing applications from two persons who request permission to return to Madras

To the Military Board Dated 17th

To the Military Board

a Survey of the Goals of Madras in order that such may be adopted for removing the inconveniences represented by the Sheriff

18th

Received the following letter

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck

From the Military Auditor General & His report on the estimate

My Lord

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

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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of the Paymaster to the Subsidiary force at — Poonah

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the receipt of a letter from the Secretary to Govern-
-ment in the military Department dated the
13th Instant, accompanied by an Estimate of Cash
required by the Paymaster to the Subsidiary —
Force at Poonah for the Current month, and
to report that the Sum of Pagodas Seventy four
thousand six hundred and Seventy (Pags 74670 — —)
is admissible and issuable by Bills on the Mili-
-tary Paymaster General being required for the
payment of the Troops and Departments —
composing that Detachment, in arrear for
the last and in advance for the present month.

2 I have deducted the sum of Pago-
-das One thousand five hundred (Pags 1500 — —)
from the amount included under the head of
"Detachment Staff" - Pagodas One thousand seven
hundred (Pags 1700 — —) from the amount included
under the head of "Engineers Department", and
Pagodas three hundred (Pags 300 — — —) from the
amount included under the head of "Paymasters
Department" In making these deductions —

I

18. I have been guided by the sums included and passed in the Estimate of the Paymaster to the Subsidiary Force at Hydrabad under the same heads, because the Staff Officers with the former Force have been placed on an exact footing in point of Salaries and Establishments with those of the latter, and I am not aware of any circumstance likely either to increase or diminish the same.

3 I have deducted the amount included under the head of "Occasional Charges" Viz.t Pagodas Two thousand (Pag.s 6000 —) on account of a detail of Bombay artillery, the 1st Battalion 1.st Regiment Bombay native Infantry and Staff and Departments &c.a this Detachment was not included before in the Estimate of the Paymaster to the Subsidiary Force at Poonah, and I am not aware of his being authorized to make any payments or advances to it, but in the event of his having been authorized to make payments or advances to that Detachment the amount may be admitted. In this case the sum will be

by

18th by Bills on the military Paymaster General will amount to Pagodas Eighty thousand six hundred and Seventy (Pags. 80670 - - -) instead of that stated in the 5th paragraph of this Report —

4 I have also deducted the sum of Pagodas Five hundred (Pags. 500 - - -) being an error in the addition of the Estimate

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

Military Auditor
Generals Office —
Fort St. George
18th August 1804

(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Audr. Genl.

19th Received a letter from Monsieur Marlen - entered in M. B. No. 13 Soliciting an increase of his allowance as a Prisoner of war —

from Monsieur Marlen —

20th Received the following letter —

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a letter addressed to me by Mr.

From the Officer Commanding at Vellore — Reports the removal to Chingleput of the Polygars of Pulicat and Modgul —

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Mr Collector Cockburn and received this morning from the Officer who delivered over to my charge the Polygar of Mograd, and in consequence of his (Mr. Cockburn's) requisition I have ordered two Companies 2d Battalion 4th Regiment under the Command of Lieutenant King (with Lieutenant Foster) to proceed this evening at 4 P.M. in charge of the Polygars of Pacal and Mograd for Chingleput.

A Copy of the instructions for Lieutenant King's guidance as also of my letter to the Zillah magistrate of Chingleput are herewith forwarded.

Vellore.
18th August 1804.

/Signed/ A. Campbell
Colonel Commandg

To the Officer in Command
at Vellore

Sir

In consequence of instructions conveyed to me from the Board of Revenue by which I am directed to send the late Polygar of Pacal now in Vellore to Chingleput, I have to request that a guard may

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may be provided by you for that purpose, and that the above Poligar with the Poligar of mogral who is under the escort of the bearer of this letter, may be delivered in safety to the magistrate of the zilla.—

Pooloor 15th August 1804

Sam. & C. &c.

/Signed/ D. Cockburn
Collector

To Lieutenant Thomas King.
Commanding a Detachment of the 2d. Battalion
4th Regiment in Escort of Polygars.

Sir

I am desired by the Commanding Officer to direct that you will proceed at four o'Clock this Evening on your march to Chingleput in charge of the Polygars of Pacal and Mogral, whose persons you will deliver in to the Custody of the zilla magistrate of Chingleput on your arrival at that Station —

To prevent the possibility of any Attempt being made to rescue the Prisoners by the refractory Polygars whose Districts do not lay out

of

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of the reach of a forced march from the Route by which you proceed. Colonel Campbell is anxious that if hopsible you arrive at Chinglehut in three months and proposes the first Stage should be at Cavery Pauk, the second at Conjeveram, and that you should reach Chinglehut on the third - By marching early in the Evening you will have the Advantage of moon light and Colonel Campbell therefore trusts the length of the above Stages will not cause any distress to your Party

You will be careful to post the proper Sentries and to see that they are vigilant and alert on their Posts

The commanding Officer confides in your zeal and good Conduct, and therefore does not deem necessary to enter into any minute detail of the Duties dependant upon a Charge of so delicate a nature.—

He cannot however avoid to recommend the most humane treatment and attention

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Attention to be shewn to the Prisoners so far as is consistent with the safe Custody of their Persons.

Signed/ Thos. Marriott
Town Major

Vellore
18th August 1804

To George Stratton Esqre
Magistrate of the Zilla
of Chingleput

Sir

In compliance with the orders of Government and at the requisition of the Revenue Board thro' the Collector of the northern Division of arcot, I have herewith furnished an Escort of two Companies of Sepoys under the Command of Lieutenant Thos. King for the safe conduct of the Polygars of Pacal and magral, who will be delivered into your Custody by that Officer, after which he is instructed to return and join the head quarters of his Corps at this Station.

Vellore
13th August 1804

I am &c &c
/ Signed/ A Campbell
Colt Commandg

A true Copy
/ Signed/ A Campbell

Received

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Vellore
18th August 1804

I am &c &c
/ Signed/ A. Campbell
Col. Commandg.

A true Copy
/ Signed/ A Campbell

Received

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Received and Sent the following

letters entered on Mr. B. Nos. 14. 15.

From Mr. Grant. Enclosing a

From the Secretary to the Government at Bombay

letter from the Officer Commanding the forces at that Presidency notifying the permission granted by him to three Officers of that establishment to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate.

To the Military Paymaster

To the military Paymaster General

General acquainting him that the sum of Pago-

das 29670 - - will be issued to him from the Trea-

sury

25th

Received a letter from Mr. Roe-

buck entered on Mr. B. No. 16. Enclosing a letter

From the military Paymaster General at

from the Paymaster at Seringapatam reporting

the want of money for the ensuing month.

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Received a letter from Colonel

From the Chief Engineer.

Troyand entered on Mr. B. No. 17. Submitting his

annual Indent for Stationary.

27th

Received a letter from Mr. Roebuck

From the military Paymaster General.

entered on Mr. B. No. 18 Enclosing an additional

estimate of Cash for the Current month.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable
Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

Governor and President

Tuesday the
28th adgust 1804 Lieutenant General James Stuart

Commander in Chief

William Petrie
and
John Chamier
} Esqres

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

The following minute of

Mr. Chamier having returned from Circulation is

ordered to be recorded:—

I have observed with surprize

Mr Chamier's Minute—
Expressing his surprise at the removal from this Garrison of His Majesty's 34th Regiment and of that Corps being relieved by the 73d without any order from the Governor in Council with other observations on the subject.

H. M. 34th. Regiment move out of Fort St. George

being relieved by H. M. 73d. Regiment, which—

movements have taken place without any order

from the Governor in Council.—

In endeavouring to account

for

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for the employment of Officers and the movement of Troops without the authority of the Government under which they immediately serve, I have recollected that towards the end of the year 1802 the Governor-General of Bengal was pleased to send Instructions to the Governor and to the Commander in Chief at this Presidency for the purpose of assembling Troops on the Frontiers, and that a short time after a considerable Army was placed under the Command of Lieutenant General Stuart who appears to have detached a part of it under the Command of Major General Wellesley into the Mahratta Territories.

The Major General having performed the Service entrusted to him in a distinguished manner has lately returned within the Districts under this Government, and proceeded to Bengal by the special order as I suppose of the Governor General, but as no communication on this point has been made to the Governor in Council under whose Authority Major General Wellesley

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recommendation would be brought forward by the
Commander in Chief in his place at the Council —
Board, and that after being sanctioned by the Governor
in Council an Order in the name of Government
would be issued in the usual manner. —

But as a contrary mode has on
the above Instances been adopted which I conceive
to be an Infringement of the act of the 33. of His
Present Majesty, and a violation of the repeated —
Orders of the Court of Directors, I have deemed it
be my duty to bring the subject before the conside-
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See Cons. 24 Sept 1804

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of

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Of the Governor in Council

Madras 13th August 1804. /Signed/ John Chamier.

The Commander in Chief records the following minutes. —

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

The Commandant of Artillery has reported nine Gentlemen Cadets qualified for Commissions in that Corps, I recommend that they may be appointed Lieutenant Fireworkers of Artillery from the 18th of July 1804, and as no List of their relative Rank has been transmitted from Europe, I have given precedence to those first reported from the qualifications as ordered by the Honorable the Court of Directors in their letter of the 5th March 1800 No 17.

Messrs William Cullen

Jas Henry Smith

Henry Rudyard

John Briggs

Robt Beauchamp Proctor

Hon. Wentworth Watson

Beauchamp

Minute of the Commander in Chief Recommending promotions reports the arrival of Mr Ingles appointed a Cadet on this Establishment, submits Extracts of Orders issued by Lieutenant Colonel Wallace Commanding the subsidiary force at Poonah, and Official reports from Lieutenant Colonel Darley Commanding the Detachment employed in the restoration of Harris. Recommends that Mr Jackson Collector and Lieutenant J. Simons be permitted to proceed to Europe — Recommends that Lieutenant J. Reed of His Majesty's 33 Regiment and Cornet J. Campbell of the Native Cavalry be appointed to the Staff of Major General Campbell the former as Secretary and the latter as Aid de Camp —

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Messrs Beauchamp Mackintosh

Henry Lindsay

Thos. Saml. Watson.

I further recommend the promo-
-tion of these Gentlemen to be Lieutenants of Artille-
to fill vacancies in that Corps with Commissions
bearing date the 18th of July 1804.

In consequence of Casualties
which have occurred, various promotions and correc-
-tions in the date of Rank assigned to Officers former-
-ly promoted are necessary,— I recommend the
following.

Artillery Corps

Captain Lieutenant Alured Gibson
to take Rank from the 22d September 1803 vice Blair
deceased, and Captain Lieutenant J. C. Francke to
take Rank from the 7th November 1803 vice Charlton
promoted.

Infantry

5th Native Regiment

Ensign The Honorable Edwin Lindsay
to

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to be Lieutenant vice Lynch deceased; date of Commission 8th. April 1804.

Lieutenant W. T. Hill to take Rank from the 6th. June 1804 vice Marriott promoted.

Ensign Robert Hemming to be Lieutenant vice Durand promoted; date of Rank 27th. June 1804

1st. Native Regiment.

Ensign William Mackenzie to be Lieutenant vice White transferred to the more effective List; date of Commission 30th. June 1804

2d. Native Regiment.

Ensign R. I. Tabois to be Lieutenant vice Gabriel promoted; date of Commission 9th. May 1804

3d. Native Regiment.

Ensign W. L. Myers to be Lieutenant vice Bruce permitted to resign; date Commission 15th. August 1804.

5th. Native Regiment.

Ensign Jno. Grant to be Lieutenant vice Munro promoted; date of Commission 1st. May 1804.

Ensign J. Williams to be Lieutenant vice

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vice Warburton promoted, date of Commission 23 May.

17th. Native Regiment.

Ensign E. H. Leith to be Lieutenant

vice Leach deceased, date of Commission 18th. May 1804.

18th. Native Regiment.

Ensign J. T. Swann to be Lieutenant

vice Prendergast promoted, date of Commission 17th.

November 1803. —

The Officer Commanding the

Cadet Company having reported Mr. James Forbes

Cadet of Infantry qualified for promotion, I recom-

-mend his appointment to be an Ensign of Infan-

-try from the 27th. April 1803

Mr. I. Inglis a Cadet of Infantry

of the Season 1802/3 has reported his arrival at this

Presidency having been detained on Service with

His Majesty's 75th. Regiment, in which he held a Com-

-mission at the time of his appointment until the

removal of that Corps to Bengal from Guzerat.

I submit to the Board Extracts

of Orders Issued by Lieutenant Colonel Wallace

Commanding

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Commanding the Subsidiary Force at Poonah, and recommend that they be communicated to the Military Auditor General with instructions, to admit on Audit the charges incurred in consequence of those Orders.

Lay before the Board Copies of Official Reports received by the Adjutant General from Lieutenant Colonel Darley Commanding the Detachment employed on the Western Polliams.

Mr. Surgeon Colthoun having requested permission to proceed to Europe on urgent private affairs, and Lieutenant J. Simons of the 11th Regiment of Native Infantry soliciting a similar permission for the benefit of his Health I submit their letters to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and I recommend compliance with their request.

At the request of Major General Duigald Campbell, I recommend the appointment of Lieutenant J. Reed of His Majesty's 33d Regiment to be his Secretary, vice Strachan promoted; and Cornet John Campbell of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry

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Cavalry to be his aid de Camp vice Reed.

/Signed/

Extracts of Orders occasioning expences not provided for by the Regulations issued by Lieutenant Colonel William Wallace during the month of July 1804.

Camp at Chuchoor 2nd July 1804.

G O.

Five Seers of Rice per man to be issued grates to the native Troops to-day which at half a Seer per day will subsist them from the 1st to the 10th Instant inclusive.

Ten Seers of Rice per man to be issued grates this evening to the Draffts for the 8th Regiment of Cavalry which at half a Seer per day will subsist them from the 1st to the 20th July inclusive.

Camp at Chuchoor 3th July 1804

Four Seers of Rice per man to be issued grates to the Company of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment which arrived in Camp yesterday which at half a Seer per day will subsist them from the 11th to the 18th Instant inclusive.

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One Seer and a half of Rice per man to the 1st. Division and One Seer to the 2d. Division of the 1st. Battalion of the Regiment of Bombay Native Infantry to be issued gratis to them this Evening, which at half a Seer per day will subsist them up to the 10th. Instant inclusive

Camp at Chuchoor 10th. July 1804.

Two Seers of Rice per man to be issued gratis to the native Troops tomorrow, which at half a Seer per day will subsist them from the 11th. to the 20th. Instant inclusive.

Camp at Chuchoor 12th. July 1804.

The 1st. Battalion of the Regiment Bombay native Infantry being unprovided with Medical Assistance Mr. Assistant Surgeon Taylor will attend that Corps until further Orders and is to draw from the 6th. Instant from the Bombay Government the allowances fixed on that Establishment.

Camp 13th. July 1804.

Eight seers of Rice per man to be issued

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issued gratis to the Invalided Pensioned and Discharged men and to the Havildars Guard ordered to march on the 15th Instant, which at half a Seer per day will subsist them from the 21st July to the 5th August next inclusive.

Camp 20th July 1804.

True and a half Seers of Rice per man to be issued gratis to the native Troops today which at half a Seer per day will subsist them from the 21st to the 31st Instant inclusive.

True Extracts

/Signed/ P Vans Agnew

Deputy adjutant General

Poonah Sub.y Force.

To the Adjutant General of the Army

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief that the Pulloor Droog is in my possession after a most serious resistance

From

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From the Poligars on my arrival yesterday morn-
-ing at the Pettah which is walled in, and Comman-
-ded by the Droog I found it abandoned and the
Poligars drawn up behind a Barrier about one
hundred Yards up the hill, their numbers could not
be ascertained but they were in force - Captain
Mann with three Companies of the 1st of the 6th who
had been detached at three o'Clock in the morning
to block up one of the Avenues leading from the
Droog, marched on to the Pettah where I found him
drawn up opposite the enemy and a warm fire
immediately Commenced on both sides - The party
for the attack consisted of two flank Companies
of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment, the Grenadiers
of the 1st Battalion 16th Regiment and two Center
Companies of the 2nd Battalion 4th Regiment with
a Brigade of Guns - Captain Bruce Command-
-ed the attack and on reaching the foot of the
Hill with the Troops, immediately pursued
the Enemy, who being Covered by a strong breast
work, I ordered Lieutenant Hopkinson to endea-
-vour

=vour to dislodge them with the Guns, and which had
the desired effect; after a few rounds in this man=
=ner the party advanced Covered by the Guns —
until the fire from them being ineffectual from
the great elevation, it ceased — I had however the
satisfaction of seeing the Poligars retire before
Captain Moore who followed them so close with
his Grenadier Company that they had hardly
time to close the Gate of the last barrier before he
reached the foot of the wall, and here I have to
regret that the want of Europeans with the De=
=tachment prevented his carrying the Droog. he
mounted the wall, but his men were too much
exhausted to enable them to follow the example,
by which an opportunity was lost of securing
the Chief Poligar and his party — Captain Moore
was Knocked from the wall by a Stone which
struck him on the head and several other officers
and men who had got to the wall by this meas=
=ns had large Stones thrown upon them which obliged
them to seek shelter under Rocks, in this situation

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the Troops remained, they and the Peons sniping at each other - seeing there remained no Chance of Carrying the place but by Escalade or breaching the wall, I preferred the latter, and with most indefatigable exertions of the Officers and men of the artillery assisted by the Pioneers, a six pounder with its Carriage and limber was carried to within about 150 yards of the wall and the firing Commenced at half past five with great effect, however night coming on, nothing more could be done, and during the night the necessary arrangements were made for Carrying it by Storm I am sorry to say the head Poligar and most of his men got off at about two O'Clock this morning by a bye path way that I was not informed of, leaving a few Peons on the Droog to keep up a fire, and my advanced party entered the breach about five. I surrounded the Droog at four yesterday Morning with eight Companies, five of which were under Captain Armstrong, and I am convinced had the Droog been forced before night came on, very few could have escaped. I cannot

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I cannot conclude without first expressing the highest approbation of Captain Bruce's zeal and determined perseverance in maintaining his Post within a few yards of the wall from Seven o'Clock yesterday morning until he took possession of the place. too much praise cannot be given to Captain Lieutenant Moore for his zeal and conspicuous Gallantry in this as on all occasions, nor can I make one single exception, every Officer on the attack acquitted himself in a manner highly honorable - to Captain Blacker of the Guides and Lieutenant Wester who is doing the duty of field adjutant my best thanks are due for their very active exertions during a Contest which lasted so many hours. I reckon the Droog from its base to the summit to be about one mile the way the road leads - I have not received the Returns of the Killed and wounded, but am happy to add not a single Officer has been wounded.

This moment the Returns has been sent me and it now goes enclosed

Camp'd Pallcor
14th August 1804

(Signed) J. Darley Lieut.t & Sp
Comm.g Detachment Return

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Return of the Killed and Wounded of a Detachment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Darley in the attack of the Pollam of Pooloor Droog on the 13th August 1804.

Pooloor Droog the 14th August 1804

	Killed											Wounded										
	Europeans			Natives								Europeans			Natives							
									Rank & File											Rank & File		
	Serjeants	Gunners	Matrosses	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Drummers	Puckallies	Naigues	Sepoys	Total	Serjeants	Gunners	Matrosses	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Drummers	Puckallies	Naigues	Sepoys	Total
Detachment of 2d Battalion Artillery	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1
2d Battalion 4th Regiment Native Infantry	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	5
1st do 16th do ditto	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	15	15
Detachment of 2d Battalion Pioneers	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1
Total	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	22	22

N.B. The name of the Matross Killed is James Lyons.

(Signed) J. Darley - Lieut Colonel
Commanding a Detachment

True Copy
" P. A. Agnew
A.S. of the Army

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To the Adjutant General of the Army

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for His Excellency the Commander-in-Chiefs information Copy of a letter from Mr. Collector Cockburn and my reply which I hope will be approved of. I beg to suggest the expediency of placing Lieutenant Tolly and his pa. under my immediate orders while the Service in the Pollams lasts, in order that I may be enabled to avail myself of that Officers Services as circumstan-ces may occur.

I must now consider the whole of the Poligars as having combined in one general Plan to resist the authority of Government, as-from the best information to be obtained, every head Poligar had a party of his Peons opposed to the attack on Pulloor-droog - In my letter of yesterdays date I made no mention of the supposed loss of the Enemy - Ten Bodies have been found and from the quantity of Blood about the Droog a number must

have

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have been wounded - a Subterraneous passage has been discovered leading from the top of the Hill down to within about 30 yards of the bottom, from whence it has rather a quick descent over a Smooth part of the rock, and it appears from the account given by one of the Prisoners taken (of which there are only Six) that they made their Escape down this place, and some of the Inhabitants of the Pollams say a number were killed in the attempt - a old metal Gun carrying a two pound ball and four Gingalls were found on the Droog - The former is reported unfit for use and I have ordered it to be destroyed The latter have been broke up for the repairs of Gun Carriages &c.

The works on the Droog have been destroyed, and tomorrow I expect to have the defences of the Pettah quite demolished, the day following the Pioneers will proceed on clearing the roads towards the Pollams of Bungary and Tumba The Droogs of which are reported to be strong both by art and nature - with thick Jungle close up to them

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them - These Poligars I conceive are prepared with Peons to the number of four thousand and it is therefore probable that my progress may be a little impeded, if their Countries possess the natural defences I am led to expect - This Detachment will do so much as any other of the same strength and description, but as the attack on Pulloor Droog failed from no other cause than the want of Europeans I have to - request that one Company of the 33. Regiment may be sent me if it can be spared from Vellore - I beg however to assure the Commander in Chief that no Troops in the Country could have behaved with more determined bravery than the Flankers they were at the Foot of the wall with their Officers - possessed themselves of the loop holes but too exhausted to do more, and it was not until they were beat down with - Stones that their Officers found it necessary to make them take post under cover of the rocks - One Twelve Pounder with a Tumbril

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of Ammunition will be of infinite Service - had there been one of that Size with me, the Barrier wall near the top of the Droog would have been breached in time for the attacking party to have got in - when not a man would have escaped -

I think it proper to mention that the whole of my Detachment in natives exclusive of Lieutenant Tolley's Company Such and wounded amounted to no more than 1500 Rank and File, including non Commissioned, and that a Small reinforcement equal to four Complete Companies may be found necessary - another Company of Pioneers are absolutely requisite to render the roads passable -

The Collector has intimated to me his intention of quitting the Detachment and proceeding to Cavaripauk, and it would therefore be particularly satisfactory to me was I vested with certain power and authority for bringing to a speedy termination the affairs of the Poligars. I am well aware that I shall be addressed by the whole

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whole of the Poligar Chieftains on the subject we are now contending for, and that they will advance various reasons for their present Conduct which will be impossible for me to listen to unless authorized by Government - I could therefore wish for a line of conduct to be laid down to be followed by me - If the whole of the Pollams are to be assumed and the Poligars to be deprived of their Countries for ever - negociation is out of the question - If on the other hand their Countries are to be restored them, the specific terms under which they will be allowed to hold them should be communicated - If Extirpation is the plan to be pursued, I ought to be empowered to dispose of the lives of such of the Poligars as shall be taken in Arms fighting against us -

Camp at Pooloor
15th August 1804 -

(Signed) J. Darley
Lieut. Colonel Comdg
a Detachment

True Copy
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjutant General of the Army

To

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Lieut. Colonel Comdg
a Detachment

True Copy
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjutant General of the Army

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Darley

Commanding a Detachment

Sir

Considering the large sum of money at present in the Treasury at Chittoor being nearly one half Lac of Pagodas and from the Combination there appears to exist among the Chittoor Poligars the probability of an attempt to carry away the Cash Chest being made, I request that you will reinforce the party at present in Chittoor to the Strength you may judge adequate to the Service to be performed

Pulloor
14th August 1804

I am &c &c
(Signed) D. Cockburn
Collector

To D. Cockburn Esqre
Collector &c &c

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date, and in consequence of your representation of the Combination which appears

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appears to exist amongst the Poligars and the large Sum of money at present in the Treasury at Chittoor - I entirely coincide in opinion with you that it would be advisable to reinforce Lieutenant Solly immediately, orders to that effect have been given and the Party will reach Chittoor by tomorrow morning at day break, when that Officer will have one Complete Company under him besides convalescents of Corps -

Camp 14th August 1804

/Signed/ J. Darley
Lieut. Col. Comm.g a Detach.t

To the Adjutant General of the Army
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward you Copies of a letter of the 13th Instant from Mr. Collector Cockburn with my reply which I request may be laid before His Excellency the Commander in Chief - I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant received after the dispatch of mine of yesterday's date,

Copy

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Copy of it has been sent to the Officer Commanding at Chittoor I have established a Field Hospital at that station but as the whole of Lieutenant Tolly's party will not be required there constantly, I intend availing myself of that Officers Services in such way as may appear most conducive to the good of the Service. I am sorry to inform you that a Guard of an Havaldar, Naique, and Twelve Sepoys who were left at Mogrand along with a party of the Collectors Peons allowed themselves to be surprised the 24th. at night, by some marauders who took from them their Arms and accoutrements, and turned them out of the Village, the Guard was from the 1st. Battalion 16th. Regiment and Captain Armstrong is now investigating the business. The Post I assigned them was tenable against a considerable party of Peons and it is evident to me that nothing but cowardice on the Havaldar could have caused this disaster. I shall by tomorrows Post fully inform you the result of the enquiry. as I cannot well spare

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spare any detached parties from this Country for many Days at a time, it would serve to prevent much detention, was Colonel Campbell or Officer Commanding at Vellore instructed to relieve any Party I may have occasion to send to that Station without reference to Madras. It would likewise be attended with much convenience to the Service was he to comply with all such Indents for military Stores and other articles the Detachment may require from time to time.

Camp Cullour Droog (Signed) J. Darley
16th August 1804 Lieut. Colonel Commandg
a Detachment

N.B. Having omitted to forward Mr. Cockburn's Copy of letter mentioned in mine of yesterday, it now accompanies this. —

(Signed) J. Darley

True Copy

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjutant General
of the Army

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To Lieutenant Colonel Darley,

Commanding a Detachment

Sir.

In my letter of yesterday's date, I request-
-ed you to increase the Garrison of Chittoor in consequence
of the probability of an attempt to carry away the
Cash Chest being made by the Rebel Polygars, and have
now further to state to you that in order entirely to
prevent such attempt, I am of opinion it is advise-
-able to convey the Cash Chest to Vellore, and accord-
-ingly request that measures may be adopted by
you to provide a sufficient escort from Chittoor to
Vellore, in which last place it will be necessary to
leave a Guard with the Cash Chest while it may
remain there—

It being the custom of the Chittoor
Polygars when formerly in situations similar to their
present, to disperse bodies of their Peons over the
District of Chittoor for the purpose of plunder, and
as it is represented to me that they are adopting
measures which indicate a desire of attempting the
same

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same system of devastation when the Cash Chest is removed from Chittoor as there will not be any urgent occasion for a Garrison there, I beg to suggest the good Effects which may be expected were the Officer in Command with his party ordered to leave Chittoor and by making occasional marches through that District give confidence to the inhabitants and protect them from the depredations of the Poligars, as the adoption of the measure proposed would not weaken your Detachment I am in hopes that coinciding in its beneficial tendency you will be able to put it in execution.

Pulloor
15th August
1804

I am &c &c
Signed D. Cockburn
Collector

To D Cockburn Esqr
Collector &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to reply to your letter of yesterdays date and acquaint you that in compliance with your wishes for sending the money

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money that is now at Chittoor to Vellore as therein expressed. I have directed Lieutenant Jolly to hold himself in readiness to escort it to that Station, on the arrival of a Company at Chittoor under a European Officer which I intend sending off this Evening, as Lieutenant Jolly will march with a complete Company, I have written to him to take charge of the mograul Poligar and deliver him over to the Officer Commanding at Vellore. His Excellency the Commander in Chief has placed the Troops stationed at Chittoor under my immediate orders, so long as the Detachment under my Command remains in the Pollams, and you may rely on my taking proper measures for the Security of the Inhabitants of Chittoor and the Country around.

Camp Pullour Droog (Signed) J. Darley
16th August 1804. Lieut. Col. Comg. Detach.

To the Adjutant General of the army
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to request you will be pleased

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pleased to acquaint His Excellency the Commander in Chief that I arrived at and took possession of Tumba Droog yesterday, the Poligars having evacuated it in the course of the morning with a view to depriving the Bungaru Poligar of supplies which he was drawing from the Villages in the vicinity of his Pollam. I marched with the 2nd Battalion 4th Regiment and its Guns to this ground this morning, leaving Captain Armstrong with his own Corps and a Company and an half of Pioneers to destroy the works on the Droog, with Orders to join me as soon as the whole are demolished — Bungaru appears from the view I have had of it to be of considerable Strength

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th the subject of which shall be particularly attended to.

Camp near Bungaru 23. August 1804

/Signed/ I Darley
Lieut. Colonel Comm.g a Detachment

True Copy
/Signed/ P. A. Agnew
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

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To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

My Lord

Being anxious to proceed to Europe on furlough from motives of a very peculiar and urgent nature, I beg leave to solicit your Lordship's permission for that purpose -

Mysore
15th August 1804

I have the honor to be &c &c
/Signed/ Wm Colhoun
Surgeon

To the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord

Having long laboured under severe indisposition which the Faculty at Bombay have unsuccessfully tried every means in their power to remove - it is now thought indispensably necessary for me to proceed to Europe by the Ships about to sail, the short period I have to

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to prepare me, has also induced the President of the Medical Board to request that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief at Bombay will grant His sanction for me to proceed without waiting a reply to my application for leave, which I have no doubt will hereafter be explained by him in an official manner for your Lordships satisfaction - I have the honor to enclose a Certificate, and I trust as I sincerely believe, no Retrenchments can be made against me by the Military Auditor General that your Lordship will grant me your approbation. -

Mazagon
1st July 1804

/Signed/ John Simons
Lieut. 1st Batt. 11th Regt. N.I

Duplicate

I the undersigned Surgeon do hereby Certify that Lieutenant John Simon of the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment Madras native Infantry has long laboured under severe indisposition, and I do most solemnly and sincerely declare that in my opinion a change of climate is indispensably necessary

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necessary for his recovery - I do therefore beg to
recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to
Europe by the earliest opportunity -

Certified at Bombay June 29th 1804.

/Signed/ George Keir. M.D
Garrison Surgeon

We the undersigned members of the
Medical Board of Bombay Certify that we have
seen Lieutenant John Simons of the 1st Battalion
11th Regiment Madras native Infantry, and
according to the opinion of the Surgeon who attend-
-ed him, we recommend his being allowed to pro-
-ceed to Europe. —

/Signed/ Wm. Moorcroft
W. Scott Lieut.

Bombay
29th June 1804.

Resolved and Ordered that the
recommendations contained in the foregoing minute
be carried into effect -

Minute

Through the Commander in Chief
hoped that the question of the military patronage

Minute of the Commander in Chief. In reply to the Secret minute on the subject of Military Patronage.

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of the army had already been sufficiently discussed.
the minute of Mr. Petrie of the 6th Instant obliges
him to resume the subject in his own defence -

The Commander-in Chief has
not said that neither the Army or the Commander-
"in Chief were concerned" in the revolution which
produced the arrest of Lord Pigot, but he has stated
in his minute of the 28th July that he consi-
-dered that arrest to have no relation to the question
of the Commander in Chiefs military Patronage,
that he viewed it as the result of a Contest between
two parties in the Civil Government, and "in no
"respect to be attributed to any undue influence
"possessed by the Commander in Chief over the
"Army that so little were the Army or the Com-
"mander in Chief concerned in that revolution,
"that neither derived from it any increase of
"power; that it was a change effected by a party
"and the means of a Subordinate Officer at the head
"of a small Guard from the Government of one
"Civil Governor to that of another and that the Army
had

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had no previous concurrence in the measure,
but acted on that crisis in strict Subordination
to the authority which was generally recognized
as the existing Civil Government -

This Statement has been controverted by Mr. Petrie, who illustrates the
subject by a detail which when divested of the
unsupported assertion that the Commander
in Chief formed and Conducted the party in
Council proves Lieutenant General Stuarts
Statement to be perfectly correct -

No one can attempt to justify
the measures of either faction in the disgraceful
contest of that period, and where the rancour of
party was so widely Spread, the position of pri-
vate opinions and the accuracy of anecdotes may
well be doubted. The Commander in Chief will
accordingly confine his Statement to notorious
facts. -

Sir Robert Fletcher these Com-
mander in Chief was the third member of a

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numerous Council, the President and ten mem-
-bers of which were in August 1775, assembled at
the Seat of Government. —

The Council thus composed
was devided in two parties, differing in opinion
on almost every subject from motives which
have been variously represented by the parti-
-zans of each; the Governor as Chief of one party
was supported by three members of Council, the
Commander in Chief was the second in Rank of
the other party consisting of Seven members
who formed a majority of the Board, and by
the laws which existed at that time "a majority
of the Council formed the Government of Fort St.
George" as a member of Council and one of that
majority, The Commander in Chief did certainly
join with his colleagues in the resolution for
seizing and imprisoning the Governor, who had
previously ordered The Commander in Chief
in arrest, and declared two members of the
majority of Council suspended from their
functions

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functions. Under the orders of that majority of Council in his military Capacity, he promptly gave the directions through the Staff Officers mentioned by Mr. Petrie, for Captain Lysaght a Subordinate Officer to arrest the Governor, and to major Horne to receive him as a Prisoner. — Mr. Petrie admits that the conduct of the Second in Command was the result of obedience to "the Commander in Chief and the majority of the Council" and the records of this Government will prove whether or not by the then existing Laws he was not bound to obey that authority. — In the formation of the new Government the Commander in Chief remained as before the third in Rank, and whatever motives may have influenced the prevailing party in restoring to the Army an allowance which their opponents had (Mr. Petrie admits) very improperly taken away, their resolution to do so no way Controverts Lieutenant General Stuarts former assertion that neither the Army or the Commander in Chief derived any

any increase of Power from the revolution.—
The operations of the Civil Government were
conducted as usual, and a convulsion suffici-
-ent to shake the powers of any Government
produced no Signs of Subordination in the
Military force.

The Commander in Chief
therefore still maintains his former assertion
that the revolution in this Government in 1776
was the result of Civil faction not of undue
Military influence, and that it has no rela-
-tion to the claim of the Commander in Chief
to recommend for those Military appoint-
-ments, which with this subject strong in
their remembrance the Honorable the Court
of Directors have not hesitated to assign as
the prevelege of his Station.

The Commander-in Chief—
resisted the application of the case of Lord Pigot's
seizure to this question in Mr. Petries former—
minute on the same Grounds which Compell
him

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him to resist it still in its more extended shape. - He deemed it irrelivant to the subject, because it attributed to the military power of the Commander in Chief his acts as a member of the Governing Council, and because the attempt to deduce that arrest - from undue influence in the Commander in Chief, seemed calculated very unfairly to involve the discussion of a simple question of Official previleges in the odium of a measure to which its extraordinary nature, the spirit of party and a sentiment of fury excited by the unfortunate death of the principal personage concerned, had attached a considerable weight of public indignation. -

In stating that the Commander in Chiefs recommendations will not be objected to nine times in ten. Mr. Petrie must mean that they will not be liable to objection - no person will deny that it is the positive duty of every member of Government to oppose the appointment of improper persons to situations of trust, and a member of Government who does not object

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to the recommendations of the Commander in Chief which he deems improper, must be considered to betray his duty to the Public and to be unworthy of his situation. - If this obligation to guard the purity of Public appointments is imposed upon every — member of the state, it will still derive additional and irresistable force in regard to military appoint- -ments, if circumstances should possibly occur to indicate an intention on the part of the Comman- -der in Chief or the army to oppose resistance to the authority of Government. —

The validity of the Commander in Chiefs recommendations being dependant upon the act of Government, he possesses no separate or distinct power to make appointments. - That power invariably rests in the Civil Government, it forms part of the supremacy of Government, and its exercise in all cases regarding patronage is sufficient to secure the inviolability of the Civil authority, and to check all encroachments by the Commander in Chief.

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To render this power more effective the Governor is vested with separate authority to act in such cases and on emergencies to nominate an Officer to any appointment in the army

The danger threatened in Mr. Petrie's apprehension to the Civil Power by military patronage, must be occasioned by a resolution on the part of the Commander in Chief to resist the authority of Government by a similar resolution on the part of the army, and by their mutual co-operation towards that end.

The Commander in Chief's connection with Government is stronger than his connection with the army - He forms a part of Government, he is bound in all situations to support it by his responsibility to his King, to his Country, and to his employers by all the obligations of his duty, and by all the considerations due to his reputation, his interest and his safety - He never can have an interest adverse to that of Government, and constituted as its authority is

is at present, he must be perfectly aware that an attempt to oppose it will always be negatory and full of peril to himself. The Commander in Chief must possess a personal respectability and Rank equal to that of any member of Government, and a sufficient pledge for his being at least — equally interested in the good of his Country. — The idea is therefore visionary that the Commander in Chief can ever derive from the necessary previledge of recommending for Staff appointments the means of opposing that Government, which makes those appointments and possesses an — uncontrouled authority over himself and the Army, or that he can ever from considerations connected with those appointments, entertain a disposition hostile to the integrity of that — authority. yet that idea extravagant and impracticable as it is, must necessarily form a principal ground of those arguments which endeavour to shew that the patronage of Staff appointments in the hands of the Commander in Chief

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under Government can be dangerous to Govern-
-ment.

Those situations are all military connected with the duties and details of the Army only temporarily held by Officers and do not exempt them in any respect from the rules of the Service. The circumstance therefore of the recommendations for them being sub-
-mitted to Government by the Commander-in-
Chief, who is best acquainted with the qualifi-
-cations requisite for them, and is responsible for the due execution of their duties, will natu-
-rally excite in the Officers of the Army an emulation to merit selection for those appoint-
-ments, by a knowledge of their profession, and the display of military talents; but cannot have the most remote tendency to diminish their obedience to Government by whose act they well know that all appointments are conferred, by whom alone they know that those appoint-
-ments can be recalled, and by whom they

know

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know that they never will be conferred on persons obnoxious to Government. - The whole army are fully aware of the efficacy of the Commander in Chiefs selections without the confirmation of Government, and of his inability to annul a single appointment: with this knowledge, with the examples before their eyes of General Officers being suspended and dismissed for a breach of respect to Government, and of Officers who had suffered its displeasure being for ever excluded from all staff situations, what can justify the supposition that because they are recommended to Government by the Commander in Chief they can be induced to unite with him against its authority or will feel themselves or will ever be more distinct from the other branches of the state than they must always be as Soldiers. - The Commander in Chief has already stated some of those principles yet he finds it necessary to repeat them, for although they cannot be controverted although they are decisive of the question, yet long and general reasonings which at their result is -

different

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different from what these principles would produce, must be drawn from opposite provinces, have been employed to excite a groundless alarm regarding the Commander in Chiefs patronage, to ascribe to it consequences of magnitude and of danger, which it would be incapable of producing even were it unlimited and uncontrouled, and towards the production of which it has no more effect in its present state than the Commander in Chiefs patronage in England has an effect to occasion a military supremacy, or than the Commander in Chiefs patronage in Bengal has had the effect of subverting the Civil authority.

Mr. Petrie ascribes great consequences to the patronage of the Commander in Chief as it affects the Private interest of the Officers of the Army. The interest of mankind and its effects upon Conduct are always relative, proportionate to the magnitude and importance of its objects. There can be no comparison between the importance of the objects dependant upon the patronage of the

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the Commander in Chief and of those dependan-
upon the power and approbation of Government
The Commander in Chief can recommend for a
few appointments in their nature temporary,
military, and subject to the final disposal of a
higher authority but every thing dear to officers,
to Europeans, and to Britons, their Characters their
continuance in the Service, their provision at home
and even their return to their Country, depend-
upon their allegiance to Government - If they
place themselves in the situation of Enemies to
it, they forfeit these for ever - they sacrifice their
Country and every thing that attaches them to
it, and for what? the patronage of the Commander
in Chief which is subordinate to that Government
whose displeasure is capable of producing such
formidable effects - To suppose therefore that
from motives of private interest directed to that
patronage the Army can sacrifice such high
interests, is to suppose an inconsistency to sup-
pose a thing that no view of history and no-

knowledge

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knowledge of mankind can support, to suppose that men will willingly and without temptation embrace evil and ensure their ruin at the expence of every good that is valuable, honorable, or sacred. The actions of men are seldom produced by a single motive, they are generally the result of the Combined operation of various motives and passions. The officers of the army can only be incited to unite in supporting the Commander in Chief against Government by their private interest directed to objects which they know that he cannot give, they are required to support Government in every case by their brightest permanent interests, by the motives of duty obedience and attachment to their Country, by the habits of submission and the sense of justice.

The author from whose writings Mr. Petrie has quoted some passages and whose authority he will not therefore dispute, states in various parts of his work the impossibility of a subject of Great Britain assuming a power unsanctioned

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unsanctioned by the Government of the state, the impossibility of the most illustrious Commander or even of the King himself employing the army against the constitution of the Country, and the little danger that can be incurred to Public liberty by the maintainance of a standing army.

The greatness of the prerogative of

"the King by its thus procuring a great degree of
"stability to the state in general, has much
"lessened the possibility of the evils we have above
"described, it has even we may say, totally pre-
"vented them by rendering it impossible for
"any Citizen ever to rise to any dangerous great-
"ness," as another proof of the peculiar solidity
"of the power of the Crown in England, may be
"mentioned the facility with which it has at all
"times been able to deprive any particular
"subjects of their different offices, however
"overgrown and even dangerous their private power
"may seem to be. A very remarkable instance
"of this occurred when the great Duke of
Marlborough

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"Malborough was suddenly removed from all his employments - Hannibal in circumstances nearly similar had continued the War against the will of the senate of Carthage. Cesar had done the same in Gaul, and when at last he was expressly required to deliver up his Commission he marched his army to Rome and established a Military despotism - But the Duke though surrounded as well as the above named Generals by a victorious army and by allies, in conjunction with whom he had carried on such a successful War, did not even hesitate to surrender his Commission - He knew that all his Soldiers were inseparably prepossessed in favor of that power against which he must have revolted, he knew that the same prepossessions were deeply rooted in the minds of the whole nation, and that every thing among them concurred to support the same power, he knew that the very nature of the claims he must have set up would instantly have made all his officers and

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"To all these observa- "and Captains turn them-
"tions concerning the pecu- "selves against him, a
"liar Solidity of the au- "Prince engaged in the
"thority of the Crown in "contest we suppose would
"England, I shall add "scarcely have completed his
"another that is supplied "first preparations, his pro-
"by the whole series of "ject would scarcely be
"the English History, "half ripe for execution
"which is, that though "before his army would be
"bloody broils and distur- "taken from him and the
"bances have often taken "more powerful this army
"place in England, and "might be, the more ade-
"war often made against "quate, seemingly from
"the King, yet it has "its numbers to the task
"scarcely ever been done "it is intended, for the
"but by persons who pose- "more often it would be
"tively and expressly laid "to the danger we mention.
"Claim to the Crown — "Of this James's the second
"Even while Cromwell "made a very remarka-
"contended with an arm- "ble experiment - He had
"ed force against Charles "augmented his army

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"the first it was as every one
"knows who has read that
"part of the English his-
"tory in the Kings own
name, he waged war against
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"of the number of thirty
"thousand. But when
"the day finally came
"when their support was
"to have been useful
"to him, some deserted
"to the Enemy, others

"threw down their arms, and those who continued
"to stand together, shewed more inclination to
"be spectators of, than agents in the Contest. In
"short he gave all over for lost without making
"any trial of their assistance. To a King of
England engaged in projects against public
"liberty, a numerous army ready formed before
"hand, must on the present situation of things
"prove a very great impediment. Debates
"Pages 204. 214. 409. 468. It is most extraordinary
"to suppose that the privilege of controulling pre-
"rogative in a subordinate Commander in Chief
"can ever have the effect of overcoming that spirit
"of genuine patriotism and attachment to their

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Country which has in all ages bound British armies to the support of its constitution, even in disregard to the highest military authorities.—

That the hopes and expectations of military men for appointments to military situations requisite for the interior economy of the army and founded alone upon military qualifications should rest upon the Civil power, is a new doctrine in the administration of a State, which must disorganise the army and introduce the most unmilitary feelings and pursuits, while it cannot give the Civil power any addition of strength, for it is not from the interference of that power in the internal arrangements of the army that its authority can derive support, but from the justness efficiency and vigour of the general Regulations established for the Government of the army, from the discipline that pervades it and the zeal, duty and permanent interests of that body. It is a sufficient Security against the possibility of converting patronage to improper purposes

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purposes, that it actually is, and that the army knows that it is under the controul of Govern=ment; this circumstance will equally prevent the Commander in Chief from making improper recommendations, and the Officers seeking his support by improper means while the necessity of professing military qualifi=cations and the preference which is invaria=bly given to their professors by every Com=mander in Chief stimulate to their cultivation

The declamations against standing Armies are familiar to our Child=hood, but the Commander in Chief does not believe that a person can be found in these times and still less in this Country, who shall object to their maintainance. It has already been shewn that in this Army the interest not only of the principal Officers, but of all the Officers is indissolubly connected with the constitution of the state. Those interests which affect their military pursuits are and ought

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ought to be dependant upon the Commander in Chief under the controul of the Civil Government.

Mr. Petrie in his observations on this point again appears to consider the patronage of the Commander in Chief to be distinct and indepen=dant, and refers to the hopes and expectations of military men for military situations as the prin=cipal means of securing their obedience to the Civil power. Lieutenant General Stuart depre=cates the promulgation of a doctrine so derogatory to the authority of Government, and so dangerous in its effects on the Characters and opinions of the Officers of the Army — If they are taught that Government distrust their obedience excepting when it is excited by hopes and expectations they will bestow an importance on the objects of these which belongs only to the principles of obedience and duty, they will endeavour to obtain those — objects by means unconnected and incompatible with their military pursuits, they will acquire a disrelish for their profession and finally the

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thinking part of them will loose all sentiments of veneration for a Government betraying that unnecessary consciousness of weakness which is manifested by the employment of those inferior means, to secure the obedience of the Army instead of depending upon the high & permanent and efficacious principles which alone are adequate to that end. In the hands of the Commander in Chief those appointments must be considered as the recompense of military merit; in the hands of the Civil power which must be incapable of appreciating that merit, they will be considered as the rewards of interest, favor or of qualifications not military. — The Patriotism of Officers of the Army is founded thereon in the love of their profession, on the cultivation of its principles in order to render themselves useful to their Country, and on their obedience to their Superiors that Patriotism is advanced by whatever promotes their professional pursuits, and is secured on a just direction by

by the General discepline of the army and by the attach-
=ment of the whole to their Country. The subordina-
=tion of an army to the Civil power is best established
by those means which strengthen its discepline,
disorderly Armies only are dangerous to liberty,
and that disorder must be produced by whatever
relaxes the necessary authority and just influence
of the Commander in Chief, and gives a sinister
direction to the views and pursuits of Subordinate
Officers. ——

Mr. Petrie states whenever any
"body of men constitute a great incorporation in
"the state, when they act in concert under the directions
"of one Superior where they are united under that
"direction by private interest, when that interest
"is independant of the Sovereign or Civil power and
"where the Sovereign has not sufficient means
"to influence this incorporate body, it is very clear
"that his situation must always be liable to public
"inconvenience, and often precarious or in-secure,
"and where this incorporate and distinct body is an

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Armed one, the insecurity of the Sovereign is greatly increased. These observations cannot be applied to this Army or to any order of things under this Government. The Army does not act in concert under one Superior because they are obliged to obey and frequently act under separate and direct orders from Government, they are not united under that Superior by private Interest, because the most powerful of their interests are dependant upon the Civil Government, that private interest is not independant of the Sovereign or Civil power, as its objects are conferred by the unrestrained act of that power, the Sovereign has the absolute Command and Controul over that incorporate body, and cannot therefore be liable to inconveniences or insecurity from its actions. The situation of affairs in the 11th and 12th Centuries is as remote in resemblance as in time, from the state of things under this Government. What possible similitude can be discerned between the Contests for patronage between the Sovereigns

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Sovereigns and their powerful feudatories at that time, and the relation regarding military recommendations which subsists between a Government whose power is absolute and well defined, and a Commander in Chief who forms a member of it and is effectually Subordinate to it. When we hear of the energies of Sovereigns, the shocks and the overthrow of thrones, we naturally expect some end in prospect, different from the decision of the question, whether the Governor or the Commander in Chief of a foreign military posession shall recommend to the same Government of which they both constitute parts, the nominations of a few military situations belonging to the internal economy of the Army.

The ambition of man certainly attaches him to that Superior, from whom alone he can expect preferment, but the ambition of an Officer of this Army would be directed by insanity, who should look up to the Commander in Chief alone for reward in oppositions or in

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disregard to the Civil Government, because the Comman-
der in Chief alone has not the power to make the
least change in his situation. - The self-evident
interest of every Officer in this Army is therefore
inseparably Combined with the approbation of
Government.

The Commander in Chief has
a better opinion of mankind than to suppose that
the examples of high Public virtue are so rare as
Mr. Petrie conceives. The Commander in Chief
believes the examples of pure zeal, honor, and
integrity to be frequent. Those are the exam-
ples that must actuate every Army that is va-
liable to its Country, and when they are violated
by teaching Officers to consult their private
interest by looking to the Civil power for dilata-
ry Appointments, a relaxation of principle,
of honor and of military virtue will be the con-
sequence. General reasonings may some-
times illustrate abstract truths, but when they
are intended to substantiate facts, they should
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be rendered entirely applicable to the circum-
-stances of those facts. Incorporate bodies
have certainly interests peculiar to their Cha-
-racters and professions, but if this remark is
meant to apply to the army as an argument
against the patronage of the Commander
in Chief, it should be shewn that the interest
of the army is adverse or can be rendered ad-
-verse by that circumstance to the good of the
state. The particular causes likely to produce
that event with their operation and effects should
be minutely described and fully proved.

The army even according
to Mr. Petries definition cannot be dangerous
to Civil Liberty, because it does not possess within
itself a power Superior to the institutions of
the law, and it is directly and positively dependant
upon the Civil power which is not "nominal" but
real solid and effective. When the laws which
retain an army in obedience are once subverted
the small or large amount of the Civil body is

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a circumstance of little consequence and an examination
of the situation of the army in this Country will shew
that it is restrained by stronger considerations from
resistance against the Civil power than armies in
Europe - In Europe if Commotions exist, an Army
embracing the cause of opposition to Government may
hope if they are successful to rise to the Supreme
power: or if they fail to mix with their fellow Citizens
after the loss of some of their leaders. But with an
Indian army all hopes of return to their Country
are connected with their allegiance to Government,
they have no objects of magnitude or of interest
sufficient to produce resistance, too weak and
divided to expect internal union or General success,
too few to hope for a pardon or to retain this Country
if they should be successful, every motive that has
force to deter the human mind from action concurs
to oppose such designs -

By the Act of the 33 of His present
Majesty the Governor has the power of acting on his
separate responsibility, in cases Whereby the interests
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"of the said united Company or the safety or tranquilli-
"ty of the British possessions in India or any part
"thereof are or may in the judgement of the Governor
"General or of the said Governors respectively be essenti-
"ally concerned or affected." These are precisely the
cases in which it would be necessary to exercise that
separate power in the event of its being requisite to
check any disturbances originating from patronage
in the army if such an event were possible. In
what affects the present question, the powers of the
Governor have all the strength which Lieutenant
General Stuart described in his former minute
or which is necessary to the vigour and efficacy of
his administration. The Commander in Chief gives
a more extended interpretation to that act than
Mr. Petrie and understands it to vest the Governor
with the power of acting on his responsibility in
every Case of a military, political or General nature.
The 19th Article which forbids the Governor to act
on his responsibility in things that would not be
lawful to Government, does not limit that power

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because the Governor in his individual Capacity could never wish to pass beyond the General power of Government and the 54th Article only prohibits him in his separate Capacity to "make repeal or "suspend any General rule, Order or Regulation for "the good order or Civil Government of the said "United Company's Settlements, or to impose of his "own authority any tax or duty within the said re- "spective Governments or Presidencies" But the point of the Governors separate powers is not of material consequence to the present question— An unlimited power is undoubtedly possessed by Government, and Government under its actual constitution will always approve and represent disposition on the part of the Commander in Chief and the Army towards an usurpation of its Rights.— If we might judge from the disposi- tion manifested by Government in respect to the question actually under consideration, it will never permit the semblance of an uncon- stitutional assumption of power by the Commander

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in Chief. But such a judgement if it depended only upon personal considerations might be deemed fallacious, it depends however upon the concurrent operation of the powerful and permanent principles of duty, zeal interest the jealousies of power and the prejudices of habit.

The act of the 33. of his present Majesty does not prohibit the Court of Directors from making such regulations for the internal Conduct of their Governments as shall not be incompatible with its provisions. Those Regulations emanating from an authority that has full powers to make them, must be deemed a part of the constitution of the Board, and the Commander in Chief is justified by their orders to say that he has a right to propose all subordinate matters relative to promotions, appointments and Army arrangements. But this right is also recognized by the statute, for in the 37th. article of the act of the 33. of His Majesty Cap. 52d it is directed "and be it further enacted

that

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That the Governor General and Councillors of
Fort William and the several Governors and Coun-
cillors of Fort St George and Bombay, shall at their
respective Council Boards proceed in the first place
to the consideration of such matters or questions as
shall be proposed by the Governor General or by the
Governor of the said Presidencies respectively and
as often as any matter or question shall be pro-
pounded by any of the said Councillors it shall
be competent to the said Governor General or
Governor respectively to postpone or adjourn the
discussion thereof to a future day provided that
no such adjournment shall exceed 15 days nor
shall the matter or question so proposed be
adjourned more than twice without the consent of
the Councillor who proposed the same.

The Commander in Chief is
concerned that he is obliged to oppose the records
of Government to the following observation of
Mr. Petrie. It is within my own personal
knowledge and experience that ever since the
receipt

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"receipt of the Orders and Regulations above alluded
"to in the course of the year 1794. The Commander
"in Chief of the Madras Army has invariably
"recommended to the Commands of all the native
"Battalions and to the Staff appointments of
"Adjutant General, Quarter mr. General &c. &c. &c.

In 1783 Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm was appointed Adjutant General and Lieutenant Colonel Davis Quarter Master General at the recommendation of Lord Macartney, and soon afterwards General Burgoyne was appointed to in a part only of the Command the Kings Troops Time that has elapsed and Colonel Lang promo. since that period. Appointed to the Rank of Lieute. Petrie will refer to the Adjutant Generals and appointment records he will find that ed to the Command of the army by the same on by Lieutenant General

The records shew that appointments to the situations mentioned by Mr. Petrie have been frequently made by the Governor since the year 1794, the annexed instances of which have occurred previously to the discussion by the same authority on by Lieutenant General Harris

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authority Lord Hobart — Harris almost all situ-
made many recommen- ations were given by the
-dations for military ap- Governor, and he will
-pointments among which find the same results
are found the appointment of he refers to Mr Chaun-
of General Gels to Com- ers minute on this
-mand the artillery and subject, who states "I
of Colonel Campbell to "think it will be found
Command the Cavalry. — "that they (The Court of
Lieutenant Colonel agnew Directors) acquiesce in
was appointed adjutant the continuance of the
General Captain Gibbings System so long in prac-
Deputy Quarter master tice which places a
General, and Captain "great portion of the Mi-
Turing Deputy adjutant litary patronage
General in September "the hands of the President
1799, at the recommenda- and that they reject the
-tion of the Governor a "innovation proposed by
General. The recommen General Harris". —
-dation by the President The Commander
for the foregoing situations in Chief has not referred
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which are exclusively of to the date of that discus-
military duty shew is the - sion for the emancipation
extent of his interference of the army from the
in military nominate- depressed state to which
-ons, but to situations not they were reduced, but to
so immediately connect the time of 1774, and the
-ed with details such as period subsequent to the
muster masters, Barrack War with Hyder Ally -
masters, Commissaries The Commander in Chief
of Stores &c. &c. it will observed that although
be found that the Presi- the favorable effects of
-dent generally recom- that emancipation were
-mended previously to not fully experienced
Lieutenant General - in the war under Sir
Harris's remonstrances. Eyre Coote they produced
the successes which after-
-wards distinguished our arms. The state of
the Troops in the infancy of our power is in-
-applicable to the present question, because in
the time of Lawrence and Clive they were not
constituted into a regularly established army

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and had no Staff Appointments excepting a few
temporary ones for the conduct of their supplies and
Stores, and most of these were held by Civil Gentlemen
On the consolidation of our power subsequently to
that era the troops were formed into a regular
Army and were on the State & description which the
Commander in Chief described until the year 1796,
and after the war of Sir Eyre Coote when the abo-
lition of the extravagant and pernicious military
powers exercised by Civil Persons relieved the
Army from that inferiority, which was equally
adverse to the formation and prosecution of General
Military plans and to the display of individual
military talents. Our military History in India
from the Peace of 1763 to that of 1784 affords
unfortunately but too melancholy a testimony
of these truths.

The Indian Army are in every
respect as obedient to the Civil power and the
laws of their Country as His Majesty's troops. Indeed
the Company's troops to whom these discussions relate
are

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are more subjected to the Civil Government than the Kings for the promotions appointments and — furloughs of the latter are made by the Separate authority of the Commander in Chief independant of Government. — This fact which was adverted to in a former minute by the Commander in Chief is calculated to decide the question at once. The Kings troops in this Country have none of those "hopes and expectations" from Government, which Mr. Petrie makes to constitute the principal ties of obedience and yet from the origin of our power no insinuation has been advanced contrary to the existence and the Continuance of their zeal and obedience. —

It was not General Stewarts intention to state that the Commander in Chief's in England made appointments — He recommends them and the King confirms them. — In this respect the relation between the Commander in Chief in England and the Supreme executive authority is precisely the same which ought to exist between the Commander in Chief and the Government in

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India — The nominations at home are in the name of the King, in this Country in the name of Govern- ment, and the recommendations in both are pro- perly by the Commander in Chief. The circum- stance of the promotions of the Chief naval and military officers in this Country being sometimes disapproved at home, constitutes an exception to a General Rule, but in no respect invalidates the principle, for those officers continue to exercise that au- thority as a right belonging to their situations.

The foregoing observations are cal- culated to demonstrate the little danger that can be apprehended from the patronage of the Commander in Chief in England where there is a free Govern- ment and a people Jealous of Civil liberty. But no analogy exists between the state of England and this Country. — This is a foreign possession — maintained by military force, its Government is absolute, and all the Europeans in India are either in the Service of the King and Company, or are under the Controul of Government in what regards their

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their Conduct and the disposal of their persons.—
all the clamours against a standing Army are
founded upon the suppo sition that it gives a
strength to the executive Government, hazardous
to the liberty of the people, but no one ever dreamt
that it can be dangerous to the executive Govern-
=ment under whose Command it acts, because
its interior economy is conducted by its immedi-
=ate Commander. - In this Country the army is
as much subjected to the executive Government
as in England, and as there is no body of people whose
liberties it can invade, all apprehensions on that
head are groundless and unnecessary. - The Go-
=vernment has every power that a military
Government should possess. The Commander
in Chiefs interests as a member of it are in-
=separably Combined with its support, and the
continual dependance of his measures upon
its confirmation precludes the possibility of
their being directed against it, the discipline of
the army, its duty to the state, its attachment

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to its Country, its permanent interests and even those things for which Staff appointments are desireable [illegible] it is the Government of its Country but that discipline, the sentiments of military pride and the enthusiasm which forms and exalts the military Character must be fostered in a certain degree by military encouragement and rewards, and these are chiefly estimable when bestowed by the Commander in Chief. The Civil Service accordingly possesses every power requisite to its strength, its vigour and the energy of its Government, it combines in its support the operation of the principal moral Causes that secure the order and obedience of mankind, but the incentives of hopes and fears are necessary in the hands of the Commander in Chief to rouze the exertions essential to military success, without which, the British Power in India will soon be as illusory as those specious reasonings which endeavour to shew that the authority of Government is menaced with danger, because th[illegible]

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the Commander in Chief submits to Government the recommendation to appoint a Brigade Major or a Conductor of Stores -

It was the earnest desire of the Commander in Chief to avoid the necessity of record-ing lengthened arguments on the question of mi-litary recommendations - As far as considerations peculiar to the local circumstances of the British power in India enter into that question, it was proper to state there for the information of the authorities to whose decision it will ultimately be referred - Those authorities are of course fully acquainted with the General political and consti-tutional principles which relate to that subject. A controversial discussion of these is therefore equally disrespectful to the wisdom and know-ledge of those authorities, and to the orders which they have already issued upon the evident foun-dation of those principles -

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28th. August 1804. /Signed/ J. Stuart

Ordered

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Ordered to be sent on Circulation

Read the following letter from the

Military Board.

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

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

My Lord

1 We have to acknowledge the receipt

from the military and Secretary Department of the 8th Inst

of letter from the Secretary to Government on the

Military Department dated the 8th. august and

to report that the necessary orders have been given

for a compliance with the Instructions therein

contained

2 We beg leave to recommend Pay-

-ment of the following enclosed Bills viz.

No 1 Bill of Lieutenant Eldredge of the

Bombay European Regiment for repairs executed

at Cotaparamba under authority of the Officer Com-

-manding on Malabar and Canara, amounting to

Pagodas 977. 13. 64.

No 2 Bill of the Superintending

Engineer

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Engineer in the Presidency Division for Expences incurred in deepening the River on the Southern side of Fort St. George, and making a Jetee to prevent the Current from enjuring the Bridge, amounting to Pagodas 672. 23. 66

No 3 Bill of the Superintending Engineer in the Presidency Division for Expenses incurred in lengthening three Bridges on the Mount Road amounting to Pagodas 304. 12. 69

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We have the honor to be &c. &c.
/Signed/ J. Stuart
" C. Trapaud
" P. A. Agnew
" J. Brunton
" Alex. Orr

Ordered that authority be given for the payment of the Bills recommended in the foregoing letter.

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General.

To

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To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General. Relative to an application from major Philips on the subject of allowances, and from the Paymaster at Hyderabad, relating to the purchase of Provisions.

1. I do myself the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council copy of an address to me from Major George Philips of this Establishment, dated this day, on the subject of four months Subsistence which he claims under the particular circumstances which he has stated.

2. Major Philips has represented his case correctly, he received his subsistence for the full period of his furlough in England, it appears that he went home on sick Certificate and embraced the earliest opportunity of embarking for this Country after the expiration of his furlough, these circumstances plead strongly in his favor, but it remains for your Lordship to determine whether his requisition should be complied with or rejected, the Regulations under the head of Furlough do not provide for Cases like Major Philips's.

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3 I take this occasion of submitting for your Lordships consideration a Bill for purchases made by Captain Dowse to enable him to victual the European Troops with the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad for the month of December 1803, together with copy of a letter from that Officer dated the 12th Instant. The Certificate affixed to the Bill should have been signed by Colonel Stevenson, but whose Departure for Europe prevented him from observing that necessary Form; the Bill is in other respects unobjectionable.

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

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
23. August 1804

To the Military Auditor General

Sir

Having obtained the permission of Government to proceed to England for the recovery of my health, I sailed from Madras on the 17th of March 1803 and availed myself of the earliest opportunity

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opportunity of returning to my duty within the period of my furlough.

But in consequence of the Ships of this Season being detained in England beyond the usual time of Sailing, I have exceeded my furlough by four months having arrived at Madras on the 18th. of July 1804.

I trust however that in consideration of my having gone to Europe on Sick Certificate, and embraced the earliest occasion of returning Government will be pleased to allow me pay for the short period I have overstaid my furlough and I have to request Sir that you will have the goodness to recommend my request to the favorable consideration of his Lordship in Council.

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/Signed/ Geo. Philips
Major

A True Copy
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Military Auditor General

To

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To the Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit here-
with a Duplicate Bill for purchases made in the
month of December 1803 for Victualing the European
Troops which requires the Signature of Colonel Stevenson
then Commanding the Subsidiary force. In the
N°3. annexed to the Bill I have endeavoured to
afford every necessary explanation and have now
only to add that by referring to the Bills of purchase
for the months preceeding and following, you can
be satisfied that these Charges have not varied
materially - I therefore trust that the Bill will
be passed in its present Form.

Madras
12th August 1804

Jas. & Wm. & Wo.
/Signed/ W. Dowse
Paymaster and Commiss.y
Subsidiary Force

A true Copy
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Mily and.r General

To

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General. Stating applications from Captain Hawkins and Mr Assistant Surgeon Mudie on the subject of their allowances, requesting information whether arrears of pay are to be issued to Cadets promoted to Vacant Commissions.

1. I have the honor to submit for your consideration Copy of a letter from Captain Hawkins of this Establishment who went to England on sick Certificate about the end of the year 1800.

2 This application in the first instance is nearly similar to that preferred by Major George Philips of the 15th Regiment of native Infantry submitted for your Lordships consideration under date the 13th Current, in the second instance it is the same with Mr Surgeon Mudie's case referred to your Lordship in Council under date the 1st Instant. Captain Hawkins's loss in consequence of the Honorable Company's Ship Hindostan having been wrecked on which he had taken his passage to this Country, was a hardship which gives him a right to complain, but how far such loss is to become a public consideration in

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in deciding on the first part of his claim, rests — with your Lordship to determine as I had before the honor to observe on the reference made by major Phillips, the Regulations under the head of Furlough do not provide for such cases. —

3 Having communicated to — Mr. Surgeon Mudie your Lordships decision on the allowances he is permitted to draw on — entering into Securities to refund those allow- -ances at the discretion of the Honorable the Court of Directors, he remarked to me that the — allowances in question are confined to the period he was Prisoner at the Isle of France without including two months of his imprisonment after being Captured previous to being landed at the mauritius, which on drawing his Bills for half Batta &c. he solicits your Lordships permission to include with his other arrears. —

4 I take this occasion of laying before you the accompanying Copy of a letter addres- -ed to me by the Adjutant General of the Army requesting

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requesting to be informed whether the orders of
your Lordship in Council under date the 17.th
July last giving Pay to Officers promoted in the
Service from the date of Commission in lieu of
the date of promulgation in General Orders applies
equally to Gentlemen Cadets when promoted to
vacant Commissions in the Service."-

I have the honor to be
&.a &.a
(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort S.t George
16.th August 1804

To Colonel Brunton
Auditor General &.a &.a &.a
Madras

Sir

On reference made for my pay on
my return to the Presidency, I was informed —
that such could not be had unless addressing
you, having staid more than prescribed term
of three years - but when you shall be informed
of the circumstances by which I was detained,
I hope it will appear that I am fully entitled
and

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and that payment will be made of course Viz.

That in November 1802 my passage was taken in the Hindostan, which Ship was lost in January 1803, and in consequence of her loss I was deprived of every thing I had to undertake such a Voyage - and owing to the death of a parent and situation of my Family, The Honorable Court of Directors allowed me to remain untill June following - when I took my passage on the Asplin and that Ship (which is to well known) was taken, by which means I was again deprived of almost my all, and at the same time the means of Joining at Madras - I have therefore to hope that I may be allowed to draw my pay from June 1803 untill January 9th 1804 and from that date being in the Enemys possession my Pay Batta &ca

I have the honor to be &c &ca

Madras
August 15th 1804

(Signed) J Hawkins
Captain

A true Copy

(Signed) J Brunton
Mily Audr. Genl

To

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To the Military Auditor General

Sir

I have the honor to annex an Extract of a letter received from the Officer Commanding the Company of Gentlemen Cadets, and request that the necessary information may be transmitted to him from your Office.

Fort St. George
13th. August 1804.

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Extract

"for my guidance in drawing Pay for the Gentlemen Cadets when promoted, I request to be informed if the General Orders of Government under date the 1st. July 1804, apply also to Cadets when promoted to Vacant Commissions in the Service."

True Extract

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

True Copies

(Signed) I. Brunton
Mily Audr. General

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

My Lord

1 His Excellency the Commander in Chief having transmitted to me the accompanying papers relative to Retrenchments from the Disbursements of the Paymaster in Kanara, on account of public Followers, Bullocks and Office Establishments entertained by him for the use of the Detachment which proceeded to Goa in the year 1803, under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew, I have the honor to submit them for the decision of your Lordship in Council, together with the following remarks thereon.

From the Military Auditor General. Submitting papers on the subject of Retrenchments from the Disbursements of the Paymaster in Canara with his opinion thereon.

2 In consequence of the particular circumstance stated by major General the Honble A. Wellesley and the explanation of the Paymaster supported by the Indents and receipts required by the audit, the charge for Dooley bearers appears admissible.

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3 — The charge for Bullocks exceeds the established hire by Pagodas 1. 39 — for each Bullock per month, the former being Pagodas 3. 18. and the latter only Pagt. 1. 28 — per month, yet in consequence of the particular circumstances stated by major General The Honorable A. Wellesley, the explanation and Declaration upon honor of the Paymaster — together with the Certificate from the Collector, the charge may appear entitled to favorable consideration

4 — The charge for Servants in the Pay and Provision Departments with the Detach- = ment under Lieutenant Colonel Agnew although supported by the Paymasters solemn Declaration upon honor, does not appear admissible inquestion- It exceeds considerably what has hitherto been allowed for Detachments of that strength. The charge in the Pay Department equals what is allow- ed to the Paymaster with the Division of the Army under major General Campbell, and the charge in the provision Department is more than — Double what is allowed to the Commissary of Grain

and

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and Provisions with the same Division, the strength of which in numbers exceeds by nearly two to one, that of the Detachment which served under Lieutenant Colonel Agnew, the rates of pay to Servants are very high and it may here be necessary to observe that Colonel Monteath in his Letter of Instructions to Mr. Reeves dated 30th June 1803 directed him to send some trusty persons from his own Department with the Detachment, and as part of the Troops composing that Detachment had been either stationed or doing duty in Kanara, it seems but reasonable that Mr. Reeves should have sent a proportion of his Servants with it in each Department particularly as (it is presumed) they could have but little or no occasion for them after the March of the Troops, and admitting the Troops did ascend the Ghauts, the charge for Servants in both Departments appears still too large to be admitted.

5 Under these Circumstances I shall

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I beg leave to offer it as my opinion that the amount of the Establishments detailed in the accompanying lists marked A and B may be admitted, and which on adverting to the strength of the Detachment, and every circumstance connected therewith appears fully sufficient.

6 The Extra Charge for Beevers (for carrying the Treasure Chest) Bamboos Ropes &c. may be admitted.

7 In giving this opinion I beg leave to express to your Lordship that it is with the utmost deference to the sentiments expressed in Major General the Honorable A. Wellesleys explanatory letter to His Excellency the Commander in Chiefs Secretary under date 29th. June 1804. a copy of which I have the honor to enclose

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Brunton
Mily. Asst. General

Military Auditor
General's Office
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List of Servants proposed to be allowed for the Pay Department with the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Spry.

		Pr.	F.	C.
1 Head Writer	30 Pr month	30	"	"
1 Writer	Ditto	20	"	"
1 Conicoply	Ditto	10	"	"
1 Shroff	Ditto	10	"	"
1 Coolicherpur	Ditto	10	"	"
3 Peons @ 2 Pag each	Ditto	6	"	"
Stationary for the Pay & Provision Departments		5	"	"
	Total Pr Month Pagodas	91	"	"

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(Signed) J. Brunton
Mily Audr Genl

List of Servants proposed to be allowed for the Grain and Provision Department with the Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Spry.

		Pr.	F.	C.
1 Head Writer	30 Pr month	25	"	"
1 Writer	Ditto	15	"	"
1 Head Conicoply	Ditto	15	"	"
1 Assist. Do.	Ditto	10	"	"
1 Shroff	Ditto	6	"	"
2 Measuring Men @ 5 Pr each	Ditto	10	"	"
1 Cooper	Ditto	5	"	"
4 Peons @ 2 Pag each	Ditto	8	"	"
	Total Pr Month Pags	94	"	"

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(Signed) J. Brunton
Mily Audr Genl

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The Secretary of the Commander in Chief

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a letter and some papers which I have received from Mr. Reeves the Paymaster in Canara, relative to certain Retrenchments made from his accounts for supplies to the detachment which marched to Goa in the year 1803. The Grounds on which the Military Auditor General made the Retrenchments were, first, that they were not made out according to the forms and in the way of accounts used under the Government of Fort St. George: Secondly because they were not supported by the proper Vouchers and thirdly because some of the Charges were of a nature not admitted by the Regulations of the Government of Fort St. George, and others were larger than the Regulations & allowed for similar services and supplies in other parts

I returned the papers to Mr. Reeves in order that he might correct the faults stated

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stated in the first and Second Instances, and the inclosed accounts are accordingly amended:-

In respect to the nature and amount of the charges alluded to in the third Instance, I have to observe that the Service on which the Troops were to be employed required preparation and Secrecy. The equipments of Armies are not easily procurable in Kanara, and it could not have answered to have kept the Troops waiting for their Equipments after their march had been determined on. This observation will account for all the expences of preparation. A march to Goa would certainly not require the equipments of provision &c. prepared for this detachment, but the Commanding Officer could not possibly ascertain that the arrival at Goa was by no means a certain event and therefore it was necessary that Colonel Montresor should order that provisions and the means of carrying them should be prepared in case any Circumstances should have happened to prevent the Detachment from reaching Goa.

On

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accounts require that the Sanction of Government should be obtained in the first instance, I am inder these circumstances induced to hope you will not consider this address as premature.—

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

/Signed/ F. Reeves

Paym.r in Kanara

Mangalore

16th. June 1804

A true Copy

/Signed/ I. Brunton

Military auditor General

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with the following Reply

To the Military Auditor General

Sir

Para 1. I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 13th. 16th. and 24th. Instant.

To the Military auditor General in reply to the foregoing three letters.

2 It is the intention of His Lordship in Council to refer the case of Major Philips to the consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors, together with that part of the application of Captain Hawkins

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Hawkins which appears to rest on the same ground.
His Lordship in Council observes that the hardship
sustained by the latter Officer in consequence of
the loss of the Hindostan has been already submitted
to the notice of the Honorable Court, and therefore
can afford no ground for the more favorable con-
=sideration of his case in India.

His Lordship in Council desires
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that the same indulgence in respect to the pay-
=ment of his allowances, which has been granted
to Mr. Surgeon Mudie may be extended to Captain
Hawkins for the period of that Officer's detention
as a Prisoner at the Isle of France, but those
allowances having been granted to Mr. Mudie for
the purpose of repaying to him any extraordinary
expense which he might have incurred on shore,
His Lordship in Council does not admit the
Claim of that Gentleman to the payment of them
from the date of the Capture of the Ajdin.

Inconsequence of the application
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which you have received from the Adjutant General,

the

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the Governor in Council has resolved that Gentlemen Cadets when Promoted to be Officers shall receive the pay and allowances of their rank from the date of the Commissions of the Rank to which they may have been respectively promoted.—

5 I am directed to convey to you the sanction of the Governor in Council for authorising payment of the Bill of the Commissary of Provisions to the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad, submitted with your letter of the 13th Instant.

6 His Lordship in Council has approved your Report on the Disbursements of the Paymaster in Canara on account of Cattle Followers and Establishments entertained by that Officer for the use of the Detachment which proceeded to Goa in the year 1803, and I am accordingly directed to desire that you will admit them to the extent of your recommendation.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ G. Strachey

Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George

30th August 1804

Read

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Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding the Troops at Goa.

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

My Lord,

On the 25th. September last the Succession of the Government and of His Excellency the Commander in Chief was granted to the appointment of the Deputy Commissary of Stores at this Station. I continued to him not conceiving a seperate order of Government necessary on the occasion, the same Establishment that was allowed to his Predecessor, which I declare upon my Honor, I deem absolutely necessary for the due performance of the Duties of the Department. The Establishment is as follows. Viz.

From the Officer Commanding at Goa. Relative to the Establishment of the Deputy Commissary of Stores at that Station.

	P.	F.	C
1 Armourer at	3.	18.	—
2. Carpenters at.	3.	18.	each
2. Smiths	3.	18.	each

Hammerman

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	P. F.
1 Hammerman	2 6 —
1 Bellows Boy	— 36
4 Chuckeldars	3 — 18 each
1 Checkler	2 — 18 —
4 Coolies	1 — 30 each
Office Establishment	20 —

The late Deputy Commissary made frequent applications for an increase to the above Establishment which served to confirm me in the opinion that a lesser one would not be sufficient. The Military Auditor General has check-ed the Deputy Commissaries abstracts until the Establishment shall be approved by your Lord-ship. I therefore entreat that the same may be approved from the 25th. of September last the day on which it was entertained, and that the Conformation may be communicated to the auditor General.

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

Goa 29th. June 1804

Signed Wm. Clarke

Colo. Commy at Goa

Ordered

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Ordered that the Military Board be desired to submit their opinion relative to the Establishment of artificers and Writers stated by Colonel Sir William Clarke to be necessary to the Deputy Commissary of Stores at Goa.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding the Forces in Cuttac.

George Strachey Esqr
&ca &ca &ca

Sir

From the Officer Commanding at Cuttack - Relative to the construction of Barracks and preparation of Cotts in Cuttack. -

I request you will be pleased to lay the enclosed Survey Report and Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board before the Right Honorable the Governor, and - that you will do me the honor of communicating to His Lordship the following circumstances which I trust will induce His Lordship to sanction my having directed Cotts to be made up for the European Troops serving in Cuttack. -

Being apprized of the intention of His Excellency The most noble the Governor General

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General that a part of the Force to be left in Cuttack after the conclusion of the Peace with the Rajah of Berar was to consist of Europeans. His Excellency was pleased on my representation of the great inconvenience that would arise, if places were not prepared to shelter them during the Rains, to authorize me to build temporary Barracks, which I accordingly lost no time in preparing.

I confess that it appeared to me to be a matter of course, that Cotts should be prepared or the Barracks would be of little avail, and the necessity of securing the health of the men who began to suffer considerably by sleeping on the damp ground induced me to order a sufficient number of Cotts to be made up without loss of time.

I accordingly directed the Barrack master to prepare three hundred Cotts in January last, and since my return to Cuttack finding that number not sufficient,

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I have ordered one hundred more

The enclosed Survey Report was taken during my absence from Cuttack, and was forwarded to Madras by order of Lieutenant Colonel Ferguson then Commanding the troops in this Province. Brigade major Andrews having affixed his name to the cover of the letter it was returned by the Military Board, and according to their Commands communicated on an envelope, it was submitted to that Board by me as Commanding Officer in this Province

During the time that elapsed in consequence of the Report having been returned to Cuttack as irregularly transmitted to the Military Board and its being again forwarded to Madras with my name on the cover under which it was sent the orders of His Excellency the most noble the Governor General were published placing the Province of Cuttack under the Supreme Government, but as this order cannot have a retrospective effect and as the Proceedings

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of all Committees were previous to the issue of those orders transmitted to the Military Board at Fort St. George, and the Command of that Board have been from time to time conveyed to me, I feel entirely at a loss on the present occasion if circumstances or the Regulations of the Service preclude that Board from receiving and authorizing the Survey Report in question.

It only remains for me to acquaint you in explanation of the concluding observation of the letter from the Secretary to the Military Board, namely on the authority by which a Barrack Master was appointed in Cuttack although it does not bear on the question as the same difficulty would have arisen had the Order been prepared by any other Person, that I made that appointment under specific Powers from His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor-General and Captain General transmitted to me by His Excellency's acting military Secretary "to make all such appointments as I should conceive it necessary

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"necessary or expedient to make without previous
"reference to His Excellency, but reporting such
"appointments to Fort William without delay for
"his Excellency's consideration"—

Should it appear that I have
departed from the established Regulations of the
Service in the course of the above detailed proceed-
-ing, the error has arisen from a want of information
on the subject, for it is no less my duty than my
anxious desire to adhere in the strictest manner
possible on all occasions to the rules of the Service

I have the honor to be &c &c

Cuttack
August 2. 1804

/Signed/ Geo Harcourt
Colonel

Report of a Committee of Survey By order of
Lieutenant Colonel Fergusson Commanding Cuttack
on /300/ three hundred Cotts. made by Major Anderson
Barrack master by Order of Colonel Harcourt under
date 29th January 1804 Fort Barrabatty 2nd June 1804

President
Lieutenant Colonel Fergusson
Captain Storey (Members) Captain Custance

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Remarks. – The Cotts are made agreeably to a muster Cott sent from the Magazine at Ganjam and are of the following dimensions Length 6 – 4 – Breadth 3 – Height 1 – 7 – The frames and feet 3 Inches Square – The Bottom Planked with planks 1¼ Inch thick – Rivetted and let into the Cott frame and fastened with sixty two Nails the corners secured with Iron Clamps with a Head Board 4 Inches high and 1¼ Inch thick – the whole made of Saul wood.

The Committee having carefully examined every part of those Cotts are of opinion that the materials are good and substantial. The Workmanship properly executed and well finish= =ed and in every respect equal to the muster.

/Signed/ Arch.d Fergusson
Lieut.t Col.t and President

" Geo Eustance
Captain M. Eg.r Regt.

" J. Storey
Captain 1.st Batt.n 19.th Regt.

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Copy of a letter from Captain John Macleane Secre-
tary to the Military Board to the Officer Comman-
ding in Cuttack dated Fort St. George 16th July 1804.

Sir

I am directed by the military Board to return to you the enclosed Survey Report upon 300 Barrack Cotts made up by the Barrack Master in Cuttack, as they do not consider the Barrack Department in Cuttack under the orders of the Presidency of Fort St. George, and are entirely unacquainted by what authority a Barrack master was appointed.

/Signed/ John Macleane
Secretary Military Board

A true Copy
/Signed/ George Harcourt Colo.

The Board consider the foregoing letter to contain sufficient explanation of the au-
thority under which a Barrack Master was appoin-
ted in the Province of Cattac. Resolved accordingly that the Military Board be directed to receive and

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sanction the Report of the Committee which survey=
=ed the Cots prepared under the order of Colonel
Harcourt at a time when the Meletary Establish.
=ment in Cattac were subject to the control of
the Government of Fort S.t George.

Read the following letter from
the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of
the army.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort S.t George

Sir

From the Officer Com. manding the northern Division of the Army suggesting his plan for the formation of a Road through the northern Circars.

In consequence of orders which
the Board of Revenue have given respecting the
making of a Road through the Northern Circars,
I have had applications from some of the Collec=
=tors of this Division for the assistance of an=
Engineer, to enable them to carry these Orders into
execution in a manner that will secure that full
benefit to the public, which is expected from so
useful a work.

As Lieutenant Colonel Norris the
Superintending

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Superintending Engineer of the northern Division is at present unemployed, I shall direct him to hold himself in readiness to proceed on this duty the moment I am informed that the suggestions which I shall presume to offer on this subject are honored by his Lordship in Coun=cil's approbation -

I should propose 1st that Lieu=tenant Colonel Norris be directed to line out a Road from Bezoara / or any more convenient point on the Kistna / to another point on the nor=thern boundary of the Ganjam District carry=ing it through the Chief Towns of the Division Ellore Rajahmundry Samulcottah Cosimcotta Vizanagrum Chicacole Ichapore and Ganjam -

2nd That the Collectors of the different Districts in the Division should be directed to give every possible assistance to the Superinteng Engineer while employed in marking out the road, and to attend to such suggestions as he may offer relative to its Execution particularly with respect

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to the line of its direction through their respective Districts, the clearing of Jungle and the construction of small Bridges and Causeways which he may Judge indispensible to render the road practicable at all Seasons of the year.

3dly That the Collector of each District or his Assistant be directed to accompany the Superintending Engineer while marking out the road through his Province.

4thly That the making of the road as well as every expenditure connected with it be entrusted to the Collectors of the different Districts who will be able after they have accompanied the Engineer through the District, to form an assistance an Estimate of the probable Expence of the work.

5thly That the Superintending Engineer after he shall have marked out the road shall inspect and report to me upon the progress made in carrying it into execution every six months for the information of Government.

6thly

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6thly That the Superintending Engineer be also directed during his Survey of the great Road to report upon the lines he may Judge best adapted for cross roads to keep up the Communication with it, and the Chief Places of Residence of the refractory Zimeendars and the principal Sea Ports of the Division.

The advantages which will result from the Superintending Engineer marking out the road and reporting upon its progress are sufficiently obvious. By this plan alone can this work be executed upon uniform principles and in a manner which will answer all those important purposes for which it is proposed to be constructed.

From the experience I have had in field operations in this Division, I can fully appreciate the important advantages which would result in a military point of view from the formation of a good Road through the Circars. The Commercial benefits arising from it would I have reason to believe be also very great, and while it

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thus tended to secure the tranquility and to promote the prosperity of these valuable Provinces, it would by connecting with the military road which is I understand already Commenced from the Southern extremity of the Province of Cuttack to Calcutta, facilitate the Communication between the Presidencies of Bengal and Fort St. George, an object of apparently very great political consequence.

These Combined Considerations will I trust induce his Lordship in Council to attend to the suggestions I have presumed to offer, and to give the necessary orders for the execution of this important work in a mode which will render it of real utility to the public Service.

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

Vizagapatam
15th August 1804.

(Signed) A. Campbell
Colt. Comdg. S.D. Army

The following Draft of a Reply is approved and ordered to be dispatched.

To

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To the Officer Commanding the
Northern Division of the army

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Instant, and to acquaint you that his Lordship in Council has concurred in the mode which you have proposed, for the observance of a uniform plan in the formation of a Road through the northern Circars.

His Lordship in Council accordingly desires that the Superintending Engineer may be directed to attend to that object in the intervals of time where his presence may not be required in the performance of other duty and instructions have been issued through the channel of the Board of Revenue, for the purpose of requiring the assistance and cooperation which it will be requisite that the Collectors of Revenue should afford, and of obtaining an estimate of the probable expence which may be likely to attend the work

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army in reply to the above letter.

I am

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29th august 1804

Sam. 8va 8va

/ Signed / Geo Buchan
Chief Secretry to Goovmt.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding in Tinnevelly.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 1st August conveying the Commands of Government respecting some branches of the Family of the Poligar of Panjalamcourchy

From the Officer Commanding in the Tinnevelly District Stating the reason which induced him to postpone for a short time the removal of the family of the Poligar of Panjalamcourchy to Trichinopoly & stating the allowance which he conceives to be adequate to the support of those persons - Submitting a plan of application from Abdul Gaffoor soliciting a continuance of the pension enjoyed by his deceased Father.

seized by me.

Trichinopoly has been postponed until the 25th Current at their urgent solicitation, in consequence of the Puberty of one of the females, the occurrence of which according to the Rules of their Cast demands the indispensible performance of certain Ceremonies, during fifteen days after that period they will proceed conformably to the Orders of Government

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I presume it is the intention of
His Lordship in Council merely to supply the ~
necessary wants of food and Cloathing: and conclud.
-ing that they will be furnished by the public
with a place of Residence at Trichinopoly, I ~
apprehend that the Sum of twelve or fifteen Pag.s
per month would be fully adequate to the com=
=fortable maintenance of those persons during
the infancy of the Children -

They have been supported by
me at that rate since their seizure, which dis=
=bursement together with the incidental expences
of Doolies &.c for their conveyance to Palam=
=cotah and for their future transport to Trichi=
=nopoly. I request His Lordship in Council may
be pleased to direct to be repaid to me in such
manner as may be judged proper. ~

I presume on this occasion to
request you may submit to His Lordship in Coun.
=cil the enclosed Pension Certificate of Zainub ~
Abbudeen Cawn who had very long and honorably
served

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Served the Nabobs of the Carnatic as Buckshy. —
and to state that his Pension having ceased on
his Demise, a numerous and most respectable fa-
mily have thereby been reduced to indigence and
distress — Having received this Stipend from the
Military Paymaster here, his Son Abdul Guffoor
has been induced to implore me to convey his —
humble request to Government to obtain its exten-
sion to himself for the General support of the
family —

Zumul Abbudeen Cauin was a
Rowcit Mussulman of high descent related or con-
nected with Chundah Saib the Competitor of the
Nabob Mahomed Ally —
Such pretensions supported by
a most honorable Character will I trust be my
excuse in submitting the case of his descendants
to his Lordship in Council —

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

Palamcotah
16th. august 1804

(Signed) Alex.r Dyce
Lieut.t Colonel Commandg
Tinnevelly Distrct
Tinnevelly

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Tinnevelly Pensioned Certificate

No.	Names	Rank	Corps	Country	Year of Age	Year of Service	Heigth Feet	Heigth Inches	Colour Cast and other remarks	Why Pensioned	at what Time	On what Pay per month		
1	Zunul Abuddeen Cawn	Hilladar of Calcaud	Formerly of the Nabobs Cavalry	Arcot	68	36	5	6 3/8	Bamboo Colour Nawistah Moor	Length of Service and by order of Govern.t	22 Jany 1802	12	21	"

By Order of Government

(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Coll.r of Tinnevelly

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his demise, a numerous and most respectable fa-
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has been induced to implore me to convey his
humble request to Government to obtain its exten-
sion to himself for the General support of the
family —

Zumul Abbudeen Cawn was a
Noviciat Mussulman of high descent related or con-
nected with Chundah Saib the Compilator of the
Nabob Mahomed Ally —

Such pretensions supported by
a most honorable Character will I trust be my
excuse in submitting the case of his descendants
to his Lordship in Council —

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

Palamcotah
16th. august 1804

/Signed/ Alex.r Dyce
Lieut.t Colonel Commandg
Tinnevelly District
Tinnevelly

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Tinnevelly Pensioned Certificate

No.	Names	Rank	Corps	Country	Year of Age	Year of Service	Heigth Feet	Heigth Inches	Colour Cast and other remark	Why Pensioned	at what Time	On what Pay per month		
1	Zunul Abuddeen Cawn	Willadar of Calcaud	Formerly of the Nabobs Cavalry	Arcot	68	36	5	6 3/8	Bamboo Colour Nawistah Moor	Length of Service and by order of Govern.t	22 Jany 1802	12	21	"

By Order of Government

(Signed) S. R. Lushington
Coll.r of Tinnevelly

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The Holder of this Pension Certificate having deceased on the 28th of November 1803 he is consequently paid up to that date and to no later period.

Palamcota Pay Office
5th January 1804.

The following Draft of a Reply is approved and ordered to be dispatched

To the Officer Commanding
at Tinnevelly

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th Inst. I am directed to acquaint you that your reasons for postponing the removal of the remaining members of the family of the Polygar of Panjalamcourchy to Trichinopoly have received the approbation of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

His Lordship in Council has also approved your suggestion in regard to the amount to be allowed for the maintenance of those persons and has accordingly fixed it at the sum of Eighteen Pagodas per

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per month. The Collector of Trichinopoly will be charged with the payment of the pension on the arrival of the Family within his District, and the Collector of Tinnevelly has been instructed to repay to you the expense which you have incurred on their account at the stated rate during the period of their continuance in your custody likewise the expense incurred by you for Doolies &ca.

I am directed to inform you that in consideration of the distressed circumstances and respectable character of Abdul Guffoor, His Lordship in Council has been induced to grant to that Person a pension of six Pagodas per month being half of the amount of the Pension enjoyed by his deceased Father.

I &ca &ca

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(Signed) Geo. Strachey

Secrty to Govt

Read the following letters from the Commanding Officer at Poonamallee and from the Contractor for victualling the French Prisoners of War.

To

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To the Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir

I herewith transmit you a return
of the Women and Children who are drawing Rations
at this station, and beg to observe that none of the
Prisoners captured this war have any women to whom
Rations are issued.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) G. Dodsworth
Lieutenant Colo.
Commanding

From the Officer Commanding at Ponamallee Submitting a Return of the women and Children Confined at that place

Return

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Return of Women and Children drawing Provisions since the Year 1799 at this Station

Poonamallee 22nd August 1804

No.	Names		No. of Children belonging to each &c. &c.	Rank	Country	Where taken		Remarks
1	Julia Niel	Women	1	Inhabitant	Native	at Pondicherry	her Husband	a Prisoner present Pondicherry Inhabitant
2	La Marie		4	do	do	ditto	ditto	sent to Europe in 1801 under charge of Capn. Brown
3	Jeane Godar		3	do	do	ditto	ditto	D. D.
4	Chrn. Navier		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	a Prisoner present Pondicherry Inhabitant
5	Manon Bitto		4	do	do	ditto	ditto	D. D.
6	Louison		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	sent to Europe in 1801 under charge of Capn. Brown
7	Madeline Fulcrant		2	do	do	ditto	ditto	a Prisoner present Pondicherry Inhabit.
8	Mary Niel		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	Dead
9	Dahirel		3	do	do	at Seringapatam	ditto	sent to Europe in 1801 under charge of Capn. Brown
10	Le Beau		2	do	do	ditto	ditto	
11	La Feuile		1	do	do	ditto	ditto	
12	Charlot		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	a Prisoner present Native Soldier
13	Blanchet		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	Dead
14	La Fleur		2	do	do	ditto	ditto	sent to Europe in 1801 under charge of Capn. Brown
15	Bouboe		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	
16	Sabinae		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	
17	Terreau		3	do	do	ditto	ditto	
18	La Haye		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	
19	Espagnol		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	
20	Gascon		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	
21	Herodrique		4	do	do	ditto	ditto	
22	Hapoue		"	do	do	ditto	ditto	
23	Maroue		1	do	do	ditto		Young Woman the Child her Sister
	Guillaume Jonbert	Boys	1	do	do	at Pondicherry	Their Mother Dead, Father a Prisoner at Present	Pondicherry Inhabitant
	Francois Jonbert		1	do	do	ditto		
	Nicolas Salvador		1	do	do	ditto	D.	D.
	Anthoine Salvador		1	do	do	ditto		
	Total No. of Children		34					

N. B. The above Women are all Natives draw no Arrack and the Children receive each half a Womans Ration.

Signed G. Dodsworth
Lieutt. Coll. Commanding

To

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To the Secretary to Government

Military Department

Sir,

I beg leave to state to you that the

From the Contractor for Victualling the Prisoners, relative to the allowance which he has thought proper to make to the women and Children belonging to the Prisoners in lieu of arrack.

Women and Children belonging to the Prisoners of War here, have never been accustomed to receive any arrack as a part of their Provisions but as the former always received (previous to the Commencement of my Contract) full Rations of every other article, and the latter half Rations, I continued to furnish them in the same manner, and accordingly drew for them at the rate of full and half allowances - as they had not been accustomed to receive arrack I did not issue it, being well aware that in receiving it they would only sell it again, and therefore resolved upon making them an adequate allowance at the months end upon receiving the amount of my Bills - but upon presenting the Bills at the Office of audit, I was given to understand by Colonel Brunton that he intended to represent to the Government this part of the Charge

as useless and I in consequence of this information
retained in my hands the amount set apart for
this purpose until I heard further about it, —
which Colonel Brunton informed me would be
the Case — by a letter this day received by the Officer
Commanding here, I learn it is the intention of
Government to discontinue this part of the Charges,
and I have therefore judged it proper to take the
liberty of giving you this explanation, least it —
should be imagined I intentionally deviated from
an engagement made and which I feel particu-
=larly anxious strictly to perform. — I have already
stated that I have with-held the money in conse-
=quence of the information received from Colonel
Brunton, and only wait for your instructions —
relative to it, and the manner in which it may be
be wish of the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council this should be managed infuture —

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

Poonamalla
21.st August 1804

/Signed/ A. Fraser
to
Lieut.t 94.th Regiment

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Ordered that Copies of the foregoing letters be furnished to the Military Auditor General, and that he be desired from the 1st of the following month to authorise the issue of Dry Batta only to the Women belonging to the French Prisoners of war at Poonamallee, in conformity to the recommendation submitted with his letter of the 10th Instant.

Ordered also that the Military Auditor General be desired to apprize the Contractor for victualling the Prisoners of the above Resolution of the Board, and at the same time to point out to the attention of that Officer the irregularity which appears by his letter to have taken place in his having included in the accounts of the Contract charges not warranted by the Expenditure.

Ordered that the following letter be dispatched to the Commanding Officer at Poonamallee.

To the Officer Commanding
at Poonamallee

Sir

The Right Honorable the Governor in

the Officer Commanding at Poonamallee.
Stating how to state the Accounts which the Women

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Women who do not belong to the prisoners confined in that Fort may have of maintaining themselves and Children in the event of their being discharged from Custody.

in Council has observed that the majority of the Women mentioned in the report which accompanied your letter of the 22nd Instant do not belong to the Prisoners of war now in confinement at Poonamallee, and as it is expedient that the Honorable Company should be relieved from unnecessary expence, I am directed to desire that you will ascertain and state to me for the information of His Lordship in Council, the means which those women may possess of maintaining themselves and their Children in the event of their being discharged from Custody.

2 The Contractor for Victualling the prisoners of war will be furnished with orders through the channel of the Military Auditor General respecting the rate of subsistence hereafter to be allowed to the women and Children who may remain at Poonamallee.

I am &c. &c.

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Signed / G. Strachey
Secretary to Govt.

Read

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Read the following letter from the Town Major of Fort St. George

To the Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From the Town Major of Fort St. George applying for Subsistance on Account of Mr. Hamilton late Lieutenant -

I have the honor to transmit you an application from Mr. Hamilton late a Lieutenant on the Honorable Companys Service for an allowance until the period of his embarkation for Europe -

To persons in the situation of Mr. Hamilton it has been usual on application to make an allowance equal to the pay of the Rank he held while in the Service.

Town Majors Office
Fort St. George
8th August 1804

I am &c &c
(Signed) Fra. Thompson
Town Major

To the Town Major
of Fort St. George

Sir

I is now a month since I resigned the

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the Honorable Company's Service and it is likely I shall be detained here for some time longer before an opportunity occurs of going to Europe - as I understand it is customary for Government to allow Officers who resign the Service subsistence until they embark, I request you will address the Right Honorable the Governor on the subject of my case and obtain for me the requisite allowance from the time I resigned until the day of my embarkation -

Your Obedient Servant

Madras
31st July 1804

/Signed/ J. H. Hamilton
Late Lieut.t in the Comp.y Serv.e

Mr. Hamilton having been permitted to resign the Service in compliance with his own particular request; Resolved that his application to receive the Subsistence of his former Rank is inadmissible

Read the following letter from the Agents for the Prize properly taken at Pondicherry

To

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

My Lord.

From the Agents for the Prize property taken at Pondicherry. Soliciting a distribution of a moiety of the Prize property taken at that place.

On the 27th. June last we had the honor to address your Lordship thro' the Chief Secretary to Government on the subject of the Pondicherry Prize money, and which with all due deference we again venture to call to your attention as the Persons for whom we act hold large claims upon it.

As we have been given to understand that the Distribution of that Prize Booty has been allotted a moiety to the Honorable Court of Directors and the other moiety to the Captors and that the Cause of the delay in the Distribution arises from a small part of the funds being a subject of litigation in the Supreme Court: we presume to offer it as our humble opinion that the Honorable Court of Directors would not be displeased at that disputed Sum being apportioned

to

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to their moiety of the Prize Booty and that justice was done to the Navy and Army in distributing the Prize money among those who in the Capture of Pondicherry rendered so important a Service to the Country.

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

20th August 1804 / Signed / Thomas Chase
Jno Chinnery
} Prize Agents for the Navy &c. Considerable Proportion of the Army at the Reduction of Pondicherry

Ordered that the following Reply be returned to the foregoing letter.

To Messrs T. Chase & J. Chinnery

Gentlemen.

To D. in reply to the above letter. — I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant relative to the distribution of the Prize property taken at Pondicherry.

It having become necessary in consequence of an informality in the Warrant which was received from England for the distribution of

that

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that property that the subject should be again referred to the Honorable Court of Directors His Lordship in Council is not at liberty to anticipate the decision which may be expected to be received from the Honorable Court for the guidance of this Goverment, and cannot in consequence comply with the application which you have submitted.

I am &c. &c.

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Signed / G. Strachey
Secrety to Govt

Read the following letter from the agent for the Prize properly taken at the Moluccas

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

My Lord,

From Mr. T. Chase Agent for Lord Keith for the Captors of the Moluccas - Submitting a Return of the Slaves taken at the Capture of the Moluccas Islands together with the Bills for the value of them; request-ing in behalf of the Captors that the arrest may be discharged

The subject of my present address was submitted to Government by desire of Lord Keith the Trustee to the Crown for the Prize Booty of Amboyna and Banda, so far back as August 1801 since which period I have been indeavouring to

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to obtain the most substantial documents in sup=
=port of the claim I then instituted on behalf of
the Captors of those Islands.

In order that your Lordship may not
have the trouble of referring to your own Proceedings
on this occasion, I annex a Copy of my first letter
with your Secretarys answer, a Copy of my letter
of a recent date to His Excellency Admiral Rainier
and his answer thereto.

I solicit your Lordships attention
to my letter to admiral Rainier upon the subject
of the Slaves found on those Islands, and as the
Arguments there stated are in the admirals opinion
(vide his letter) not to be disputed, and with the hope
they will make the same impression upon your
Lordship, I enclose the returns of the Slaves counter=
=signed by the Resident accompanied with my
Bill for the value of them, which in behalf of the
Captors I trust your Lordship will order to be dis=
=charged with interest from the period the Islands
were taken from the Dutch - I have included in the
Bill

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Bill a small sum for Brass weights the Property of the Dutch Company at the time of Capture, and delivered up by the Captors to the Honorable Companys Servants at the 4 Stations at which they were found

Madras
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I have the honor to be &c. &c.
/Signed/ T. Chase
Agent for Lord Keith for the Capture of the Moluccas

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

My Lord

The Property and Papers belonging to the Prize concerns of Amboyna and Banda having been placed under our Charge by Lord Keith, and as we are in consequence extremely anxious to bring all the accounts of those Islands to a conclusion, we have the honor to furnish you with Mr. Farquhars return No 1. of the Park Slaves belonging to the Captors of the Island of Banda on each respective Park on the 8th March 1796 being

Males

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males and females N°13. and N°2. of Return of those on the Island of amboyna 27th February 1796, also the Property of the Captors. -

We have also the honor to inclose Returns N°. 3.4.5 and 6 of Brass weights belonging to the Captors delivered over at the several stations mentioned in those Returns, and which the Honorable Company now use for weighing spices at the places therein specified.

N°7. Is an account of marine Stores the property of the Captors delivered to Mr. Jones by order of Admiral Rainier for the use of the Company and Signed by Mr. Manwaring master attendant at amboyna

N°8. Is our account against the Honorable Company on behalf of the Captors for those Claims, and which we trust your Lordships will order to be discharged, the Slaves being estimated at the same Price the Company paid for those found in the Fort of Bandeniva. -

We

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Madras
28th. August 1801

We have the honor to be &c. &c.
/Signed/ Thomas Chase
John Chinnery
agents and Substituted attorneys
to Lord Keith

A true Copy
/Signed/ T. Chase.

To Messrs. Chase Chinnery & M.cDouall

Gentlemen,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having taken into consideration the report of a Committee appointed by His Lordship in Council to investigate the claims stated in your letter of the 28th. August last on the behalf of the Captors of the Molucca Islands, I am directed to communicate to you His Lordships determination on the different points.

As it appears from the information which has been stated to the Governor in Council with regard to the condition of the Slaves employed on the Island of Banda that those Slaves

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Slaves were the property of the individual Parkholders on that Island His Lordship in Council does not consider the Captors to have any claim against the British Government on that account.-

With respect to the claim for the value of Slaves on the Island of Amboyna amounting to Pagodas 1575. as no documents have been produced to establish the fact of those Slaves having been the property of the Dutch Government or of their having been transferred on the surrender of Amboyna to the charge of the representatives of the Honorable Company it is impossible for the Governor in Council to pass a final decision on that claim, until it shall be established by more sufficient proof; and as the same doubt exists in regard to the claim for Brass weights in Store at Amboyna valued at Star Pagodas 1036. 25. - the Governor in Council is also under the necessity of postponing a determination on that point.-

The Governor in Council considers the claim of the Captors to the value of the Serviceable

Marine

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Marine Stores which were delivered to the Commercial Resident at Amboyna to be well founded but as a quantity of the Stores specified in the account enclosed with your letter are expressly stated to being RX Doll.rs 1069. 5. must be deducted from the total Sum stated in the account leaving a balance of Star Pagodas 592. 4. 7 3/8 which His Lordship in Council has directed to be discharged on your application at the treasury

Fort St. George
23. December 1804

I am &c. &c.
Signed J. Buchan
Secretary to Govt.

A true Coby
Signed J. T. Chase

To His Excellency Vice admiral Rainier
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

On monday last I had the honor to correspond with you upon the Subject of your Stay at this Government which may Seem on behalf

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behalf of the Captors of Amboyna and Banda for Payment for the Slaves that were found upon those two Islands when they were taken by the forces under your Excellencies Command.

From every information I can obtain it appears that the Committee appointed by Government to investigate into my claims for the Captors did not seek for that communication, it was in their power to obtain, or they never would have reported that the Slaves at Banda were the property of the individual Park holders, and that in consequence of that report the Government deemed the Captors claim inadmissible.

I request your Excellency will honor me with your Sentiments on that point as I perceive in the 3. Article between the English Commissaries and those of the Batavian republic for giving up Banda under date the 12th March 1803. that in Conformity to the 13th article of the Convention agreed upon by Colonel James Oliver Commanding the British forces at the Moluccas

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Moluccas and the Commissioners on the part of the Batavian republic as far as they are applicable to Banda and its dependencies expressly stipulated to deliver over to the Commissaries of the Batavian republic all the Slaves that are in the Companys Quarters and Parks at Nura Great Banda and Pulocay at the rate of 25 Rix Dollars p.r Head, that the Park keepers shall be called upon to declare that the Slaves mentioned in the Lists they have given in belong to their individual Parks and are the Property of the Honorable English East India Company".

A Stronger circumstance cannot be produced to substantiate the Claims for payment for the Slaves the English East India Company have sold and been paid for these Slaves and on my applying to Colonel Oliver to know why they were sold so cheap, his answer was that two thirds of the Slaves at Banda were deemed by a Committee worn out and Superannuated — and Children, and that from that Circumstance

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Captain Kearsbury one of the Commissaries on behalf of the English as given up Banda had reported to him they could not fetch a higher price than 25 Rix Dollars per Head.

From the time of taken Banda to its restitution, these Slaves were worn out in the Service of the English Company, and it is but reasonable they should pay the Captors what in my claim was deemed at the time a reasonable charge 50 Rix Dollars per Head, and as I possess Mr. Farquhars official acknowledgement and receipt for 1713 Slaves at Banda and 63 at Amboyna, I shall on being favored with your Sentiments about the property of the Slaves apply again to Government for payment -

I have the honor to be Sir &c.

/Signed/ Thomas Chase

Madras
5th July 1804

A true Copy
/Signed/ T. Chase
Trident Backbay

Trincomaley 27th July 1804.

Sir

In answer to your letter of 5th Instant respecting

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respecting the claims of the Captors to the value of the Banda Slaves at the Capture of that Island, am of opinion it is incontestable, as they were actually the property of the Dutch Company and not the Particulars, I have no doubt but the Court will refer to concerning it that I know of, having never conceived the Captors claims could have been disputed no stronger proof however could be adduced than the circumstance you have quoted of Colonel Oliver's having received payment for all that were serviceable from the Dutch Commissaries appointed to receive the Island from that Officer, in consequence of the Treaty of Amiens, who would have paid no regard to his demand of payment for the value of the Slaves if they had not been well assured they were the property of the Dutch Company and not the Particulars at the Surrender of that Island and its dependencies to His Majestys Arms.

I should the Right Honorable the President in Council of Fort St. George still dispute the

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the Clause of the Captors to the property in question
which is hardly to be credited, but from the inadver-
tence you have noticed, they may acquire the full
est information on the subject from Mr. Farquhar,
one of their Servants, at present Lieutenant Governor
of Prince of Wales Island, a Gentleman who during
his Residence at Banda as the Honorable Company's
principal Civil Servant, and being well versed in
the Dutch Language, indefatigably exerted him-
self to become acquainted with all the Regulations
of the Dutch Company at that Island, and the
rest of the Moluccas as well from an attentive
perusal of the Records as from conversing with
the principal Dutch East India Company's Servants
on those points then on the spot.

I remain &c. &c.

/Signed/ Peter Rainier

To Thomas Chase Esq.

Madras

A true Copy

/Signed/ T. Chase

Ordered in consequence that the Com-
mittee formerly appointed for the Investigation

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of Claims connected with the Capture of the Moluccas Islands be reassembled and that they be furnished with the following Instructions--

To. Cecil Smith Esqre.
&
Captain P Bruce

Gentlemen.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having received from the agent for the Prize Property taken at the Moluccas a further representation on the subject of the Slaves Captured at Amboyna and Banda. It has become necessary for his Lordship in Council to reassemble the Committee formerly appointed for the investigation of claims connected with the capture of those Islands and to nominate the present accountant General to be a member of the Committee in lieu of his Predecessor in Office.

To Mr. Cecil Smith and Captain P. Bruce. Transmitting an application from the agent for the prize property Captured at the Moluccas on the subject of the Slaves Captured at Amboyna and Banda, to submit their opinion thereon.

I am directed to transmit to you a Copy of the application which has been received and to desire that you will state your opinion how far the claim advanced by Mr. Chase on behalf of his Constituent

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Constituent to the property in question has been strengthened by the additional arguments adduced in support of it by that Gentleman. -

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29th August 1804. -

Sam. Sa. Ha.
/Signed/ G. Strachey Secy to Govt.

Ordered that the following letter be dispatch-ed to the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara. -

To the Officer Commanding in Malabar & Canara

Sir

The Commander in Chief having laid your letter of
Para. 1 the 29th of June to the Adjutant General of the Army before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council together with the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry submitted with that letter, His Lordship in Council has resolved that the persons who appear by those documents to have been engaged in treasonable practices shall be brought to Trial for that Offence before the Court of Circuit in the Division of Malabar -

To the Officer Commanding in Malabar and Canara - To deliver to the charge of the Civil Magistrate the persons who appear to have been engaged in treasonable practices. -

2. I am therefore directed to desire that you will deliver those Prisoners to the charge of the Civil Magistrate who has been instructed to proceed against them accord-ing to the forms of Law. -

3 His Lordship in Council further directs me to desire that all persons at present in your cus-tody charged with Crimes of a Civil nature may be disposed of in the same manner -

Sam

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Captain P Bruce

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To Mr Cecil Smith and Captain P. Bruce transmitting an application from the agent for the prize property captured at the Moluccas on the subject of the Slaves captured at Amboyna and Banda, to submit their opinion thereon.

I am directed to transmit to you a Copy of the application which has been received and to desire that you will state your opinion how far the claim advanced by Mr. Chase on behalf of his Constituent

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Constituent to the property in question has been strengthened by the additional arguments adduced in support of it by that Gentleman. -

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/Signed/ G. Strachey Secy to Govt

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Sam

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Sam Sr. &c.
(Signed) G. Strachey
Sec.y to Govt.

Ed.d Francis

W Beatson

W Hunt

G. Dun

H. Chamier

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