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Traces Chain	18 Pounder	3		123 " "	
D°. D°.	12 D°	7		203. " "	
D°. D°.	6 D°	20		242. 24 "	
D°. D°. Tumbril Common		16		567. 39 -	285 20 " 16

1804
December 17th Received for the use of His Highness the
Rajah of Mysore
Carriages with Limbers and Boxes with
Brass naves for 12 A 3 Pounder 1 . . . . . 386. 31 58
Tumbril ammunition with D°. D°. D°. 30 do 1 . . . . . 710. 41 68
Tampians with Collars . . . . . 3 D°. 1 . . . . . " 2. 12
Handspikes Traversing . . . . . 3 D°. 1 . . . . . " 16 22
Harness for Pole Horses - for 4 Horses Silk. 4
D°. for Leading for 4 D°. D°. 45 . . . . . 68 " " 1166. 9. "
Carried over Pagodas 29656. 9 16

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Duplicate for the purpose of being sent to Bengal

Bengal Establishment for Conveying the Mails on the Coast

Received Principles ... 1 ...

Ditto at the Military Board Office as

Pattern for Equipment.

Saddles Complete with Mail Bags ... 2 ...

Watches Returned into the Magazine at Seringapatam ... 4 ...

Ditto Ditto ... 4 ...

Tarpaulins Ditto ... 4 ...

Mail Bags at Vellore ... 15 ...

Carts arrived with Ditto ... 15 ...

Collars Bullocks Leather ... 15 ...

Yokes Ditto Ditto ... 10 ...

Pairs Ditto Ditto ... 10 ...

Do Repairable ... 2 ...

Do Unrepairable Ditto ... 2 ...

Do Trace Ditto ... 15 ...

Brought forward ... 44g. 24. 15

Received for the purpose of being sent to Bengal ... 1. 11. 02

Carried forward ... 18 20. 10.

Received for Conveying the Mails on the Coast ... 2 : 20. 44

Carried forward ... 20. 21 72 500.. 32. 11

Received Principles ... 70 ...

Ditto at the Military Board Office as ... 1 ...

Pattern for Equipment. ...

Saddles Complete with Mail Bags ... 2. 21 ...

Watches Returned into the Magazine at Seringapatam ...

March 5th Ditto Ditto ... 4 ...

Tarpaulins Ditto Ditto ... 4 ...

Into the Magazine at Vellore ... 95. 29.02

Carts arrived with Ditto ...

Collars Bullocks Leather ...

Yokes Ditto Ditto ...

Pairs Ditto Ditto ...

Do Repairable ...

Do Unrepairable Ditto ...

Do Trace Ditto ...

December 17th. For the Service of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore

1805

	Ordnance Brass Gun 3 Pounder 1 is low.	2..3..19	716	19 72

January 31st. Articles Tools &c. Remaining on Hand and in use at the Gun Carriage Manufactory on the 31st January 1805.

	Adzes Iron Carpenter	33	21..	30 69
	Do. Do. Hallow Small	1	"	28 15
	Anvils Iron Smith Europe 1st Sorts	100	1,161.	9 20
	Do. Smith Country	31	197.	26 20
	Augers 1st Sorts	212	63	33 12
	Awls Broad	10	"	15 "
	Axes Broad Europe	54	35	18. 30
	Do. Felling	13	5	11. 70

Carried Over Pagodas: 1,760. 34 72

Carried Over Pag.s 30,437. 33. 79

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			Brought forward Pagodas		30437	33 79
1805			Brought forward Pagodas	1766	38	76
January 31st	Axes Hand	22		5	17	60
	D° Pick	11		7	38	60
	D° Millwrights or Coopers	3		1	5	20
	Barrows wheel	16		33	36	62
	Bellows forge Europe	Pounds 27		630	18	52
	D° Smith Country	Pairs 202		22	26	66
	Benches Carpenter	10		40	"	"
	D° for Vice	4		12	"	"
	D° for Screw	1		3	"	"
	Bevil Brass	1		2	"	"
	Braces and Bitts	2		3	"	"
	Brass Old	lb 24⅝		3	9	7

Brattries	Pairs 1,1600		32	12 32
Brushes Painting hair	3		1	27 39
Buckets Gun Leather	1		1	20 72
Do. Do. Wooden	58		52	8 32
Carriage Slings for transporting Heavy Timbers in the forest with wheels 2 feet high	1		138	
Carts Large for Do. Do. of the same Size as 18 Pounder Carriages	4		552	
Do. Do. Do. Do. the Sizes of 12 Pounders			138	
Do. Platform	Serviceable 24		2,482	36 52
Do. Do.	Reparable 28		604	42
		Carried over Pagodas	6507	44 10
		Carried over Pagodas	30437	23 79

Brought forward Pagodas 30407. 33 79

1805					
	Brought forward Pagodas			6502. 24. 10	
January 25th	Carts Arrack Large for Watering the yard	1		29. 40	65
	Cahath	Mds 16 1/2		1.	20 71
	Chests Carpenter for Tools	6		12.	" "
	Do Tamers Smiths and Workesters	5		7.	31 40
	Chissels Iron of Sorts Europe	587		74.	10 35
	Coal Chan	Candagum	39 1/2	20.	3 72
	Do Sea	Mds	94 28	54.	30 6
	Collars Bullock Leather Serviceable		305	21.	28 74
	Do Do Do Repairable		67	2.	39 36
	Compasses Iron	Pairs	22	10.	16 36
	Do Do Gauge		1	2.	" "
	Do Do Caliber Large		1	"	20 57
	Do Do Do Small		1	"	20 57
	Do Brass	Pair	1	"	7 42

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Copper Old	@ 26½		2..	27. 24
Cuente Links Smith	7		2.	26 "
Cramps Iron for Cartwheelers or Carpenters	1		"	15 [illegible]
Crows Iron	2		1.	" "
Cutting Seaters of Saws	62		5..	38 .
Dammer	@ 1		"	1 32
Drills	14		1..	" "
Drivers Cooper	1		"	12 "
Dressers Common	8		3.	23. 32
Engines for Cutting Elevating Screws	3		388..	8. 56
Carried Over Pagodas			₹1147	2 72
Carried Over Pagodas			30437.	33 79

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Brought forward Pr. 30437. 33. 19

Tow, ... 1 ... 1 ... 1

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Do. Sledge Large Europe assorts	Lbs		55	35 60
Do. Do. Country	30		1	12 "
Hold fast	2		"	4 "
Hooks Bench	2		2	" "
Do. Bill	3		"	34 28
Hoops Copper	600		236	10 40
Husk Paddy	Candagam	255	47	15 "
Instruments for Bushing Guns	12		9	30 "
Do. for cleaning the inside of Gun	1		1	24 "
Iron Beak	32		268	38 "
Do. Bolt	Lbs	1076	149	31 22
Do. Flat millet Sheets	Lbs	327½	16	19 5
Carried over Pagodas			3179	13

Carried over Pagodas 00437 3379

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1805					
			Brought forward Pagodas		30437. 33. 79
			Brought forward Pagodas	8179. 13. ..	
January 21st	Iron Flat Europe	℔ 211222½	Candy. ℔. ℔		
	D°. Square	D. 43560½	129. 7. 11½	2304. 2. 20	
	D°. of Sorts Working up in hand	D. 10651½		594. 35. 22	
	D°. Old	D. 2576		51. 21 67	
	D°. Single for Planes	50		6. 28 ..	
	D°. Double D°	70		20. 9 50	
	D°. Tillers for Pit Saws	11		1. 2 ..	
	Sash Rand Large	1		7 32 46	
	D°. D°. Small	2		15 23 12	
	Knives Drawing	9		3 16 43	
	D°. D°. Hallowing Coopers	2		.. 20 62	
	D°. Laboratory	16		1. 38 ..	
	Lead Red	℔ 5½		.. 9. 50	
	D°. White	D. 54½		1. 26 12	

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Leaths Turners with wheels frams and Sett Complete	1		100. " "	
Levels wooden for Brichlayers	2		" 21 "	
Locks Pad with keys Double	11		9. 15. 20	
Do. Do. Do Single	21		8. 32 23	
Mallets wooden	3		" 18 "	
Mamotis with helves	24		25. 5. 32	
Mathematical Instrument Pocket Case	2		40 32 72	
Mandrills	25		1. 8. "	
Nails Large	8222		21. 33 60	
Needles Gunney	17		" 12 2	
Carried over Pagodas		11101. 39. 33		
Carried over Pagodas			30137 33 79	

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1805				
	Brought forward Pagodas			204 07 32 79
January 31st	Brought forward Pagodas		1140	07 32
	Nippers	Pair 2		25 56
	Oil Gingely	Gallons 2		32 00
	D. Linen	D. 82	15	21 35
	Ordnance Proof Mortar 12 Inch Iron Unserviceable		119	22 25
	Point Pilot	℔ 124		52 32 59
	Pincers of Sorts	105		22 18 30
	Petit	Panel 1		5 20 92
	Plane Iron of Sorts	282		86 22 24
	Plate Screw with Taps of Sorts	57	125	8 20
	Pushers of Sorts	53		10 4 "
	Punches Smith	12		" 1 "
	Rasps File	150		24 12 "
	Reels wooden with Line	1		20 60 "
	Rivets Copper	℔ 20		7 26 40

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Fort Augustus 5th April 1865

Rope Cauntry 2 Inch Coil	2	Maund	11	18.	25 58
D. D. 3½ D. D.	2				
Rubbers of Sorts	93			79	23. 2
Rules Carpenter 2 feet	25			7	15 40
Saws Cross Cut	30			154.	9 30
D. Fellies	1			„	30 „
D. Hand	27			25.	11. 65
D. Lock	5			2.	30 „
D. Pit with Bows	22			181.	23. 60
D. Spring	1			2.	„ „
D. Tenon	34			35.	1. 62
Carried Over Pagodas			12400.	24.	3

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Carried Over Pagodas 3[illegible]37.33 79

1805					
	Brought forward Pagodas			1244	24 3
January 31st	Saws of Sorts		2	2	" "
	Scales Gunter 2 feet		7	2	28 5
	D. Large with weights Copper	Sett	1	55	" "
	D. Wooden	D.	1	55	" "
	Screws Bed		1	"	28 20
	D. plates for Tapping Bushes		2	8	9 "
	D. Wood Small of sorts Dozen		2169	262	3 54
	Setters Axettrees upper and under		4	"	13 "
	Setts Sawpitt		8	29	30 "
	Spoke Sheaves		4	"	28 52
	Squaries Iron and wood		13	2	7 "
	Steel		lb. 359½	202	19 42
	Stones Grinding with Iron Axletrees		8	32	24 "
	D. Turkey Oil		4	9	37-64
	D. Rag		9	"	5:41

Brought forward Pagodas 3437 33 79

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D°... Whet	1	"	6 "
Taps and Dyes for Cutting Elevating Screws	4	23..	27. .
Tar and Grease filled with Peg	1	3..	22..
Tarpaulins Magazine Small	6	95.	29. 32
Timber Teak of Sorts.... feet	4735 5/8	1522.	6 75
Tongues Smith	12	3..	" "
Traces Rope for Cart Serviceable	88	269.	27. 48
D°.... D°.... D° Reparable	31	63..	13. 64
Tumbril Ammunition Cavalry Old Construction Reparable	1	109..	25.30
Carried Over Pagodas....	15155..	19..	50.
Carried Over Pagodas.....	30437.	33.	79

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			Brought forward Pagodas		30127. 33 79	
1805			Brought forward Pagodas		15155. 19. 50	
January 25th	Tools Turners for Heavy Iron or Brass work Sets	1			3	" "
	Vices Iron Bench		10		24.	28. 20
	D. D. Hand		94		53.	32. 28
	D. D. Standing		70		900.	27. 10
	Wrenches for the Nuts of Screw Bolts		13		3.	10. 40
	Yakies Common Pale Serviceable		85		171.	9. "
	D. D. D. Repairable		31		41.	26. 32
	D. D. Trace Serviceable		66		159.	2. 40
	D. D. D. Repairable		31		38.	9. 32
	Model of 8 Inch Howitzer and Carriage	1			50.	" "
	D. 13 D. Mortar and Bed	1			1.	" "
	D. of Garrison Truck Carriage Large	1			2.	" "
	D. D. D. D. D. Small	1			2	" "
	D. Field Carriage with a Brass Gun 6 Pounder	1			4	" "

Do.	Do.	Do. Wooden axe	Do. 1	3.	" "
Do.	of an ammunition Tumbril		1.	2.	" "
Do.	10 Inch Mortar Bed		1.	1.	" "
Do.	A Depressing Carriage		1	"	10 40
Do.	an Hanoverian Truck		1.	2.	" "
Do.	A Platform for Night firing		1.	1.	" "
Do.	A Travelling Forge		1.	"	31. 40
Do.	A Field Carriage on the Principal of Captain Shanks of H.C.M. Navy		1.	2.	" "
				16621. 38. 57	
		Total Pagodas		47059. 30. 56	

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11th March 1805.

(Signed) J. Marshall
Secy and Accountant
Military Board

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D°. Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam in Accot

1805. Pagodas F. D.

January 31st. To Amount of Articles Exhibited Remaining on hand
and in use at the Gun Carriage Manufactory on the 31st July 1804 17030-2274

To Amount of Shed and the Buildings in the
Manufactory Yard 5171 11 22

To Amount of Military Stores Supplied from the Arsenal
at Fort St. George for the Services of the Gun Carriage
Manufactory from 1st August 1804 to 31st January 1805 4547. 21 26

To Amount of Anvils Supplied from the Magazine
at Cannanore in Month of August 1804 202. 21 "

To Amount of Military Stores Supplied from the Ma-
gazine at Seringapatam from 1st August
1804 to 31st January 1805 ..... 1920. 4. 44

To Amount of Ditto Supplied from the Magazine at Pal-
ghaut in the Month of September 1804 .. 3.. 35. 68

To Amount of Iron Supplied by Poorniah Dewan of
His Highness the Rajah of Mysore from
1st August 1804 to 31st January 1805 .... 1424. 3 4.

Carried Over

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Current with the Honble Company from 1st August 1804 to 31st January 1805. Cr.

Pagodas F. C

1805
January 31st By Amount Difference in favor of the
Manufactory on the 31st July 1804 ..... 4058 41 36½

By Amount of Ordnance Carriages &c. Con-
structed by the Public Agent at the
Honorable Companys Gun Carriage
Manufactory and delivered in the Ma-
gazine at Seringapatam from 1st August
1804 to 31st January 1805. Pagodas 28520. " "

By Amount of a 3 Pounder Horse artillery
Carriage Harness &c. Constructed and
delivered for the Service of His High-
ness the Rajah of Mysore .... 1166. 9. "

By Amount of a Carriage for Conveying
Sick constructed and delivered for the
purpose of being sent to Poonah 70. " "

By Amount of two Coorcle Saddles made
and sent to the Military Board
as Patterns for Experiment .... 8. 21 "

29761 30 14

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Pagodas F. C.

Brought Over

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January 31st To Amount of difference arising between the Estimated Value and the Invoice Price charged for Iron and Steel supplied from the Presidency of Bombay inserted in the Statement closed up to 31st July 1804 (as the Real Price could not be ascertained at that time the Invoice not having reached at the Military Board Office 1147. 26. 19

To Amount of Ammunition Tumbril Sent from Cuddalore in the Month of December 1804 .. 109. 25. 30

To Amount of Payments made by the Paymaster at Seringapatam on account of the Gun Carriage Manufactory as agents Salary Establishment of Artificers purchase of Timbers Contingent Bills &c. from 1st August 1804 to 31st January 1805 .... 15902. 29. 54

45160. 1. 61

To Balance in favor of the Manufactory on the 31st January 1805 11.312. 6 70½

Pagodas 56772. 0. 54½

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Pagodas Fr. 6

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January 31st. By Amount of Tarpaulins Returned into the Magazine at Seringapatam in the Month of November 1804 ..... 95. 29. 32

By Amount of Arrack Carts &c. &c. returned into the Magazine at Vellore in the Month of November 1804 500. 38 11

By Amount of a 3 Pounder Brass Ordnance Returned for the Service of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore 76. 19. 72 673. 3. 35

By Amount of Articles: Tools &c. Remaining on hand and in use at the Gun Carriage Manufactory on the 31st. January 1805 ..... 16624. 38. 57

By Amount of a Shed and other Buildings in the Manufactory yard 5,171. 11. 22

By Amount of a D. on the North face of the Gun Carriage yard Constructed in December 1804 .. 120. 19. 60

By Amount of Advance Made on account of additional Buildings at the Gun Carriage Manufactory 361. 34. 40 5653. 20. 42

Pagodas. 56772. 8. 54½

E. E.

Military Board Office

(Signed) J. Marshall
Secy. & Accountt. Mily. Bd.

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Proposed Establishment of Writers draughts-men. Coonicopolies and Peons requisite for carrying on the Current business of the Honorable Company's Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringpatam including an allowance for Stationary Monthly.

No.	Description		allowance per mensum Pagodas F. E.
1	Head writer and Accountant	at	30 " "
1	Second .... Do	at	8 " "
1	Third .... Do. for daily Reports Mustering the Workmen and work daily performed	at	6 " "
1	Store Coonicopoly for the Godowns	at	5 " "
1	..... Do .... for Timber Accounts	at	5 " "
1	..... Do .... for Iron	at	5 " "
1	..... Do. for Charcoal Paddy husk and Bernalties accounts	at	4 " "
1	Draughts-man to act as School Master to the Boys received from the Male Asylum	at	15 " "
6	Watching Peons for the yard 2 Constantly Stationed at the gate .. at 6 Rupees each	at	10 12 00
1	..... Do ..... for the Charcoal Jungle	at	1 19 10
		Pagodas	69 31 70
	Stationary for Writers Draughts man and School at 12 Pagodas P. Mensum		12 " "
		Total Pagodas	101 31 70

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(Signed) J. Marshall
Sec. J. Mily Board

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Minute of the Adjutant General. 156

The Adjutant General begs leave to call the attention of the Military Board to a subject of the utmost importance to the efficiency of the Army.—

Shortly after the return of the late Commander in Chief from the Army on the Frontiers. His Excellency directed the Superintending Surgeon of that Army Mr. Anderson to cause a Waggon for the conveyance of Sick to be constructed at the Presidency, on such Principles as his experience might lead him to judge best calculated for the purpose.— A four wheeled Carriage of this description was accordingly built & produced to this Board, inspected by a Committee of its members, and as far as could be ascertained without actual experiment in the Field was considered by them as well constructed and fit for the proposed Service.— It was under the orders of

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of the Board. forwarded to Seringapatam as a
model for others to be built there in the Com=
=pany's yard, but the effect of the Journey over the
imperfect Roads of the interior Districts. which
afforded the fairest trial proved it to be too com=
=plicated in its construction and unequal in strength
to resist the Shocks to which in the Course of
Service in the Field. such a Carriage must ne=
=cessarily be exposed.

This was reported to the Board
by the Superintendant of the Gun Carriage yard
on its arrival at Seringapatam, and he at the same
time Suggested an improved Carriage for Sick or
two wheels. — Some modifications of his Plan
were at more leisure Suggested by him, and on the
20th of December 1804 he reported to the Board
that a Conveyance of this nature was completed.
— He enclosed with his report the opinion of Mr.
Anderson the Superintending Surgeon of Mysore of
its

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its utility, — and described its construction, which seemed to combine simplicity, strength and convenience. He was directed to forward this Carriage to the Forces at Poonah as the best experiment for ascertaining in practise what appeared in theory equal to all the purposes required — it was despatched, but the Board have received no farther accounts of it, — nor do we know that it has ever reached its destination.

Experience has shewn the inefficiency of Dooly Carriage for the Sick of our Armies on their present Scale of Numbers and extended range of Operations. — the Numbers allotted to Corps are insufficient for the Numbers of Sick and Wounded. — The number of Bearers procurable are not equal to the conveyance even of this limited establishment. The difficulty of subsisting those procured, adds much to the embarrassment of Military movements. — The pressure of want

produces

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produces desertion — and the System ineffecient as it
creates an enormous Expence. The late Commander
in Chief Stated these facts at length to Government
and proposed a System of conveyance by Wheel
Carriages in lieu of the former System which
in theory at least appeared much more effecient
and less expensive, confining the provision of Doolies
to a small proportion destined for particular
cases of Severe illness or wounds to which the
motion of a Wheeled Carriage might be injurious.

This System can never be ever
experimentally adopted until a certain Number of
Carriages for Sicks are provided — this is a Work
of time, and Should no longer be delayed. Five
hundred Carriages of this description would be
requisite to complete to its full extent the
Plan of the late Commander in Chief, but the
Adjutant General will at present limit his

Recommendation

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recommendation to the construction of One Hundred and Fifty Carriages for the Conveyance of Sick to be commenced without loss of time in the Gun Carriage Yard at Seringapatam, and he now moves that Orders to this effect be given, as if the previous Sanction of Government to necessary that such Sanction may be immediately solicited.—

The Adjutant General further recommends to the consideration of the Board the present State of the establishment of Public Doolies, which he apprehends to be extremely incomplete particularly as the efficiency of the Daily Conveyance supposed to be provided by Commandants of Native Corps even in the Army on the Frontiers, where no circumstances of extraordinary difficulty or distress occured during the years 1803 compelled the late Commander in Chief to take from

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Several Officers the allowances granted on that account and to supply conveyance provided by the public for their Sicks.— He recommends that the Secretary be directed to prepare a Statement of serviceable and reparable Doolies in Store and in use at the Several Stations and with the Several detachments of the Army, and that the Board on that Statement proceed to issue the necessary Orders for placing this branch of the Military equipment in perfect readiness for Service.

25th March 1805

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjutant General

A True Copy

(Signed) J. Marshall
Secy. Mily Board

Estimate

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Estimate of the expense of Casing (or revetting) the outside of the Walls of the Dragoon Barracks with Stone. — Cavalry Cantonment Bellary.

Measurement					Prices					
Length	Mean depth	Mean thickness	Superfeet	Cubic feet	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
252 8 ea	120	96								
224 8	17	92								
152 8	12	16								
67 13 ea	34	84								
Total	185	88								
252 8 ea	120	96								
224 8	17	92								
152 8	12	16								
67 13 ea	34	84								
Total	185	88								

To Six Barracks Store and Gun Do
Gun Troop Do
2 Cook Rooms and 2 Necessaries
Stone in Mud Work & 1½ thick 2 " " Sq.re 371 3173
To Six Barracks
Store and Gun Do
Gun Troop Do.....
2 Cook Rooms and 2 Necessaries.
Painting with Chunam.... " 116 " Sq.re 70 346.
1112 2379

Total Pagodas.... 1112 2379

Bellary
September 6th 1804

E. E.
(Signed) Re. Ho. Fotheringham
Captain Lieutenant
Engineer. C. D.

True Copy
(Signed) Thos. Ft. Dr. Havelland
Captain Lieut. C. E. D.

A True Copy
(Signed) J Marshall
Secy. Mily. Board

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The following reply is ordered to be dispatched.

To the President and Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen

To the Military Board in reply to the foregoing Letter.

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 25th Instant.

2 His Lordship in Council concurs in the modification which you have recommended of the intended reform of the Works of Seringapatam, and I am directed to desire that your instructions to the Officer of Engineers who has been appointed for the Superintendence of that Work may be regulated in conformity to the principle which has been recommended and sanctioned.

3 His Lordship in Council desires that you will take the earliest practicable measures for

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for ascertaining with accuracy the probable augmentation of expense which may be likely to occur in consequence of any farther failure in the works of Seringapatam, which may have taken place, since the formation of the Estimate which has been already approved.

4 His Lordship in Council has observed with particular Satisfaction the favorable Report which you have Submitted of the improving State of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam, and considers the important Saving of expense which has been produced from that establishment, and the efficiency with which it is conducted under the direction of Captain Scott to be highly creditable to the character of that Officer.

5. His Lordship in Council has under the favourable impression which is entertained relative to the Merits of Captain Scott

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Scott and the progress of the institution, adopted your recommendation for the admission as a public charge of the expence to which he is liable for Inants and I am directed to desire that instructions may be furnished to the Officer for Supporting the charge the approbation of his honor—

6 His Lordship in Council concurs in your recommendation relative to the provision of the Carriages, and I am directed to desire that Orders may be given for preparing the numbers which you have proposed — It is however at the same time His Lordship desire that an Estimate may be Submitted of the probable expence which the construction of them may be attended.—

7 Authority has been given for the payment of the bills and advances of money which you have recommended—

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Geo. Buchan
Chief Secy. to Govt.

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The President lays before the Board a plan and the following Estimate of the probable expense of constructing a Bridge of one arch of 50 feet span across the proposed Canal on the West face of the Fortification of Black Town—

Probable

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Probable Estimate of the Expense of Constructing a Bridge of one Arch of 50 feet Span. across the proposed Canal on the West Face of the Fortification of the Black Town. agreeably to the accompanying Plan & Elevation.—

Measurement						Prices				
Length	Breadth	Thickness	Sup.l Ft.	Cub.l Ft.	Cub.l Yds.		Pagodas	Fs.	C	Pagodas Fs. Cs.
						36 Wells each	16	"	"	each 576 " "
16.6	8	"	"	"	"	Foundation of the Piers				
76	17.6	6	"	7980	"	Piers above				
60	12.6	2	"	1500	"					
72	7	4.6	"	2268	"	Foundation of the abutment				
80	4	3	"	960	"					
84	3	3	"	756	"					
88	9.6	4	"	3344	"	Wall above Do.				
80	2.6	2	"	400	"					
84	80	4	"	26880	"					
40	8.6	2	"	680	"					
104	4.6	4	"	1872	"					
23	15	2	"	690	"					
24	6	3	"	432	"	Foundation of the Pedestals				
12	3.6	3	"	126	"	Pedestals above				
370	3.6	1.3	"	1618½	"	Parapet Wall				
		Total		49506¾		Parish Work in Chunam	"	2	40	Sq.re Ft. 2946 32470
				3160	"	Gordon Work in Chunam	"	3	40	Do. 30 " "
260	1	1	"	4560	"	Arch Work in Chunam	"	4	"	Do. 1024 12 "
76	20	3	"							
76	3									
68	16					Plastering 2 Coats Chunam	2	"	"	Sq.re 1071 2375
60	20			6075½	"					
48	5									
370	3.3									
23	15									
						Filling in with Earth	"	6	"	Sq.re 816 " "
130	25	5	"	"	1602	Jelly and Calay with Gravel on the top of the Bridge	2	"	"	Sq.re 100 " "
200	25	"	5000	"	"					
						Carried Over				41310 28 165

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Probable Estimate of the Expence of Constructing a Bridge of one Arch of 60 feet Span, & upon the proposed Canal on the West face of the Black Town.

		Prices					
		P.	F.	G.	P.	F.	G.
					Brought Over		
Sundry Materials for the Dam and Pucattahs							
8 Pucattahs	10	-	-	each	80	-	-
100 Water Bailer Baskets	"	"	-	"	5	-	-
25 Country wood Planks for 12 Spouts	"	"	"	"	20	"	"
8 Copper Tubs	7	"	"	each	56	"	"
100 Water Bailers for 30 days	"	3	"	each	24	12	"
Carpenters Smith and Coolies	"	"	"	"	20	-	-
50 Red Wood for Piles	"	"	"	"	75	-	-
1000 Country Sticks	"	"	"	"	10	-	"
Sundries	"	"	-	"	200	"	"
						710	12 "
					Pagodas	502	4 65

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(Signed) Thos Fraser
Superintending Engr.

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Ordered in consequence that the

Military Board be directed to issue the necessary

orders for the execution of the Work.

Read the following letter from

the Chief Engineer

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Chief Engineer
- Reports the impropriety of appropriating to the Commercial Department a Building contiguous to the Grand Powder Magazine.

I beg leave to inform your Lordship that a Building which was once a Civil Court of, being used as a Godown is now preparing as a Ware house for the reception of Bales

This building is in Fort St. George only twenty yards from the Grand powder Magazine, and I think it my duty to represent to your Lordship that such an appropriation is extremely improper. that Cotton Bales are

Very

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very combustible and the ingress which Castles and people of every description will daily have to the place highly dangerous.—

Engineers Office
Fort St. George
4th April 1805

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) E. Fraser
Colonel and Chief Engr.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted for the information and Report of the Military Board.—

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding in the Cahiltoor Pallams.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir

From the Officer Commanding in the Cahiltoor Pallams &c. forwarding that the Sentence of death passed upon the Polygar has been executed with execution.—

Yesterday I had the honor to receive your letter dated the 2d inst., containing the Right Honorable the Governor in Councils orders for carrying into effect the Sentence passed by the Board of Officers assembled for the trial of the Polygars of

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of Chargul. I have to request you will acquaint his Lordship in Council that the Poligar is to be executed at Six O'clock this morning with all due Solemnity.

Chittoor
29th March 1805

(Signed) T. Darley Lieut. & Q.M.
2nd Bn. 5th Regt. N.I.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government at Bombay.

George Buchan Esqre
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Government at Bombay reporting an advance to an officer of His Majesty's 77th Regiment on account of his establishment.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to report to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that an advance of Six hundred Rupees has been ordered to be made to Ensign Macka-chlan of His Majesty's 77th Regement for the use of a Detachment lately arrived from England under

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under his Command per Extra Ship Devaynes which Amount will be carried to the Account of the Government of Fort St. George &c

Bombay Castle
6th March 1805

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Ja. Grant
Secretary to Government

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Military Auditor General for his information and guidance. &c

The President recommends that Lieutenant Charles Randall be appointed an Assistant in the Department of the Military Auditor General &c

Approved and Ordered

The President lays before the Board the following Draft of a Letter to the Medical Board, &c

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To the President and Members of the

Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

To the Medical Board - Expressing the surprize of Govern. ment at their delay in the Execution of the orders conveyed to them on the 21st. December last.

I am directed by the Governor in Council to Observe that three Months have nearly elapsed since the Resolutions of the Governor in Council under date the 21st. December 1804, were dispatched, directing the Medical Board to state to Mr. Mackenzie their objections to his plans for the improvement of the System of Vaccination, and to Submit his reply with their farther observations for the consideration of his Lordship in Council to which orders no notice has as yet been taken.

His Lordship in Council would be very unwilling to attribute this Silence to an intentional disobedience of the Orders of Government. But the obvious facility of executing this particular order combined with the general irregular conduct

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conduct of the Medical Board makes it impossible for his Lordship in Council to pass a favorable construction upon apparent neglect.—

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I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Geo. Buchan
Chief Secy. to Govt.

Approved and Ordered to be dispatched

E. Bentinck

Mordaunt

W. Petrie

Jno. Stracey

Offices St. Council. 5th. April 1805.
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Diary.

6th Sent the following letters.—

To the President & Members of the
Military Board.

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board— with plan and estimate of the Bridges to be constructed across the intended canal to four rivers for the execution of the work — To submit their report on the Objections of the Chief Engineer relative to the proposed alteration in the Warehouses of the Commercial Department—

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having determined that the Bridges to be constructed across the intended Canal of the Black Town shall be conformable to the enclosed Plan and Estimate; I am directed by His Lordship in Council to desire that you will issue orders to the Superintending Engineer for the execution of the work, with the least practicable delay.—

2. I am directed to refer to You the enclosed copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, and to desire that you will report whether the work which has been ordered to be undertaken, for the purpose of enlarging the Warehouses of the Commercial Department may be liable to the objections stated by that Officer.—

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

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(Signed) George Buchan
Chief Secretary to Government

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Brunton.

Military Auditor General

Sir,

1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose for your information and guidance the extract of a Minute which has been recorded by the Commander in Chief; and to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council having concurred in the Arrangement thereon proposed for recruiting the Establishment of Native Cavalry; et is His Lordship's desire that Authority may be given for the admission of the expences with which it will be attended.—

2 I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance the copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Government of Bombay, relative to an advance of Money which has been paid at that Presidency on account of a detachment of His Majesty's 77th Regiment.—

3 I also enclose for your information and guidance the extract of a letter from the Military Board, together with an extract of the orders passed thereon by His Lordship in Council relative to the Establishment of the Infantry

Sth Military auditor General Forwarding the correspondence of the Expences that will attend the Arrangement proposed by the Commander in Chief for recruiting the establishment of Native Cavalry — Copy of a letter from the Secretary at Bombay relative to an advance made at that Presidency to a detachment of His Majesty's 77th Regt. enclosed — Another also a letter from the Military Board with orders passed thereon relative to the Establishment of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam — To authorize payment of Bills &c transmitted by the Military Board. — The Cost of His Majesty's 77th Regt. to account for the Expences of the Bazar Collections at Pondicherry, but were transferred to the College by Colonel Close &c.

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Superintendant of the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Seringapatam.

4. His Lordship in Council desires that authority may be given for the payment of the bills and Advances of money recommended in the enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board.

5. I am directed to inclose the extracts of a letter from the Board of Revenue, and to desire that the Paymaster of His Majesty's 73d Regiment may be called upon to account for the Proceeds of Bazar Collections at Pondicherry which were transferred to His charge by the Honorable Coll. Ogilvie & Co. — John.

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

Fort St. George
6th April 1805.

(Signed) George Buchan
Chief Secretary to Government

Received and Sent the following Letters

entered in Mr. B. Ad. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.

From Captain Hook. Reporting an advance of Money to an Officer of his Establish-

From the Secretary to the Government of Fort William.

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From the Military Auditor General.

From Lieutenant Colonel Brunton.

Reporting the Nett advances to the Military Department for November 1804.—

From Captain Coghlan Commanding Detachment with Pondicherry.

From Captain Coghlan.—Acknowledging the orders of Government respecting the disposal of the force under his command.—

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board.—The Sheriff of the Collector of Coimbatore for a supply of Arms &c. from the Stores at Sankeydroog to be complied with, if practicable.—

To the Magistrate and Collector at Pondicherry.

To Mr Fallofield.—Authority for granting a Passport to a person at that place.—

From the Officer commanding at Chittoor.

Received a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Darley entered in Mr. B. Nov 13.—Acknowledging the Receipt of the Proclamation transmitted to him for circulation.—

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Received and Sent the following letters entered in Mr. B. Nov 14.—15.—

From the acting Deputy assistant General to the King's Troops.—

From Captain Campbell.—Requests an Advance of Two Months Pay &c on account of the Officers of His Majesty's Service.—

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To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William.—

To Captain Hook— Transmitting copy of a letter from this Government to the Honorable Court of Directors dispatched by the Marchioness of Exeter.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

Tuesday the 9th April 1805

Lieutenant General Sir. J. F. Cradock K: B.

Commander in Chief

William Petrie } Esqrs.
and
James Strange }

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The Commander in Chief records the following Minutes.—

Minute of the Comdr in Chief. Reporting the difficulty of access on the Coast of Fort St. George and recommending—

The Commander in Chief has the honor to lay before the Board a Letter from Major Munro Commanding the 2d Battalion 20th Regiment Native Infantry

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at Tanjore, upon the Subject of the Deficiency of arms, for this Regiment —

The Receipt of this Letter led the Commander in Chief into a more Minute Inquiry of the State of Supply in the Arsenal of Fort Saint George, and of the other Stations, and with extreme Concern, He states that a very alarming Deficiency is the case, and which, without any forced Imagination, may place the Military Establishment and Capacities Resources, of this Presidency in case of War, on the most feeble and embarrassed Situation. —

Justice to the Military Board demands the Acknowledgement, that the late Supplies required for the new Levies have been very great, and also, that 5000 Stand of Arms were sent, pursuant to the Orders of the Governor General to Bengal, and that some [illegible] about 1000 were stopped by the same Authority upon their passage to Madras — It also appears that the necessary Returns have been long since sent to Europe for the adequate Re-Equipment, and that every Exertion is making towards the Repair of such Arms, as may be made serviceable, but still the Evil remains in such Force, that

the

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the Commander in Chief judges It proper, that Government
should be made acquainted with it's full Extent.—

At the Arsenal of Fort Saint George

It has been an Established Custom to keep in Readiness 52,000
stand — at present there are only 10,287 in Store of different Patterns
& description.—

At the other Stations

Seringapatam	2,426
Vellore	2,449
Trichinopoly	68
Masulipatam	1,371
	6,314

For St. George
52.000
10.287
41.713
Deficient

At Every Station
10,287. Fort St. George
6,314
16,601 Generally in Store

The above statement is taken from the Returns of the 1st March, and as many Orders for the supply of Arms to Regiments have been executed since that Period, the General Return of 16,601 in Store is much reduced, and there is Reason to believe, that were Each Soldier on this Establishment in possession of a good Firelock. Not One to spare would be found.—

It is the more necessary to state this Fact strongly, as from the practice that takes place in India of

giving

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giving upon their first Levy. Old and nearly unrecoverable arms
to newly raised Regiments, for a certain Time, the Danger for a
proper Supply may be daily apprehended to a considerable Amount.

It appears needless to expatiate before the
Board of Council, upon the pressure of this alarming Subject which,
should Hostilities ensue, (and if add thereto, the Imagination to for-
mulate of the arrival of a Foreign Force) would in the great Sense of
Command, that might be forfeited, at once paralise the most active
Intentions and the best Effort of Government.

The Commander in Chief can only offer as
Consolation, that on the Repair of the Mosquito about 500 are obtained
every Month, and that the Establishment appears obliged to await
the hopes for Arrival of the required Supply from Europe.-

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(Signed) J. F. Craddock
Lt General

To the Adjutant General
of the Army

Sir,

I consider it my duty to report to you to be
submitted to His Excellency the Commander in Chief the pendent
as demanding

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disadvantage under which I labor in bringing forward to an efficient State of discipline the 2d Battalion of the 20th Regiment of Native Infantry which is principally composed of Men who were Supernumeraries sent to be incorporated in the Corps which I have the honor to Command without Arms or Accoutrements, and have remained so since December last.

A State of the above I beg Leave to transmit herewith, as also to exhibit their Deficiencies, The Arms in use with the Battalion are Subject to much more frequent repairs from Exercise than the Artificers can execute, and on field days with Powder many of the Firelocks will not burn freeing.

On the 8th of December last Major Macpherson while in charge of the 2d Battalion 20th Regiment made out an Indent on Captain Lieutenant Lovett Acting Commissary of Stores at Trichinopoly for a thousand New Muskets with Spring bayonets Complete, which has not as yet been complied with.

I beg leave further to state that an Indent was made out on the 11th of December last on Captain Baumgarten Commissary of Stores at Fort Saint George for the

delivery

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delivery of Buff Europe Accoutrements and several other Articles for the Services of the 2d Battalion 20th Regiment, which has not been complyd with. The Indents were transmitted for the approval of the Military Board.—

Sanpore
3d. of March 1805.—

(Signd) Robert Munro
Major Commanding 2d. Battn
20th Regiment Native Infantry.

Resolved that a copy of the above Minute be submitted to the Supreme Government, and the following draft of a letter for that purpose is read and approved.—

To His Excellency
The Most Noble The Marquis Wellesley, K.P.
Governor General in Council &c
Fort William.

My Lord,

Para 1 His Excellency the Commander in Chief in this Presidency having recently recorded a Minute containing an explanation of His Excellency's sentiments relative to the inadequate supply of fire arms, which are at present at the disposal of this Government, we deem it proper to take the earliest opportunity of

To Fort William Govt. enclosing copy of a Minute recorded by the Commander in Chief, and requesting supply of fire arms in store at this Presidency, required to complete the Establishment of Muskets to the 2d Battn. 20th Regt. Native Infantry, which is ordered from Fort William by the earliest opportunity, a similar requisition having been sent to the Govt. of Bombay.

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of bringing a copy of that Minute under the attention of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council.—

2. We are aware of the probability that the pressure of the public Stores at the Presidency of Fort William, may not be inferior to that which is experienced at this Presidency; but it would be improper for us to withhold from the knowledge of His Excellency in Council the Statement contained in the Minute of the Commander in Chief, and we beg to add our earnest request, if it should by any means be practicable to supply from the Stores of Bengal any quantity of Muskets, that a supply to the greatest possible amount may be dispatched to Fort Saint George, by the earliest opportunity that may offer.—

3 We have the honor to state that we have deemed it proper for us to address a similar application as that contained in this letter, to the Government of Bombay.—

We have the honor to be

&c &c &c

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(Signed) J. Bentinck
A Lowndes

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Resolved also that the state of the Public Stores at this Presidency be represented by the next opportunity to the Honorable Court of Directors -

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Letter of the Adjutant General of Infantry to the Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies with the Estimate from the Pyrmah detach on Subject connected with the Office becoming that Agency -

1

As the Proportion of Cavalry attached to the Pyrmah Subsidiary Force has been reduced to one Regiment, the Commander in Chief deems it his Duty to propose to Council the abolition of the Appointment of Assistant to the Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies now held by Captain Macintosh, being, in his opinion unnecessary with so small a Body, and if the Expence of that Regiment of Cavalry should fall upon this Establishment, an Arrangement can be made with Captain Baynes the Head of that Department, to enable the Quarter Master of the Regiment at Pyrmah to superintend the Supply of Grain for his Corps -

2

The Commander in Chief lays before Council the Contingent Account of Lieutenant Colonel Walker Commanding at Pyrmah, together with the Extracts of orders, issued by the same Officer, relating to Gratuity Pay delivered to the Native Corps under his Command -

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(Sgd) J. Braddock
Secy. to Govt.

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D. O. Five Seers of Rice per Man will be issued gratis at 9 O'Clock tomorrow Morning to the Native Troops of the Detachment of the Poona Subsidiary Force which at half a Seer per Man, will Subsist them from the 1st of February next to the 10th Inclusive.—

(Signed) Colr. Schuyler
Brigade Major

Camp at Nooneadroog
28th January 1805.—

D. O. Five Seers of Rice per Man to be issued gratis today to the Native Troops of the Detachment of the Poona Subsidiary Force, which at half a Seer per Man, will Subsist them from the 11th to the 20th Instant inclusive.—

Camp 11th February 1805.— Signed/ Colr. Schuyler
Brigade Major

D. O. Four Seers of Rice per Man to be issued gratis to the Native Troops of the Detachment of the Poona Subsidiary Force tomorrow, which at half a Seer per Man, will Subsist them from the 21st to the 28th Instant inclusive.—

Camp at Poonah
19th February 1805.— Signed/ Colr. Schuyler
Brigade Major

G. O. by

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Camp at Poonah Sunday 17th February 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace.

Sergeant Thomas Lee of Marines detailing is appointed to act, until the pleasure of the Commander in Chief be known as a Commissary of Stores will be attached to the Commissariat Department in the Field with Captain Nixle.

Camp at Poonah Tuesday 19th February 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace.

Mr Assistant Surgeon Paulson will afford Medical aid to Sick of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment Bombay Native Infantry now at Poonah, formerly under the charge of Mr Assistant Surgeon Boyland, who in order to be nearer them, are to be encamped near the Hospital of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry.

Camp at Poonah Wednesday 20th Febuary 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace.

Four Seers of Rice per Diem to be issued gratis to the Native Troops which at half a Seer per day will subsist them from the 21st to the 27th Instant inclusive.

Camp at Poonah Saturday 23d Febuary 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace

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Mr. Assistant Surgeon Cotton is appointed to the Medical Charge of the 2nd Battalion 3d Regiment Bombay Native Infantry.

Mr. Assistant Surgeon D. Scott is appointed to the charge of the Field Hospital at Ameednaggur, and of the Europeans doing duty in that Garrison.

Camp at Poonah - Thursday 28th Febry 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace.

Five 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 1st to the 10th March inclusive.

Camp at Poonah - Monday 11th March 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace.

Five 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 11th to the 20th Instant inclusive.

Lieutenant Colonel Wallace authorizes half a Seer of Gratuity Rice to be drawn daily for each Individual of the Honorable Companies Service Lately Invalided and Pensioned, whilst they remain in the Mahratta Country - and for each Individual

discharged

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discharged until all his accounts are adjusted.

Camp at Poonah Friday 12th March 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace.

One Mr Surgeon Carnegie joining the D. Battalion 3d Regiment Bombay Native Infantry, Mr Assistant Surgeon Bolton will repair to Poonah, and will assume the Medical charge of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment Madras Native Infantry.

Mr Assistant Surgeon Robison will do duty until further Orders with the D. Battalion 3d Regiment Bombay Native Infantry.

Camps at Poonah Thursday 14th March 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace.

Two Months Pay, to be advanced to the recovered Invalid belonging to the Madras Corps, which have Marched South, and are now in Hospital at Poonah.

Camp at Poonah Friday 15th March 1805.

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Wallace.

The Individuals of the Madras Corps lately Invalided, Pensioned, and discharged, who are now at Poonah, and whose accounts

are

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are settled, will March South on the Morning of the 17th Instant.—

Fifteen Seers of Rice to be issued Gratis to each of these

Men, which at half a Seer per day will subsist them from the 21st

March to the 19th April inclusive.—

Two Months Pay to be advanced by the Paymaster

to each of these Non-effectives, agreeably to the Sums specified in the

Invalid and Pension Certificates which they will receive from him.—

(True Extracts)

(Signed) P. Vans Agnew

Deputy Agutant General

Fr. L. F.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Wallace to the Officer

Commanding at Amednagger—Dated 19th February 1805.—

Lieutenant Colonel Wallace desires that

you will hold all the recovered European and Native Sick in the

Fort Hospital of Amednagger belonging to the Corps with Colonel

Halliburton, in Readiness to proceed to join their Corps, with the

first European Officer going to Camp. He authorizes the Paymr

at Amednagger to hire, and send with the recovered Europeans

who may proceed to the Army under this Order, one Hackary

for

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For the conveyance of any who may be taken sick on the Road. The Men must provide Coverage for their own Knapsacks, or their Regiments must be charged with any expence incurred for this purpose.

A true Extract

(Signed) P. Vans Agnew

Dep: Asst Genl

P. S. F.

The Board entirely concur in the opinion of the Commander in Chief regarding the inutility of continuing the appointment of Assistant to the Principal Agent for Cavalry Supplies at Poonah, and it is Resolved accordingly that it be abolished.-

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to make such further arrangement as he may consider proper for furnishing the necessary supplies for the use of the Regiment of Cavalry stationed at Poonah, the expence of which the Board are of opinion should at present be chargeable to the Account of this Presidency.-

Ordered that the Contingent Account record from Lieutenant Colonel Wallace, and the Copies of General Orders issued by that Officer be transmitted to the Military Auditor General for his

information

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Information and guidance.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief—

George Buchan Esqr.

&c &c

Sir

By the Commander in Chief's desire, I have the Honor to transmit herewith, the Bill which His Excellency was directed to call for by the Resolution of the 4th of March, and Sirequest also to enclose a Second Voucher, which has been sent to me by Colonel Wallace, omitted in his December Contingent Account.—

I have the honor to be—

&c &c &c

Signed F. McHall

Military Secretary

From the Military Secretary to the Commr in Chief—Enclosing a Voucher for a contingent charge incurred by the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary force at Poona

Ordered that the bill submitted with the foregoing letter be passed for payment.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To

Fort St. George April 6th 1805.

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To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

1 We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Letters from the Chief Secretary of Government dated the 24th, 25th, 27th and 29th Ultimo, and to report that the necessary Orders have been issued in consequence.-

2 In regard to the disposal of the house at Pruchumpoly which has been occupied as a Court-house, We do not conceive that any objection can exist to this measure, but as this house appears to have been considered a Public Quarter, we are of opinion that it should be disposed of in the same manner with Public Quarters, by public Sale, which we conceive will be much more advantageous to the public, as the actual Value invariably exceeds the Sum which has been offered for it.-

3 We have the honor to report that the Goods Stock-Keepers at Masulipatam has been directed to Explain by Jowabs 55 Jarrs of Rice, which has been sent to Bypaud from the Stock

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which is stored at Masulipatam, this Measure appeared highly expedient, as the Price of Grain in the Neighbourhood of Masulipatam, is at present moderate, but likely to increase much.—

4 A Person styling himself the Attorney of the Honorable Company's Lascars has delivered to us a Petition praying that Payment may be made to them of Pagodas 4775. 12. 0. with Interest, in consideration of certain ground which was taken from them by Government.— This Subject has already been brought under the Consideration of Government, and the Right of the Lascars to receive the Amount claimed appears undisputed, it was however determined that the Money should not be paid to the present claimant, untill he produced Securities who would bind themselves to answer any Claims that may be made hereafter by other Parties on behalf of the original Proprietors of the Ground.— The Petitioner now offers the required Securities, who are ready to enter into any Agreement that may be necessary, and we recommend that the Law Office of Government may be directed to take measures for the adjustment of the affair.—

5. We recommend Payment of the enclosed Bill of the Superintending Engineer in the Presidency Division

for

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For repairs executed to the Bridges of communication, Repairing and painting their Railings, and constructing new Bridges between the new Works on Fort Saint George. The Bill amounts to Pagodas 1269. 30. 12. of which a Balance remains due to Lieutenant Fraser of Pagodas 852. 42. 6.

Fort St. George
1st April 1805.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient
humble Servants

(Signed) I. F. Cradock

D. Smith

E. Frazer

P. A. Agnew

L. Brereton

Alex. Orr

Ordered that the following reply be sent to the Military Board.

To the President & Members of the
Military Board.

Gentlemen,

Fort St. George Military Board
In reply to the foregoing
letter.

Para 1.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant

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Instant.—

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2 — His Lordship in Council desires that the House at Trichinopoly which is at present occupied by the Court of Appeal and Circuit, may when relinquished by the Court, be disposed of by public auction.—

3 His Lordship in Council approves the purchase of grain which has been made under your authority by the Garrison Storekeeper at Masulipatam, as His Lordship entertains that you will have taken precautions to ensure the purchase of the grain on the most reasonable terms on which it would be procured.—

4 As the Circumstances connected with the claim of the persons styling themselves Company's Lascars, on account of the value of ground to the Amount of Pagodas 677.— which are familiarly known to the Military Board. His Lordship in Council desires that you will Communicate those circumstances to the Solicitor for the Honorable Company; and that You will submit to His Lordship in Council a Bond of indemnification which you will prepare in communication with that Officer for the purpose of securing the Company against any future agitation of the

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of the Claim.

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To soon as the necessary instrument shall have been completed, His Lordship in Council will give authority for the payment of the Amount due to the Lascars.

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His Lordship in Council has given authority for the payment of the bill inclosed with your letter.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Sign'd Geo: Buchan

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
10th April 1805.

Read the following letter from the Military Board

General.

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Military Board Genl. Respecting the allowance of Field Officers having the situation of Barrack Masters.

1.

When Barrack Masters were first appointed in the Service no officer of a higher rank than that of Captain held the situation, and the Salary allowed to this description of public

Officer

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officers was Ten Shillings per diem staff-pay, and the difference between their own Regimental half, and the full Batta of Captain; and the Promotions in the Honorable Company's Service became more rapid field Officers have been nominated Barrack Masters whose half Batta only amounts to more than the full Batta of Captain; in order therefore to draw the line in this case, I beg leave to propose to your Lordship that Field Officers holding the situation of Barrack Masters, shall be considered as entitled to the Staff-Pay of Ten Shillings per diem, and the half-Batta of Captain, consolidated for a Month of 30 days, as a Salary, Making together Pcr Month Pagodas 65.— 26.— 20.— and at the same time be permitted to draw their own Regimental half Batta with the Corps to which they are attached. I have hitherto confined Barrack Masters holding the Rank of field Officers to the Staff Pay of 10 Shillings per day, and their own Regimental half Batta, but when I reflect that attainment of Rank is in general the reward of long Service, it occurs to me that I ought at all events to solicit the opinion of your Lordship in Council on this case, and to state my own Sentiments without reserve on the

Subject

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subject, particularly as it appears to me originally to have been the intention of Government to consider the 10 Shillings per day and difference between the Regimental half Batta, and Captains full Batta to be the Salary of a Barrack Master and which I have herein proposed to be consolidated in favor of Field Officers when Barrack Masters, Sub Alterns Officers and Captains to continue to draw as originally regulated.

2. In making the present proposition My Lord, it will rest with you, of course, to reject or accept it, if you should be inclined to the favorable view of the question it will not perhaps be desirable to give the Regulations as to stoppages Operation owing to the numerous demands which such measures would, without fail, immediately call forth.

I have the honor to be
Yor &c
Signed J. Brunsdon
Military Auditor General

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St George 9th April 1805

Resolves that the Arrangements proposed in the foregoing letter for regulating the allowances of such Barrack Masters as hold the Rank of Field Officers, be approved.

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

My Lord,

From Ditto stating that he will lose no time in obtaining information relative to the loss on exchange at Hyderabad. Submits observations on the subject of certain bills returned to him. Asks on the application for an allowance for a Writer and Stationary on account of the Garrison of Madras. Requests the sanction of Government to adjust the allowance of Major Lennox. Will report without loss of time on the subject of Mr. Crowley's address to the Military Pay. Genl. — States his opinion on the subject of the adjustment of the accounts of Captain Mathews late Pay. at Amboyna.

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship in Council's Letter of the 27th Ultimo, & to express to your Lordships the sense I entertain of the favorable notice taken by your Lordships in Council, as follows

2 I shall lose no time in applying to the Paymaster of the Subsidiary Force at Hyderabad, or other officer who may have it in his power to give me information on the subject of loss by exchange, & acquaint you with the result.—

3 I have read, with attention, the letter from the Accountant General to the Chief Secretary of Government, dated 31st Ultimo, returning certain Bills which I had, on former occasions, stated to your Lordships belonged to "General Books" and as I see no cause to change that Opinion in consequence of the Arguments used by the Accountant General, I shall transmit the Bills in question (from the Military Paymaster General) — to the Paymasters in whose Accounts they ought to appear, with

directions

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directions to take Credit for the same in their Abstracts of receipts and Disbursements under the head of General Books, and in future I shall consider it to be my duty to send up to Government an Abstract only of Charges of the above nature, reserving the Bills for transmission to the Parties concerned, with instructions to the purport above mentioned.

It is my bounden duty, my Lord, to guard against the unnecessary augmentation of Charges Military by every means in my power, and I trust that as the Bills in question appear to be entirely of a political nature (being for Presents and donations to the principal Servants of different Native Chiefs) in that they ought to form no part of the Military disbursements.-

4 With respect to the proposed charge on account of the Garrison of Pernaum for an allowance for a Writer and Stationary, I beg leave to represent to your Lordship that a Sergeant may should be nominated to perform the duties noticed in the margin of the Lieutenant of the 2d Battalion 23d Regiment Native Infantry to Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie dated the 15th Ultimo, if however circumstances will not at present admit of such non-commissioned Staff being appointed, the sum of 5 five Pagodas per Month may be allowed for a Writer for the performance of the public duties of the Station, but the Garrison

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Garrison Allowance for Stationary must be restricted to 25 twenty one fanams per Month, agreeably to existing regulations, except in which a Regulated Sum is permitted to be drawn Monthly for Stationary for the Invalids and Pensioners, European and Native.

5. When Engineers are appointed to more Stations than one, it is the pleasure of Government that they shall be in the receipt of full Batta, Major Lennon's Removal and nomination to Seringapatam only puts it out of my Power to vary the difference between half and full Batta to him without your Lordships' express authority.—

6. Before I can report on the Subject of Mr. Rowley's address to the Military Paymaster General dated 21st Ultimo, it will be expedient for me to investigate the circumstances therein stated, which shall be done without loss of time.—

7. Relative to the accounts of Captain Matthews late Paymaster at Amboyna, it appears by the Correspondence which came to me enclosed, that the Military Paymaster General has made use of all the Means in his power to trace the Vouchers missing and connected with the Accounts of that Officer, without effect, and no Satisfactory being procurable, the Accounts can only be rendered in their present unsatisfactory

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unsupported state, in communication with the charges of a similar nature incurred for the preceding and succeeding Months accounts - like the present on Occasions of distant foreign Service being unavoidable, in consequence of the Communications being restricted to conveyance by Sea, great allowance must be made, and of course the more pains must be taken to ascertain, in the manner above proposed - that as little public loss as possible is incurred by such Accounts -

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George, 3d April 1805.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Braunton

Military Auditor General.

Ordered that an extract of the foregoing letter relative to the adjustment of certain contingent charges be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Accountants General -

Resolved that an allowance for Water and Stationary be granted to the Officer who performs the duty of Aquitant in the Garrison of Trichinopoly -

Resolved that Major Lennon be permitted to draw the allowance of full batta while employed in the Superintendance of the Works of Seringapatam on the ground of the responsibility which

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will be attached to that duty. 180

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

My Lord,

From Dr. Relative to Claims for family Payments.

I have the honor to submit for the decision of your Lordship in Council the accompanying Copy of a letter from Major MacPherson, dated 16th February last, also copies of the Abstracts transmitted by that Officer for Arrears stated to be due to the Families of the late Madras Volunteer Battalion on account of Family Certificates left by that Corps on its embarkation for the Moluccas Islands in the year 1801.

2. It appears from the Commanding Officer Major MacPherson's Statement that he was ordered to embark with the Battalion under his command on very short notice, which precluded the delivery of the Family Certificates of the Corps by either the men or Officers to whom the Families remaining behind were personally known, the consequence of which was, the Certificates fell into wrong hands, which error was not discovered until a very considerable period of time had elapsed,

and

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and payment consequently takes place as above —

3.

Under these circumstances and from my own knowledge of the difficulty of identifying the persons of Natives from no particular, where so many individuals are of the same name I am induced to recommend Major Macpherson's application to the favorable consideration of Government —

4.

From every enquiry which I deemed it my duty to make, I have reason to suppose the money justly due to the claimants named in the enclosed Abstracts, and the amount thereof at first view considerable will not perhaps be deemed so, when the aggregate numbers who left Family Certificates are examined, the total amounts of the Monthly payments to the families of the Corps and the considerable length of time during which the arrears continued owing to the absence on distant foreign Service of the Corps and the uncertain communication between the Moluccas Islands and this Presidency —

5.

With regard to the Persons who have imposed on the public by receiving Money on Certificates improperly obtained, I fear it would be in vain to attempt to discover them; Family Certificates all[illegible] made payable to particular people are usually paid to whoever presents

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presents them at the Pay Office, no discription Rolls of the Families having ever been directed to be taken, without which, Paymasters had it not in their power to discover improper claims the loss which has occurred in the present case is therefore only to be imputed to the urgency of the public Service, which required the embarkation of the Corps without allowing its Commanding Officer sufficient time to make the necessary Arrangements for the Families of the Men under his command.—

6. Should any further claims of this nature be made to me, I request your Lordship's instructions as to their being admitted on the solemn asseveration on honor of the Commanding Officer of the late Madras Volunteer Battalion, which that Officer will be called on to affix to the Abstracts now submitted to the consideration of your Lordship in Council.—

7. I beg leave also to lay before your Lordship in Council the accompanying copy of a letter, dated 16th January 1805 and an Abstract for arrears claimed by Captain Seton of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment Native Infantry, which, owing to the inadequacy of the Regulations for Family Payments at the period drawn for, I have not the means of perfectly ascertaining the correctness of, but as Captain

Seton

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Setow has declared on honor as to the amount of the Stoppage made from him, I have every reason to suppose his claim well founded

Military Auditor Generals Office. I have the honor to be

Fort St. George 4th. April 1805.

&c &c

Signed J. Brunton

Military Auditor General

To the Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose three abstracts for Sums which appear to me to have been paid to wrong people on account of the family Certificates of the Late Madras Volunteer Battalions; the Whole Amounts to Pagodas £26.—

I therefore beg you will be pleased to state the Business to government, as the men families have already suffered severely by such Mistakes, though perhaps unavoidable from my not being able to issue the Certificates previous to the embarkation of the Corps.—

&c.

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The above circumstance will be with-in your own recollections, as well as from the hurry in which the Battalion was embarked, that it put it entirely out of my power to deliver the Certificates myself, which I was in consequence obliged to leave at the Military Auditor Generals Office in Order to be forwarded to the different Paymasters, so that upon the whole, from the Similarity of many of the men's names and the natural Keenness of the families to receive a Certificate, I am rather surprised at the Paymasters not making more Mistakes than they have done.—

Madras 16th February 1805.—

/Signed/ Andw McPherson
Major 1st Battalion 14th Regiment
late Comg. 1st Volunteer Battalion.

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr

			P.	Fs.	Cs.
1	To arrears for 24 Months due on the Family Certificate of Regiment Topp of 1st Company of the Nairs Volunteer Battalion for 1 Pagoda per Month from 1st October 1803 to 31st August 1805, as per accompanying Certificate of Payment & Receipts	}	30		
41	To do for 37 do due on the do do of Cannanore Sepoy 2d Company of the do do do for 1 Pagoda per do from 1st June 1803 to 31st October 1806. as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Receipts	}	37		
7	To do for 7 do due on the do do of Cannanore Sepoy 3d Company of the do do do for 1½ Pagoda per do from 1st April to 31st October 1804, as per accompanying Certificates of Payment and Receipts.	}	10	21	
7	To do for 8 do, due on the do do of Chittoor Sepoy 3d Company of the do do do for 1 Pagoda per do from 1st March to 31st October 1804 as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Receipts.	}	8		
23	To do for 27 do due on the do do of Nagpoor Sepoy 1st Company of the do do do for 1 Pagoda per do from 1st Oct. 1803 to 31st Oct. 1805 as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Receipts	}	27		
21	To do for 37 do due on the do do of Pulicat Sepoy 1st Company of the do do do for 1½ Pagoda per do from 1st Octr 1801 to 31st Octr 1804 as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Receipts	}	55	21	
61	To do for 32 do due on the do do of Tondiman Sepoy 1st Company of the do do do for 1½ Pagoda per do from 1st October 1801 to 31st May 1804 as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Receipts	}	47		
43	To do for 37 do, due on the do do of Chittoor Sepoy 3d Company of the do do do for 1½ Pagoda per do from 1st Octr 1801 to 31st Octr 1804 as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Receipts	}	55	21	
78	To do for 37 do due on the do do of Chittoor Hussars 3d Company of the do do do for 1 Pagoda per do from 1st Octr 1801 to 31st October 1804 as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Receipts	}	37		
18	To do for 37 do due on the do do of Ramnad Sepoy 1st Company of the do do do for 1½ Pagoda per do from 1st Octr 1801 to 31st Octr 1804 as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Receipts.	}	55	21	
	Carried forward		392		

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	Brought forward		327	" "
44	To Arrears for 29 Months due on the Family Certificates of Shaik Esmail Sepoy of 1st Company of the Madras 1st Battn for 1 Pagoda per Month from 1st October 1801, to 29th February 1804, as per Accompanying Certificates of Payments and Stoppages		29	" "
	Total Pagodas		356	" "

(Signed) Andw McPherson

Major 1st B.N. 14th Regiment

late Comdg Mts Volunteer Battn

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The Honorable Company ——— Dr

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No. 3.

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The Honorable. company ---------- Dr.

No.				
48	To Arrears for 3 7/ Months due on the Family Certificate of Shaik Bander Sepoy of 5th Company of the Madras Volunteer Battalion for 1 Pagoda per Month from 1st October 1801 to 31st October 1804, as per accompanying Certificates of Payment & Stoppages ---	37	"	"
	Total Pagodas ---	37	"	"

(Signed) Andw. MacPherson

Major 1st Bn. 14th Regiment

late Comg. Dist. Nth. Bn.

Fort St. George

Agent for Prisoners &c.

E.E.

To

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To the Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose you the Statement of my Family Certificate, which incurred the Refund from equivalent Stoppages not having been made at the Pay Office of Malacca, therefore the deduct-ons as Stated in the Body of the Bill with their different dates compose the only Balance due me-

Your Letter of the 11th Instant directs this Bill to state "The Amount and dates from and to of all Monthly Stoppages made at Malacca on Account of my different family Certificates" to form a State-ment to such extent I am not provided with the means-

The necessary documents having been left at Mallacca with the Regiment I belonged to which Regiment now have reference to-

Before

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Therefore I have confined my Bill to the certificate refunded only, the particular Situation of it having made me to have made Memorandums of it at the time I first ... informed you of the mistake in it having continued to be over-drawn many Months after a Stop had been put to all Drafts thereon- this not having been the case with any other Certificate, I have kept no memorandum of them, therefore could not vouch with certainty any thing Regarding them, being more inclined to forego every Claim than hazard inaccuracy under so solemn a Declaration.-

Bellary 16th. January 1805.-

(Signed) Thos. Seton Captain
2d. Batt. 10th. Native Regt.

(Signed) J. Pendergast
D. Mn. A.G.

Thd.

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Fort St. George 9th April 1805.

To

The Honorable Company

For Captain Thomas Seton when Lieutenant in the Grenadier Company

1797, Payable from 1st September 1797 at Pondicherry to Mr Reynolds Agent

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Madras

October 1st To Cash deducted from My pay and allowances on
Abstract of this date for the
2d European Regiment being amount of the above Certificate ... 20

November 1st Do as per Notes from Abstracts &c of this date ... 20

December 1st Do ... Do ... Do ... 20

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January 1st Do ... Do ... Do ... 20

February 1st Do ... Do ... Do ... 20

March 1st Do ... Do ... Do ... 20

April 1st Do ... Do ... Do ... 20

1800 ... 20

November 28th To Cash Refunded agreeable to Letter from the Military Auditor General of this date, &c
from Paymr Sharoon Bellow, being amount drawn on the above Certificate from 1st Sept 1797 ... 140
to 1st June 1800, being 33 Months at 20 Pagodas Monthly ... 990

Total Star Pagodas ... 920

I do hereby solemnly declare upon My honor that the Stoppages &c abovementioned amount
at Malacca on Account of my Family Certificate, payable at Pondicherry — Actg
Paymr
Humphry Sharoon Esqr and that the Balance stated to the Credit
Bellary 16th January 1805.

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1st Division 2d Regiment European Infantry on his family Certificate, dated August

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November 20th By Cash Received Monthly from the Pay office at Pondicherry on the above Certificate of 20 Pagodas Monthly from 1st Sept 1797 to 1st November 1800 being 39 Months inclusive 780

By Balance due deductions at Malura .. 140 .....

Total Sto Pagodas 920

ring to Pagodas One Hundred and Forty were actually Made from me by the Paymaster refunded the above Sum of Pagodas Seven Hundred & Eighty to the Paymaster of Vellore

Signed / Thomas Seton Captain

2d Batn 10th Regt N. I

Recorded

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Resolved that authority be given for the warrant of the charge of Pagodas 526 on account of family Payments to Volunteer Corps under the late Commands of Major McPherson.

Resolved also that authority be given for payment of the arrears stated to be due to Captain Seton on account of family Payments, provided that the claims of that Officer be correctly founded.

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Dr Responsibility &c. Lieut to Superior Batta from 6th Feb to 8th March —

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government, dated the 31st ultimo

2. The Superior Batta of Pagodas granted to Officers commanding Eatons Battalions of Native Infantry has been confined to the period of the arrival of the Officers appointed to command at the head Quarters of the Corps, but as Captain De Morgan has been detained at the Presidency by order of His Excellency the Commander in Chief for the purpose of sitting as a Member at a General Court Martial, I am of opinion he may be permitted to draw the Superior half Batta of Major as commanding

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Commanding Officer of the 5th Extra Battalion from the date of the order placing him on public duty at the Presidency, particularly as it appears to have been his intention to join immediately after his appointment to the Command of the Corps -

3. I am well aware, owing to the infrequent and precarious communication between this Coast and Pulicat, that it will require both time and trouble to adjust the accounts of the late Paymaster at that Station, and have accordingly the honor to state that I am of opinion Mr Byng (the late Paymaster at Pulicat) may be permitted to charge for an Establishment of Servants not exceeding Fifty Pagodas per Month for a period of Six Months, to enable him to complete the adjustment of his Accounts -

I have the honor to be

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 5th April 1805 -

&c &c

(Signed) J Brereton

Military Auditor General

Resolved that the recommendation contained in the foregoing letter respecting the payment of Sepoys Batta to Lieutenant Delargy be adopted -

Resolved also that a monthly allowance not exceeding 50 Pagodas be granted to Mr Byng for the adjustment -

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of her accounts, provided however that the charge shall not be continued beyond six Months.

To the Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From Ch. Report ing the Life sustained in the exchange of Rupees at Trincomalee.

1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sutton, commanding at Trincomalee, has informed me that the Rupee only exchanges in the Bazar at that Station, for 12 Fanams and 10 Cash, which will occasion a very considerable loss to the Troops and eventually to Government in that Quarter.

2

The G. O. of the 27th december 1798, fixed the Exchange to the Northward at 350 Arcot Rupees for One hundred Star Pagodas or 12 Fanams and 63 Cash per Rupee, the same order directed Commanding Officers to take effectual Measures for enforcing that rate of Exchange.

3.

Lieutenant Colonel Sutton states that the following (the 3d) Paragraph of the G. O. of the 29th September 1802, precludes him enforcing the rates of Exchange fixed by the G. O. of 27th December 1798, "all disputes relative to property, all cases of Civil injury"

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"or matters relating to the general police of the Country, belong exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Civil Magistrate, and Military "Officers shall not interfere therein".

As the G. O. 22d September 1802 appears to me to have been framed for the express purpose of regulating the Bazar (with respect to Articles of Consumption) at the different Stations, and as that order is totally silent on the subject of Exchange, I am not aware that it was the intention of Government to rescind that part of the G. O. of 27th December 1798, which directs Commanding Officers to take effectual measures for enforcing the rate of Exchange established by that Order, and accordingly beg leave to be favored with your instructions thereon.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Brunton

Military Auditor General

Military Auditor General's Office.
Fort St. George, 5th April 1805.

Resolved that a copy of the instructions which were furnished to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army on the Subject of the exchange of copper Currency in the Month of June 1802, be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Military Auditor General.

C.D

2406 Fort St. George 9th April 1805.

Read the following Letter from the Accountant General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From the Accountant General & Receiving Officer

Para 1

Receipt of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo with its Enclosures, viz Letter from the Buzar Fund Committee, and the G: O: for a Distribution of that Fund published in consequence.

2.

It would appear from that part of the Committee's Letter to which my attention is particularly attracted in yours, that they have been unable to obtain the Documents, necessary for them to be in possession of, previous to their Reporting upon the Correctness of the Accounts and charges.

3.

In my Letter of the 10th October 1804 I was directed to prepare a Statement of all Collections on account of the Buzar Funds, for the information of a Committee appointed for the purpose of regulating the Distribution of that Fund.

4th

Under these Orders, I considered it to be a Committee of Distribution not of Audit, consequently furnished the information which was forwarded in my Letter to you of the 1st ult. but

5th Here

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5th Had the Committee supposed that the Subject would have received any additional Elucidation from the Account of Charges, they might have obtained them upon Application either to this Office or to Government.

6th I am induced to Enter into this Explanation because the Committee's Stating that they could have done more if they had been furnished with the proper documents, implies want of attention in this Office from whence the documents they did receive were furnished. - whereas, if any want of attention Existed, it must be in the Committee not having applied for those documents which they might have considered necessary to enable them to Execute with full Effect the Duties to which they were appointed, and of the nature and Extent of which they alone could be the proper Judges. -

7th I beg leave to request that the Committee may be called upon to State more Explicitly the Exact Nature of the information which they require, in order that I may Write to the Collectors to Send their Accounts of the Bazar Fund in such a form as to Enable me to meet the Wishes of the Committee in future. -

8th It is necessary for me to State that the Collections of Bazars with Armies and Detachments do not come through my Office, with the Exception of the Bills for the Net amount,

at

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it will be necessary therefore that the particulars of the Branch of the Collections and Charges be applied for from another Source.

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals Office
5th April 1805.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most Obedt Hble Servt
Signed Cecil Smeathe
Accountant General

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched to the Committee appointed to arrange the distribution of the proceeds of the Bazar Fund—

To Colonel Agnew
Lieutenant Colonel Brunton
&
Lieutenant Colonel Orr

Gentlemen,

To the Committee appointed to arrange the distribution of the proceeds of the Bazar fund. Herewith copy of a letter from the Accountant Genl relative to the transmission of Statements of the Accounts of the Bazar fund referred to in their report of the 29th Ultimo. Instructions—

Para 1

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to inclose for your information and guidance the copy of a letter which has been received from the Accountant General on Subject of the Suggestion contained in your Report of the 29th Ultimo, relative to the transmission of details Statements of the Receipts and Charges on account of

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of the Bazar Fund.— 190

2 Her Lordship in Council desires that

you will state the particular nature of the information, which

you may deem calculated to guide with accuracy the proceedings

of the Committees who may be in future appointed for the

purpose of regulating the distribution of the Bazar Collections,

in order that a specific rule may be established for the conduct

of the public Officers in such cases.—

I am,

&c. &c.

Fort St. George

10th April 1805.—

(Signed) George Buchan

Chief Secretary to Government

Read the following Letter from the Officer

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.—

George Buchan Esquire

Chief Secretary—

Sir,

In endeavouring to fulfil the commands

of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, conveyed to

me in your letter of the 5th instant, I have judged it proper

to

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army — Transmitting his report on the correspondence between the Collector and the Officer Comg.

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Leaving on the Scarcity Subject relative to the Scarcity of Grain in that district

to confine the investigation three directer, to five separate heads, upon which I shall attempt generally to give an fair and impartial opinion.—

1st The Scarcity of grain and the cause.

2d Was Lieutenant Colonel Dyce justified in hearkening a complaint.—

3d Did the Collector exert himself in preventing or in relieving the pressure.—

4th The System followed by the Collector to encourage supplies and to secure abundance.—

5th The reasons which induced Lieutenant Colonel Dyce to decline Mr. Cochranes proposal of furnishing a regular depot for the Troops which was preferred on the 9th of February.—

Altho the Inquiries have been examined by me have given a very contradictory account of the state of the Supplies of grain in the Bazar of Pallamcottah, at the period of supposed scarcity yet I have no hesitation in declaring that I believe an actual and alarming scarcity did prevail and for the following reasons.—

From the respectability of the Officers who composed

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the Committee which Sat, of the 1st of February, and who could be actuated by no improper or clandestine motive.—

From the conviction of Colonel Dyce an old and respectable officer, he being on the spot, that a real famine existed which had reduced many of the men of the Battalion under his Command to great debility and sickness

From the manner in which the native Officers and Sepoys affirmed in evidence before me, that on the days alledged, the 29th 30th 31st of January and the 1st and 2d of February, the greatest part of the Corps could not procure food.—

From there not being a Sufficient Quantity on the 1st and 2d of February for the use of the Military and Natives on that post, the consumption requiring daily One Hundred and fifty Cottahs of Paddy, while the Butlaut had reported to Mr. Cochrane on the 1st that he had only Seventy Cottahs Remaining to distribute, and at the Sale of which an appears a violent tumult and eager contest took place.—

From these circumstances, I am clearly of opinion, that Colonel Dyce was warranted in demanding relief from the Collector.

Mr. Cochrane has admitted that there was a General

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temporary scarcity of grain at that particular period of almost every part of the district, which proceeded from the Harvest being consumed before the Paddy could be reaped. He admits that near (Seven Thousand Collahs of Paddy had been sold to the Ceylon Government, and it is but too evident from the unfavorable season, that the crops in various places have entirely failed. He knew that on the 1st of February, the day of his departure to Streeyguntum, that only Seventy collahs of Paddy remained in the public stores, and that no other grain was likely to be exposed for sale in the Market of Tinnevelly Pallamcottah, or any of the adjacent Villages. he therefore might have deferred his journey until a more ample stock had been laid in, which he certainly could have commanded, and as he foresaw a probable want, he should have guarded against an impending calamity. he does not deny that he believes had he remained, the present discussion would have been avoided —

Mr Cochrane however urges on the other hand that his public duty compelled him to proceed on the general annual settlement of the Province, that he conceived the Grain in the Store might suffice till some part of the New Crop should be reaped;

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that during the two days preceding that on which he departed
the 30th and 31st January, he had been in the Fort and that no
complaint of scarcity had been preferred, and he declares that
on all occasions he has done every thing in his power to contribute
to the comfort of the Troops when applied to by the Officer com-
manding.—

After the most serious reflection, I am of opinion that
a scarcity of grain did prevail upon the days stated, that Colonel
Dyce adopted the most speedy and certain means which were
presented to ascertain the true state of the case, by ordering a —
Committee of respectable officers to assemble, upon whose report he —
naturally confided.—

I am further of opinion that Colonel Dyce acted
only upon those Honorable principles which ought to sway a public
Officer, and I am firmly convinced that he had no motives but what
proceeded from a desire conscientiously to discharge a duty which he conceived
to be imperiously enforced upon him, that there does not appear to be
any foundation for Mr. Cochrane's observation at the conclusion of
the 4th paragraph of his letter to the Chief Secretary to Government,
in which he states that Colonel Dyce's constant complaints are related

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by a different motive than Zeal for the Public Service.—

It is likewise my opinion that the Collectors reply to Colonel Lyes when that Officer transmitted the Report of the Committee, was extremely harsh and indelicate, and although it has been in some measure explained away by Mr Cochrane, it appears to have been the origin of those acrimonious expressions greatly to be lamented, which are to be found in the Subsequent correspondence of these Gentlemen, protracted it must be owned to an unnecessary length.—

It is also my opinion that no Business however pressing should have induced Mr Cochrane to quit the Capital at a time when he might reasonably have provided an alarm and clamour from the Want of a principal necessary of Life but I fully acquit Mr Cochrane of any intention to desert his duty, and in the contrary I most firmly believe that he imagined he could more readily direct the resources of the Province, and excite an energy in the Cumilonis and others by his presence where the crops were ready for the Sickle, tho' his Sentiments from the Gentlemen might not have had equal Weight and it is evident after the 3d of February in the Evening Quiet comparative Silently and tranquillity was restored,

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indeed from the documents which the Collector has laid before me, letters written by him, orders issued, and inquiries instituted at that time, and the steps which he has since taken, and the excellent regulations he has framed for the disposal of the Government Share of grain of the present harvest I have reason to be satisfied that the grievous calamity [illegible] will be entirely averted.-

I further think it my duty to State for the information of His Lordship in Council, that I believe Nana Row the person employed by the Collector to dispose of grain in Salsette, and whose conduct has been styled unwarrantable and nefarious by the Officer commanding the District, has not been guilty of any criminal Offence. Mr. Cockrane having deemed it expedient to raise the price of Paddy to 11 Fanams per Cottah to cover the Company from loss which he has candidly acknowledged to me he wishes he [illegible] until such time as he could fix the rates, which were established a few days afterwards at 16 and 18½ Fanams per Cottah, at which reasonable sum it is now selling to the Troops and Natives: nor does it appear that Nana Row was guilty of any flagitious or shameful abuse of the Collectors Name, in carrying his Orders into effect.-

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I am likewise decidedly of opinion that the whole of Mr Cockburn's conduct except in the instances alluded to by me, proves him to be an able, assistant and intelligent servant one who never loses sight of the respectability of his own character, while his views are directed and his time is devoted to the Public benefit.

No 1.

In explanation of the 4th Head, Mr Cockburn has by my desire drawn up a Memoir which you will also be pleased to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council while it avows his system, he has taken occasion to illustrate several points which he deems necessary for his own vindication.

No 2

In elucidation of Head 5, I trust His Lordship in Council will be satisfied with the letter addressed to me by Coll. Dyce, which shews that he lost not a moment in accepting the tender offered.

I entreat Her Lordship in Council will pardon any inaccuracy or want of perspicuity in this report.

I shall return immediately to Tanjore.

I have the honor to &c &c &c

(Signed) Henry Macdowall

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In conformity to the wish communicated to me by Major General Macdowall that I would state the system of measures adopted by me for the management of the Country under my superintendance, and for the safety of the Troops, I shall proceed to offer a few observations on these points, and shall also take the liberty of making such remarks as appear to me to be connected with the Subject of the present inquiry. -

Since the period of my being placed in charge of this Province, I have invariably followed the Systems pursued by my Predecessors, both with regard to the Settlement of the Country, and the administration of the Revenues; but in order that this Subject may be seen in as clear a point of view as possible, it may be proper that I should here state the leading principles of that mode of management.

The Revenue, or Fusly Year commences from the 12th of July, and the first crop of the Season is called the Cor and is reaped about the middle of August, or beginning of September. As soon as the Crop is cut, the Produce is divided in the usual manner between the Sirkar and the Inhabitants, and the Government Share is gradually sold off. It is at all times desirable that the whole of the Government Share of the Cor Crop should

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be sold by the time when the cutting of the Peshamam took com-
mence, as if any of it then remained on hand, it would be difficult
to dispose of it till the next Season, or till the whole of the Peshamam
Crop was expended, by which time it would probably be much wasted
and a loss would consequently arise to Government.2

The formation of the Settlement of this Country
is usually commenced about the beginning of January when the Peshamam
Crop has considerably advanced in growth, and when a correct calculation
of the probable quantity of the Produce can be formed —

At the time of concluding the Settlement, a
particular Account is first taken of the extent of the cultivation in
each Village, and an Estimate is then made of the Gross Produce upon
a comparison with that of former Years, and upon reference to the
State of the Crop on the ground.

After an Estimate of the Produce has been
completed, the usual deductions on account of the charges of reaping,
threshing &c are made, and the respective Shares of the Inhabitants,
and of the Sircar are ascertained according to the principles of Division
usually observed. —

The Government Share of the Rice and
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Peshamem Crops being now known, the amount of the Revenue which will be derived from the Sale of the Grain at the Jummabundy Prices, is readily ascertained, and the amount of the Rents of Dry grain Lands, Taxes on Shops and Trades, and the other items of Revenue of the Village being also determined, the whole is added together, and the gross amount forms the Jummabundy or Settlement of the Village.—

The Amount of the Revenues of all the Villages of a District being ascertained in the like manner; when added together forms the Jummabundy of that District, and the sum Total of all the Districts forms the Settlement of the Province.—

As the Settlement of the Peshamem Crop is made upon Estimate, and before it is cut, the Cultivators of the different Villages become severally responsible for any deficiency below the amount of the Estimate, and as a compensation for the responsibility they have a right to all the surplus Grain above the Estimate which they divide amongst each other.—

After the Peshamem Crop has been reaped part of the Government Share is thrown upon the Ground and the Value thereof is remove from them on every

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According to the Jummabundy Price - The proportion of the

Government Share to be received from the Ryots in

the several Districts can be known for a Year in advance and on the

1st of April the collections are made for the Year according

to the Pattahs granted to the Ryots at that time.-

The remaining part of the Sirkar Share is left off -

according to the necessities of the People -

The foregoing observations relate merely -

to the mode of forming the Settlement, and the realization of

the Revenue, and I shall now beg leave to offer a few remarks

upon the second Point - Viz: The Supply of the Troops.-

The Supply of the Troops has been conducted

in the same manner as was observed by my Predecessors. by -

means of certain Grain Dealers belonging to Calamcottah up

to the 9th of last Month, when a Depot of Public Grain was

established within the Fort. from which the quantity required

for the use of the Troops is now regularly issued -

I have before mentioned that when the

Crops are cut. the Government Share of the Produce is gradually

sold off and the Dealers by making purchases of the Sirkar

Grain

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Grain, and of that sold by the Inhabitants when there first became due, were enabled to furnish regular Supplies for the Troops— Agreeably to the custom observed in former Years the necessary orders were sent to the different Aumildars early in September to dispose of the Government Share of the Crop to such Persons as might be desirous of purchasing it— Having also received a most earnest solicitation from the Government of Ceylon to give every assistance in my power to Mr Kirby a Ceylon Civil Servant in making purchases of Grain to be sent to Columbo, where that Article was much wanted, I judged it my duty to furnish him with about 6,700 Cottahs of Government Paddy from the Districts which were most contiguous to the Sea Coast—

Although a considerable failure has taken place in the Car Crop, and the Gross Produce thereof was subsequently found to have fallen short of that of the former Fasly by about 15,300 Cottahs of Paddy, Yet had no doubt of being able to supply the Troops on Palamcottah, by means of the Dealers before alluded to, till the period for cutting the Putchaeum Crops should arrive; but as there was no

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Appearance of the setting in of the Monsoon so late as
as to the end of November, and the Tanks and Rivers are
then nearly dry, the most serious apprehensions began to
be entertained for the Pesharamm Coopermahale last Inconvenient
in regard to Safely themselves with a Stock of Grain Sufficie
=nt for the consumption of Several Months, in order to guard
against the distresses which would be occasioned by the failure
of the Crop then on the ground —

Early in the Month of December I received
intelligence that an additional Force was about to enter the
District, and that a Detachment was to be formed at Pallam=
=cottah; and concluding that considerable quantities of Grain
would be required, I lost no time in issuing orders for the whole
of the Government Grain then on hand being reserved for
the use of the Troops — After the Issue of this Order, the
Dealers of Palamcottah continued to Supply the Troops in the
Garrison with Grain, by Making Purchases in the Country
but it having been represented to me that they had great
difficulty in procuring the requisite Quantity, I furnished
them with Licenses to the different Amildars specifying
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that the Government Grain was to be delivered to them at the Jummabundy Prices, and at the same time sent separate instructions to the Cutcherry, desiring them to deliver the Grain to such Persons as should bring Summons bearing my Seal and Signature -

Grain being carried by the Dealers to their granaries, struck the Precaution of making them enter into an agreement that the Grain which they received on my Summons was to be conveyed to Palamcottah, and appropriated to the use of the Troops -

During this time the Detachment remained at Palamcottah the Merchants continued to receive the Government Grain on those Summons, and in consequence of orders also sent into Camp with Supplies of Private Grain -

The Detachment which marched to the Travancore Gate, and afterwards returned; and the Battalion of Sepoys under the Command of Major Hamilton which proceeded from Palamcottah towards Travancore on the 26th January were likewise supplied by

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by means of these Dealers, but as the march of this portion of the Troops lay through the District of Cadeddu, in which the Car Crop had almost entirely failed it was necessary to send the grain required for their consumption from that which has been collected on the Camps Bazar — Notwithstanding that however the Cutcherie of Tassy remained on the ground after the Detachment broke up on the 25th January, a small Quantity was conveyed into the Fort of Palamcotah for the use of the Troops of the Garrison. —

At this period nearly the whole of the Government Grain had been expended, and as small quantities of the Peshamem Crop were then reaping, it became necessary to send the Government Share over, as soon as it could be beat out. —

On the 1st of February I proceeded to Struvy gonnum, and being informed that there were 70 Cottahs of Paddy then in the Fort, gave orders for the Dealers to proceed to a Village called Aravenkollum where some Paddy was then cutting, to bring in the Grain as soon as it could be beat out. —

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On the 2d of February I received a Letter from the Commanding Officer forwarding Extract from the Proceedings of a Committee of Officers assembled on the 1st Febru-ary purporting that the Sepoys had not been able to procure any Grain for Three days.— Having only left Palamcottah the day preceding, this appeared to me to be so very improba-ble, that I was induced in my Reply to express my conviction that the circumstance must be unfounded.— As however it may be supposed that by making use of this observation, I did not pay that deference which was due to the Official Report of a Committee of Officers, and that the Language conveyed in my Letter was improper, I must beg to mention here in a particular manner the grounds upon which I proceeded.—

The concluding Paragraph of the Proceedings of the Committee having only been sent to me by the Commanding Officer, I could only gather from it that the Officers had been informed that the Sepoys had not been able to procure any Grain for three days, which I was left entirely in the dark as to the causes from whence they

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has derived their information, and as to the degree of Minuteness with which the enquiry had been conducted. — I however has no doubt but that they has formed their opinion upon the information which has been given them, and was led to think that that information must have been erroneous for the following reasons. — 1st Commenced at Palmeo Hah up to the Morning of the 1st of February, and to the best of my recollection passed and repassed through the Fort almost every day from the 25th of January when the Detachment marched, and on no occasion did I receive any complaints whatever of there being a Scarcity of Grain. — 2d On the 31st of January I was present at the Evening Parade, and after it had been dismissed, command. I believe with every Officer of the Corps there present, some of whom even dined to me that they had received complaints from the Sepoys of there being a Scarcity of Grain. — 3d When passing the Fort on the Morning of the 1st of February, I was informed by the Cutwall and the Principal Grain Dealers that there were 70 Candies of Paddy in the Fort for that days consumption. —

Under these circumstances I trust it will

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will appear that it was but natural for me to conclude
that the circumstance of the Troops not having been able
to procure any Grain for Three days was without foun-
dation — But in making use of the expression contained
in that Letter I solemnly disclaim all intention of —
throwing any improper reflections upon the Officers —
who composed the Committee and declare that I only
had in view to call in Question the existence of the —
circumstance of the Sepoys not having been able to procure
any Grain for three days, on the grounds that their inform-
ation on that Point had been erroneous —

My Letters to the Chief Secretary
to Government sufficiently shew the motives which induced
me to adopt the Arrangement of establishing a Depot of
Public Grain in the Fort of Palamcottah, but as much stress
has been laid upon my having raised the Price of Grain
to B. Fanams Per Candy — I beg leave to state my —
reasons for so doing —

At the time of despatching the
Person to take charge of the Public Grain, the cutting
of

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of the Peshamum Crop has not become general throughout the Country, and he was therefore furnished with Circular Dustucks to all the Amildars to enable him to draw on Supplies of Grain from whatever Villages the Crop might be cutting at however great the distance might be; and as I was myself upon the eve of dispatching Grain from the neighbourhood in which I then was, where the Jummabundy Price was 16 Fanams, and the Hire to Palamcottah from 2 to 2½ Fanams per Cottah, I thought it extremely probable that the Grain which would for some days be brought in for the use of the Troops, would including the Hire, cost at least 18 Fanams per Cottah, and therefore fixed upon that Rate in order to secure the Company from sustaining any loss.- It however never was my intention that the above Rate should be permanent, and it was only resorted till such time as the Crops began to be cut in the Districts near to Palamcottah, from whence the Supplies of Grain are now drawn and furnished to the Troops at 16 and 16½ Fanams per Cottah.-

Mr Stewart having written upon the Dealers selling the Grain which they had procured upon my

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Summods. and had on hand at the time of his arrival at Palamcottah, ab. 18 fanams, seems to have proceeded from his having conceived that this was to be the only Rate at which grain was to be sold - but I have not been able to discover that he did so with an improper motive, or with the intention of turning any part of the Profit to his own use. -

Before I conclude I must express my utmost regret that the correspondence between myself and the Commanding Officer should have rendered this present enquiry necessary, as it must not only have put Major General Macdowall to much inconvenience and trouble, but has also occasioned to me more uneasiness and anxiety of mind than I can describe.

I shall only add, that I trust it will appear, that of the Supplies to the Troops, have not at particular times been so abundant and regular as could have been wished, it has arisen from unavoidable circumstances, as I am myself conscious of having done every thing in my power to meet the exigency of the demand, and declare, that it has been at all times my most earnest desire to pay every attention to the communications

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To the Commanding Officer on this Subject.

Tinnevelly
21st March 1805.

Signed Jas Cockerane
Collector of Tinnevelly.

Statement of Paddy furnished to Sir Kirby.

From whence had	Quantity	Common Price	Sold to the Sea Coast
	Candies		
Nellore	1050	16 fs per Candy	2½ fs per Candy
Ditto	213	17 fs per Do	1½ fs per Do
Ditto Tinnevelly	5458	16 fs per Do	2½ fs per Do
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Average Price including Hire 13¾ fanams per Candy.

Major General Macdowall

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Sir,

In obedience to your Commands I have the honor to State that the 6th Paragraph of the Letter from Government to you of the 5th March, implying that the Arrangement which the Collector has proposed for supplying the troops with Grain during the present period of unusual Scarcity had not been acceded to by me or had not

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not been successful — May be briefly answered by an express affirmation that every Suggestion from the Collector towards that Object, was uniformly accepted by me with alacrity, and acted upon accordingly — The person Named by the Collector to superintend the issue of Grain, has, from his first appointment, discharged that duty without obstacle or interruption: — nor has any Complaint of Want been subsequently made by me. My letters to the Collector posterior to that Arrangement, related exclusively to the additional quantity of Grain required to be issued to the Sudden encrease of price — and to the apprehended abuses of authority by his Agent —

(Signed) Alex. Dyce

Lieutenant Colonel Commanding

Tinnevelly District

Palamcottah

21st March 1805 —

Ordered in consequence that the following letters be dispatched —

To the President & Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board —
Enclosing the Report of
Major General Meadows
on the subject of the disputes
between

Para 1. In consequence of the inconvenient dispositions

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between the Collector and Commanding Officer of the Tinnevelly district. instructions in consequence.

dissentions which has occurred between the Collector and the Commanding Officer of Tinnevelly, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council considered it to be proper to direct the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army to proceed to Palamcottah for the purpose of investigating the source of the disagreement between the Civil and Military Authorities, and His Lordship in Council having received the report of Major General Macdowall on that Subject, I am directed to enclose a copy of it, for your information and guidance

2 There does not appear to be any doubt from the papers which have been submitted to the attention of His Lordship in Council, that a material scarcity of grain prevails in the province of Tinnevelly, which it will be necessary to relieve as far as may be practicable, and as the Regulations of the Public Service have provided that in all cases of scarcity the troops shall be supplied with grain from the public Stores at a specific price, it will be necessary that the troops stationed in Tinnevelly should be allowed at present the benefit of that usage, if they shall be desirous of availing themselves of the indulgence

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3. It having appeared to His Lordship in Council that the discussion which has occurred in Tinnevelly may be in a considerable degree ascribed to the effects of collision between the Civil and Military Authorities, His Lordship in Council considers it to be proper to obviate in future a similar cause of misunderstanding by relieving the Collector of the duty with which he appears to have been charged, of superintending the detailed issues of Grain to the troops, and as that duty in a special manner belongs to the department of the Garrison Storekeeper, it is His Lordship's desire that it may be transferred to the proper Officer, under such checks as You may deem it proper to establish for ensuring a vigilant and punctual attention to the execution of it.—

4. His Lordship in Council therefore desires that you will consider the most expedient mode of storing & supplying of Grain at Palamcotah for the consumption of the troops at that Station—His Lordship in Council is led to suppose that it may be most beneficial for the public interests, that it should be supplied under the authority of the Collector, to whom it will in such event be necessary to furnish accurate information regarding

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the extent of the supply, and the period at which its delivery may be required, in order that he may have sufficient opportunity of making the necessary Arrangements for complying with the demand.

5 As much loss may be incurred in storing an unnecessary Quantity of grain and by scant attention in the disposal of the Supply at those periods of time when it may be most required, His Lordship in Council desires that You will be careful to give specific orders on these points, and His Lordship is of opinion that it will be proper that the disposal of the Grain shoud in all cases be liable to the general inspection and control of the Officer exercising the duties of the Local Command.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Signed G: Buchan

Chief Secy. to Govt

Fort St George.

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To Major General Macdowall

Comg. the Southern Division of the Army.

Sir,

the Officer Comg. Southern Division

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of the Army — Expressing the Approbation of Govt. of his report on the Subject of the discussion between the Collector and Commg. Officer of Tinnevelly — The duty of retailing grain to the troops until in future be entrusted to the Garrison Storekeeper. —

the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 22d Ultimo, containing a report of your proceedings on the Subject of the enquiry which it was deemed expedient to institute regarding the source of the late discussion between the Collector and Commanding Officer in Tinnevelly. —

2. His Lordship in Council considers the enquiry to have been conducted by you with entire impartiality and judgment, and though the facts which have been addduced do not appear to be of a nature to call at present for any decisive measure on the part of His Lordship in Council, there may be reason to hope that the Civil and Military Authorities will be sensible of the necessity of conducting in future their relative duties, with a greater degree of cordiality and decorum than was manifested on the late occasion. —

3 As a considerable degree of the inconvenience which was experienced appears to have proceeded from a collision of the authority of the Collector and of the Commanding Officer in the execution of their respective duties, His Lordship in Council will deem it proper to take measures for relieving the Collector from the necessity in future of retailing grain for the use of the troops, by ordering that duty to be consigned to the superintendence of the

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the Garrison Storekeeper, under the directions and control of the Commanding Officer.-

4. Her Lordship in Council has accordingly furnished instructions on that subject to the Military Board, of which I am directed to enclose a copy, for your information and guidance.

5 His Lordship in Council in concluding this Subject, deems it proper to express his entire approbation of the alacrity and dispatch with which the enquiry entrusted to you has been completed.-

I have the honor to be.

&c &c &c

Signed J. Buchan

Chief Sec. to Govt.

Fort St. George
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Ordered that copies of the foregoing papers be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Board of Revenue.-

Read the following letters.-

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To the Right Honorable

Lord William Cavendish Bentinck

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My Lord.

From the Officer Commanding the Subsidiary Force at Hyderabad—Reports the March towards the Ghauts of the Force under his Command.

I have the honor to inform your Lord-
ship on the 16th of last Month that I
explained that I deferred Executing the orders of the Most
Noble the Governor General until I should receive further
instructions; I beg leave now to say, that having on the 12th
instant received Orders from Major General the Honorable
Sir Arthur Wellesley regarding the position of this Force during the
Rains and having also on the day following been informed
by Colonel Close that the Most Noble the Governor General
saw no reasons for delaying the execution of this Order I
immediately proceeded to carry them into immediate effect by
marching towards the Ghauts on the 14th Instant — Colo.
Wallace having informed me that he cannot at present advance
his Head Quarters beyond Ahmednaggur, I have in order to
make the position of the Force correspond with his resolved
to March directly to Join about thirty Miles to the Westward

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of Sheeva, and Sea to the Northward of the Godavery which Place I expect to reach by the first april.—

I have the honor to be.—

&c &c

(Signed) John Halliburton Colonel

Commanding the Troops Serving

in Berar.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

Encl. the offic. Comm. of the Northern Division of the Army Reporting the Death of a State prisoner.—

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Rebel Prisoner Jaggunnauth Das of Little Rummedy died at Masulipatam on the 19th Instant.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Vizagapatam

6th March 1805

(Signed) H. Campbell Colonel

Commanding

Lt. Colonel Montgomery

Read the following letters from lately commanding a Detachment in the Chittoor Pollams.—

George

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George Buchan Esqr

Chief Secretary to Government

&c &c &c

Sir,

From Lt. Coll. Monypenny Comg Detachment in the Pollams of Chittoor. Submits contingent charges —

I have the honor to forward here-
-or in Council, two Bills containing contingent charges
on Account of the Detachment late under my command, in
the Pollams of Chittoor. —

The original Bills were forwarded to the Pay Master
at Vellore — Should His Lordship approve, I request
that the Auditor General may be instructed accordingly —

I have the honor to be —

Fort St. George 30th March 1805 —

&c &c &c

Signed / W: Monypenny
Lt. Col. Late Comg Detachment /

George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

From Col. Agnew Submits an account of contingent charges incurred by him during the period of his command

I have the honor of transmitting

to

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Command in the Chittoor Pollams.

To you, to be submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Statement of the extraordinary expenditure Incurred during the period the Detachments under my Command was employed in the Pollams of Chittoor, and which Statement is founded on your letter of 24th November last.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Humble

Servant

(Signed) Wm. Peachey Jeremy

Colonel Late Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding Detachment.

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Ordered that the Bills Submitted with the foregoing letter be passed for Payment.

Read the following letter from the Solicitor to the Honorable Company —

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Solicitor to the Honble Company — Rec'd opinion on the claim for examining & fixing the rate of batta.

I have submitted to the advocate General

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General the Papers relative to the claim of Messrs.

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Chase and Company in the Nature of Demurrage

on account of the detention of the Chartered Ship

the Matilda at the Cape of Good Hope. The Matilda

was Chartered for the Voyage as a Cartel Ship to carry

French Prisoners from Madras to France - There is

a subsequent consent to take on board all such -

Prisoners as Government or its Agents should order.

but the Advocate General clearly thinks this consent

must be construed with reference to the General object

of the Charter-Party viz. French Prisoners to be landed

to France - Under that opinion the Advocate General

considers the act of Captain Shaw in taking on board

against the Will and protest of the Captain, English

Prisoners

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Prisoners to be carried from the Cape to Europe to be exchanged

as a departure from the meaning and words of the Charter

Party for all consequence of which his employers must of

course be answerable - The detention at the Cape was a conse-

=quence of the taking on board English Prisoners and we

therefore think the Owners entitled to a Compensation

for the Demurrage - The amount of that compensation may be

ascertained by reference to those conversant in Matters of that

nature as there does not appear any thing in the Papers to shew

what compensation ought to be taken, the freight being settled

not for time but for the Voyage -

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Jam. &c &c &c

(Signed) Rt. Orme Sol. to the Honble

Company

" A Bentinck

" Mr Clerk

" W Petrie

" Jno Stracey

Cath Strange

Office Sol. Diary & Cons. 9th April 1805
Pages Nos. copied by Gallinton Bentinck

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Diary 209

Sent the following Letters.

No. To Captain Hook

Secretary of the Government at Fort William

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, that an arrangement has been made for the embarkation on board of the private Ship General Wellesley of a Body of European Recruits for the Presidency of Bengal, conformably to the enclosed Return.

His Lordship in Council directs me to observe that this arrangement has been adopted under the impression that both Presidencies may from the present position of the Regiments for which they are destined, be enabled to join their Regiments with greater facility than could be effected by their embarkation for Bombay, to which Establishments His Majesty's

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William Enclosing a list of European Troops embarked in that Presidency on the Ship General Wellesley —

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Majesty's 65th and 86th Regiments are at present so attached, and a further endeavement has been also afforded under the consideration that the General Wellesley will proceed to Bengal under convoy of Hes Majestys Ship Phaeton by which means adequate protection will be afforded for the safety of the General Wellesley.

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

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(Signed) G. Buchan
Chief Secretary to Government

To Lieutenant Colonel Braunton
Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General approving the arrangement which he had proposed for regulating the allowances of such Barrack Masters as hold the rank of field Officers — An allowance for a writer and Stationary is granted to the Assistant in the Garrison of Madura — To authorise the Continuance of the same allowance as were enjoyed

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 3rd 4th and 5th Instant.

2 His Lordship in Council concurs in the arrangement which you propose to establish for regulating the allowances of such Barrack Masters as hold the Rank of Field Officers, and is pleased

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pleased to desire that the mode in which has been

approved, may be observed in future — the payment

of the allowances of Officers so situated

3 His Lordship in Council —

desires that the allowance for a writer and Store

-keeper, which you have recommended, may be

granted to the Officer who performs the duty of Captain

in the Garrison of Madura, and you will give the

necessary authority for that purpose —

4 His Lordship in Council con-

-siders Major Lennon to be entitled to the receipt

of full batta, while employed in the Superintendence

of the works of Seringapatam on the ground that the

reference to which would be attended to that duty

and under that consideration Is directed to desire

that authority may be given for the continuance of

the same allowances as were enjoyed by that Officer

on his late Station in the Southern Division of

the Army —

5 As the reference which you

have stated relative to the exchange of Copper —

currency

enjoyed by Major Lennon on his late Station with the Southern Division of the Army — Copy of instructions to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division relative to the exchange of Copper currency enclosed — The Adjustment of charges on account of yearly payments and for arrears due to Officers when authorized His recommendation respecting for of Superintendent Colonel Captain De Meyer adopted — Mr Byng allowed an establishment of 50 Pagodas per month for the adjustment of his accounts — The Officer Commanding Malacca to draw the same table allowance as was enjoyed by his Predecessor — authorized the payment of the extraordinary personal expences incurred by Lieutenant Colonel Thompson during the period of his Command in the Chittoor Poligars — Contingent expences of Lieutenant Colonel Wallace authorized — Resolution of Government relative to the discontinuance of the appointment of Assistant to the principal Agent for

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for Cavalry supplies at Ponah transmitted - - To authorise Payment of extraordinary Charges incurred by Lieutenant Colonel Wallace - - An advance at Fort William to an Officer of the establishment reported - - To authorise payment of a Bill recommended by the Military Board.

Currency in the Division of Vizagapatam, appears to be connected with a dissension of a similar nature which formerly occurred in that district. I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance a Copy of the instructions which were furnished on that subject to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army.

To His Lordship in Council

observes with concern the irregularity which appears to have occurred in the family payments of the Volunteer Corps under the late Command of Major Macpherson, but as the sums which have been specified by that Officer are for your opinion due to Certain families of that Corps and as the amount improperly paid does not appear to be now recoverable, His Lordship in Council authorizes the admission of the charge being Pagodas 526-

7 His Lordship in Council under the same impression, authorizes the payment of the arrears which are stated to be due on account of family payments to Captain Seton, provided that the

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the Claim of that Officer is correctly founded, so far as the information which you may have the means of obtaining may enable you to judge of the accuracy of the Claim.

8 His Lordship in Council is pleased to adopt your recommendation respecting the payment of Superior Batta to Captain De Morgan, from the period of his appointment to do duty as a Member of a General Court Martial at the Presidency.

9 His Lordship in Council also authorizes according to your recommendation the payment of a Monthly allowance to Mr. Byng for the Adjustment of his accounts as late Paymaster of Malacca, provided that the charge shall not exceed the sum of fifty Pagodas per month, and shall not be continued beyond the period of six months.

10 His Lordship in Council having observed that authority has not yet been furnished relative to the payment of the allowances of the Officer

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Officer exercising the temporary Command at Malacca, I am directed to acquaint you that it is His Lordship's intention to grant to that Officer the same table allowances as was enjoyed by his predecessor in the Command of that place.

11 I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance the accompanying Copies of two letters from Lieutenant Colonel Mac Kenna who was lately employed in the Command of a detachment assembled in the Pollams of Chittoor, and to desire that authority may be given for the admission of the extraordinary personal expence which was encurred by that Officer during the period of the service on which he was employed, amounting to the Sum of Pagodas 1043. 35. 40, and also for payment of the two Contingent bills herewith enclosed, one amounting to Pagodas 112. 17. — and the other to Pagodas 24. 28. —

12 I also enclose the Copy of a letter from the Secretary of His Excellency the Commander

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Commander in Chief, and am directed to desire that the Bill therein mentioned on account of contingent expence incurred with the Detachment Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Wallace may be passed for payment.

13 I am directed by His Lordship in Council to transmit for your information and record the accompanying extract of a Minute recorded by the Commander in Chief, together with a Copy of the Resolution which has been passed in Consequence of His Excellencys recommendation relative to the discontinuance of the appointment of Assistant to the Principal Agent for Cavalry supplies at Ponah.

14 I at the same time enclose the Contingent account of charges incurred under the authority of Lieutenant Colonel Wallace, with Copies of the orders published by that Officer to which reference is made in the Minute of the Commander in Chief, and His Lordship in Council desires that you will give authority for admitting

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admitting the expenses which has been incurred. —

15 I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance the Copy of a letter from the Secretary at Fort William, relative to an advance of Money which is stated to have been paid to an Officer of this Establishment. —

16 His Lordship in Council desires that authority may be given for the payment of the bill recommended in the enclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board.

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I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed G Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt

Received and Entered the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 16 17 18 19 20

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From the Sunday
Military Board

From Captain Marshall Town-
Military a return of Provisions Stores &c &c
Wellesley for the use of the Troops embarked on
that

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that Ship for Bengal.—

From Colonel Oliver — Repre-

From Colonel Oliver — senting that the bad state of his health requires his immediate return to Europe, and that he has engaged and paid for his passage on the Ineas.—

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William.— To Captain Hook — With a return of provisions &c. embarked on the Ship General Wellesley for the use of recruits proceeding on that Ship to Bengal.

To the Military Auditor General. To the Military Auditor General authorising an advance of 2 Month's pay &c. to certain Officers of His Majesty's Service.

To the Accountant General — With

To the Accountant General an extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General on the Subject of disbursements referred to in his letter of the 27th Instant.

To Lieutenant Colonel Moneypenny of His Majesty's 73d Regt. To Lieutenant Colonel Moneypenny — Acquainting him that Authority has been given for payment of the bills which he had submitted.—

71. Sent the following Letter.

To

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To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

To the Town Major of Fort St. George — Instructions respecting two Bhyggar prisoners —

Para 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose for your information and guidance the accompanying extract of a letter to the Officer Commanding at Chittoor, and to desire that you will take measures for securing at the Presidency the two persons therein mentioned, until an opportunity may offer for transporting them to Prince of Wales's Island —

2 It is at the same time the wish of His Lordship in Council that those persons may be treated with as much care as may be practicable, consistently with their safety —

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) G. Buchan
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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To George Strachey Esq.re

Secretary to the Government

Military Department

at Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at this Presidency, dated the 26th. Instant, and to desire that you will express to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the request of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, that as much of the article Seaboats as can be spared from the Stores at Fort St. George or can be procured at that Presidency, may be sent round to Bengal by the earliest opportunity that may offer.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Fort William
28th. March 1805.

[Signed] J. Hook

Secretary to the Govermt.

To

From the Secretary to the Government to Fort William requesting that a supply of Sea Boats may be sent to that Presidency by the first opportunity

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To Captain S.r Hook

Secretary to the Government

Military Department

Sir

The Military Board request you will be pleased to suggest to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, the expediency of applying to the Government of Fort Saint George for a supply of Sea Coal, for the Manufactory of Gun Carriages, a measure which on the present scarcity of that Article, would be productive of much advantage on the Board's Opinion.

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

Military Board Office /Signed/ A. Greene

the 26.th March 1805 Secretary M.r B.d

/True Copy/

/Signed/ S.r Hook

Secretary to Government

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Received and Sent the following

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From the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief

From Major Hall — With a return of the Troops serving under this Presidency for transmission to Bengal —

From the Paymr. at Vellore —

From Mr. Smith — Transmitting his Security Bonds —

From the Officer Commanding at Chittoor —

From Lieutenant Colonel — Darley — Has published the proclamation forwarded to him for that purpose —

From M. Le Courbe —

From M. Le Courbe — Soliciting an allowance —

From Do. —

From Ditto — Soliciting a reply to his former applications to Government —

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William —

To Captain Hook — With a General return for March of the Troops serving under this Presidency —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

Monday the 15th April 1805

Lieutenant General Sir J. F. Cradock KB

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

James Stuart

} Esqrs

Members of last Consultation

Read and Approved.

The following Minute of the Commander in Chief being returned from circulation, is ordered to be recorded.

Minute of the Commander in Chief respecting the Employment of Lieut. Col. Kennet in the Duty of Secretary for Political Affairs in the room of Lieut. Col. Close, and recommending Captain De Havilland for that Duty

The Commander in Chief feels it to be his Duty to submit to the Board, that the Employment to the Subsidiary Court at Hyderabad has been absent from the Duty of that appointment for three years, and from the Employment of that Office. He sees no prospect of his return to that Station

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Station.—

Major Mackenzie, who holds the Situation is an Officer, by every Account, of the highest reputation, and appears to have the strongest Claim upon Government for ample Remuneration for his Services, and especially that he should enjoy a fixed Salary on account of the particular Employment of Survey &c. upon which he is at present engaged, and the arduous Duty connected with such a work, for which his eminent abilities, in that Line, so peculiarly point him out.

The Commander in Chief, upon his first arrival felt surprized, that so important a Station, as Hyderabad, in every point of view should remain without the presence of an Engineer of reputation, but unwilling to disturb any arrangement that appeared to favor so distinguished a Character as Major Mackenzie, he did not immediately follow the Strong Impulse of his mind, and recommend a Successor — but he

should

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should think himself, at present, culpable — if he did not lay the matter before Government, and state his intention, in case Major Mackenzie cannot resume his Duty, of naming another Officer to replace him.

The Commander in Chief is the more impelled to this measure, as he conceives that the Force, under Colonel Halkett, which is chiefly composed of the Nizams Subsidiary Troops, in their present situation, demands the presence of an Engineer.

In the Event of the continued absence of Major Mackenzie, the Commander in Chief proposes to recommend Captain De Haviland, an officer of ability and high character.

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(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

Minute thereon

The Board having attentively considered the circumstances stated in the foregoing Minute, feel no hesitation in recording their concurrence in the opinion of the Commander in Chief, relative

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relative to the importance of attaching an effective Office of Engineers to the Subsidiary Force of His Highness the Nizam, and it is accordingly Resolved that Captain De Havilland be appointed to that duty.

Though this measure has been rendered unavoidable by considerations of an urgent nature, the Board much regret the extent to which it may be liable to operate in regard to the situation of Major Mackenzie, whose laborious and useful services have frequently been testified in terms of the warmest Commendation in the Records of this Government; But as the nature of the duty on which that Officer is at present employed, precludes the hope of his being enabled at an early period to resume the duties in which he was formerly engaged as Surveyor with the Subsidiary Force at Hydrabad, the Board would feel it to be inconsistent with a just regard for the public interests that the latter duties should under present Circumstances be longer

suspended

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Suspended.—

As it appears however that the allowances which Major Mackenzie formerly received as Surveyor with the Nizam's Subsidiary Force were continued to that Officer at the period of his appointment to the Superintendence of the Survey in Mysoor, the Board in adverting to the pecuniary disappointments which Major Mackenzie has already experienced, and to the inadequate amount of his Salary as Superintendent of that Survey, comparatively with the difficulty and labor attached to it, cannot in justice to the forcible Claims of that Officer place him in a less favorable situation than that to which he was reduced by the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors under date the 10th. June 1801.—

In consideration therefore of the peculiar Circumstances attending the situation of Major Mackenzie, it is Resolved to continue to him for the present as a gratuitous allowance, the amount hitherto drawn by him in his Capacity of Surveyor.

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Surveyor of the Subsidiary Force at Hydrabad,
amounting to the Sum of Pagodas 159. 11. 65 per
Month of 30 Days. — As there may however be
reason to expect that the Honorable Court of
Directors will be induced on consideration of the
urgent recommendation of this Government, to re-
establish the income of that Officer as Superinten-
dent of the Survey of Mysore, on a more advantageous
footing than that on which it has been placed, the
Board will in such event consider it to be proper
to revive the gratuitous allowance which has
been continued to Major Mackenzie under the
Circumstances stated in this Minute. —

In consequence of the determi-
nation to confer on Captain De Havilland the
appointment of Engineer with the Subsidiary Force
at Hydrabad; it is Resolved that the Commander
in Chief be requested to Convey such instructions
to that Officer as may be best calculated for the
early completion of the Survey in which consider-
-able progress had been made by Major Mackenzie
previously

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previously to his removal to his present Station on Mysore.

Resolved that such parts of the above Resolutions as may be necessary for the information and guidance of the Military Auditor General and of Major Mackenzie, be communicated to those Officers respectively.

The Commander in Chief records the following Minutes.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Comr in Chief Recommending that an allowance of 20 Pagodas per Month for a Catamaran and 3 Pagodas for a Native Boat be granted to Mr. Assistant Surgeon Condener for his attendance on the 4th Regiment Native Infantry — submits a letter from Mr. Locke — submits an application from Colonel Montgomerie of His Majesty's 22d Light Dragoons for the allowances to Brigades from the 1st October to the 31st March

The Commander in Chief has the honor to submit to Council the following applications.

Colonel Darley Commanding at Chittoor has forwarded a Letter from Assistant Surgeon Condener, attached to that Station, setting forth the additional Expences he has been put to on attending the Second subdivision of the 2nd Battalion of the 4th Native Infantry, and praying that an allowance equal to the Expences of keeping a Palanqueen may be granted, to enable him to

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March last — Recommends that the Officer Commanding the 5d Regiment be relieved from a detachment against that Corps — submits a representation from the 2d Member of the Medical Board relative to the Superintendance of the Medical Stores — submits also an application from Major Gen.l Campbell relative to the distribution of Pondicherry Prize Money —

visit these Stations, and that he may be permitted to retain a Native Dresser at each post occupied by that Corps —

The accompanying papers will shew the disposition of the 4th Native Infantry in Chittoor, and Colonel Darley's recommendation that the Claim of Mr Cordiner should be attended to —

The Commander in Chief having received from the Medical Board a favorable Report on Mr Cordiner's requests, in conformity to their opinion, recommends that the Sum of 20 Pagodas Monthly may be allowed for a Palankeen to Mr Cordiner, and 3 Pagodas per Month for a Native Dresser to assist in the performance of Medical Duty at each of the four Detached Quarters of the 4th Regiment of Native Infantry.

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The Commander in Chief begs to lay before the Board a Letter which he has received from Mr Socke, lately appointed to the Native

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Native Cavalry.

The Subject of this Gentleman's Representation has already undergone Investigation at the Board, but it is now reproduced with such new matter, that the Commander in Chief cannot, in justice to Mr. Locke, withhold it from the view of Government.

3 Colonel Montresor of the 22nd Light Dragoons was in Command of the Cantonment at Bellary when he received orders to prepare for immediate Service with a Detachment consisting of his own Corps, a Regiment of Native Cavalry, and a Battalion of 1200 Sepoys, and was informed, by Letter from the Secretary to Government that he should take the Field with the allowances of a Brigadier.

The Order for this purpose was issued the 1st October 1804, and every arrangement for Field Service was made by the Officers of these Corps, the Regiments remained in that state of preparation until the 3d March last when

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when the followers &c. &c. were directed
to be dismissed, and the Officers having represented
the additional expence they had been put to in the
Equipment, were granted full Batta by Govern-
-ment.

Colonel Montresor informs the
Commander in Chief, that he incurred very con-
-siderable Expence in retaining additional
followers and in the provision of such Camp
Equipage as he conceived suited to an Officer
acting in the Field as a Brigadier, and solicits
the permission of Government to draw the allow-
-ances of that Rank from the 1st of October to the
3d of March last, the period for which the
Officers under his Command experienced the
Indulgence of the Governor in Council by an Issue
of the difference of Batta.

The Commander in Chief
has considered the Subject of Colonel Montresor's
Letter, and has ineffectually searched for Prece-
-dents on which to form his Judgement on the
Case

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case. The Commander in Chief therefore begs leave to submit it to the consideration of the Board, but cannot avoid making the observation that Colonel Montresor's Claim seems to stand much on the same Ground as that of the Officers of the Corps under his Command who have received Remuneration.

4th The Commander in Chief has also to lay before the Board a Letter from Major Martin Commanding the 2d Battalion of the 5th Regiment.

The Auditor General has retrenched from the Accounts of this Corps their Field Allowances during the period they Encamped near Bellary. This Regiment was ordered from Hydrabad to a position near Bellary, there to wait for further orders, being destined for Poonah. Circumstances arose, first, to delay their March and finally to change their destination, but they were constantly under orders for movement at the shortest notice, fully equipped to

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for the Field, and have been under Canvas since they left Hydraabad.—

The Commander in Chief recommends that the Auditor General may receive instructions to admit the Charge for Field allowances to which this Regiment seems so justly entitled to.—

5 The Commander in Chief lays before the Council the annexed representation from Doctor Gahagan 2nd Member of the Medical Board — without entering into any further Concern than simply to know what were the precise Intentions of the Board upon forming the following Resolution; "They are also "informed that their late references on the Examination "and Superintendance of the Medical Stores have "been submitted to the Court of Directors, and that "until all orders are received on the Subject, no Devi- "ation must take place in the mode at present "in use for Conducting this Department."

(Signed) G. Buchan

If the Medical Board have presumed to act in opposition to the declared

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Sentiments of Government, their Conduct merits the severest Reprehension.

6 An application from M.
General Campbell relative to the distribution of the Prize Money for the Capture of Pondicherry.

As the Commander in Chief is unacquainted with the Circumstances of the Case, he forbears giving any opinion.

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/Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

Major Hall
Military Secretary &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 30th Ultimo, accompanied by Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Medical Board on the subject of Mr Assistant Surgeon Cordiner's application for Medical allowances for attending the several Posts ordered by Lieutenant Colonel Honeyfrenny to be taken up by the 2d Battalion 4th Regiment Native Infantry. Having called upon Mr Cordiner for an

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one explanation to the Board's queries, I now beg leave to forward his reply, which I request may be submitted to His Excellency the Commander in Chief. The distances from Chittoor to the Posts so established are not considerable, but as cases do frequently occur where the presence of Medical Men are necessary to the preservation of the lives of individuals suddenly taken ill, and as the means of sending them to the Regimental Hospital is not provided for by the Regulations of the Service, I beg to submit to the consideration of Hes Excellency the Commander in Chief, whether it might not tend to the good of the Service were Mr Condimen made an allowance equal to the charges that would be incurred by his occasionally visiting the several Posts and keeping up a Native dispenser at each of them.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed J Barbey
Lieutenant Colonel Commdg
Chittoor

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Lieutenant Colonel Bayley

Commanding 2nd Battalion 1st

Regiment Native Infantry

and

Chittoor

Sir

I have the honor to requeste of you to make application to Government for the usual Medical allowance for Peons for the Posts of Kotta Pauhate Venkatagerry Naglor Chandergerry and Nagalletah to defray the expence of paying Native Medical attendants there, such may appear on enquiry them there or fourteen a Month, as may be required from circumstances

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedt Servt
Alexr Anderson
Assistant Surgeon
2d Battn 1st Regiment
Native Infantry

To Lieutenant Colonel Bayley
Commanding Chittoor Polliams

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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I have the receipt of your letter enclosing one from Major Hall Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and one from the Medical Board to him, and in reply thereto give the following Statement of the distances of the Posts, and the Number of Troops on them.

		miles	garrison
From Chittoor to	Chandernagerry	37	1 European 87 Natives
	Mayfullah	34	1 Do. 98 Do.
	Polla Pucknall	15	2 Do. 186 Do.
	Mugtee Venkatagherry	16	2 Do. 180 Do.

Unless at Chandernagerry where there are some Staff the 2d Battalion 4th Regiment give the whole of the Garrisons The Posts being garrisoned from the Corps to which I belonged, as a matter of course send medicines &c. to them, and have had your authority to visit them when necessary.

They leave to state that I only wish an allowance adequate to keep a Palanqueen and to enable me to have three or four Native Medical Servants to attend the Native Sick at the posts receiving their instructions from me two or three times

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this Month as it may be necessary for me to visit

Sir

May I add that having introduced the vaccine inoculation (never before known in these Pallams) the native Servants will be of much use in enabling me to vaccinate in all parts of the Country from this to Seringapatty instead of being confined as at present to Chittoor and its vicinity.—

I think the foregoing replies to each part of the letter from the Medical Board, and if you have no objection, I request you to forward it through Major Hall agreeably to his instructions

I Sgmd &c. M. Gardiner

Chittoor Assistant Surgeon

2d April 1805 2d Battalion 1st Regt

Native Infantry

NB The troops being in Garrisons there

is no mode of conveying sick from the Posts to the

Head Quarters.

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To Major Hall

Secretary to His Excellency

The Commander in Chief

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter dated the 5th Instant enclosing one from Colonel Darley and another from Mr. Surgeon Cordiner - all of which I duly laid before the Medical Board, who have now directed me to request, that you will submit to his Excellency the Commander in Chief, their opinion that, in the present peculiarly detached state of the 2d Battalion 4th Regiment Native Infantry, Mr. Cordiner's application for a Palonqueen allowance and a Native Dresser for each of the four Posts mentioned in his letter is very reasonable, and requisite for the public Service - and that the Board accordingly recommend the former at the rate of 20 Pagodas - and the latter at 3 Pagodas P.r Month each -

I have

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Medical Board Office
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I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Hosman
Secretary Medical Board

To His Excellency
Lieutenant General Sir John F. Cradock K.B.
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Sir

A circumstance having occurred which I could not possibly foresee, when I had the honor of laying before Government the Certificates and other proofs respecting my state of Health previous to my departure from this Country, I take the liberty of stating to your Excellency the following facts which I trust will explain in a satisfactory manner the motives which have I understand induced His Lordship in Council to suspend for the present the order of the Court of Directors respecting my Rank. When I petitioned the Court of Directors for their permission to return to India and

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and to resume my Rank in the service, I stated in my Memorial, that ill health alone had compelled me to return to England and as I found that no returns had reached the India House, I laid before the Court at the same time a Copy of my letter of Resignation — The Circumstance alluding to Family matters was fully explained individually to the Members of the Court by my Father, who well knew that no such inducement ever did exist, or had been held out by him) As however the Directors had no information of my resignation, they could not consistently reinstate me, but it was agreed that an order should be sent out to India, to admit me again into the Service, with my former Rank, provided it should appear that ill health was the only Cause of my Resignation — leaving the enquiry as I presumed to be made by the Government in India — Being satisfied as to the fact, I cheerfully embarked again for Madras in the full confidence that I should be permitted to resume my Rank in the Cavalry, and I still flatter myself upon a reconsideration of the

subject

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subject that His Lordship in Council will be
induced to alter the order which has been lately
published pleasing me at the Head of the Corps
of the Army.

In corroboration of the facts
which I have already stated, I beg leave to refer
to your Excellency's records, a letter which I have
just received from Captain Doxat on account of
which I made Application for leave to
the motives of my Resignation.

I do now most solemnly declare
that had not the very bad state of my health totally
compelled me to go through the fatigues of the duty
of that Army I should not
on other consideration have ever thought of quitting
the Service. To this motive I assure you
would have induced me to resign so respectable
a situation, and although in my Letter of resignation
other reasons were assigned, I declare upon my
Honor that they were merely invented for the purpose of

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of strengthening my request, for the reasons mentioned in the letter from Captain Cox who was my adviser on that occasion.

I have the honor to be

Madras April 9th 1805

&c &c &c

Signed James Locke

My Dear Sir,

I have just now received your Letter of the 23d Instant, and altho' I rejoice to hear that your health has been completely restored, yet I regret that your readmission to the service should suffer any obstacle.—

I can have no kind of hesitation to repeat what I have so often declared while you were under my care with the Cadet Company, namely, that the extreme state of debility under which you then labored entirely unfitted you for the Active and laborious duties (in this Country) of a Cavalry Officer— nay you could not pursue the Common routine of Infantry duty for three days together without experiencing long and very distressing indispositions from the exertion

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exertion which to another man proved a source
of health.

Persuaded of this fact yourself
you committed me upon the prosperity and means of
returning to England to re-establish your health,
and at the same time shewed me a letter Just then
received from your Father inviting you home in
case of Sickness, and otherwise stating some private
Concerns — I told you that as your admission to the
Service was of very recent date, you might probably
find it difficult to procure either leave of absence or
permission to resign it, unless Government could be
assured of the absolute necessity of such a measure,
especially as the times were then Critical; the Army
in the Field and Officers scarce, and as you had
sometimes quitted the Service without much reflection,
upon finding the golden dreams they had indulged,
not exactly realized upon their arrival in India -
I advised you in your application to Government
for the indulgence you wished for, to notice this
Invitation of your Fathers that your motives
might

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might not be considered idle or visionary —

I am free to assert my belief,

that this advice was the sole cause which led you

to state the invitation in question, as a motive for

wishing to return home; and I feel well assured,

that the unfortunate loss of health and apprehension

of never regaining it in this climate alone, prevailed

on you to quit the respectable situation which you

then held in the Company's Army —

I trust that this testimony will

prove as satisfactory and efficacious as it is true, and

I shall soon have the pleasure of seeing your name

restored to list of Cavalry Officers of this Establish-

-ment. —

Enclosed I remain &c &c

27th March 1805 /Signed/ P. Bosc.

To His Excellency

Sir John F. Cradock K. B

&c &c &c

Sir

Having learnt from good authority

that

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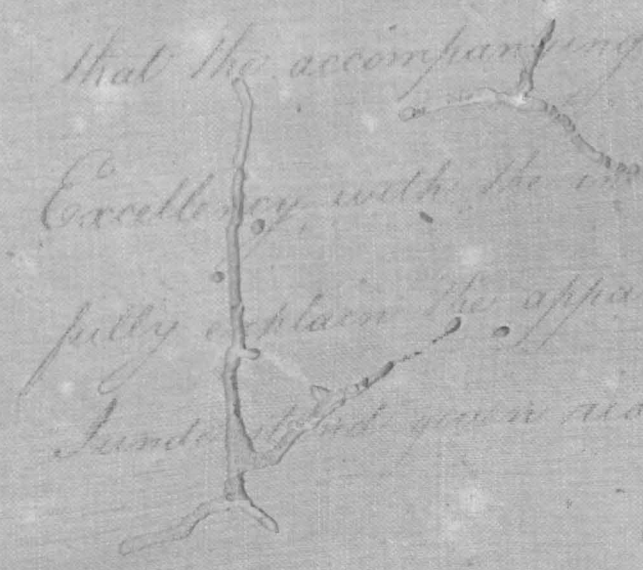
that false and illiberal reports had been fabricated,
and industriously circulated through the Settlement
to the prejudice of my young friend Mr. James
Locke, intimating that he had formerly resigned the
Honorable Company's Service, not on account of
bad Health but from puerile and unjustifiable
motives, I took the liberty of stating through the
medium of the Adjutant General, some circumstan-
-ces respecting that Gentleman which came within
my immediate knowledge, with the view that my
letter should have been laid before Government, with
the other papers on the same subject, in case any
further reference should have been required by His
Lordship in Council.—

A Circumstance has now
since occurred, which has induced Government for
the present to modify the order of the Court of
Directors in respect to Mr. Locke's Rank, of which
I was not aware, having never seen his letter of
Resignation nor particularly questioned him as
to the measures adopted on Europe, but I think
that

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that the accompanying Letter from Mr. Locke to your Excellency with the enclosures from Captain Beatson will fully explain the apparent inconsistency which has occasioned your reference to that determination.

I have no hesitation in again declaring to your Excellency that when I urged Mr. Locke's return to Europe, I did so from the fullest conviction that the most serious consequences were to be apprehended from his Continuance in India, founded on the very unfavorable reports I received from Captain Beatson and many others of his rapidly declining state of health, and being under my particular charge, and his only friend in the Country, I found a very unpleasant kind of responsibility attach to me.

Mr. Locke it is true had been greatly disappointed in not getting a Lieutenantcy instead of a Commission in the Cavalry, and probably that circumstance occasioned in the first instance the very serious Indisposition which rendered him unfit for the active duties of the latter situation.

Hon.

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He seemed however in a short time to be perfectly reconciled to the arrangement, and repeatedly mentioned to me that he liked the Profession, was sensible of the trouble his Father had taken on his account and of the eminence to which he had been put — and that it was his intention to stick to the Service — Mr. Locke's Father is a respectable Merchant in London, managing owner of several Regular Ships in the Company's Service, and extensively connected with most of the Directors It is not therefore to be supposed that he would willingly deceive the Court by founding his Claims to their favor on a palpable falsehood, had he known that any other reason but bad health occasioned his Sons Resignation? — much left is to be [illegible] That he would have consented to his return to India under a deceitful pretext, which must have blasted all his hopes, and placed him in a most awkward and unpleasant situation. — Mr. Locke is very sensible of the kind consideration which has been shown to him, under the doubts occasioned by the

Conditional

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Conditional order from the Court of Directors; and the wording of his letter of Resignation, and I trust that it is not too late to reconsider the subject, with the explanations now adduced the more so, as the proceedings of Council suspending the Order, cannot yet have been forwarded to the Court of Directors. — The letter alluded to in Captain Bose's letter from Mr. Sockett's Father, which was sent for my perusal, stated to him the provision that he had made for some of his Brothers, and mentioned at same time that he had no wish to force his Sons inclinations, — that he would readily procure for him an eligible situation about himself, provided he did not like the Cavalry or [illegible] disagreed with him.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Petrie Brodie
Sec. to Govt.

Brodie Cantle
7th April 1805

Lt Col. Secretary to the
Commander in Chief
Sir
I have the honor to make known to

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to your Statement of some circumstances which
I request you will be pleased to lay before His
Excellency the Commander in Chief. I was command-
ing the Garrison and Cantonment of Bellary, and
receiving the additional half batta for the expences
attending that Command, when on the 1st of October
last, orders were issued for holding in readiness for
immediate field Service His Majesty's 22nd Light
Dragoons, a Regiment of Native Cavalry, and a
Battalion of 1200 Sepoys, which was to form a
Detachment under my Command as Senior Officer.
I was also informed by a Letter from the Secretary to
Government that I was to take the field with the
allowances of a Brigadier. I therefore made what
preparations were necessary for that purpose, and
remained in that state until the 3d of March,
when orders arrived at Bellary for the following
and carriage of His Majesty's 22d Light Dragoons
to be discharged. During this time I necessarily
and unavoidably incurred very considerable expence.
Upon the Detachment being broken up I respec-
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represented that the Officers had sustained con-
siderable loss in consequence of their preparations
and Government was pleased immediately to order
a Donation to indemnify them for it, but I alone
(who from my situation was of course put to much
greater expence than other Officers) have not partak-
en of the bounty of Government I therefore hope His Excellency the Commander in Chief will be pleased to recommend to Government me my being enabled
to draw the allowances which I should have had
in the field during the period I was ordered to hold
myself in readiness for field service.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Madras
10th April 1805

[Signed] Tho.s C. Montresor
Colonel 22d Light
Dragoons

To His Excellency
Lieutenant General Sir John Craddock K.B
Commander in Chief

Sir,

The 2nd Battalion 5th Regiment
having been returned in the Office of Military
Auditor General as Field allowances, from the
period

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period of the arrival of that Corps in the vicinity
of Bellary in October last. I have the honor to
forward to your Excellency, a copy of the late
Commander in Chiefs Instructions to Lieutenant
Colonel Sutton who then Commanded the Corps as
the authority by which field Allowances were conti-
nued to be drawn.—

To elucidate circumstances
in some measure connected with the Case I beg
leave to observe, that the Corps had been on Field
Allowances for nearly two years preceding the
period in Question; that it was, at that Instant,
on full March for the Malabar Coast cut from
the Exigency of the Service, halted, and encamped
in the neighbourhood of Bellary, with a view that
it should be employed as a part of a Corps of
Force, intended to be detached in the direction of
Poonah.—

The various Appointments and
Departments of the Corps were in Consequence
kept complete for Field Service, nor did any Officer
consider

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Consider himself as bound to inform the Establishment of Servants necessary for the Field, or the encreased Allowances granted to them, on that Consideration, being in every respect, on Readiness for actual Movement, as they respectively had been when on Movement to the Seat of War.

I must beg that the Authority I have the honor to forward to your Excellency, with the explanation, annexed to it, will suffice to enable your Excellency to settle the matter; and to take the necessary measures for the Removal of the Retrenchments, that now stand against the Corps.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) George Hardie
Major Commanding 2nd
Battalion 3d Regiment

Madras
14th April 1805

To
Lieutenant Colonel Dalton
Commanding a Detachment on its
March from Hydrabad to Gooty 8th 8th

Sir

I have to desire that you will proceed

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Sir

I proceed with the Detachment under your Command by the most direct route to Bellary, and on your arrival at that Station place yourself under the orders of the Officer commanding there, keeping the Battalion under your immediate Command in a state of readiness for Field Service.

In consequence of a recent Communication from me to the Resident at Hydrabad you may receive from Major Kirkpatrick an application respecting the Direction of your march of a Tenor different from that of the present dispatch, but as the grounds upon which that Communication was made, having been in some measure changed, you will act according to the instructions herein conveyed to you.

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

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
23d September 1804

(Signed) J. Stuart
Lt Colonel
(Signed) George Martin
Maj.
2d Battalion 5th Regiment
Commanding
Route

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Minute of Doctor Gahagan respectfully submitted to the consideration of His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir John Craddock, K. B. and Commander in Chief.

It is with the extreme concern and regret that Doctor Gahagan the 2nd Member of the Medical Board finds himself under the painful necessity of representing to Government through his immediate Superior the Commander in Chief, that notwithstanding the clear forcible and explicit orders of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Contained in his Lordship's resolution of the 22nd Ultimo in the following words.

"They are also informed that their future
"references on the examination and Superintendance
"of Pupils, and that until orders are received from
"those subject no deviation must take place in the
"mode at present in use for conducting this depart-
"ment."

22nd March 1805 (Signed) G. Buchan

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Sir

The two other Members of the Medical Board forming a Majority have thought proper to transmit an Order to the Medical Store Keeper of which he has the honor to enclose a Copy, with the remarks of the different Members thereon, and which on Doctor Gahagan's humble opinion is an direct disobedience of the orders of Government — Viewing the subject in this light, he conceives it to be his indispensable duty to record his dissent to their proceedings — This conduct of the Medical Board appears the more extraordinary and unbecoming to Government, because they have never till now either Collectively or Individually interfered with his immediate Superintendence, nor has either of them upon any occasion even testified a desire to participate in the labors of this part of the Medical department, which has been allowed to rest exclusively upon himself — He trusts that his Excellency the Commander in Chief, in receiving this complaint will believe that nothing could have compelled Doctor Gahagan to this painful measure, but the avowed determination

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determination of the Medical Board to prevent his discharging those duties which a positive order of Government has thought proper to continue him in, until the pleasure of the Honorable the Court of Directors shall be known.—

A Copy of this Minute goes into the Medical Board.—

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

April the 14th 1805

Draft Sent in Circulation and afterwards Sent
To the Medical Storekeeper
April 11th 1805

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to inform you in reply to your letter of the 16th. authority of their Second Member for considering the Committee ordered by them on the 24th of July last, for the examination of the part of the Medical Stores then landed, as continuing to exist until the whole annual

Supply

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supply was inspected and delivered over to you, quite sufficient for your not having also regularly reported to them the subsequent four divisions of the Stores in the order they arrived. The Board however have directed me to desire that you will not in future allow yourself to be guided by any instructions whatever, but such as you may receive from them officially in writing, and that you will accordingly be very particular in immediately reporting to them distinctly every part of the European Medicines and Medical Stores as the information of their landing may be given you.

April 11th 1805 (Signed) Wm Horsman
Sect. Medical Board

N.B. "As I conceive the above draft has not been suggested by the Medical Board, I request it may be deposed till the Members are regularly met, which in my humble opinion is the most proper mode to determine upon any official matter intended to be issued as an order, except in cases of emergency, and altho' I have taken the liberty to give this intimation

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intimation it is not my intention to oppose any
orders or necessary informations the Board may be
pleased to suggest, when regularly met for that
purpose.—

/Signed/ Terence Gahagan

N.B. The above draft of a letter to the Medical Storekeepr
is expressive of my sentiments. But as any individ-
-dual member assuming the power of the Board
and Medical Storekeepr or any other medical
man acting under such assumed authority are irregu-
-larities of a very serious nature, I think the Board
ought to express their sense of them in such terms,
as will leave those who may attempt the like in
future without excuse. — I therefore am of opinion
with Doctor Gahagan that the letter to the Medical
Storekeepr should be deferred till the subject is further
discussed at the next meeting of the Board.

/Signed/ J. Richardson

N.B. This letter has been too long delayed being altogether
necessary for arranging or rather preserving some
attention to the existing arrangement of the duties
of

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of the Members of the Medical Board, and other Medical officers at the Presidency.—

10th April 1805 (Signed) Jas. Anderson

I dissent to the above as being extremely disrespectful to Government, to whom I make my appeal, because I conceive it to be in disobedience to their orders, specified in the last paragraph of their resolutions upon our late references to them under date the 22d Ultimo. I was in hopes that the severe reprehension lately received from Government would have deterred the Board from any further unnecessary instructions on the more important time of the Right Honorable the President in Council.—

April 11th 1805 (Signed) T. Gahagan

Notwithstanding what the 2nd Member has stated, I am of opinion for the reasons which I have above stated the letter should go.—

April 11th (Signed) Jas. Anderson

As the subject to which the above letter refers I conceive it to be in the power of the Medical Board to arrange and prevent unnecessary and unpleasant

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unpleasant references to Government I am of opinion with the Physician General it ought to go forward to Mr Boiswell without loss of time.—

April 11th 1805 (Signed) J. Richardson

To James Anderson Esqre

Physician General and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your instructions on the forms to be in future observed in reporting the arrival of the Medicines from Europe, and to which instructions due attention shall be paid. It is satisfactory for me to find that my Communications with the President of the Committee (subsequently to my original report to your Board of the last years arrivals) were considered sufficient, as much time was probably by that means saved, and danger of injury to the medicines obviated by having them without delay removed from the open air and safely deposited in Store on this occasion. I think it a tribute due to the Second Member, to state that his judicious

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and unremitting daily attendance to the duties of
arranging and conducting the Stores branch of the
Department has given me much and useful confi-
dence in this important charge, and has no doubt
tended greatly to promote the public service.—

I have the honor to be

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&c. &c.
/Signed/ Alexr Boswell
Medical Storekeeper

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

My Lord,

As the Senior Officer remaining
in India of the Troops engaged in the Capture of
Pondicherry in the year 1793, I have the honor to address
your Lordship in Council to request that measures
may be adopted for ascertaining the amount and
ensuring the distribution of the Proceeds of Property
Captured there to the legal Claimants of the Navy and
Army employed on that service.

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The Court of Directors having
recently given up to the Captors as I am informed
that Moiety of the Booty which was reserved for the
benefit of the Honorable Company I presume the
arrangement of an outstanding Balance due by one
of the Agents
of that part of the property which has been secured
in the Treasury of Government, agreeably to the Plan
of Distribution which the Honorable the Court of
Directors have approved, and as that Sum, forming
the principal Fund for division, has remained now
above Eleven years in the hands of Government, I
trust that your Lordship in Council in pursuance
of that principle of Liberal consideration for the Claims
of the Army which has lately actuated the decision of
the Honorable the Court of Directors, on the Prize
Claims of Colonel Brown's Detachment, will grant
the usual Interest of 8 P Cent on the Sum deposited
for that long period in the hands and at the disposal
of Government, and which if that Sum had been paid
would have produced a higher rate of Interest to the
Individuals

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Individuals to whom it has been assigned, as

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The late regulations of the

Legislature of Great Britain on the subject of

Naval Prize provide for the payment of the

the Captors on all sums detained from them by Agents,

and the recent Orders of the Honorable Court of

Directors regarding the Seringapatam funds, to fully

recognize the Justice of this principle, that I trust

your Lordship in Council will make it the rule of

your decision on the claims of the Pondicherry Captors

in whose behalf I have the honor to address

you—

The absence of all the Agents of

the Army, and the death of its Commander, call

me to stand forward as their representative; from

persuation that the cause will with more pro-

priety be urged by me, than it could be brought

before you in the common routine of business by the

attorneys of the Agents of the Captors, in whose hands

the various Accounts of Documents are at

lodged

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lodged.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Madras
15th April 1805

/Signed/ D. Campbell
Major General

The Board are of opinion on consideration of the circumstances attending the situation of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Gardiner, that it will be proper to permit him to draw the difference between the half and full batta of his Rank, as a Compensation for the extra expences to which he is liable.—

The case of Mr Locke being about to be brought under the attention of the Honorable Court of Directors, it is Resolved that the further documents which have been adduced in support of the claim of that Gentleman be referred to the Honorable Court, and that they be transmitted by the Extra Ship Indus now about to be dispatched.—

Resolved that the Military Auditor General

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be called upon to state whether there may be the means of furnishing from the Records of the Department of Audit any case analogous to that on which the Claim of Colonel Montresor for the extension of the allowances of a Brigadier is founded.—

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed to admit the Claim to field allowances which are stated to be due to the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Native Regiment conformably to the representation of the Commanding Officer of that Corps, provided that there shall not in the opinion of the Military Auditor General be any particular objection to the measure, which may not have been submitted to the attention of the Governor in Council.—

As doubts appear to have occurred with respect to the interpretation to be attached to the late orders of the Governor in Council regarding the examination and Superintendence of the Military Stores of this Presidency, the Board deem it proper to record that it was the intention of those orders

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orders that the duty in question should be executed by Doctor Gahagan until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors shall be known—

Resolved to postpone for the present a decision on the application submitted by Major General Campbell on the behalf of the Captors of Pondicherry—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to inform the Board that in pursuance of the plan for the relief of the Madras Infantry serving at Poonah, which had been proposed by Major General The Honorable Sir Arthur Wellesley, I consulted the Officer commanding Malabar, on the possibility of removing from that Province the two Battalions of Bombay Native Infantry still serving there—His reply received on the 9th Instant states that his hopes of the possible restoration of order in Wynaad, rest on the practicability of Cantoning in that district the Troops now employed in it—that this cannot be done, but by allotting the Bombay Corps to the duty of occupy-

—ing

Minute of the Comr in Chief—submits observations on the subject of the removal of the Bombay Troops from Malabar ——Reports the death of Lieutenant Coote ——Recommends the disposal of Cast Horses ——Reports the death of Colonel Read ——submits an application from Lieutenant Cope for permission to proceed to Sea—

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occupying the Stations where they are now placed in the town Provinces of Malabar, and therefore that they cannot be removed unless relieved without endangering the Peace of the Country. — This I think it my duty to report to Government, and that we do not possess the means of relieving the Bombay Troops by those of this Establishment, while such considerable detachments of our force continue to be detained at Poonah and Cuttack, and as a Subsidiary Force in Travancore. —

2 I am concerned to report the death of Lieutenant John Coote of the 9th Native Regiment, at Piply, in the Provinces of Cuttack on the 9th of March last. —

3 The undermentioned Horses having been examined by Committees appointed for that purpose, and found unfit for the Service, I recommend that the necessary directions may be given by Letter to the Heads of Departments concerned for their Sale.

Corps

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Corps	No. of Horses East	Where Stationed
Body Guard	6	Fort St. George
H. M. 19th Dragoons	64	Arcot
22d Dragoons	19	Bellary
2d Regiment N. C.	16	Cannanore
8th ... D.	36	Arcot
In charge of Agent	15	Arcot
Total	156	

The Horses in charge of the Agent for purchase, reported unfit for Service, are such as from Sickness and accidents have become lame and deceased since their purchase; a few delivered to his charge by the 4th Regiment when ordered to March, and some exchanged from the Body Guard for Horses received from him in their Stead.—

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Having received intimation from authority to which I give Credit, of the death of that respectable Officer Colonel Alexander Read of this Establishment, I request to be authorised to give in the necessary recommendations for the

Promotions

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Promotions of Officers in succession to the vacancy occasioned by his death on the 19th of May 1804 —

I enclose and recommend to the favorable attention of Government an application from Lieutenant Cope of the 2nd Battalion of the 13th Regiment Native Infantry for permission to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his Health.

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April 15th 1805

My Dear Sir,

My Brother in a letter from London dated the 12th September 1804 says that we shall probably have the Accounts of Colonel Read's Death by the same dispatch: I have seen two other Letters mentioning this event as having taken place at Malta on the 19th of may 1804. As Colonel Beatt went with him to Malta had not arrived in England when the Ships sailed it is likely no official reports had been sent to the India house. —

That he is dead there can be no doubt one of the Letters I saw was from his

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his Son.—

13th April 1805 Yours 8th 8th

Coll. Agnew. /Signed/ Wm Ord

Extract of a Letter from Mr. William Read Son of Colonel Read to Mr. Young dated 25th August 1804.—

"It is with the great regret I inform
"you of the death of my poor Father Colonel Read,
"who expired on the 19th of last May at Malta, where
"he went for the Benefit of his Health, being a warmer
"Climate".—

True Extract
/Signed/ P. A. Agnew
Adjutant General.

Extract of a Letter from Mrs Card to Mr young
Dated August 23d 1804—

"Your old Friend Colonel Read
"is no more; he died at Malta I believe, tho' Lady
"Pakely did not say in her Letter to me more than
"he was dead".—

True Extract

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True Extract
(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Adjutant General

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose a Surgeons Certificate of the necessity which exists that I should proceed to Sea for the benefit of my health; I therefore solicit your Lordships permission for that purpose.

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

Camp at Quilon
in Travancore
March 30. 1805

(Signed) H. I. Cope
Lieutenant 2nd Battalion
13th Regiment Native Infy

I do hereby certify that it is my opinion that Lieutenant Henry I. Cope of the 2d Battalion 13th Regiment Native Infantry should immediately proceed to Sea for the recovery of his health

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health.—

Dulon
30th March 1805

(Signed) John Balman.
Assistant Surgeon on Medical
Charge 2nd Batt.n 13th Reg.t
Native Infantry

Resolved under the explanation stated by the Commander in Chief to postpone for the present any further orders relative to the relief of the ten Bombay Battalions serving in the province of Malabar.—

Resolved that authority be given for the disposal of the Cast Horses mentioned in the above Minute in the usual manner.—

As the documents which have been recorded by the Commander in Chief leave no doubt in the minds of the Board of the death of Colonel Alexander. Read, it is Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to make an arrangement for completing the promotions, which will be necessary in consequence of that event.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Cope

&c

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be permitted to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his Health.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

The Senior Officer of the Artillery having recommended the undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets of Artillery, as qualified for Commissions, I recommend that they be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant Fireworkers of Artillery from the 18th of July 1804.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief Recommending promotion in the Corps of Artillery—

Majr. E. I. A. Duffield
John Maxwell
Thomas Roberts
John George Bonner

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(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

Resolved that the promotions in the Corps of Artillery which are recommended by the Commander in Chief be ordered to take place.—

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General. Replying to extracts of a letter from the Court of Directors.—

1 I have had the honor to receive your Commands in a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government dated 30th Ultimo, and giving cover to Extracts of a General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 22d August 1804, with Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department dated 19th March 1805.—

2 By the first Extract from the General letter I perceive that the Honorable Court expect a reduction in the Establishment of my office, in answer to which I have the honor to state to your Lordship in Council as follows.—

3 In the Month of May 1792, when the present system of Military Check and Contact was new modelled the Establishment for conducting its duties, exclusive of the Salaries of the Principal, Deputy, Assistant, and Accountant,

amounted

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amounted to per Month ..... Pagodas 747.——

Increase in April 1800 ..... 75.——

Increase in consequence of 3 appren-
-tices (whose time of Service had ex-
-pired) being permitted to remain
in the Office by Order of Government
dated 12th April 1804 ..... 24.——

Increase in consequence of two new
apprentices permitted by Government,
under date 8th December 1804 ..... 14.——

Pagodas ..... 860.——

From which Sum the 2nd Assistant
receives a Salary of ..... Pr. 80.——

Which reduces the actual Office
Establishment to Pagodas ..... 780.——

The Sum of Pagodas Sixty seven
is allowed as an Extra Establishment to the
Military Auditor General for keeping and making
up half yearly Statements of the accounts of His
Majesty's Regiments serving on this Establishment
for

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for transmission to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General &c. &c. &c. and Pagodas Sixty five are allowed Monthly for conducting the extensive Department of Family payments —

5 In May 1792 when the Office Establishment of the Military Auditor General was first formed, the annual Military Disbursements of the Army equalled Pagodas 30,91,543. 15. 12 — In May 1800, about the time my predecessor in Office obtained the Increase of Pagodas Seventy five per Month, the annual Military Disbursements amounted to Pagodas 73,63,776. 41. 56, and by the annual Statement 1803/4. Estimate 1804/5. the expences of the Army under this Presidency equalled Pagodas 95,97,083. 13. 40 —

6 The simple representation of these facts I am persuaded will sufficiently convince to your Lordships in Council, and to the Honorable the Court of Directors, the impracticability of any reduction taking place in my Office Establishment, the allowance granted on account of Family payments excepted

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excepted, which shall cease to be drawn for as soon as Circumstances will admit; I have not an Individual employed whose services I could, under any Consideration, dispense with.—

I am particularly flattered by, and sincerely grateful for the Approbation expressed of my Official conduct by the Honorable the Court of Directors, which it shall be my unceasing Study to preserve a Continuance of, by every exertion in my power.—

8 I do myself the honor to enclose a Statement, Marked A, shewing the amount deducted from Mr. I. H. Shardon, whilst in receipt of a Monthly Salary of Pagodas Three hundred as acting Commissary General of Stores and Provisions from the Month of August 1794 to 31st July 1797.—

9 The Balance of Cash noticed by the Honorable Court in Paragraph 190 of their General letter, and amounting to Pagodas 215 7/11 22. 40. arose from the additional donation granted to

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to the Troops which served under the Most Noble
the Marquis Cornwallis, which had been issued
to the Town Major (Major Beatson) for distribu-
-tion, who on his departure for Europe lodged it with
the Military Paymaster to answer further demands
of that nature, which not having been postponed in
December 1802, I recommended that it should be
brought to the Honorable Company's Credit in a
letter addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council, dated 24th December 1802 —

10 Inclosed is a Statement, —
Marked B, of the amount disbursed for converting
the Officers Quarters into Barracks for the accom-
=modation of European Troops, and expences
incurred for the hire of Godowns on account of
the Clothings of His Majestys Regements as —
required by the resolutions of your Lordship in
Council, dated 19th March 1805, and noticed by
the Honorable the Court of Directors in Para-
=graphs 213 and 214 of their General Letter,
dated 22d August 1804 —

Respecting

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11 Respecting the Share of Off-
=reckonings paid to Colonel A. Wynch and
referred to in Paragraph 238 of the General letter.
I have the honor to state to your Lordship in
Council that on reference to the records of my
Office, I send a Statement furnished by the Adjt.
=tant General of the Army dated 9th January 1803,
represents Colonel Wynch being entitled to Off-sets
=onings to the 29th August 1800 to which period he
was accordingly included in the partial distributions
Conformably therefore to the principle of Calculation
on which his representatives have been paid here-
for the above period he will have the Sum of Pagodas
One Thousand one hundred and fifty
forty one and Cash Sixty three (Pagodas 1150. 41. 63)
to refund, and which ought to be stopped from his
Annual Pension of £1000 Stg.

12 Relative to the Honorable Coconds
resolution to abolish the Office of Acting Deputy
Paymaster General to the King's Troops, and my
opinion as to the probable period it will require to
carry

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carry this resolution into effect, and in reply to your
Lordships Orders, I have the honor to state that the
accounts of the Office in question have at all times
been regularly and correctly kept, and that three
months will be amply sufficient for the final adjust-
ment of all its concerns.

13 In my public Official capacity
I trust I may be permitted, with every possible defer-
ence and respect for the orders of your Lordships in
Council and of the Honorable the Court of Directors,
to bring some circumstances forward for your con-
sideration in the first instance, and subsequently
for the Consideration of the Honorable Court, which
I am induced to hope will appear to stamp such a
value on the Office about to be abolished, as may at
least secure its continuance until the Honorable
Courts further orders are obtained on the subject.

14 The Office of Deputy Paymas-
ter General to the Kings Troops has since its
establishment been considered as a separate and
distinct Department, and in my opinion the
nature

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nature of the Office is such that it ought invaria-
-bly to be considered in the same light, for the
following essential and powerful reasons.—

First — It is indispensably necessary
for the sake of regularity and correctness, that the
Kings subsistence should appear in one disburse-
-ment, and that it should not be blended with
the accounts of Station Paymasters; this, if once
adopted, would occasion many errors and much
confusion in the different Departments and
Subordinate Offices; besides, experience convinces
me that an Increase of Retrenchments would
become unavoidable; His Majestys Deputy
Paymaster General possesses a knowledge of the
customs of His Majestys Service, which others
only acquire from long practice, and in the interim
(in the event of the abolition of this Office) the
public would inevitably suffer.

Second — The accounts of Kings
Subsistence come at present into my Office in
a clear regular, and correct manner, and the
Retrenchments

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Retrenchments that have taken plaice (which have been but few and trifling in amount) have uniformly been brought to account without delay, and without its having been necessary to trouble Government about them, this has never been the case in respect to the payment of Companys Allowances to the Kings Troops, the Retrenchments from the Disbursements of Station Paymasters have been considerable and the references to Government consequently numerous.

Third — If the Office of Deputy Paymaster Genenal to the Kings Troops is abolished and its duties transferred to the Military Paymaster at this Presidency, (who has already enough to do) he will have increased labor and responsibility, consequently will require an increased Establishment of Servants, and in all probability will also solicit an Increase of his Salary; which, if attended to, the decrease of public expence on this account will

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be but inconsiderable; therefore under every consideration of the subject, I cannot hesitate to declare it to be my opinion that the Office of the Kings Acting Deputy Paymaster General is most useful, and so far from urging its abolition, I am so much convinced of its benefits to the Service, that it would give me great satisfaction if that Office was made the channel of the payments of Companys Allowances to the Kings Troops, for this essential reason, that, under the existing system, advances have been made of Companys Allowances to Regimental Paymasters considerable in extent years ago, which are at this moment unadjusted and I fear, from circumstances which have come before me, will ultimately terminate in a public loss; on the contrary, if this proposition shall appear to merit your Lordships favourable consideration, adjustments of every Quarter Agreeably to the Regulations or perhaps earlier, for, as I have before observed, the business of the Kings Pay Office

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Office is well attended to, the advances of compa-
=nys Allowances may be made to the Paymaster
in the same manner as the Subsistence is, and as
the pursent Office Establishment allowed is con-
=sidered, the whole business of the Office may,
in my opinion, be conducted without any increase
of expense —

15 I have however one objection
to offer against the manner in which the Kings
Acting Deputy Paymaster General is remunerated
for his services, he has no avowed Salary, but
must help himself from the amount established
for conducting the duties of his Department, or
sanctioned by Government, and amounting monthly
to Pagodas 506. 12. 72 —

16 I therefore your Lordship is re-
pleased to consider the subject matter of this part
of this address in a favorable point of view, the sum
which I have just had the honor to state, should
be devided in such a manner as to render the
receipt

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receipt of it by the Individual more respectable,
and more consistent with the ends which it was
originally intended to answer; for instance, Pagodas
250 of it ought to be an avowed Monthly Salary,
the remainder: Pagodas 256.12.72 a fixed Office
Establishment on the principles laid down for the
then Establishments of Paymasters throughout
the Service.

17 Having thus my Lord, laid
before you my candid Sentiments on the subject of
this address, it behoves me next to represent, that
in having delivered the opinions herein recorded,
I have been actuated by no other motive, by no other
consideration, but an anxious zeal for promoting
the advantage of my Honorable Employers, and
if I have failed to impress on your mind the utility
of the Office proposed to be abolished; you will
at least allow that my intentions have been good,
and if it shall be your pleasure to refer this question
for the further consideration of the Honorable Court
of Directors, your Lordship will do me the justice
to

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to screen me from blame in that quarter, the interests of which I am sensible it is my bounden duty on all occasions zealously, at the same time impartially to consult.—

I have the honor to be
With the greatest respect
My Lord
Your Lordships most Obedient
humble Servant
/Signed/ J. Brunton
Military Auditor
General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
9th April 1805

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Statement Showing the amount deducted from Mr. I. H. Skardon, agreeably to the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors granting him a Monthly Salary of 300 Pagodas as Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions from the Month of August 1794 to 31st July 1797.—

	Pag.s F.	
Pay and Batta of Captain drawn by Mr. I. H. Skardon as Paymaster from the Month of August 1794 to the 31st July 1797 inclusive	3240	1 40
Star Pagodas	3240	1 40

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/Signed/ I. Brunton
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

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Statement of Expences incurred for converting the range of Officers Quarters opposite to the Grand Magazine within the Garrison of Fort St. George into Barracks for the Accommodation of European Troops, and of the Monthly Expence incurred for the hire of Godowns on account of the Clothing &c. of His Majestys Regiments. —

Amount of the Bill of the Executive Engineer for converting Officers Quarters into Barracks for the accommodation of the European Troops in the Garrison of Fort St. George, including his Commission &c. &c. passed in this Office by order of Government, under date 19th April 1804	5,349	34 49
Total Expence incurred in Converting Officers Quarters into Barracks for the European Troops in the Garrison of Fort Saint George Pagodas	5,384	34 49
Monthly Rent of three Houses hired on account of the Stores, Cloathing &c. of His Majestys Regiments Pagodas	162	" "

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

Mil.y Acct. Genl. Office
Fort St. George 9th Octr. 1805

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The Board are satisfied under the explanation afforded in the foregoing letter, that the establishment of the Office of Audit has been regulated with every practicable attention to economy, and that it does not at present admit of reduction. Resolved however that the Military Auditor General be instructed to have that object in view whenever the attainment of it may be compatible with the efficient discharge of his duties.—

Ordered that the amount of additional Salary which the Honorable Court has been pleased to grant to Mr. Skardon for the performance of the duties of Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, be issued to the Agents of that Gentleman in an 8 per cent Promissory Note, and that the Military Auditor General be instructed to take measures for that purpose.—

Resolved that the Statement submitted with the foregoing letter, relative to the expence

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expence attending the preparation of Officers' Quarters and Barracks in the Garrison of Fort Saint George, be pointed out to the attention of the Honorable Court of Directors, and that the expidiency of recovering from Colonel Wynch in England, the Sum over-paid to that Officer on account of his Offsreckonings be also suggested to the Honorable Court.—

The Board postpone a decision relative to the Office of the Deputy Paymaster General of the King's Troops.—

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

My Lord,

In consequence of your orders

From the Military Auditor General with a Statement of Offreckonings due to Major General Conyngham—

of the 16th Ultimo I have the honor to lay before you a Statement of the remaining shares of Offreckonings for the years 1800, 1801 and 1802, of the (Computed) full shares for 1803 and an advance from 1st January to 30th April 1804, which may ultimately become due

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due to Major General Conyngham, of the retired list, on an adjustment of the Offreckoning Fund for those years respectively, calculated on the principle observed in similare cases.

Statement

			Ps	f.	d
1800	remaining one third		1040.	37.	12
1801	ditto	ditto	1401.	11.	12
1802	ditto	ditto	291.	40.	55
1803	(in full)		2,898.	35.	60
1804	(an advance from 1st January to 30th April		500.	—	—
		Pagodas	6333.	2.	9

2 The Military Paymaster General has been instructed to call on Major General Conyngham for a Bond of indemnity to secure the public from loss in the event of his being overpaid.

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I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor General

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be furnished to the Accountant General with directions for making out a Promissory Note in favor of Major General Conyngham to the Amount of Pagodas 6333. 2. 9 on account of the Office charges due to that Officer.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General Respecting a Claim against Colonel Mc Neile.

1 On looking over the Accounts Current of the Paymaster at the Moluccas in possession of the Military Paymaster General, I perceive that by the Balance of Colonel MacNeile's last Account Current, whilst Superintending the Pay Department the sum of Pagodas 4,741. 13. 45 is stated as a balance on hand, to be made over to his Successor, Captain Mathews, who, in his first Account Current, gives Credit for the sum of Pagodas 6,330. 40. 60 thereby establishing a difference between the two Accounts Current of Pagodas

2,089

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2089. 27. 15 surplus to the balance stated by Colonel MacNeale and which it appears (when perceived by that Officer) was demanded by him from the Military Paymaster General and paid.—

I considered it to be my duty to call on the Military Paymaster General for an explanation of the transaction, and now do myself the honor to inclose Copies of the Correspondence which took place on the occasion.—

3 The Money was paid to Colonel MacNeile without any previous reference to my Office and as the Military Paymaster General assigns by his answer to my letter, to be of opinion that the sum in question was a deposit, I would suppose connected with Retrenchments [illegible] ought not to have been precipitately made in the first instance, particularly as the public have very considerable Claims against the Estate of the late Captain Mathews formerly Paymaster at the Moluccas, and because it was certainly irregular for private pecuniary property being blended in any shape.

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shape with that of the public.—

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I have the honor to be &c &c

[Signed] J. Braunton
Mil.y Auditor General

To the Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of your address to me under date 15th Ultimo relative to Colonel MacNeiles deposits, I have deemed it expedient to examine the Account Current of Colonel MacNeile and Captain Mathews, when the former ceased to be Paymaster and the latter took on him the charge of that office, and find that at the close of Colonel MacNeiles last Account Current a balance in favor of the public is exhibited, amounting to Pagodas 4,741. 13. 45, and by the first Account Current of the latter Paymaster Credit is given for Pagodas 10. 830. 10. 60. leaving a difference between the debit of the former and the Credit of the latter equal to Pagodas

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2089. 27. 15. which you say Colonel MacNeile obtained on insufficient grounds, previous thereto to answering your letter of the forementioned date, I request to be informed of the means which were taken by Colonel MacNeile to obtain payment of the sum in question.—

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(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor Genl.

True Copy.
(Signed) J. Prendergast
Deputy Mily Aud. General

To the Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th Instant I have to acquaint you that on Colonel MacNeiles return to the Coast and during the adjustment of his Accounts with my Office, he had access to the Public Accounts of the Moluccas at which time he alledged the sum of Pagodas 2,089. 27. 15. the difference between the Amount Balance stated upon

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upon his last and Mr Paymaster Mathews first Account Current, to be his private property, upon which he was paid by me, not having any reason to doubt his word, but from Circumstances which have since transpired, I have reason to imagine it to have been deposit Money, and this Circumstance I have communicated fully to Government.—

I am &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) B. Roebuck
Military Paymr General

Fort St George
2d April 1805

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Prendergast
Deputy Military Auditor General

Ordered to be lie on the Table.—

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

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to inclose

A

Copy of a letter from the Military Paymasters General, dated the 5th Instant in reply to one addressed to him.

From the Military Auditor General — Respecting a Retrenchment against Mr Rowley, and the allowances of Barrack Masters.—

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him, by me in consequence of your ordrs of the

9th Ultimo.

2 It appears from the Military

Paymaster General's letter that a communication,

respecting the advances in question was made

to Mr. Rawlay, late Paymaster at Fort St. George,

on the 11th March 1801.

3 I am therefore of opinion that the

Paymaster has omitted to take the necessary steps

for the recovery of the different sums, particularly the

advances to Lieutenant Weir and Mr. Assistant-

Surgeon Alves, the former (as appears by the Paymasters

letter) died in September 1802, the latter in April 1802,

and admitting that the Sum of Pagodas 10. per Month,

had only been stopped from them, the advances would

have been recovered even before the death of Mr.

Alves.—

4 With respect to the advances to

Lieutenants Ward and Reynolds, I am of opinion

some allowance may be made; these Officers were

dismissed the Service, the former in July, the latter

in

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on August 1801 consequently the Paymaster had
it not in his power to recover the whole amount
of the advanced made to them. —

When I had the honor of
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addressing you on the 3d Instant with respect to
the Salary of Barrack Masters I forgot to advert
to a particular circumstance which ought certainly
to be before you when it shall be your pleasure to
decide on the point under reference.

As At the time Barrack Masters
were originally appointed half Batta was not a
general allowance, so that the Staff allowances of
a Barrack Master, whether Stationed in the
Provinces where half Batta was allowed, Viz.t
South of the Coleroon, in the Banahmahl and North
of the Kistna or not, were as follows.

Staff Pay at 10 Shillings per day for 30 days	37	2	—
Captains full Batta	48	—	—
Total for a Month of 30 Days Pagodas	85	2	—

When half Batta became a
7
General allowance in the year 1796, it reduced
the

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The Staff allowances of a Barrack Master are as follows, when the appointment is held by a Captain

Staff Pay at 10 Shillings per day, for 30 days ... 37. 21. —

Difference between the Half and full Batta of a Captain for 30 days ... 28. 5. 20

Total for a Month of 30 days, Pagodas ... 65. 26. 20

As no Officer could draw more than two half Battas, or one full Batta, in any situation whatever.

I have considered it to be my duty to point out this to your Lordship in Council, in order that every circumstance connected with the subject may be fully known to you, and I beg leave to recommend that whatever it shall be your pleasure to fix as the Salary of these public Staff Officers, that it may be the same to all (Barrack Masters) without adverting to their Regimental rank.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

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(Signed) J. Brunton
Milr. Auditor General

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To the Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3rd Instant covering Copy of a Letter from Mr. Rowley late Paymaster at the Presidency, relative to advances made at Bengal to certain Officers of this Establishment which have not been adjusted or brought to account in consequence of the death or dismissal of the parties, and desiring to know at what period the necessary directions were forwarded from my Office for making the Stoppages.—

In reply to which I have to acquaint you that on the 6th March 1804 I received from the Accountant General Duplicates of the Advances made at Bengal to Officers of the Coast Establishment, among which were those for the Advances made the parties now in question, and on the 14th March 1804 they were sent by me to the Paymaster at the Presidency.— This is all

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Recollect of the transaction.—

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Military Paymr. General

Fort St. George

5th April 1805

A true Copy

/Signed/ I. Brunton

Military Auditor General

Resolved that the Retrenchments
against the late Military Paymaster of Fort St. George
on account of Money advanced to the late Lieutenant
Wier and Mr. Assistant Surgeon Alves be confirmed;
and that the amount paid by that Officer to late
Lieutenants Ward and Reynolds be admitted in
his Accounts.—

The Board do not deem the
farther explanation stated in the foregoing letter,
regarding the principle to be observed in paying the
allowances of Barrack Masters sufficient to
establish any ground for changing the decision
already

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already passed on that subject.—

Read the following letter from the Accountant General.—

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Accountant Genl. - Transmitting a Statement regarding Vaccination.—

I have the honor to send — accompanying, Statement of the Expences attendant on Vaccination up to the close of the Quarter ending 31st. January last, agreeable to the directions contained in the Extract of the Resolution of Government in the Military Department of 27th. July 1804.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

[Signed] Cecil Smith

Accountant General

Fort St. George

Accountant Generals

Office 10th. April 1805

Statement

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Statement shewing the Number of Persons successfully

with the Expence to the Company of every description from the 1st

January 1805 detailing the number of Persons and Expence Annu-

	Total to the end of last year				Small Pox Inoculations				Vaccine Inoculation				Total		
	Number of Persons successfully Inoculated	Total amount of Charges of every description on this account and in promoting Inoculation.			No. of Persons successfully Vaccinated	Total Amount of Charges of every description on this account and in promoting the introduction of the Cow Pox			Total number of Persons Inoculated and Vaccinated	Total Charges incurred on the foregoing Accounts.		
		£	s	d		£	s	d		£	s	d
Madras (from the Sub Treasurer)	4[illegible]	1,236	10	60	29026	7536	5	22	29469	8772	16	2
Zillah of Chengleput	"	"	"	"	1624	689	12	60	1624	689	12	60
Zillah of Rajahmundry	122	222	18	12	253	25	21	"	377	247	39	12
Zillah of Masulipatam	4588	917	25	16	100	10	"	"	4688	927	25	16
Zillah of Guntoor &c.	21 [illegible]08	4364	33	48	11,722	1172	8	48	33530	5537	"	16
Nellore and Angole	"	"	"	"	9896	989	26	15	9896	989	26	15
Zillah of Vizagapatam	"	"	"	"	757	75	29	30	757	75	29	30
Chicacole and Ganjam	1,300	"	"	"	200	"	"	"	1500	"	"	"
Ceded Districts	"	"	"	"	2691	433	37	40	2691	433	37	40
Southern Division of Ditto	"	"	"	"	1305	319	15	24	1305	319	15	24
Northern Division of Do.	"	"	"	"	1201	120	9	40	1201	120	9	40
Zillah of Salem	"	"	"	"	116	11	27	"	116	11	27	"
Coimbatore	"	"	"	"	4377	408	41	20	4377	408	41	20
Zillah of Ramnad &c.	"	"	"	"	16926	2072	16	28	16926	2072	16	28
Northern Division of Canara	3598	367	31	66	2907	156	6	40	6505	523	41	20
Southern Division of Do.	260	136	9	25	2105	303	9	69	2365	438	19	14
Island of Seringapatam	"	"	"	"	44790	4990	3	10	44790	4990	3	10
Tanjore &c.	7907	1865	16	64	15378	1537	39	48	23285	3403	3	32
Trichinopoly	10465	2682	6	"	24259	3932	25	41	34724	6614	31	41
Tinnevel &c.	"	"	"	"	4032	777	21	68	4032	777	21	68
Malabar Province	1975	428	23	21	4788	964	23	68	6763	1393	5	9
Total	53406	12211	10	22	[illegible]02	28605	36	34	24308	40823	6	56

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Inoculated and Vaccinated under the Madras Government together with the Total Charges incurred on the foregoing Accounts from 1st November 1804 to 31st January 1805 inclusive, and from 1st May 1802 when expence was first incurred on that account, to the 31st January 1805 inclusive, distinctly in each Collectorate.—

From 1st November 1804 to 31st January 1805									Grand Total								
Small Pox Inoculation			Vaccine Inoculation			Total			Small Pox Inoculation			Vaccine Inoculation			Total		
Number of Persons Successfully Inoculated	Total Amount of Charges of every description on this account and in promoting Inoculation		No. of Persons Successfully Vaccinated	Total Amount of Charges of every description on this account and in promoting the introduction of the Cow Pox		Total Number of Persons Inoculated and Vaccinated	Total Charges incurred on the foregoing Accounts		No. of Persons Successfully Inoculated	Total Amount of Charges of every description on this account and in promoting Inoculation		No. of Persons Successfully Vaccinated	Total Amount of Charges of every description on this account and in promoting the introduction of the Cow Pox		Total Number of Persons Inoculated and Vaccinated	Total Charges incurred on the foregoing Accounts	
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	Sp.s 8		6.		Sp.s f		6	Sp.s 1		6		Sp.s 1		6	Sp.s f		6	Sp.s f		6
"	"	"	"	1074	476	26	60	1074	476	26	60	443	1236	10	60	30100	8012	32	2	30543	9249	"	62
"	"	"	"	693	183	29	20	693	183	29	20	"	"	"	"	2317	873	"	"	2317	873	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	122	222	18	42	255	25	21	"	377	247	39	42
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4588	917	25	16	100	10	"	"	4688	927	25	16
"	"	"	"	5957	595	29	32	5957	595	29	32	21802	4364	33	48	17607	1760	38	"	39437	6132	29	48
"	"	"	"	3667	366	29	31	3667	366	29	31	"	"	"	"	13503	1356	13	46	13503	1356	13	46
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	757	75	29	30	757	75	29	30
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"	"	"	"	209	20	40	40	209	20	40	40	"	"	"	"	16122	3725	15	27	16122	3725	15	27
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"	"	"	"	7568	756	34	56	7568	756	34	56	"	"	"	"	36530	4130	19	76	36530	4130	19	76
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"	"	"	"	444	113	25	70	444	113	25	70	360	135	9	75	2540	606	8	30	3340	643	8	30
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"	"	"	"	137	51	36	60	137	51	36	60	"	"	"	"	4167	779	16	45	4167	779	16	45
"	"	"	"	5025	588	31	40	5025	588	31	40	19775	428	23	21	94213	1553	13	28	113988	1931	36	49
"	"	"	"	77725	9025	"	61	77725	9025	"	61	53006	12220	22	27	376390	39	15	32833	49235	7	27	

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(Signed) W. Higginson
D. A. G.

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Read the following letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government at Fort William

To George Buchan Esqre

Chief Secretary to the Government
at Fort St George

Sir.

From the Chief Secretary to the Government at Fort William Reporting the intention of the Governor General to withdraw the Troops from Balambangan

His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council having been pleased to determine that all the Troops now serving at Balambangan shall be conveyed to Prince of Wales' Island there to await the further Orders of Government, and that the Detachment of Bengal Sepoy Volunteers under the Command of Major Dick, which lately proceeded to that Island from the Port of Trincomallee shall return to Bengal immediately after the arrival at Prince of Wales Island of the Troops from Balambangan, I am Commanded by His Excellency in Council to communicate to you this arrangement for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St George.

The

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2 The Committee of Embarkation
at this Presidency has been ordered to adopt the ne-
cessary measures for carrying the arrangement into
execution.—

I have the honor to be
Fort William Sir &c &c
the 22d March 1805 (Signed) J. Lumsden
Chief Secy to the Government.

Read the following letter from
the Secretary to the Government at Fort William:—

George Strachey Esqre
Secretary to the Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort William — Requesting that four eight Inch Brass Howitzers may be sent to that Presidency by the first opportunity—

I am directed by His Excellency
the Most Noble the Governor General in Council
to desire you will Communicate to the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council, the wish
of the Governor General in Council, that 4 Eight
Inch Brass Howitzers may be sent from Fort
Saint George to this Presidency by the earliest
opportunity

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opportunity.

Fort William
2d April 1805

Sam 8th 8th
/Signed/ S. Hook
Secretary to Government

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Military Board with directions to comply with the application therein stated.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding in Cuttack.

George Strachey Esqre
8th 8th 8th

Sir,

From the Officer Commanding in Cuttack Respecting retrenchments against the Quarter Master of the Madras European Regiment—

I take the liberty of requesting you to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosed Copy of a letter addressed to me by Captain Waugh late Quarter Master of the Madras European Regiment.

2 I have further the honor to enclose the Copy of my Letter to Captain Andrews referred to in the above authorising the establishment he entertained and

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and which the Military Auditor General at Fort St George has retrenched.

3 The peculiar situation in which the Madras European Regiments is placed by serving within the limits of the Bengal Presidency, has entitled it to the continuance of Field allowances in common with the Army under the Supreme Government.

4 His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General having been pleased to authorize me to erect temporary buildings as Barracks for the Madras European Regiment, they have long since occupied those buildings, and on their taking possession of them, it appeared to me unavoidably necessary to make some arrangements for keeping the Barracks in a state of cleanliness without attention to which, I could not expect the men to continue healthy.

I trust that it will appear to the

5 Right Honorable the Governor in Council that every possible regard to economy in the disbursement of the Public money has been manifested by the very small proportion

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proportion of the Garrison on Peace establishment, I directed to be entertained, and I have the honor of assuring his Lordship that with the view of attaining the proposed objects, it would appear impracticable to reduce the numbers I authorized the Quarter Master to engage.—

6 I have very humbly to entreat that if His Lordship's sanction cannot be granted to the continuance of this extra establishment under the circumstance of the case, that his pleasure may be signified to me on the discontinuance of it; but that as the reandited retrenchment has only now reached the Deputy Paymaster in Calcutta the Charge for the past time may receive his Lord-ships sanction.—

7 The difficulty I would almost say the impossibility of strictly adhering to the Regulations of both Governments in a situation partaking of each is such as I trust will induce his Lordship especially to permit such trifling deviation from his established rules and regulations as

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as circumstances may appear to require, and particularly where the health and convenience of the Troops are so materially concerned.—

It would further appear — & extremely unjust to the Madras Troops serving in Cuttack to put them on Garrison allowances or half batta where their services are at least = equal to those of the other Presidency; but unless his Lordships special Sanction be given for the extra charge of the small proportion of the Garrison establishments which have been unavoidably entertained, the Corps must be put on the Peace establishment to entitle them to the attendance of a discription of Persons considered indispensibly necessary for the preservation of the health of the men, by keeping their Barracks and Officers in a proper state of cleanliness.

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

(Signed) Geo. Harcourt
Colonel

Cuttack
March 30th 1805

Copy

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Copy of a Letter from Captain Gilbert Waugh of the Madras European Regiment to Colonel George Harcourt, Dated Cuttack March 28. 1805.

Sir

When Quarter Master of the Madras European Regiment, in conformity to your Orders of the 19th January 1804, I entertained the following Barrack Establishment Viz.t Sweepers 12, Sotties 6 and 1 Lamp Lighter which have been kept up ever since for the use of the Corps, but you will perceive by the enclosed Copy of the Military Auditor Generals Remarks on this Charge, that the same has been retrenched and regularly deducted Month after Month from my Pay and allowances which has put me to considerable inconvenience, I therefore beg that you will do me the favor to adopt such measures as you may deem expedient to relieve me from the loss I have sustained, in answering the several retrenchments from my private funds, as the amount of this contingent charge has been regularly disbursed by me on account

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account of the public Service.

I have further to remark that in answer to the Auditor Generals remarks on this charge I forwarded him a Copy of your orders authorising the Barrack Establishment, and at the same time requested he would lay the same before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council should he not consider himself warranted to pass the Bill on Beaudit, but as the Military Paymasters accounts have returned unaudited and this Contingent charge still continues to be retrenched I am induced to intrude on your goodness in soliciting your Assistance.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Gilbert Waugh

Captain Madras European

Regiment

A true Copy

(Signed) Geo. Harcourt

Colonel

Extract

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Extract from the Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General on the Disbursements of Major George Hutchinson Paymaster to the Northern Field Detachment for the Month of June 1804—

Vouchers

Suspense account 1802/3

Field Establishment

Madras European Regiment

Quarter Master's Department

1st Lieutenant G. Waugh Quarter Master draws allowance for Toties, Sweepers, Lamp Lighters, Oil and Chatties for April

Pagodas 28. 6.—

Retrenched, Barrack articles not being allowed to the Troops in the receipt of Batta. 28 6.

Total Star Pagodas 28 6.

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 6th October 1804. Pay Office Cuttack 24th October 1804

A true Extract
(Signed) Geo: Hutchinson
Major, Paymaster

A true Copy.
(Signed) Gilbert Waugh
Captain Madras European Regiment

Copy

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Copy of a Letter from Colonel George Harcourt to Captain Augustus Andrews commanding the Madras European Regiment, dated Cuttack 19th January 1804.—

Sir,

My attention having been called to the necessity of taking measures for the preservation of the health of the Men of the Madras European Regiment, and considering cleanliness in the first instance as likely to be conducive to that end, I authorize you to cause to be provided the following Establishments of Lotties and Sweepers notwithstanding the Corps is on Field allowances, and you will be pleased to take measures for providing the same accordingly.—

12 Sweepers
6 Lotties
1 Lamp lighter

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

/Signed/ Geo. Harcourt
Colonel

A true copy

/Signed/ George Harcourt
Colonel.

Ordered

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Ordered that the Military Auditor General be instructed to admit the charges for Barrack Articles and Servants submitted with the foregoing letter - in consideration of the particular Circumstances attending the situation of the Troops of this Establishment serving in Cuttack -

Read the following letter from the acting Resident at Poonah -

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

From the Acting Resident at Poonah - on the subject of Exchange at that place - proposing that the Chandore Rupee may be in future of the same value as the Company's Rupee of Madras and Bombay -

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a Copy of a letter which I yesterday addressed to Colonel Wallace -

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

Poonah
2d April 1805

(Signed) Tho.s Sydenham

To Colonel William Wallace
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

When the Army under the Command

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Command of Major General The Honorable Sir
Arthur Wellesley first arrived here in 1803, Consi-
derable difficulty was from obvious causes experi-
enced in the transaction of all Money Concerns—
The Shroffs and Merchants at this place then
refused to take the Companys or Madras Rupees
at the same Valuation as the Chandore one, although
the former was then considered to be intrinsically
at least as valuable as the latter.—

In consideration of the Circum-
stances of the time, however, it was judged proper
to give way to the Shroffs and General Wellesley
accordingly desired that one Hundred Chandore
Rupees should be considered equal to 101 3/4 Co.
Company's Rupees.

This difference has ever since
been observed by the Paymaster to the Troops.—

A few Months after the rule
was established, it was found that the Company's
Rupee generally passed here at a higher Valuation
than the Chandore Rupee, and this still continues

to

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to be the case.—

A few Months since these Coins were assayed at the request of Colonel Close, by the assaymaster to the Government of Bombay, and it was found that the Company's rupees were about 3 ℘ Cent better than the Chandore rupees—since therefore both the intrinsic and exchangeable value of the Company's rupees is greater than that of the Chandore rupee, it is plain that we should no longer depreciate by our own regulations the value of our own Coins.—

Such depreciation cannot now be warranted by any just principles, and the inconvenience which it occasions by rendering the public accounts more complicated is another consideration which recommends its being discontinued—I therefore request you will direct the Payomaster to Consider the Chandore Rupee to be in future of the same value as the Company's Rupees of the Madras and Bombay—Viz.o 350 per 100

Star

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Star Pagodas.—

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

Poonah 1st April 1805

(Signed) Tho.s Sydenham.

A true Copy

(Signed) C. T. Russell

Assistant to the Residency

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Military Auditor General.—

Read the following letter from the Committee appointed for the purpose of making a further Valuation of the Ordnance &c.a captured at Seringapatam.—

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 6.th Instant of your Dispatch dated the 29.th Ultimo with its several enclosures.—

Having received from Captain Scott the enclosed letter stating his inability to join in

From Major Wilks and Mr. J. H. Taylor Captain Scott requests to be relieved from the duties of the Committee appointed to value the ordnance &c.a captured at Seringapatam.—

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perform the duties allotted to him in your dispatch,
we request the farther instruction of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council for supplying
the place of that Officer.—

We have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) M. Wilkes.
J. H. Pole

Mysore
9th April 1805

Major M. Wilks.
&c. &c.

Sir

From your having intimated
to me that the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council has been pleased to nominate me
conjointly with yourself and Mr. Pole to form
a Committee for the valuation of Captured Ord-
nance and other Stores in the fort of Seringa-
patam, I beg leave to state to you, that the
constant and unremitting attention required of
me in my situation as Public Agent, would
alone, under the present pressure of business, render
it

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it perhaps detrimental to the public Service, my
being called upon to perform any other duty, add
to which a long series of ill health for upwards of
12 Months past, causing me to feel even my
necessary & indispensible duties some what fatiguing,
and Mr Anderson Superintending Surgeon
of My sons having strongly recommended to me
a temporary change of Climate, a Copy of whose
Certificates I have the honor to annex, I am incli-
-ned to hope that under such circumstances on
your representation the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council will be indulgently pleased
to exonerate me from the duties of a Member
of the Committee.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Seringapatam
8th April 1805

/Signed/ J. G. Scott
Public Agent &c

Captain Scott Public Agent for the construction
of Ordnance Carriages &c having suffered severly
from

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from attacks of fever to which he has been liable for these last twelve Months, I am of opinion that a Change of Climate has become absolutely necessary for the re-establishment of his health and do recommend him to take an early opportunity of going to the Sea Side.—

(Signed) A. Anderson
Superintending Surgeon
Mysore

Seringapatam
3d April 1805.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. G. Scott
Public Agent

Ordered in consequence that the following Letters be dispatched.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Bell
of Artillery at
Seringapatam

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having been pleased to relieve Captain Scott from the duty on which it was His Lordships

To Lieutenant Colonel Bell of Artillery at Seringapatam — appointed a Member of the Committee for surveying the Province &c. captured at Seringapatam.—

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Lordships intention to have employed that Officer as a Member of the Committee which has been recently constituted at Seringapatam for the Survey of the Stores captured at that place, I am directed to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council has been pleased to appoint you to officiate as a Member of that Committee, and you will accordingly be guided by the instructions which have been already transmitted for the regulation of its conduct.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Geo. Buchan

Chief Sec.y to Government

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16th April 1805

To Major Wilks

and

Mr. J. H. Pole

Gentlemen

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant and to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased in consideration of the Circumstances stated by Captain Scott to relieve that

To Major Wilks and Mr. J. H. Pole—
Captain Scott relieved from the duty of officiating as a member of the Committee for the Survey of Stores &c. captured at Seringapatam, Colonel Bell appointed to that duty.—

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that Officer of the duty of Officiating as a Member of the Committee appointed for the Survey of the Stores captured at Seringapatam.

His Lordship in Council has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Robert Bell of the Artillery for the execution of that duty in the room of Captain Scott, and I have the honor to transmit the Copy of a Letter which has been dispatched to Lieutenant Colonel Bell for your information.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

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16th April 1805

[Signed] Geo. Buchan
Chief Sect to Government

Read the following letter from Colonel Oliver.

To George Buchan Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

From Colonel Oliver Requesting an adjustment of his Accounts.

Having obtained permission to return to Europe, I request that you will be pleased to apply to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for an Order

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Order to be sent to the Military Auditor General to adjust my Offreckonings in the same manner, and to the same extent, as have been granted to other Officers; and that you would be further pleased to send me an order for Captain Welldon Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship Indus, to receive me and my baggage on board.—

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

Madras
11th April 1805

(Signed) I. Oliver
Colonel Commandg 1st Reg.t
Native Infantry

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be instructed to adjust the arrears of Offreckonings which may be due to

Read the following letters.

To the Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Officer Comm.g the Artillery at the Mount—Requesting that reports may be made to the Barracks at that place.

I beg leave to acquaint you for the Information of the Right Hon.ble the Head Quarters of the Troops ordered to be formed for

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this Establishment being fixed at the Mount,
I have the honor to submit for the Consideration of
the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the
expediency of directing the whole of the building,
called the "New Barrack" part of which only is
now under repair to be repaired, so that it may
afford accommodation to the European part of that
Troop being conveniently situated to the intended
Lines of that Corps.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
[Signed] Robt. Bell
Coll. Artillery Commandg

Mount
10th April 1805

Ordered that a Copy of the fore-
-going letter be transmitted to the Military Board
with directions for authorising the repairs therein
recommended.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

On the Establishment of the Insti-
tution

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency - Requesting allowance for additional Servants -

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Institution for the instruction of Gentlemen Cadets in Military drawing &c. I was applied to for a Barrack Servants for the two Houses which have been rented by Government for their accommodation, and in consequence supplied to each House, One Soty, One Sweeper, and the Water Women, being the Number usually allowed to Quarters of that extent, but, as these buildings, not being considered Military have not been placed under my Charge I am not furnished with any authority to draw pay for the Servants whom I have supplied from the 25th of February and have, therefore, to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will grant me an Order to provide and draw pay for these people from that period.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

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[Signed] G. Warburton.
Barrack Master Presy
Division.

Ordered. That authority be given for the employment of the additional establishment of

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of Servants stated in the foregoing Letter, and that the Military Auditor General be instructed to admit the Charge already incurred on that account.—

To George Buchan Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Major John Reid Late Master at the Molucca Islands applies for an allowance for Stationary.—

I herewith have the honor to transmit you a Certificate from the Import Ware House Keeper, Certifying that I never received any Stationary from this Presidency during my Appointment as Master Master to the Molucca Islands, which I request you will do me the favor to communicate to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and I trust His Lordship in Council will not consider 5 Pagodas per Month too great a charge for the Supply of my Office, when it is considered that every Article of Stationary was exorbitantly dear in the Islands, and the Master Masters were regularly supplied from the Import Ware House in India.—

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

Madras
14th April 1805

/Signed/ John Reid Major late Master Master to the Molucca Islands

This

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This is to Certify that Major John Reid late Muster Master at the Moluccas Islands did not indent or receive any supply of Stationary Ware from the Company's Stores of this Presidency from the Month of January 1797 to March 1802.—

/Signed/ Jas. Taylor.
In Charge.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be referred to the Military Auditor General for his opinion and report.—

To George Strachey Esqre
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Captain G. M. Mac Gregor. Relative to a retrenchment against him.—

On my arrival here yesterday from the Presidency I was honored with your letter of the 26th Ultimo, and I now lament that I have already intruded on his Lordship a matter which I have no document to support. I can only merely state that Colonel MacNeile having in his Correspondence with Government recommended me to succeed

Captain

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Captain Hutland in the Office of Acting Deputy Judge Advocate, he considered the silence of Government on the subject as an acquiescence, and desired me to draw ten Shillings pr. diem for a period of twelve or thirteen Months until I was appointed Civil Resident of Tapanoor by Mr. Farquhar in September 1800, I then discontinued drawing the above allowance.

I acknowledge it was hardly reasonable in me to expect a decision in my favor having so little to advance in support of the Claim, it would however be painful to my feelings that the Right Honorable his Lordship in Council should for a moment suppose that I drew the Money not conceiving myself then entitled to it. I shall no farther intrude on His Lordships time than thus to say that I acted two years and a half as Resident of Tapanoor during which time I devoted myself entirely to the support of the interests of Government and the National Character, laying all private Considerations aside. A

copy

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Copy of one instance of the approbation of my Superiors previous to that period I have presumed to enclose with a hope that it might incline his Lordship to think more favourably of me than that I should have drawn that money not supposing myself entitled to it – I was actually desired to draw it and being immediately afterwards placed in an expensive Civil Situation I spent it, otherwise it would be no handship on me now to refund the amount.

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

Camp near
Bellary
25th February 1805

[Signed] G. M. McGregor
Capt. 2d Batt. 5 Reg.t
Native Infantry

To Lieutenant Colonel Daniel McNeile
Commanding the Forces at the
Molucca Islands

Sir

The duties of the Hongy being now
accomplished

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accomplished I cannot refrain from informing you (with knowing the pleasure you will experience in the participation) that all the objects of this extensive Tour have succeeded to the full extent of my most sanguine expectation. Nor can I with any justice in Communicating to you my sentiments on the result of so important an Expedition to the Interests of our Honorable Masters pass over unparticularized the zealous and able assistance I experienced throughout from Lieutenant M.Gregor whose unremitted attention to support that dignity which is so necessary on such an occasion, and whose prompt, and accurate judgement in all Circumstances that occurred will even hold the highest Claim to the Esteem &

Gratitude and respect of

Sir &c. &c.

Amboyna (Signed) R. T. Farquhar

2nd December 1799 Resident

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be instructed to submit his sentiments on Claim preferred in the foregoing letter.

To

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From Dr Henry Harris - submits a claim for a Balance due to him from the Company since 1790

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

My Lord

Accompanying I have the honor to submit to your Lordship in Council copy of an unadjusted claim due to me from your Honorable Government from December 1790; to the Nature and amount of which claim that Document will speak; — and to the liquidation of which balance I rely that the considerations and justice of your Honorable Board will be pleased to condescend its usual attention. —

It must no doubt, my Lord, Strike your Lordship in Council with surprize that a balance so demonstrably and justly due to me, should — have (apparently) lain over unclaimed by me for so long a period. — A few words however in explanation will I trust suffice under favor of your indulgence to establish that the blame of not having sooner to follow it up sooner, is still no ways attributable

to

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to me.—

When Admiral Cornwallis —
returned to the Coast (the period fixed for settling this
balance with me) from Bombay in 1791, I was
actually on Service in the field — in the Mysore
Country — When I again returned to the Presidency
from the field the Admiral was again away with the
Fleet at Bombay.—

I was subsequently sent to the
Eastward with the Troops that Captured Malacca,
and presently afterwards with another Detach-
ment to Amboyna. — In 1797 I returned to
Madras; — and immediately applied for the balance
due me (on account of the Sick of His Majesty's Navy
so long before) at the Military Paymasters Generals
Office. — but the Original receipts of that Copy
which I have now the honor to exhibit (as Mr.
Roebuck well recollects) was not to be found at
that Office nor any of the Vouchers appertaining to it.
My own Copies of all these papers had been
mislaid during these long Intervals of absence
in

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in the Field or beyond Sea on such various and distant Services — I think it most probable My Lord, however, that they had been lost in the St Thomas which was taken by the enemy on her passage from Amboyna to Malacca along with a pacquet of public and private papers which Lieutenant Mathews had put on board that Ship for me —

In 1800 on my last return from the Eastward to the Coast I renewed my application and enquiries at the same Office (as Mr Roebuck can ascertain to your Honorable Board if necessary) but then again with no better success than in our former Search in 1797 —

About ten days ago my Lord being at last Set Right in the Circumstance of the Channel thro which this indispensable Voucher was to become at — and finding that the Transaction belonged to the Civil Paymaster Generals Department, I have the honor to inform your Lordships

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in Council that I then and there discovered my
original receipt which had been so long missing
and lost to me from the accident stated —

The Commissary Generals
report to your Board and Minutes of your
Honorable Council on this subject in October
and November 1790 with the letter of your
Military Secretary to his Excellency the Admiral
about the End of May or beginning of June 1791
respecting it, are Documents amply sufficient to
shew the Identity and actual right I have all
along had to this outstanding Balance, if I had
been fortunate enough to have come at my receipt
sooner —

As the balance thus unequivo-
=cally due to me for nearly fifteen years in an
Arrear of Money advanced by me for the com-
=forts and supplies of the Sick of His Majesty's
Navy, then suffering under an afflictive epidemic
brought round by the Phenix and Ariel from
Bengal and expressly placed under my own
individual

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individual and immediate Care.—

I most respectfully beg to
submit to the further Consideration of your
Lordship in Council how far it may be just and
reasonable that it be made payable to me with
such a rate of Interest as your Lordship may
be pleased to consider as an Equivalent to the
loss & Inconvenience resulting to an Individual so ill
able as myself to afford a Sum of Money of this
Amount, to remain so long unemployed, while
paying a heavy rate of Interest himself to the
public.—

Madras
April 12th 1805.

(Signed) Henry Harris
M. D. and Surgeon
Received of the Paymaster General
the Sum of Eight hundred Star Pagodas on
part of Twelve hundred and twenty five Pagodas
Twenty nine fanams and forty Cash due to me
from His Majestys Fleet for Bazar Medicine,
Wines and all other Contingent supplies furnished
by me to the Sick Seamen sent into the General
Hospital

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Hospital Madras from February 23d to September 30th 1790 inclusive —

(Signed) Henry Harris M.D.
Medical Storekeeper Genl.
Hospital

Madras
6th December 1790

(Signed) B. Roebuck
Mil.y Paym.r Genl.

The above Sum of Pagodas 800 To be advanced

By Order
(Signed) J. Chamier
Secretary

A true Copy
(Signed) Henry Harris

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Military Auditor General and that he be directed to state his opinion on the Claim therein mentioned. —

To His Excellency
Lord. William C. Bentinck
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

When Solicited and obtained the favour

From M.r Pfeyffer Inspector of the French establishment Requesting to be sent to the Isle of France —

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permission of Government to stay in India, I flattered myself that, my profession would have procured me a suitable subsistence – Had my hopes been realized, I should, with your Consent, My Lord, have definitively fixed my residence in this Town, but the Armenians on whom I have attended, far from acknowledging the assiduous care with which I treated them, have not even reimbursed me in the expense of the Medicines with which I furnished them; and which amounting to a Considerable Sum, owing to my situation, has absorbed more than my means, and has left me indebted to those by whom they were supplied.—

In this unfortunate situation I find myself forced, with great regret, to renounce the favor that Government was so good as to grant me, and to supplicate your Excellency, to consider me as one of the prisoners under the last Capitulation of Pondichenry, and to send me to the Isle of France, where part of my effects are or to Europe. —

I am

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Madras
31st March 1805

(Signed) P. Gay
M. S.

Mme Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble.
French Translator to
Government

Resolved that M. Gay be permitted to proceed to the Isle of France and to receive three Months pay at the rates of allowances assigned to him at the period of the Surrender of the French Troops at Pondicherry and that the Military Auditor General be instructed to authorise the payments as soon as may be practicable. —

To George Buchan Esqre

&c &c &c

Sir

From Captain Blair
W. A. Douglas of
His Majesty's 69th
Regiment Respecting
recruits for 69th

I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of Government a Copy of the instructions I received from the Government of Ceylon relative to raising one hundred Troops for that

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that Island.

Madras
12th April 1805

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
/Signed/ Chas. W. A. Douglas
Captain Ho. M. Ceylon
Regiment

To Captain Douglas
His Majesty's Ceylon Regiment

Sir

His Excellency the Governor having been pleased to approve of a Proposal of the Commander of the Forces to send a Recruiting Party to the Coast, for the purpose of procuring One hundred Troopers for the Service of this Government; and Major General Wemyss having informed His Excellency that he had appointed you to Command this Party, I am directed to acquaint you, that you will be allowed, while employed on this Service, the Pay and full Batta of your Rank.

The Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates attached to your Party will be allowed one Fanam per day Extra and as an Encouragement

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Encouragement for Recruits to Enlist. His Excel-
-lency is pleased to authorize you to pay to them
Bounty Money, not exceeding Thirty Rix Dollars
Ceylon Currency per man, — the amount of which
will be passed in your Accounts for such number
as may be approved of.—

The Governor has instructed Mess.rs Sautour & Co.y of Madras to advance to you such sums of Money as you may from time to time require in the execution of this Service, and I am particularly to desire that you will furnish Mr. Wood Paymaster General here with regular monthly Accounts of your receipts and Disbursements and detailed instructions from the Commander of the Forces, in regard to the Age, Height, Health &c. of the men to be enlisted, and on every other subject Connected therewith. I have therefore only to add that His Excellency desires that you will on no account, whatever take any steps in the execution of this Service entrusted to your care, without the Knowledge and

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and entire Concurrence of the Government of Fort Saint George, and of the proper local authorities under it, of whose Cordial Assistance and Cooperation His Excellency entertains no doubt.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Columbo
13th March 1805

/Signed/ Robt Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary

A true Copy
/Signed/ Chas W. A. Douglas
Captain H. M. Ceylon
Regiment

To the Chief Secretary of Government

Sir

From Captain A. Ball of His Majestys Ceylon Regiment — Requesting authority to proceed to the Southward for the purpose of raising Tamuils for the service of Ceylon —

I have the honor to enclose Copies of instructions which I received from the Chief Secretary to Government of Ceylon and from the Deputy Adjutant Generals Office by which the Officers employed on the recruiting service for Colonial Battalion Corps are to be regulated —

I have to request you will lay them before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and obtain for me His Lordships authority to

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to proceed to the Southward for the purpose of
performing the Service on which I have been
ordered.—

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

(Signed) Robert Ball
Capt. & Coll. Baillie's
Regiment

Madras
Adjutant Gen.l Office
for Kings Troops. April
15. 1805

To Captain A. Ball
Colonel Baillie's Regiment

Sir,

His Excellency the Governor
having been pleased to approve of a proposal of the
Commander of the Forces to send detached parties
to the Coast for the purpose of Enlisting Recruits
for the Sepoy Regiment ordered to be raised for the
Service of India in general, and Major General
Wemyss having informed His Excellency that he
had appointed you to the Command of one of these
parties, I am directed to acquaint you that you
will be allowed, while employed on this Service,
the pay and full batta of your Rank, as will
also

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also the other officers who accompany you on this service

and the native officers attached to your party:-

The Non. Commissioned officers

and privates attached to your party will be allowed

for Recruits to Enlist, His Excellency is pleased to

authorise you to pay to them Bounty Money, not

exceeding twenty Rix Dollars Ceylon Currency per

man, the amount of which will be passed in your

Accounts for such number as may be approved of

The Governor has instructed Messrs.

Soutow & Co. of Madras, to advance to you such sums

of Money as you may from time to time require in the

execution of this service, and I am particularly to desire

that you will furnish [illegible] Monthly accounts of your Receipts

here, with regular

and Disbursements:-

You will of course receive full

detailed instructions from the Commander of the Forces

in regard to the age Height Health &c. of the men

to be Enlisted and on every other subject connected

herewith

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therewith – I have therefore only to add that His Excellency desires you will on no account whatever take any steps in the execution of the Service entrusted to your Charge without the knowledge and entire concurrence of the Government of Fort Saint George and of the proper Local authorities under it, of whose Cordial assistance and Cooperation His Excellency entertains no doubt –

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

(Signed) Robt. Arbuthnot
Chief Secy to Government

Columbo
11th March 1805

A true Copy

(Signed) Robert Ball
Captain Colonel Baillies
Regiment

Captain Ball
of the Officers of the Colonel Baillies Regiment

The Commander of the Forces having ordered you to proceed to the Coast on the Recruiting Service and having directed the following Regulations and instructions to be complied with by all Officers employed on that Service, you will therefore be pleased to pay the strictest observance to them –

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No 1 On first arrival at any Town in the Territories of the Honorable East India Company you will previous to enlisting any man wait on the Commanding Officer of the Troops and the principal Civilian to whom you will make known the nature of the Service on which you are employed —

2 No man to be enlisted under the age of 18 or beyond that of 24 unless having been previously in the Service —

3 No Man to be enlisted under five feet, five Inch grown boys may be taken at 5 feet high —

4 The term of enlistment to be for seven years after the expiration of which period, such men as chose to reenlist will be entitled to a fresh bounty —

5 To every hundred men enlisted 10 half boy boys will be allowed to be attached —

6 Married Men will be allowed one Ceylon Rupee or Twelve fanams or twelve Sous of Rice gratis per Month —

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7 It is to be understood that the pay of a Sepoy is Eight Rix Dollars and Nine fanams out of which one fanam per day will be stopped for one Seer of rice —

8 No men to be attested without being examined by a Surgeon of Respectability whose Certificate will be indispensably necessary, as no allowances whatever either as Subsistence or passage Money will be allowed for those who may be rejected at Head quarters of the Regiment on account of a Confirmed or long standing disease —

9 Monthly Reports to be sent to the Deputy Adjutant Generals Office Columbo —

10 The bounty to be given is [illegible] Star Pagodas, one third of which may be paid to the Recruit on his being attested, but the remainder is to be kept and not paid to him till after his final approval at the Head quarters of the Corps —

A true Copy

Signed/ Robert Ball

Capt. 1st Bn Bullocks Regiment

Ordered

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Ordered that permissions be granted to Captains Douglas and Ball for executing the orders which they have received for obtaining recruits for the Service of the Island of Ceylon.

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

From Mr. John Rowley late Paymaster at this Presidency - Enclosing a Certificate of the final Adjustment of his accounts as Military Paymaster at this Presidency -

Sir, I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the Customary Certificate from the Military Paymaster General shewing that there are not any demands against me as late Paymaster at this Presidency -

I have therefore to request that the Security Bonds I was obliged to lodge with Government on my Nomination to the aforementioned office may be returned to me.

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

Fort St. George
5th April 1805

/Signed/ J. Rowley
Fort St. George 5th April 1805

I hereby Certify that no demands appear upon the Books of my Department against Mr. Jno. Rowley late Paymaster at the Presidency -

/Signed/ J. B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

Mil.y Paymr. Gen.l Office

Ordered

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Ordered that the personal and Security Bonds deposited by Mr Rowley as Paymr at the Presidency be returned to that Gentleman —

" Mcaulay

" W Page

" Jno Stamp

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