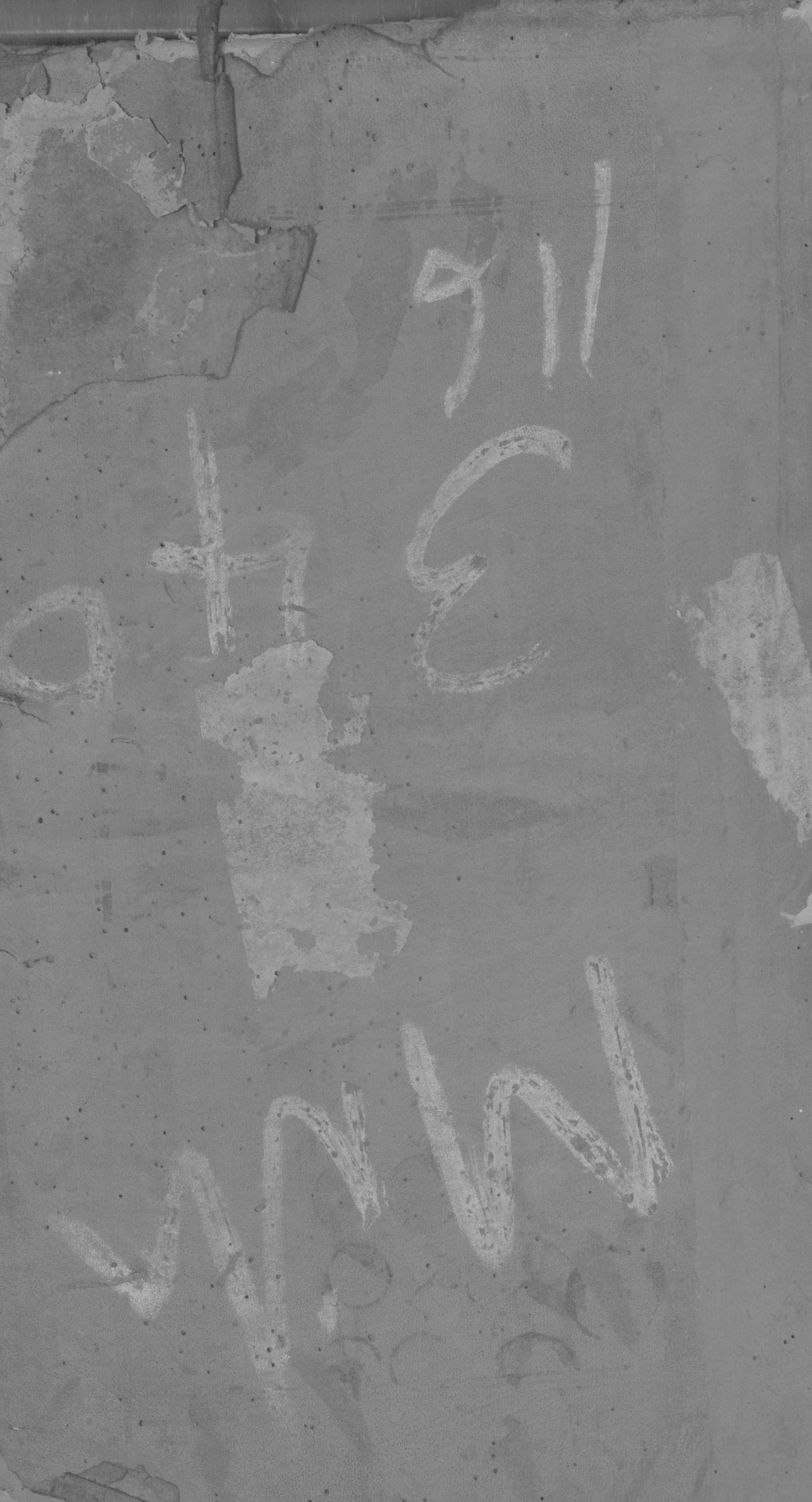


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I have the honor to be

Yea " Yea "

/Signed/ J. Brunton

Military Auditor General

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 6th " August 1805. —

Sent the following Letter.

To The Military Paymaster General

Sir,

To the Military Paymaster General — authorizing the acceptance of bills — an extract of a letter from the Accountant General enclosed, enjoining necessary references to Government on subjects of detail to be avoided.

Para 1 I am directed to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 2nd " Instant, and to acquaint you that the " Governor in Council permits you to Accept the Bills of Exchange thereon mentioned.

2 His Lordship in Council in further consideration of the convenience which will be afforded to the Officers of this Establishment who are at present Attached to the Subsidiary Force at Poonah by permitting the Continuance of such drafts, is pleased to give Authority for that purpose, so long as the Subsidiary Force shall be composed of troops of this Coast. — You will however submit Monthly for the information of His Lordship in Council a Statement of the bills which may be drawn under this Authority.

3 I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance the extract of a letter which has been Received from the

Accountant

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Accountant General — in Reply to the Communication from the Paymast
of the Ceded Districts submitted with your Letter of the 10th ult.mo —

4. His Lordship in Council directs me at the sa
time to observe that it is desirable that unnecessary References on
Subjects of detail, to the Governor in Council, should be avoided. —

/Signed/ G: Buchan
Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George
7th August 1805 —

Received and sent the following Letters
entered in W: B: Nos 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11: —

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort William —

From Captain Hook — Requesting a Supply
of Shot from the Arsenal of this Presidency. —

From the Secretary to the Government of Ceylon. —

From Mr Arbuthnot — stating that the
Amount due by Government for the conveyance of a detachment of
Colonel Ramsay's Regiment from Tapetoony to Ceylon will be plac
to the Credit of this Presidency. —

From the Acting Deputy Adjt General to the Kings Troops. —

From Captain Campbell — Requesting pay=
=ment of a bill for Passage Money and an Advance on Account of
Lieutenants Scale of His Majestys 19th Dragoons. —

From Ditto.

From Captain Campbell — Requesting
an Advance on Account of an Officer of His Majestys 19th Dragoon

To the Military Auditor General.

To the Military Auditor Generals — Enclos

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copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief with the Resolution in Consequence — To authorise Payment of the usual Allowance to a French prisoner of War — an Advance at Bombay on Account of this Presidency Reported — To authorise Payment of Bills &c. Recommended by the Military Board.

To the Military Paymaster General —

To the Military Paymaster General with the Military Auditor Generals Report on the Additional Estimate for the Current Month.

From the Town Major of Fort St George. —

Received a Letter from Captain Thomson Entered in Mr. B. No. 12 — Enclosing a letter from Mr Raikes late a Cadet soliciting an Allowance for his Subsistence.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

Friday the 9th August 1805. —

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

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

&

James Stra~~n~~ge } Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved

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The following Minutes of the Commander in Chief being returned from Circulation are Ordered to be Recorded.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minutes of the Commander in Chief submitting the Report of the Committee appointed to assemble on the Subject of the Deficiency of Grasscutters with the Cavalry Corps.

The Continued Deficiency of Grass-cutters in His Majestys 22d. Light Dragoons, Notwithstanding the efforts which have been made to ensure their Completion, rendered it Necessary for the Commander in Chief to lay the Matter again before Council, and, as the urgency of the case Required that the Question should be fully considered by some of the most experienced Cavalry Officers in the Service, the Commander in Chief directed a Committee, consisting of Major General Pater, Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy of His Majesty's 19th. Light Dragoons, and Lieutenant Colonel Floyer of the 4th. Native Cavalry, to Assemble, and Report generally, on the Subject of Grasscutters Attached to Cavalry Corps, and particularly on the probable Cause of the Deficiency of Followers of that Description in His Majesty's 22nd. Light Dragoons.

The Commander in Chief has now the Honor to Submit to the Consideration of the Board the Report of the Committee of Cavalry Officers, together with the several

× already recorded in mont.s 29th. April and 4th. July.

Papers

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Papers which had been transmitted for their Information.—

The Wisdom of Council will now determine the Question— The Commander in Chief withholds any pointed Recommendation of a Measure, that will entail upon the Military Establishment a permanent Charge.—

/Signed/ J. F. Cradock

Lieutenant General

Fort St. George
August 6th 1805.—

Fort St. George 31st July 1805

Proceedings of a Committee held this day by Order of His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir John Cradock K. B. Commander in Chief &c &c &c to enquire into and Report upon the subject of Grasscutters attached to the Corps of Cavalry in general, and whether the Present Pay allowed to followers of that description is sufficient to Ensure their attachment to their respective Corps; and likewise to investigate the causes of the present deficiency of Grasscutters existing in His Majesty's 22d Light Dragoons, and to Point out the best Means to Complete that Regiment with them and to Ensure their Continuance with it.—

President

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President

Colonel John Pater

Members

Lieutenant Colonel James Kennedy } and { Lieutenant Colonel Augustus Floyer.

The Committee having Perused and deliberated on the Papers submitted to its Consideration, Proceed to Remark that from the earliest formation of the Native Cavalry till a few Years Since, when the different Regiments were limited to employ One horsekeeper to every four Horses, The Horsekeepers Pay was Considered Established 5 Rupees, and that of the grasscutters 4 per Month; during which long Period the latter discription of followers were Mostly furnished with ease from the Numerous Families of the former, a horsekeeper being then Allowed to every Horse — No such Ready Source at this time Existing any way Near the Necessary Extent of Keeping the Regiments of Cavalry Complete with grass=cutters within themselves; to effect that very Essential Object, they Must of Course now Necessarily be drawn from the Villages of the Country, and are inconsequence not only unconnected, but Perfect Strangers in the Corps they Entertain in, which must Obviously to all Acquainted with the Prejudices of these People, be One of

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the Opposing Obstacles to Procuring such.

Besides, at or About the Period of the Reduction of Horse Keepers in each Cavalry Corps, the Pay of the Horsekeepers was Augmented to One Pagoda and half Each, and that of the Grasscutters diminished to One Pagoda per Month only: On that Principle this Arrangement took place it is hard to say, as the Labour of the latter is Even more incessant and Painfully severe than that of the former, Particularly in the Field when it becomes more than doubly so, and at all times subjects their Persons to be Constantly Exposed to the inclemency of the Weather throughout the Seasons of the Year, and frequently to Eminent Peril from the enemy - These Points having been Considered with the important and indispensible Utility of the grasscutters to the Corps of Cavalry, The Committee is of Opinion, that their Present Pay is inadequate to Procure and Attach with Certainty these discription of Followers to the Publick Service, and therefore Recommend that it may be encreas'd to 5 Rupees per Month.

The Causes of the deficiency of Grasscutters in His Majesty's 22nd Light Dragoons are Probably on Account of the Present Smallness of their Pay, The Reluctance

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the Natives have to leave their Villages, their Almost conquered dislike to become, by long Absence, alians them, and the many inconveniencies they experience as grass cutters when attached to Regiments of Cavalry, all of which Obstacles are removed by their Pay as above Recommended, will doubtless most effectually Remove.—

(Signed) J. Pater
Colonel Commanding the 3d
Brigade of Cavalry and President

The Officer Commanding
His Majestys 22d Light Dragoons
Bellary

Sir,

The Commander in Chief having submitted to the Board your Letter on the Subject of Grass cutters The Governor in Council has expressed his Surprize that so great a disorderly should exist in the 22d Light Dragoons when other Corps are so Amply supplied with Following that direction and His Lordship in Council has called upon Sir John Craddock to enquire Immediately into the Circumstances.

His

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I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) J. M. Hall

Head Quarters Choultry Plain
4th May 1805

Military Secretary

A true Copy

(Signed) J. M. Hall

Military Secretary

The Board having attentively

Considered the papers Recorded by the Commander in Chief on

the Subject of the pay of Grass cutters entirely concur with the

Measures Adopted by Sir John Cradock for the Accurate

investigation of the claims of that description of Public Followers

and as it Appears to be established that the present rate of hire is

inadequate and that without its Augmentation the Corps of Cavalry

may be Reduced to the greatest degree of inconvenience and

Material embarassment Occasioned to the Public Service. The

Board deem it indispensably Necessary that early Means

should be taken to prevent any consequence of that Nature.

From the facts stated by the Committee assembled

under the Authority of the Commander in Chief. The Board

do not consider the hire of five Rupees per Month, for each

Grass Cutter to be too high, and it is Resolved Accordingly to sanction the

Additional

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Additional Charge which will be incurred on that Account.—

Resolved that the Military Board

and the Military Auditor General be apprized of this Resolution.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I have the Honor to submit for

the information of this Board, Copies of Letters, from the late Colonel

Halibuston, and from Colonel Wallace of the 7th of July last,

Reporting Circumstances connected with a suspected disaffection in

the 6th Regiment of Native Cavalry serving with the Advanced

Army in the Deckan; together with a Copy of Lieutenant &

Colonel Doveton's Report to Colonel Halibuston after investigating

by His Order the Circumstances which had been Reported to him.—

It was my intention to have delayed

any Report untill the Result of the General Court Martial now

sitting on the Ringleaders, had put me fully in possession of the

Circumstances of the Case; but as public Rumour has exaggerated the

tale, I deem it my duty to submit at present the Reports of

Colonels Wallace and Halibuston; which shew, that a discontented

Native Officer had formed Connexion with a Person formerly

in the Service of Holkar, and suspected still to be in his employ, at the

Ostensibly seeking Service in the Nizams Army; that this Officer

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Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting copies of letters from the late Colonel Halibuston and from Colonel Wallace reporting circumstances connected with a suspected disaffection in the 6th Regiment of Native Cavalry.—

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had actively employed himself in seducing Men of the Regiment to join with him and quit the Service: that about thirty Non-Commissioned and Privates were thus implicated, some of whom had already dispatched their Families from Camp in the direction of Scindia's Dominions: and that similar intrigues were suspected to have influenced some Men of the Infantry Corps.—

It appears unnecessary at present, to submit a more extensive detail of these Circumstances to the Board; as there is no ground of belief that the Mischief has been of any great extent.— I have however deemed it proper to take Measures for withdrawing the 6th Regiment to Ahmednagur; and for its ultimate Relief and Return to the Carnatic.—

Fort St. George
August 6th 1805.

/Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

The Adjutant General of the Army

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army dated 20th Ultimo.—

I have the honor to inform you for the

information

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information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief that I had received intelligence that Jemadar in the 6th Regiment Native Cavalry was frequently in the habits of going to His Highness the Nizam's Camp, and Conversing with a Jemadar of Horse, but not in Service with any of His Highness the Nizam's Sirdars; I after a short time found these frequent Meetings were with a view to persuade several Men to desert the Honorable Company's Service to that of Holkar's, and that he had frequent Meetings for that purpose with several Men of that Regiment, and other Corps in the Force to desert, and holding out to them the Advantages of a great increase of Pay in that Service - A short time after I Received Intelligence that this Jemidar was going off, with several others of that Regiment, and that they had sent off their Families before them; I immediately sent to Lieutenant Colonel Doveton Commanding the Cavalry Brigade to seize the Jemidar, and such other Ringleaders as he suspposed were most concerned, and afterwards to parade the Regiment, and inform them that any Man who might be Concerned in this Transaction, should Receive a Pardon if he came forward with his Evidence against the Jemidar, and the others in Confinement, and give all the Information he was acquainted with Respecting their frequent Meetings. -. Several came forward at the Time and Mentioned fully

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the whole Circumstance, but I am sorry to say that two or three of the principal Men that came forward deserted, and in all seven Men went off the same Evening from the Regiment, and I found it Necessary to Order the Officer Commanding the 6th Regiment Cavalry to put such others of the Men who had given Evidence under Restraint and to prevent any more of them from going off.—

I then Ordered a Court of Enquiry, a Copy of the Proceedings of which I inclose /No 1/ and Ordered Colonel Doveton again to parade the 6th Regiment, and Make particular enquiry into the case of such a great Number of Men deserting, and to Report the same to me; a Copy of his Report No 3 and I found upon perusing it that one of the Chief Complaints appeared to be the inferior quality of the Rice, which I was sure was false, as there was no other Corps in the Force had made a similar Complaint.— I ordered a Committee of a Field Officer and two Captains to particularly examine and Report upon the Quality of the Rice, and also to have it beat and cleaned to the extent as is generally done by the Sepoys before they use it, a Copy of the Proceedings I inclose you /No 4/ by which it appears the loss sustained is very small, and the Complaint of the Regiment on that head was without Foundation.—

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I enclose you No. 2 a Memorandum which Captain Dickson Commanding the 6th Regiment sent to me after the Court of Enquiry was dissolved.—

After the Court of Enquiry was dissolved Colonel Wallace directed me to forward Charges against five Men, which I enclose Copies No. 5. and which I preferred against a Jemidar, 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue, and 2 Privates, who appeared to me to be the principals, and who were selected at first as the Ringleaders in this most infamous transaction, as will appear by the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry.—

Colonel Wallace has Ordered a Native General Court Martial for the trial of these Men and which is now sitting.—

I have the honor also to transmit you the Proceedings of a Brigade Court Martial No. 7. which I directed Lieutenant Colonel Doveton to Order in the Cavalry Brigade for the Trial of Bram Khan, Trooper in the 6th Regiment of Cavalry, and which Sentence I have ordered to be carried into execution, and have sent him out of His Highness the Nizam's Country, as I suppose it is probable that he may be Concerned with the others of that Corps, and I ordered the +

Deputy

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Deputy Adjutant General of the Force to sign his Discharge & Certificate, and not to forward it through the prescribed Channel, as it would have taken up a long period, before it would have been Returned, and I trust His Excellency will Approve of the Measure I have adopted with Respect to this Man.

I also transmit you a Copy of the Charges No 6. preferred by the Officer Commanding the 6th Regiment of Cavalry, against Meer Cummer ed Deen Private Trooper in that Corps, and I shall order the Native General Court Martial of which Syeang Mahomed Roshan is President to Reassemble for his Trial.

/Signed/ C. Heath
Acting Deputy Adjutant General
by Order of Colonel Halliburton
on Account of his Indisposition

Camp Near Seringapoor
7th July 1805.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ D. A. Agnew
Adjutant General of the Army

To
The Adjutant General of the Army
Sir

Colonel Halliburton to day transmits to

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I now the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry Assembled by his Order, to investigate certain Information he had Received of an Intention in a Similar, and some other Men of the 6th Regiment of Native Cavalry to Desert, and to enter into the Service of Jeswoent Rao Holkar.— These Proceedings, as also Lieutenant Colonel Doveton's Letter of the 28th ultimo, and the Report of the Committee which met on the 4th Instant to examine the Rice issued to the Troops (which are likewise forwarded to you by Colonel Halibuton) have been Submitted to me, and their perusal has strongly impressed me with an Opinion of the propriety of bringing those criminally im=plicated in this affair to immediate Trial, and as early as possible to that punishment which may by the Sentence of a General Native Court Martial be awarded them; and which by its severity might give an effectual Check to that discontent which has appeared in the 6th Regiment of Cavalry, and which, although not so general as perhaps to affect the dependance to be placed in that Corps, is, from the Advanced and peculiar Situation of this Force, of serious extent.— These Sentiments have induced me to Assemble a General Native Court Martial without waiting for the Approval from Head Quarters of the Crimes given in against the Prisoners, which are herewith enclosed; and which I trust I hope His Excellency the C=

Commander

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Commander in Chief will approve of.—

It has been our Aim to avoid the Crimes, so as to bring the Offence of the Prisoners under some Article of War capitally punishable; I should however not be surprised, from a defection of Evidence, if the Crime of enticing others to desert can only be proven against them, in which case their punishment could not extend to life.—

The Mogul Jemidar named Abdull=ah Khaeon, who appears by the Proceedings of the Court of Inquiry to have acted as an Agent of the Enemy's and to have been the prin=cipal leader in this transaction, is now in confinement, but there is no direct proof that he has been employed in this Affair by Holkar, or indeed much that he has enticed our Troops to desert— I shall therefore delay taking any Steps towards bringing him to punishment until it is seen what appears upon the Trial of the Jemidar of the 6th Regiment of Cavalry.—

Captain Welsh the Judge Advocate of this Force being at Poonah in Command of the 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment, I have appointed Captain Grenall of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment to officiate as Judge Advo=cate upon this Occasion.—

Signed

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/Signed/ W. Wallace

Colonel

Camp at Tullyfoor
7th July 1805.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ P. A. Agnew

Adjutant General

of the Army

Colonel Haliburton

Commanding the Force

serving His Highness the Nizam.

Sir,

In obedience to your order to inves-
-tigate and Report upon certain Circumstances, which have lately
occurred in the 6th Regiment Native Cavalry, and to ascertain
whether they were the effect of any causes of Complaint which
the Men might have: It was paraded yesterday Evening at 5: o'clock
in Review order, in their usual Troop Lines.

After having addressed the Men
generally, I proceeded to enquire individually, whether they laboured
under any grievance that had occasioned their late Conduct; or what
were the Causes which had induced them to deviate from their hitherto

Meritorious

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Meritorious behaviour.—

The reply of the great Majority was, that, "they had no Complaints to make," but in each Troop two or three, and in the 1st Troop several more Amounting in the Agregate to about thirty, stated some hardships which they conceived they sustained.—

The purport to the best of my Recollection was as follows.—

"That" from the very high price of every sort of Grain and Provisions, their being Necessarily expected to be Always clean and well dressed, which Obliged them to make frequent purchase, of Cloth for their Jackets and Pantaloons of an inferior Quality that did not wear long, especially when they had Horse Drill, and which was extremely dear, they found their pay, after deducting family stoppages, not sufficient to feed and clothe them."—

They likewise stated, that, "they received little benefit from the indulgence granted of half a Seer of Rice per day; it being of so very inferior a Quality, that at the time it was issued to them, a great deal was little better than dust, and that it never afforded more, than a Quarter Seer; that was to be eat.—

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They also added, that, after cleaning and watering their Horses, what with being made to Cow dung the Tents / a duty they did not conceive Applicable to Troopers / and cleaning their Arms and Accoutrements, those among them that had not followers, could find little Time to dress their Victuals.

These were the points which they spoke to, and altho' the Number I have before mentioned only addressed me, it was evident, that several others were of the same way of thinking.

After pointing out to them, that their Corps was superior to any other branch of the Service, and in my Opinion fully Adequate to their wants, Notwithstanding the price of the Necessaries of life; I reprimanded them for not stating the Circumstance of their Rice / if there were any grounds for it / Regularly thro' their Commissioned Officers to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, but that some among them, forgetting their duty and allegiance to the Company, had adopted a Line of Conduct, disgraceful to themselves, and unwarranted in any Situation, and which if persisted in, must bring on them condegin punishment.

They were exhorted to continue in their former Meritorious behaviour, and which until now had reflected

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so much Credit on all parties, to be careful not to listen to any Suggestions of pretended Advantages, as futile as false, held out to them by evil-minded persons, for the purpose of seducing them from their duty.

The Native Commissioned Officers were then Assembled, to whom was pointed out in the strongest Terms the very extraordinary Circumstance of their not detecting and giving Information to their Commanding Officer of the Machinations of the Jemidar who had been Arrested, before they had proceeded to such a length, as to implicate, and occasion the desertion of several of their best Men.

I observed to them that, it was impossible, but they must have Known of some Circumstances of the Mens discontent, which it was their duty to have immediately Reported; and cautioned them, to observe a greater degree of vigilance in future.

I cannot conclude Sir, this Report without respectfully observing that it appears to my perfect conviction, that the Regiment in general, are as well Affected to the Service; and as much to be relied on, as ever, and that the present Circumstances have entirely arisen from the artful practices of the Jemidar now in Confinement, who working on some of the mens minds,

by

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by the allurements of a large increase of pay, and exaggerating their present situation have induced a few of them to forget themselves, and the advantages they enjoyed in the Company's Service.

Camp 28th June 1805

(Signed) J. Doveton Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Cavalry Brigade

(A true Copy)

(Signed) C. Heath
Acting Deputy Adjutant General
N. S. F.

(True Copy)

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

Memorandum which has appeared since the Court of Inquiry has been dissolved.

Shaik Daud, Trooper in the 3d Troop informed me, that about the Month of March or April 1804 he received a Letter from Sirnidar Mahomed Hocktoom with directions to carry it to the Rajah of Nagpoor and to deliver it neither to himself, or to Alfer Dean his Minister, but upon no account to shew it to any body else, that he accordingly carried the Letter to Nagpoor and delivered it to Alfer Dean, who told him he would give it to the Rajah, at the

same

same time desiring him to come back in a few days and that he should have an Answer— About Ten Days after this Conversation Shaik David was sent for, and carried by Alfer Deen to the Rajah, who, after having taking the precaution of calling him where he could not be overheard, desired him to go back and inform the Zemidar, that he could not at that time listen to any proposals of the kind, as he had settled every thing with the Company, and had their Officers with him, Shaik David asked for an Answer in writing, which was refused by the Rajah, saying that a Letter might be found on him and discover the whole Business, on which Shaik David returned to Camp and related what passed to Mahomed Mocktoom.— when the foregoing transaction took place Shaik David was in the Zemidars Service, but has since been entertained in the Regiment.—

Gholam Dhustegeir Sawar to the 3rd Troop Reports, that about the Time abovementioned Sheriff Deen, who was then a Sawar in the Regiment, told him he had written a Letter for the Zemidar to the Rajah of Nagpoor intimating his wish to desert the Companys Service, with which he was disgusted, that he had intended to go over to him at the Battle of Argaum, but had not a good Opportunity and that he would at any Time that he (the Rajah) would appoint come into his Service, and bring as many men as possible

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with him.—

Abdul Ahmed Trooper states that while he was in the Lines on the Morning of the 24th June, Haidar Syed Hussain came to him and after trying to disguest him with the Service, asked him to Accompany him into some other, and to bring any of his Friends with him, that they all should have a great increase of Pay, that he himself and his Friends were to go off in a day or two either wounded, or on Foot, as Opportunities might occur.—

/Signed/ W. Dickson

/A True Copy/

/Signed/ C. Heath

Acting Deputy Adjutant General

N. S. F.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ P. A. Agnew

Adjutant General

The Board do not deem it Necessary to state any further Observation on the Report contained in the above Minute, further than to record their entire Concurrence in the measures which have been taken for the purpose of checking the supposed spirit of discontent among the Men of the 6th Regiment of Native Cavalry.—

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The Commander in Chief records the following Minutes.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in Chief Submits the Account of the Agent for Purchasing Horses for the last Remount, together with an extra Charge incurred in the Conveyance of Treasure to enclose the Godowny— Submits an Application from Mr Surgeon Steddy relative to Retrenchments against their observations thereon.—

No 1 I have the honor to lay before the Board the Account of Major Walker, Agent for the Purchase of Horses for the last Remount, and to Request that it may be forwarded to the Military Auditor General for Investigation.—

2 I also submit a Letter from Colonel Lang, at present in the Command of the Hyderabad Force enclosing a Charge for Extra expence in enclosing the Godowny with Treasure incurred by Captain Macintosh, Superintendant of Bungarees— The Account is Certified by Colonel Halibuton, late Commandant of the Subsidiary Force.— I have therefore to Recommend, that it be forwarded to the Military Auditor General.—

3 I further lay before Government an Application from Mr J. Steddy Surgeon to the 11th Regiment— praying that certain Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General may be done away.—

The Circumstances are so far back, as the Year 1792 and Comprehend a variety of Points, since Ascertained by Regulations, which make it very difficient for me to give an Opinion,

that

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that will, at the same time do Justice to the Individuals, and also not interfere with subsequent Arrangements and present Practice.

From what I can Collect from the Perusal of Mr Steddys Representation, It appears from an Annexed Paper No 1 that he is still at Liberty to bring forward his Case, before Council. If this be admitted, It seems that his Pretensions, to Pay and Allowances for the duty he performed, are Ascertained by a Letter from the Secretary to Government fixing them at a specific Rate No 2.

In my Opinion the Question is narrowed to these two Circumstances, but the Military Auditor General may see the case in a stronger Point of view, if the Papers be referred to him.

Fort St. George
9th August 1805.

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to submit a Bill for Remount Horses purchased for the Cavalry on this Establishment this last Season for the Consideration of your Lordship in Council, as it cannot be

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be passed in the Auditor Generals Office without the sanction of Govern=
=ment having been previously obtained.-

Arcot
2nd August 1805.

/Signed/ P. Walker Agent
for the Purchase of Horses

To

The Secretary to His Excellency the
Commander in Chief

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you a
Copy of a Letter from Captain MacIntosh giving cover to an Extra Expence
incurred in Crossing and Recrossing the Godavery River with Treasure for
the use of the Subsidiary Force, and I have to beg you will lay it before
His Excellency the Commander in Chief for the purpose of its being
submitted to Government for their Sanction for this Extra charge to be
passed, and the Authority to be given to the Office of Audit.-

/Signed/ Ross Lang
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding
Hydrabad Subsidiary Force

Camp near Tuttypoor
19th July 1805.-

To Lieutenant Colonel Lang
Commanding the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force.

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a Bill, Returned

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by the Military Auditor General for want of the Authority of Government to Admit it.

Beg you will forward it through the Regular Channel for that purpose.

/Signed/ A. Mackintosh
Capt. & Superintt of Bungaries

Camp 19th July 1805.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ C. Heath
Acting Deputy Adjutant General
N. L. F.

To The Secretary to His Excellency
the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you a Copy of a Letter from Mr Surgeon John Steddy 18th Regiment to me giving cover to a Letter Addressed to you, which I beg you will lay before His Excellency the Commander in Chief for the purpose that it may be submitted to Government for their decision.

/Signed/ Ross Lang
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding
Hydrabad Subsidiary Force.

Camp Near Suttypoor
19th July 1805.

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To Major Hall

Military Secretary

to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I Respectfully beg leave to transmit you to be laid before His Excellency the Commander in Chief for the Consideration of Government a Representation of the grievance I consider myself exposed to in being now Required to Repay certain Allowances drawn in a Situation to which I was Appointed in 1792.

In resorting to this Channel of communication and Redress, I find myself the more Necessitated from an Opinion entertained by the Military Auditor General that the forms of Office have been Regularly passed through - and the Retrenchment of the Allowances in Question confirmed by Government, an Opinion, founded in what will appear a Neglect in the Office of Mr. Vaughan, the late Paymaster of the Station / Madura / who on the final Adjustment of his Accounts, withheld the Opinion on the Retrenchments on Reaudit on the Allowances in Question, on which only I am led to believe, the Opinion of Government has been grounded, but which Consequently appear now to the Auditor General of that decisive Nature, as to preclude all further modes of Redress through his Office; at the, owing to this Neglect, the Opportunity has Never been Afforded

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me of Submitting and further explaining the peculiar Nature of my situation directly to the Consideration of Government, as warranted by the Regulations of the Service: Copies of which Regulations I beg leave to transmit Accompanying /No 1/.

In the explanation which I shall proceed to detail, I beg leave to assure his Excellency that although involving a Retrospect of twelve or thirteen Years, I shall, I trust be able to advance a Claim to the Retrenched Allowances, as well from a subsequent decision of Government, as under a full conviction Government do not require any extra duties to be performed, and an extra expence to be incurred, without granting an Adequate Compensation for the discharge of it.

On the Assumption of the Revenues of the Southern Polygars in 1792, it was the pleasure of Government to Appoint me to the situation of Assistant Surgeon to the Collector of them, a Collection extending from the Coleroon to Cape Comorin south, and from the Sea Coast to the Hills bordering the Kingdom of Travancore, the Province of Dindigul, and the Mysore Frontier to the westward which from its Nature Necessarily implied being Constantly in the Field and Moving; to this was attached a Considerable Number of Public Servants Civil as well as Military - On entering on the employ, as no Precedent existed to which I could gain Access, to guide me in drawing allowances

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for the Provision and support of it, an Application, at my suit, was made to Government by the Collector, for information on the subject, as well as to learn from whom they were to be drawn: The Office at Madura were in Consequence directed to discharge my Bills, but no further information was obtained; and although frequent Application was made to that Office as to the Nature of the Allowances, could gain no more Satisfactory Reply - In this uncertainty I Remained, until the period was Nearly expired, when by the Regulations of the Service all Arrears undrawn beyond three Months became forfeited; and on the Necessity of Adopting some Guidance for the Allowances I then drew, took those of an Assistant Surgeon in Charge of a Native Corps in the Field, to whose Situation I considered that of mine Nearest Allied, as well from the Reasons Already Assigned of being Constantly moving, the widely extended Range the Collection embraced, and the Number of Public Servants Attached to it unprovided with Medical Aid, as from the Forces set apart for the Peculiar Service of the Revenue, Consisting of a body of five hundred and Shortly after augmented to seven hundred Men under the Command of Colonel Manting at Ramnad, distributed in the two Marawas; and one hundred Men under Captain Deighton stationed at Shivelapatore and the Shaltor Pollam to all of whom as they were Otherwise unprovided and unappointed with Medical Aid, I considered it my indispensable Province to furnish,

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which in cases of emigency exposed me besides to serious Charges for travelling. These allowances / of an Assistant Surgeon in the Field, / were full batta.

Allowance for providing Medicine 20 Pagodas per Month

Allowance for Carriage of Ditto 20 D^o per Ditto

First Allowance was at this time so far from being an established Regu=lation, that it was by no Means common; and at this an Assistant Surgeon in Charge of Native Corps in the Field was provided with a Tent for himself, and one for his Medicine at the Publick expence, that of mine was during the whole time I held this Appointment furnished and Carried at my own private charge. — The Auditor General in his Objections to these Allowances Admitted "half Batta," an Allowance universally enjoyed long anterior to this period by every one in Garrison South of the Colroon;" and 10 Pagodas Monthly for Medical expenditure" but the Continued Retrenchment of the difference between what I drew and what he thus Admitted rendering it a Matter very questi=onable whether the duties of the Situation could be duly and justly dis=charged, it became peculiarly incumbent on myself no longer to forbear laying my Situation before Government, who were, in Reply, pleased to award by their Secretary's Letter of January 1795 / an Authentic Copy of which I have the honor to transmit also / N^o 2 / Allowances of an Amount Nearly the same as those that had been Retrenched. —

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The allowances of the situation being thus definitively established, I was induced to conclude from the silence that ensued that the Replies I had from time to time made to the Objectionable allowances were deemed satisfactory - after a lapse however of Nine Years and upwards I find myself called upon without further public Notification, or any inter=mediate intimation whatever by the Agents of the late Paymaster at Madura (Mr. Vaughan) who on their Application to Government for a final Ad=justment of his Accounts, inform me they are furnished by the Military Auditor General with Charges made by me, and not Admitted, Amounting to Star Pagodas 438: fanm. 37 Cash 64. founded on the Auditor Generals Retrench=ments of Allowances drawn in this Appointment.

His Excellency I am persuaded, will readily believe from this Recital that the situation I held in 1792, was of the same Nature as when the Allowances were established by Authority of Government in 1795 and in submitting the peculiar nature of that situation with all Respect to the Consideration of Government, the want of precedent or better guidance in the first instance, the very limited sum of £ 10 Pags Monthly Admitted by the Auditor General with the ultimate decision of Government on the establishment of the Allowances, I entertain a well grounded hope that I shall be Considered to be entitled to further Remuneration for the Provision and support of what might be deemed,

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at the time as Naval Establishment and employ.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Camp near Tuttypoor Most Obedt Servt

July 18th 1805 (Signed) John Steddy

Surgeon 15th Regiment

Extract from G.O. by Government

18th July 1797

Para 57 If the Auditor General shall notwithstanding the Reasons that may be so offered thereto himself obliged to confirm the Retrenchments, he shall make immediate Communication to the Paymaster for the information of the Party concerned of the grounds upon which he adheres to his former Opinion, to the end, that if an Appeal to the Board shall afterwards be demanded, the plea upon which the Charge is attempted to be established and the Reasons for its Rejection may come together at one view before Government—

58 When Appeals to the Board are afterwards demanded, they are to be made through the Channel of the Paymaster and Auditor General, and the Party concerned is on this last Resort to be aware of the Necessity of stating clearly and fully every Additional Argument which he may still have to offer as the decision of the Board will be final— but the parties must be very careful not to

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trouble Government with Appeals on insufficient grounds.

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If the Retrenchments are found to be ill grounded, no hardship is suffered by any party, and if there are Reasons to be Assigned and Authorities to be produced upon which the Retrenchments may be taken off, the mode now prescribed will necessarily bring them speedily forth - and the Board are pleased to Assure the Officers of the Army that they will interpose their Authority to prevent any improper delay in bringing Retrenchments which may be Objected against to an early decision. -

By Authority of the Governor in Council

(Signed) J. Webbe

Secretary to Government

To

Mr John Steddy

Assistant Surgeon

to the Collector of Southern Pusheush

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 25th Ultimo, and to Acquaint you that he has been pleased to grant to you the following Allowances which are to be Considered in full for every expence. -

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For Medical Expenditure ..... 10 Pagodas per Month

Medical Servants ..... 10 Ditto ... Ditto

And in Consideration of your travelling expences when Attending the Collector, you are also permitted to draw the Full Batta of your Rank.

Fort St. George
January 14th 1795.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Secretary

(A true Copy)

(Signed) John Steddy

Resolved that the Accounts referred to in the above Minute together with the the Claim of Mr Surgeon Steddy be transmitted, to the Military Auditor General for his Report.

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting Applications from Lieut. Colonel Lang Commanding the Subsidiary force of Hydrabad requesting that the usual Allowance may be granted to him while in that Command and that Lieut. Colonel Campbell may be permitted to draw the Allowances of a Brigadier.

I beg to lay before the Board an Application from Lieutenant Colonel Lang, Commanding the Subsidiary Force at Hydrabad since the Decease of Colonel Halliburton, praying the usual Allowances may be granted to Him, while in Exercise of the Chief Command.

Also, Lieutenant Colonels Langs Application that the usual Allowances may be issued to Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, as a Brigadier, while in Command of the 1st Brigade of Infantry

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I Recommend, that Government be pleased to Sanction these Charges.

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August 9th 1805.

/Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

To

The Military Secretary to His Excellency
the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I beg you will Request His Excellency the Commander in Chiefs authority for me to draw the usual Allowances, during such Period as I may Remain in Command of His Highness the Nizams Subsidiary Force, and also for Lieutenant Colonel Campbell to draw the usual Allowances Attached to a Brigadier during such Period as he may Command the 1st Brigade of Infantry, and to Request that His Excellency will be pleased to permit the Necessary Authority being given to the Office of Audit.

Camp Near Tuddyfoor
16th July 1805.

/Signed/ Ross Lang
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Hydrabad Subsidiary Force

Resolved that Authority be communicated to the Military Auditor General for the payment of the Allowances

Recommended

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Recommended in the above Minute.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander-in-Chief on Application from Major Picton of His Majesty's 12th Regt regarding that the Allowances of Adjutant and Quarter Master may be granted to Lieut. Molloy who acted in those Capacities in December 1804.—

I have the honor to lay before Council an Application from Major Picton Commanding His Majestys 12th Regiment praying, that the Allowances of Adjutant and Quarter Master might be granted to Lieutenant Molloy, who acted in those Capacities, to Five Companies of that Regiment Remaining at Trichinopoly while the Head Quarters were Removed to Palamcottah, on Field Duty in December 1804—

I am Obliged to Remark again, that this Custom of Regularly Appointing an Adjutant and Quarter Master upon the Division of a Regiment is only practised in this Country, and Never the Case in England, as the Duty is Always done by some Officer who thinks himself Repaid from the Notice It draws upon his Gertion and the Claim, It may give to him on a future Occasion, and in this Light I shall not lay before Government any future Recommendation.—

But as the Instance now before the Board took place before my Arrival, and while the usage was in Force, I take the Liberty to Request an Exception to the general Rule upon this Occasion.—

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August 9th 1805.—

Signed J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

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Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

Inclosed I forward you a Letter Addressed to the Acting Governor in Council in Consequence of the Allowance of an Acting Adjutant and Quarter Master, being retrenched, for the period 5 Companies of His Majesty's 12th Regiment were on Field Service at Palamcottah.

You will be pleased to observe that I should have made an Application to His Excellency for the Allowance being granted, had I not supposed the Auditor General had been Acquainted with the Circumstance.

I am &c.

/Signed/ John Picton Major

Commanding H. M. 12th Regiment

Trichinopoly

29th July 1805.

The Honble William Petrie Esqr.

Acting President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Lieutenant Molloy of His Majesty's 12th Regiment

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Regiment of Foot was Appointed by me to Act as Adjutant and Quarter Master to five Companies of the Regiment Remaining in Garrison at Trichinopoly when the Head Quarters of the Corps Marched to Palam-cottah in December 1804, and the Allowances of that Appointment were Consequently Drawn for him during the Period of his Acting in that Situation — But the Military Auditor General having lately Retrenched the Amount, for want of a previous Order of Govern-ment sanctioning the Charge, I beg leave to Request, as the Appointment was Absolutely Necessary for the Discipline of the Regiment and Correctness of its Returns, that you will be pleased to permit this Officer to Receive, or Receipt, the Amount of the Retrenchment.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Trichinopoly
29th July 1805 —

(Signed) John Pictor Major
Commanding His Majestys 12th Regiment

Resolved under the explanation stated by the Commander in Chief, that Authority be given for the Payment of the Allowance Recommended in the Above Minute to Lieute-nant Molloy —

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to submit to the

Council

Minute of the Commander in Chief - Submitting a Regimental Account of Lieut. Molloy

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Wallace and an Application from Lieut.t Taylor Commanding a Detach.t of the Bombay Marine Battalion requesting permission to proceed to Sea on Sick Certificate recommendation in Consequence.

Council the Contingent Account of Colonel Wallace, Commanding the Corps in Advance, for the Month of April and May last. They appear in every Respect Correct, and are Countersigned by Colonel Close, Resident at Poonah, I therefore Recommend that they be transmitted to the Military Auditor General.

Fort St George
August 9th 1805.

/Signed/ J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

I also lay before Council an Application from Lieutenant Taylor Commanding a Detachment of the Bombay Marine Battalion accompanied by a Sick Certificate, to proceed to Sea for the Recovery of his health.

It will be Necessary to place the Privates of His Detachment under the Charge of the Town Major until an Opportunity may Occur of sending them, by Sea, to Bombay.

I recommend that Information, on this Subject, may be transmitted to the Government at Bombay.

/Signed/ J. F. Cradock

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir John Fran.s Cradock
K. B. Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have to Request that your Excellency will have the goodness to forward the inclosed Letter and Certificate to the &c.

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Right Honble the Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be

Yr. Yr.

St. Thome / Signed / John H. Taylor

August 8th 1805.— Lieutt. Commdg Detachts. M. B.

To

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose a Certi-

ficate stating the Necessity of my immediately proceeding to Sea for

the Recovery of my Health, and have to Request your Lordships permission

in Council to proceed Accordingly.—

I have the honor to be

Yr. Yr.

St. Thome / Signed / John H. Taylor

August 8th 1805. Lieut.t Comm.d.g Detach.ts M. B.

I do hereby Certify that in my Opinion

it is Absolutely Necessary for Lieutenant Taylor of the Bombay 4th

Marine

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Marine Battalion to proceed immediately to Sea for the Recovery of his Health. —

St. Thome
7th August 1805.

(Signed) M. Davis Surgeon in Charge of Officers Sick at St. Thome

Resolved that the Accounts submitted with the above Minute be transmitted to the Military Auditor General for Adjustment. —

Resolved that Lieutenant Taylor of the Bombay Establishment be permitted to proceed to Sea for the Recovery of his Health; and that the Men of the detachment under the Command of that Officer be placed under the Charge of the Town Major of Fort St. George, until there may be an Opportunity of embarking them for Bombay. —

Ordered that the Government of Bombay be apprized of this Arrangement. —

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in Chief recommending the publication of a G.O. respecting the future payment of Puckallies and the payment of the deficiency Peons establishment of Native Corps Vide Vide

The mode now in force under Authority of General Order dated 19th August 1797 of providing, and paying, Puckallies of Native Corps appearing to be objectionable as imposing an Additional and unusual, Duty on the Adjutants of those Corps, at the same time that it deprives Officers at the head of Companies of the Controul vested in them.

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them over every Individual in their Company, the Commander in Chief Recommends that the present System be discontinued from, and after the 1st. of September Next, and that after that date Puckallies be provided, Mustered, and paid, in the same Manner as the Privates of Corps.—

Adjutants being charged with the Payment of the Sepoy Recruit establishment of Native Corps being equally Objectionable the Commander in Chief proposes that from the 1st of September next the Sepoy Recruits of Corps be distributed in the requisite proportions to Troops, and Companies, and that they be enrolled, mustered and paid, in Troops and Companies, respectively.—

Having Reason to suppose it not to be generally understood that the Act of Desertion cancels every Claim that a Soldier may have at the time on the Service, the Commander in Chief Recommends that the same be declared in Orders to the Army as Regulations of the Service.—

Sir John Cradock proposes that the Alterations in the present System in Consequence of the preceding Recommendations be published in and Order as follows.—

"The mode now in force under Authority of General Order dated 19th August 1797 of providing, and paying,

Puckallies

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"Next, and after that date Puckallies will be provided, Mustered, and paid,
"in the same Manner as the Privates of Corps."—

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"Officers of Corps upon Occasions of taking the Field shall be borne upon
"the Strength of those Companies to which such Field, and Staff Officers
"respectively belong.—

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"the requisite proportions to Troops and Companies; and they shall be
enrolled, Mustered, and paid, in Troops, and Companies Respectively."—

"It is declared to be a Regulation of
"the Service that the Act of Desertion cancels every claim that a Soldier
"may have at the time on the Service, and that Consequently no arrear
"of Pay, Clothing, or any Allowance whatever can be drawn on Account of
"a Deserter."—

Fort St. George
August 9th 1805.—

[Signed] J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

Resolved that a Government Order be
published Conformably to the foregoing draft, agreeably to the Recommendation

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Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I submit to the Board an Application I have received from Captain Edwards of the 8th Regiment of Native Infantry, Regarding a Small Vessell, which had been Captured by the French, Manned with intention of Making further Prizes, and was Retaken in Coringa Roads, where She had Anchored for that purpose, by a party of Sepoys under Captain Edwards, who embarked on a Brig there in the Roads, attacked and Seized her. It Appears that the Vessell has under Authority of Government been Restored to the Original Owners on a Compromise between them and the Captors who were to Receive 1000 Madras Pagodas as Salvage - One Hundred of this Amount has been tendered to Captain Edwards, who Considering himself and Party as the Captors, and the Vessell on which they embarked as having by them only been saved from Capture, deems the proportion inadequate and States his Claim to the decision of higher Authority - I have no further Knowledge of the Circumstances than his Letter contains, which I therefore submit to the determination of Government, expressing at the same time my Recommendation that the Native Troops who embarked on this to them unusual duty may be gratified on this little to a fair

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Minute of the Commander in Chief - Submitting Copy of a letter from Captain Edwards of the 8th Regiment N.I. Regarding a Small Vessell which had been Captured by the French & Retaken by a party of Sepoys under this Command. Submits also a letter from Colonel Haultain on the Subject of Family Allowances of Native Troops. Recommends that Major Cunningham be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate, and that Major Ricks of Invalids be permitted to proceed to China and eventually to Europe - Reports the death of Lieutt. Hennessy - Recommends that Mr. Barnard be Admitted as Cadet on this Establishment.

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I also submit to the Board a Letter from Major General Campbell covering one from Lieutenant Colonel Strachan on the subject of the Family Allowances of Native Troops. The late Regulation for Family Payments restricts Sepoys from granting to their Families a larger proportion of their Monthly pay, than four Rupees. This limitation was Calculated for the Infantry only; and I Recommend that an Order be published permitting the Privates of Cavalry to allott to their Families a proportion of their Pay not exceeding Six Rupees Monthly, as proposed by Lieutenant Colonel Strachan.

I lay before the Board an Application from Major William Cunningham of the Madras European Regiment Requesting leave to proceed on Sick Certificate for the benefit of his Health and Recommend that his Request be Complied with.

Major John Reid of Invalids who formerly Obtained similar leave, having by illness been prevented from availing himself of the permission Obtained, when the last Fleet sailed, now Requests to be permitted to proceed to China and

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eventually only to Europe, should his indisposition after that Change of Climate, still render a further Voyage Necessary I submit this Application to the Board, and Recommend that this Request be Granted and that in lieu of his former leave to Europe he be permitted to proceed to China by the Ships now under Dispatch and eventually should his health require it, thence to Europe.—

I have to Report the Death of Pensioned Lieutenant Kinsey, of Artillery in the Lunatic Hospital at the Presidency on the 5th Instant.—

I also submit to the Board a Letter I have Received from Mr Barnard now a Midshipman on Board the Honourable Companys Ship Earl Howe, inclosing a Certificate of his Identity from the Commander of that Ship; and I Recommend that he be Admitted a Cadet of Infantry on this Establishment, in Conformity to the Orders of the Hönble the Court of Directors, by the Name of Reading John Barnard.—

Fort St. George
9th August 1805.

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

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Fort St. George
9th August 1805.

(Signed) J. F. Craddock
Lieutenant General

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To

His Excellency Sir, J. Gradock K. B.

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir,

I went with a Party of Sepoys on Board the Brig Alexander off Coringa in April last to Attack a Country Vessell which had some days before been Captured by the French. We succeeded in Recapturing her, And Government were pleased to allow a Compromise to be made between the former owners of the Vessell and the Captors who were to Relinquish their Claim to a Salvage in Consideration of the Sum of 1000 Madras Pagodas being paid to them by the Owners. I Received a Letter Offering me 100 Star Pagodas as my Part of the Salvage. To which I made no Answer thinking it would ill become me to have any Dispute with those who are so much beneath the Character of Gentlemen. My case I have the honor to Refer to your Excellency than whom there can be no better Judge of an Officers merit and Consequently of what should be his Reward, whether the Military on board, or the Captain and Owner of the Brig were most instrumental in Recapturing the Vessell may be an Object worthy of enquiry. The Mate of the Brig seeing their inability to Cope with the Enemy Ran her aground

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before the Sepoys could get on board. They had not even Lascars on board the Brig sufficient to weight the Anchor. how little their Assistance could have tended to the Recapture may be easily Conceived. Respectfully Conceive that no person Except your Excellency, or any other may Superior Officer has a Right to Adjudge to what Degree the Military are to be Rewarded for Services rendered to the Public. It may be Necessary to inform your Excellency that a part of the Grain from on Board the Recaptured was brought to this place on Board the Brig Alexander without any Authority from Government or any Communication of the Circumstance being made to the Captors. A further Corroboration of this fact Should your Excellency require it, will be found in the Compromise between the Owner of the Recaptured Vessel and the Captain and Owner of the Brig. They therein Appear not a little Anxious to screen themselves from any Prosecution at Law that may be Commenced for any loss which he might have incurred.—

St. Thome
3d August 1805.—

/Signed/ Edward Edwards
Captain 1st Battn 8th Regt N. I.

Major Hall Military Secretary to
His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I Request you will do me the Honor to

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

Lay the Enclosed Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Strachan before His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Solicit that favorable Consideration which the case appears to merit.—

As it may require some days to obtain the Sanction of Government on this Subject I will be happy to receive His Excellency's Command to Authorize an Acquiescence in Lieutenant Colonel Strachans wishes which on the present occasion I humbly Conceive to be for the good of the publick Service.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Hble Servt

July 31st 1805.

(Signed) Dugald Campbell

Major General

Camp at Bellary 31st July 1805

Major General Campbell

Commanding the Troops in the Ceded Districts

Sir,

The Private Men of the 2d Regiment Cavalry have Expressed to me a desire of being permitted to leave a larger proportion of their Monthly Allowances with their Families than four Rupees, The Sum Specified in the General Order of the 4th of April last.—

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In thus pursuing their Request which I beg you will have the Goodness to submit to His Excellency The Commander in Chief, I take the liberty to state my humble Opinion that the Private Troopers of the Regiment may, without Detriment to the Public Service or inconvenience to themselves be allowed to Appropriate the Sum of Six Rupees Monthly for the Subsistance of their Families in the Carnatic. After this Deduction The Private Trooper would receive Eight Rupees per Mensem a Sum in my humble Estimation, fully Equal to all his Expences in the Field, or while living at a distance from his family.

I need not here Advert to the strong Attachment that Exists between those Men and their Families and Relatives of every Description; or Observe that this Attachment forms the Most powerful Tie on their Fidelity and good Conduct. This Consideration Alone has induced me to Address you on the Occasion, and as the Order of the 4th of April last Relative to Family Certificates, is Not in Force with any of the Corps Serving in Advance. I trust it may be waved on the Present instance, holding Myself Responsible that no improper use or bad Consequence to the Service Shall Result from the indulgence.

/Signed/ Alexander Shaw Kan
Lieutenant Colonel

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To

The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
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My Lord,

I have the honor to solicit your Lordships permission to proceed to Europe by the first Opportunity on Sick Certificate which I have the honor to inclose.—

I have the honor to be

Madras
5th August 1805.—

/Signed/ Wm Cunningham
Major European Regiment

We John Goldie and William Horsman Surgeons do hereby declare on Oath, that we are of Opinion, it is Absolutely Necessary that Major William Cunningham of the Honble Company's European Regiment, should leave this Country and go to Europe for the Recovery of his health.—

Sworn before me at Madras this fifteenth day of July 1805

Signed Walter Grant
J. P.

/Signed/ John Goldie
Surgeon
Wm Horsman
Surgeon

To

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Fort St. George 9th Augst 1805

To

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Madras

9th August 1805.

My Lord,

In Consequence of my health not being sufficiently Restablished to permit me to proceed to Europe by the last fleet, and as an Opportunity at present Offers of my going to China, and should it be found Necessary for the Recovery of my health eventually to Europe, I have the honor to Solicit your Lordship in Council for permission to avail myself of this Opportunity of proceeding to China by this fleet and if Requisite to Europe.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

/Signed/ John Reid

Major Invalids

This is to Certify that Major John Reid of the Invalid Establishment on the Coast of Coromandel, has Obtained permission of the Right Honble the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, to proceed to Europe

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Europe on Furlough for the benefit of his health.

Dated in Fort St. George the 4th day of March

in the Year of our Lord 1805.

By Order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

/Signed/ G. Strachey

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

The Honble Court of Directors having been pleased to Appoint me to the Situation of Cadet in the Military Service, at this Presidency, I take the liberty of informing you that I am at present in the Situation of Midshipman, on Board the Honble Company's Ship Earl Howe, where I await any Orders you may be pleased to give me.

I Remain

Sir

/Signed/ John Barnard

Ship Earl Howe.

This is to Certify that the Bearer John Barnard has served as Midshipman on board the Honble Company's Ship

Earl

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

Earl Howe from England to this Port.

(Signed) Archr. Murray
Commander

Resolved to postpone decision on the above Application of Captain Edwards.

Resolved that Authority be given for extending the Amount of Family Payments on Account of the Men Attached to the Regiments of Native Cavalry, to the sum of Six Rupees, and that a Government Order be published for that purpose.

Resolved that Major Cunningham be permitted to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his health; and that Major Reid be permitted to proceed to China or eventually to Europe.

Resolved that Mr. Barnard be admitted as a Cadet on the Establishment, in Conformity to the Appointment of the Honble Court of Directors.

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I submit to the Board two Letters addressed to the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

From Mr. Assistant Surgeon Annesley, Requesting permission to proceed to Europe for the benefit

Minute of the Commander in Chief Recommending that Mr. Surgeon Anderson be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate, and that Colonel Patterson be permitted to visit the Presidency on leave for four Months.

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of his Health, on Sick Certificate.

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From Colonel Paterson Commanding at Sea, who from indisposition Requests leave of Absence for four Months to the Presidency to benefit by a Change of Air.

I Recommend that the Permission Requested may be granted.

(No Signature)

9th August 1805.

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

My Lord,

I have the honor to inclose a Surgions Certificate of the Necessity for me to proceed to Europe on Account of my Health, and Solicit the Permission of your Lordship in Council for that Purpose.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
[Signed] James Annesley Asstt
Surgeon 2d. Battn 6th. Regt. N.I.

Madras
August 9th. 1805.

We

5344. Fort St. George 6th. August 1805.—

We William Horsman Surgeon and John Balmain Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment do hereby declare on Oath that we are of Opinion it is Absolutely Necessary that Mr. Assistant Surgeon James Annesley of the 2nd. Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry should leave this Country and go to Europe for the Recovery of his health - Complaints - Severe and long Continued bowel Complaint - Pain in his Chest, difficulty of breathing and Spitting of blood, and with great general debility -

Sworn before me at Fort St. George in the East Indies this 8th day of August 1805.

/Signed/

William Horsman
Surgeon

John Balmain
Assistant Surgeon

/Signed/ W. Grant
J. P.

/Signed/ James Richardson
3rd. Member Medical Board

To The Right Honble
The Governor in Council

Sir,

Having been much indisposed for some Months, and having been Recommended to move to the Coast for Change

5347. Fort St George 9th August 1805.

Probable Estimate of the Expence of laying Platforms of Grey Granite on the New South East Lunette of Fort St. George and projecting Red Wood Spouts from the Drains under the Cordon. —

Measurement						Pces			
Long Ms	Breadth	Thickness	Ft Sq Ft	Cubic Ft					
18	11	"	1980	"	10 Stone Platforms each with Blue Stones of 6 Inches thick one Course in Chunam, and 2 Course Wall Bricks in Chunam Underneath —				
23.	6	17	"	399½	"	1 Stone Platform for the Barbette with Blue Stones of 6 Inches thick — One Course in Chunam and 2 Course Wall Bricks in Chunam Underneath			
			Total 2379½	"			"	12 " Pgs	679 30 "
112	18	"	2016	"	Brick on Edge one Course, and One Course flat in Chunam Underneath between the Platforms —		4	" " Pgs	80 20 70
4.	6	5	4	"	"	10 Red Wood Spouts Under the Cordon —		2 " " Each	20 " "
								Pagodas	780 20 70

Fort St George
25th July 1805.

(Signed) E. Trafford
Chief Engineer

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. Marshall.
Secy Military Board

The

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The Board Approve the estimate submitted with the foregoing Letter, for the Construction of Platforms

Ordered that the Military Board be Acquainted that Authority has been given for the Payment of the Bills which they Recommend in the Above Letter

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General -

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

From the Military Auditor General - Submitting a Comparative Statement between the Military Expences of 1803/4 and 1804/5. -

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to lay before you a Comparative Statement between the Military Expenditures of 1803/4 and 1804/5 to the Accuracy and Correctness of which every possible Attention has been paid.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Yr.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 3rd. August 1805

(Signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor General

Comparative

5349. Fort St. George 9th. August 1805

Comparative Statement of the Increase and Decrease of the Fort St. George, as they stood on

	Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th April 1804			Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th April 1805		
European Cavalry	2,44,218	4	40	2,42,337	13	28
Native Cavalry	7,22,746	7	52	8,49,724	9	48
Artillery	2,07,211	11	68	2,12,836	27	12
Corps of Engineers	40,100	24	"	42,357	12	"
Madras European Regiments	6,9093	31	16	56,111	16	64
His Majesty's Regiments of Foot	6,67,153	41	8	6,03,366	19	28
Native Infantry	22,40,376	3		23,73,779	15	60
Corps of Pioneers	53,782	7	64	56,748	21	48
Corps of Guides	4,387	22	64	4,092	28	64
Supernumeraries	10,597	24	"	5,072	31	28
Carried forward	42,47,754	19	75	45,12,026	27	60

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

Military Establishments under the Presidency of
the 30th April 1804 and 30th April 1805.

Increase in the Military Charges on the 30th April 1805.	Decrease in the Military Charges on the 30th April 1805.	Remarks
" " "	1,880 33 12	
26,978 1 70	" " "	
5,625 15 24	" " "	
2,256 30 "	" " "	
" " "	12,982 14 32	
12 12 20 20	" " "	
45,315 41 57	" " "	
2,966 13 64	" " "	
305 0 "	" " "	
" " "	5,52 43 152	
84,660 3 1	20,387 37 16	

year.

5351. Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

Comparative Statement of the Increase and Decrease of the Fort St. George as they stood on

	Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th April 1804	Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th April 1805
Brought forward	42,47,754 19 7	45,12,026 27 60
European Invalids	50,034 21 60	58,004 39 12
European Pensioners	13,366 31 40	13,052 31 40
Native Invalids	95,882 10 16	98,153 6 48
Native Pensioners	71,761 24 "	79,927 27 "
Male Asylum	1,714 12 "	1,714 12 "
General Staff	74,925 4 64	59,973 15 24
Staff attached to the Divisions and Stations of the Army	1,65,293 14 20	1,71,416 23 44
Corps of Cadets	27,039 " "	16,679 1 40
Officers on the Retired List	" " "	2,325 " "
Details Composing the Guards of the Residents at Mysore, Nagpoor, Poonah and Tanjore	2,990 23 32	3,254 28 40
Carried forward	47,50,761 35 67	50,16,528 2 68

5352. Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

Military Establishments under the Presidency of
the 30th April 1804 and 30th April 1805

Increase in the Military Charges in the 30th April 1805	Decrease in the Military Charges on the 30th April 1805			Remarks
84,660	3	1	20387	37 16	The increase of this sum is Owing to four Lieut Colonels being placed on the Non Effective Establishment since last Year.
7,970	1732	"	"	"	
"	"	"	314	" "	
2,270	3832	"	"	"	The increase of this sum under these Heads is Owing to the Increase of Pay granted to the Troops.
8,166	3	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	14,951	31 40	
6,123	924	"	"	"	
"	"	"	10359	40 40	
2,325	"	"	"	"	
264	5	8	"	"	
11,779	34	17	46,013	25 16	

5353. Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

Comparative Statement of the Increase and Decrease of the _____ as they stood on the 30th.

	Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th. April 1804.			Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th April 1805.		
Brought forward	4,50,701	33	07	50,16,528	2	08
Cantonments	4,166	4	16	4,659	"	"
Garrisons	170587	39	36	185,063	24	35
Ordnance Department	137,436	31	40	131835	36	48
Medical Department	56,491	12	52	54,071	6	.
Military Public Officers	97,008	28	52	99,367	33	72
General Agent Cavalry Supplies	3,600	"	"	3,600	"	"
Agent for the Purchase of Horses	"	"	"	3144	"	"
Temporary Agents for the Construction of Gun Carriage at the Presidency	2,400	"	"	2,400	"	"
Agent for the Supply of Military Stores	"	"	"	7,080	"	"
Clothing the Army	152,712	13	76	156813	31	1
Carried forward	53,81,164	40	19	56,64,563	8	07

5354. Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

Military Establishments under the Presidency of Fort St George
April 1804, and 30th. April 1805.

Increase in the Military Charges to the 30th. April 1805			Decrease in the Military Charges on the 30th April 1805.			Remarks
1,779	34	17	46,013	25	16	
492	37	64	"	"	"	
8,475	27	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	3,000	30	72	
"	"	"	2,420	6	52	
2,359	5	20	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	"	
3144	"	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	"	"	
7,080	"	"	"	"	"	
4,101	17	8	"	"	"	
37,432	37	29	54034	26	60	

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Comparative Statement of the Increase and Decrease of the _____ as they stood on the 30th. April

	Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th. April 1804			Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th. April 1805		
Brought forward	53,81,164	40	19	56,64,563	8	68
Contracts	1,57,815	10	4	1,35,281	40	28
Charges not fixed on their Nature and Amount	13,6,0903	7	16	14,43,225	25	60
Suspence Account 1802/3	18,26,449	24	72	12,26,643	34	60
The Expedition	11593	25	28	319	16	76
Expedition against the Dutch Settlements	120,767	13	64	59418	29	32
Dutch Prisoners	30,311	40	76	22409	39	12
French Prisoners	108,136	24	72	62617	18	48
His Highness the late Nabob of Arcot	20,340	12	72	21167	30	72
Donation to the Officers who served with Division of the Army in the Dekhan Against the Mahratta Confederates	"	"	"	140138	8	56
Carried forward	90,17,482	32	23	87,75,785	39	12

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Military Establishments under the Presidency of Fort St George

1804 and 30th April 1805.

Increase on the Military Charges on the 30th April 1805	Diminution on the Military Charges to the 30 April 1805	Remarks
337432 37 29	54034 26 60	
" " "	22533 11 50	
82322 14 44	" " "	
" " "	599805 32 32	
" " "	11274 8 32	
" " "	6,348 26 32	
" " "	7,902 1 64	
" " "	45519 6 24	
827 18 "	" " "	
140,138 8 56	" " "	
5,607 20 36 49	802,417 29 60	

5357. Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

Comparative Statement of the Increase and Decrease of the

as they Stood on the

	Annual Military Charges as they Stood on the 30th April 1804			Annual Military Charges as they stood on the 30th April 1805		
Brought forward	90,17,482	32	23	8,77,585	39	12
Bombay Troops						
Artillery	34,757	21	48	17,496	17	8
European Infantry	50,857	27	72	26,888	27	12
Native Infantry	4,49,598	16	25	3,09,835	19	70
Corps of Pioneers	14,980	26	32	10,684	40	28
Corps of Engineers	6,801	9	"	4,976	24	12
Native Invalids and Pensioners	895	24	"	1,114	30	"
Staff on the Malabar & Kanara	15,709	24	"	17,244	3	"
Total	95,97,083	13	40	91,64,026	32	68

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Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

Military Establishments under the Presidency of Fort St George

30th. April 1804, and 30th. April 1805

Increase in the Military Charges on the 30th. April 1805		Diminution in the Military Charges on the 30th. April 1805		Remarks
560,720	36 49	802,417	29 60	
"	"	17261	4 40	
"	"	29969	" 60	
"	"	139,762	38 29	
"	"	4295	28 4	
"	"	1,824	26 68	
219	6 "	"	" "	
1,534	21 "	"	" "	
562,474	21 49	995,531	2 21	

(Signed) J. Brunton

Military Auditor General

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Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

General

Annual

on the 30th

95.97.083

Deduct the Increase on the 30th. April 1805

Net Decrease on the 30th. April 1805.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 31st July 1805.

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Abstract

Military Charges April 1804.		Annual Military Charges on the 30th. April 1805.		Increase on the 30th. April 1805.			Decrease on the 30th. April 1805.		
13	40	9,64,020	32	68	5,62,474	21	49	9,95,531	2	24
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5,62,474	21	49.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4,33,056	22	52

/Signed/ J. Brumton

Military Auditor General

To

5361.

Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

To The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

Yea Yea Yea

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General submitting Copy of a letter from the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops relative to an Advance made at Calcutta of Rupees 200 to Mr Asst. Smith of 7th Mr 19th Dragoons - recommends that the difference between the half & full Batta of this Regimental Rank may be Allowed to the Senr Major of being a Captain in Consequence of the encreased duty of this Detachment.

1 I do myself the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council Copy of a Letter Addressed to me by the Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's Troops dated the 2nd Instant, together with a Copy of a Letter Addressed to that Officer by Lieutenant Seale Paymaster of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Relative to an Advance which Appears to have been made to the late Mr. Assistant Smyth of that Corps at Calcutta of 200 Sicca Rupees, but which it Appears Mr. Seale was not made Acquainted with until after Mr. Smyths death, the case is clearly stated in the Copy of the Letter herewith submitted, I beg leave therefore to Request your Lordships Orders on the Subject, Mr. Seale being About to embark for Europe on Sick Certificate -

2 I take this Occasion of Submitting Copy of His Excellency the Commander in Chiefs Orders vesting the Charge of Supernumeraries Invalids and Pensioners in the Town

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805

Town Major of Seringapatam, the 1st Adjutant formerly held this trust and was Allowed in Consequence by Authority of Government the Difference between the half and full Batta of his Regiment Rank, the transfer Appears to Warrant the same indulgence in favor of the Town Major which was enjoyed by the 1st Adjutant, but which I cannot extend to him without your Lordships previous Sanction—

I have the honor to be

Yr &c

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 6th August 1805

/Signed/ J. Brunton
Military Auditor General

Lieutenant Colonel Brunton
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a Letter from Lieutenant Seale late Acting Paymaster of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons and to Request that you will be pleased to Recommend that Officers Statement to the favorable Consideration of Government—

I have the honor to be

Yr &c

Kings Pay Office
Madras the 2d August 1805

/Signed/ J. Campbell— Dpty Payr Genl

To

5363.

Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

To Major Campbell

Deputy Paymaster General K. S.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that Adjutant Smyth of His Majesty's 19th. Light Dragoons, died at Madras in September 1804, that after his Death I made up his Accounts and remitted the balance to his Widow - A considerable time after a Demand came against him from Bengal for 200 Sicca Rupees or Pagodas 61. 16. 6½. Advanced him by the Paymaster General there, which has been Charged and Stopped by your Office, from my Accounts -

I Request you will have the goodness to inform me what steps to take for the Recovery of this Sum, which I hope will not fall upon me, as it was Occasioned by the Military Paymaster Generals Office in Bengal, delaying to send the Receipt Sooner. -

Receipt. -

I have the honor of inclosing the

Madras
19th. July 1805.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) William Lisle
Lieut. 19th. Light Dragoons

Duplicate.

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Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

Duplicate.

Sicca Rupees 200

Pagodas - 61: 16: 67

Received from John Mackenzie

Esqr. Military Paymaster General the Sum of Sicca Rupees Two

Hundred on Account.

Calcutta
11th June 1804

/Signed/ Chas. Smyth

Adjutant H: M: 19th Dragoons

Vide Secretary Hook's Letter of 31st May 1804

Debd Fort St George Presidency

/Signed/ J. Bt.

Military Paymaster General

/a true Copy/

/Signed/ J. Brunton

Military Auditor General

To The Officer Commanding

Seringapatam,

Sir,

I am directed to Communicate to you

the Order of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the Town

Major

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805

Major of Seringapatam shall henceforth be considered to have Charge of whatever effective Supernumeraries not Attached to Corps, Invalids and Pensioners may be Stationed there.

(Signed) R. Barclay
Depty Adjt. Genl. in Mysore

Fort St. George
25th July 1805.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) C. Rand
Town Major

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. Braunton
Military Auditor General

Resolved that the Sum on Account of Money paid to Mr. Adjutant Smith of His Majestys 19th Dragoons be Relinquished.

Resolved that the difference between half and full Batta be paid to the Town Major of Seringapatam on Account of the Additional duty transferred to that Officer.

Ordered that these Resolutions be Communicated to the Military Auditor General.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to Government at Fort William.

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805

J. Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

Military Depart.

From the Chief Secretary to the Government at Fort William transmitting Papers on the subject of the proceedings & Sentence of the General Court Martial by which Ensign Johnston of H.M. 34th Regiment was dismissed from the Honble Company's Service.

1 I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to transmit to you, to be laid before the Right Honble the Governor in Council, the undermentioned Papers.—

2 A Copy of a Letter from Ensign J. Johnston of His Majesty's 34th Regiment late a Captain of Engineers on the Establishment of Fort St George addressed to His Excellency the Governor General and Captain General of the Land Forces in the East Indies, dated the 16th January 1805, Complaining of the Proceedings and Sentence of the General Court Martial by which he was dismissed from the Company's Service.—

3 A Copy of a Letter from Major J. Armstrong Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General and Captain General, to Major Hall Military Secretary to His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir J. Craddock dated 14th February 1805 transmitting a Copy of Ensign Johnstons Letter, and communicating

the

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the Request of His Excellency the Governor General, that Sir J. Cradock would enquire into the Matter Complained of by Ensign Johnston, and direct such Answer to be given to that Officer as Sir J. Cradock might judge expedient.—

4 A Copy of a Letter from His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir J. Cradock to Major Armstrong dated the 23rd May 1805 on the Subject above Adverted to, and a Copy of the Report of Mr A. Anstruther Acting Judge Advocate General at Fort St George Referred to in his Excellency Sir J. Cradock's Letter; also Copies of the whole of the other Papers which were Received with His Excellency Sir J. Cradocks Letter, excepting the Proceedings of the Court Martial by which Captain Johnston was tried, the Original of which has been Returned to His Excellency Sir J. Cradock.—

5 A Copy of a Report by Major Leith Judge Advocate General of the Establishment of Fort St George dated the 15th June 1805 on the Case of Ensign Johnston.—

6 A Copy of a Report by Lieutenant Colonel Calcraft, Judge Advocate General at Fort William dated the 19th of June 1805 on the Above Subject.—

7 A Copy of a Report by Mr R. Smith, Advocate General at Fort William dated 8th July 1805 on the

Case

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Case of Captain Johnston.

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The Governor General in Council is desirous that the Right Honble the Governor in Council will be pleased to transmit to the Honorable the Court of Directors by the earliest Opportunity, Copies of all the Papers respecting the case of Ensign Johnston late Captain of Engineers on the Establishment of Fort St. George, and solicit the Orders and decision of the Honble Court on the Subject. —

I have the honor to be

Yr " Yr "

Fort William
the 11th July 1805.

(Signed) L. Hook
Secretary to Government

The Most Noble
Marquis Wellesley K. P. K. G.
Governor General, Captain General
Yr " Yr " Yr "

My Lord,

In Addressing your Lordship direct I have to Apologize, but trust I shall be excused when I state that I have Addressed your Lordship several times, through different Channels

Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

Channels, but never having Received any Reply, have been led to believe they have not Reached your Lordship, as I humbly Conceive that your Lordships love to justice would not Allow an Officer to Com=plain in vain, Particularly when the Articles of War lay down the Rule of Conduct an Officer is to observe when he feels himself Aggrieved. I Complain of having been deprived of my Commission in the Company's Service, as Captain of Engineers under Circumstances Neither Just or Agreable to the Articles of War, that the proceedings of Court Martial by which I was tried were Altered, and a part Suppressed, without either my Consent or Knowledge, and that in that Mutilated state they were sent to and Confirmed by the Com=mander in Chief.

My earnest Request is, that a Public enquiry may be ordered to investigate the particulars of what I shall lay before it, and to Report on the same to your Lordship.

I have the honor to subscribe myself my Lord with the utmost Respect.

Madras
January 16th 1805.

Yrs Yrs

[Signed] George Johnston
Ensign His Majestys 34th Regt and late Capt. of Engineers
on the Madras Establishment.

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805

A true Copy

Signed L. Hook

Secretary to Government

To Major Hall

Military Secretary to

His Excellency Lieutenant General

Sir John Cradock

Commander in Chief

Yea Yea Yea

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am commanded by His Excellency

The Most Noble The Governor General and Captain General to

transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Ensign

Johnston of His Majestys 34th Regiment of Infantry, for the

information of His Excellency The Commander in Chief.

The Governor General and Captain

General Commands me to Request that the Commander in Chief

will be pleased to enquire into the Matter Complained of by

Ensign Johnston, and direct such Answer to be given as he may

judge expedient.

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5371. Fort St George 9th August 1805.

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Fort William / Signed / J. Armstrong

14th February 1805 Military Secretary

/ A true Copy /

/ Signed / J. Armstrong

Military Secretary

/ A true Copy /

/ Signed / L. Hook

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

23rd May 1805

Sir,

In Obedience to the Orders of His Excellency the Governor General and Captain General, expressed in your Letter of the 14th February, I directed an Investigation to take place upon the Case of Ensign Johnston 34th Regiment and late Captain of Engineers upon this Establishment.

As the Transaction appeared of no common Nature, and involved a variety of consideration it was necessary

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Necessary to undertake the Inquiry in the most serious manner, and to call for the Assistance and Opinion of the Acting Judge Advocate General Mr Anstruther, who also is Advocate General to the Honble Company—

From the length of time since the Trial took place, and the difficulty in procuring Papers and other Documents of so distant a Period, much delay has arisen; but it was unavoidable and will be amply compensated by the very able and satisfactory Report, I have the honor to submit to His Excellency the Governor General from Mr Anstruther—

It is unnecessary for me to enter upon any distinct Reasoning upon the Proceedings of the Court Martial or otherwise I shall therefore only in General terms express my entire Coincidence with the Argument and Conclusion as set forth by the Judge Advocate General, the Result appears to me to be of equal Advantage to the Civilian and the Soldier— As Mr Anstruther states the proper Adjudication upon the Crimes Carry before a Civil Tribunal, not a Court Martial— by preserving this just discrimination the Supremacy of the Civil authority is disposed at all times to be equal to the protection of

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any Member of the Community Magistrate or inferior, is duly maintained, and the Military Man is in some degree guarded from the disadvantage that peculiarly Attaches to the profession of a double Trial for the same Offence, by a Military and Civil Court.

If it be not unacceptable to His Excellency the Governor General to receive my Separate Opinion, I am induced by Justice and Equity to State, That had I been a Member of the Court Martial in Question, It never would have entered into my Mind to dismiss Captain Johnston from the Service.

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

Major Armstrong
Yea
Military Secretary
Calcutta.

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieut. General

Yea &c.
Yea &c.
Yea &c.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) L. Hook
Secretary to Government

Having received from His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir John Cradock K. B. Commander in Chief the Letter of Ensign George Johnston of His Majestys 34th Regiment, late Captain of Engineers on this Establishment, dated 9th March 1805; with His Excellency's Orders to enquire and Report upon the Subject of it. I

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found it to be a Complaint against the Validity of a Sentence of a Court Martial in 1800, by which that Officer was dismissed the Honble Company's Service - This complaint is founded upon two grounds -

1st Upon the Alledged suppression or omission of important documents from the Proceedings of the Court Martial -

2d Upon the supposed injustice or illegality of the Sentence, as it now appears. -

In Obedience to the Commands of His Excellency, I supplied to Ensign Johnston to be furnished with Copies of the Documents which he Complained of being omitted from the Proceedings of the Court Martial with a Memorandum of the Materiality of each to his case. Minuted on the 18th March his Answer which with the Copies of the Documents alluded to accompanies this - I then wrote to Major Bryce who had been the Judge Advocate upon Captain Johnstons trial for information as to the omission of these Papers, particularly Requesting to be furnished with all the Original Papers and Rough Minutes of the Trial, if still in existance - His Answer dated 29th March Accompanies this,

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from which I found that he has no Papers now such Recollection of the Circumstances as can aid the present investigation. I then Applied to Ensign Johnston for the Original Copies of the Documents alluded to, furnished to him by Captain Bryce as Judge Advocate. I Received his Answer, dated 24th April with the Original Papers attested by the Judge Advocate, and also some other Papers, all of which Accompany this.

It is unfortunate, that by the length of time which has elapsed since the Trial and by the Accident of Captain Bryces having lately on his Resignation of the Office of Deputy Judge Advocate destroyed the Original Minutes and other Papers connected with that Office, some of the facts which took place at the Trial do not appear so clearly as could be wished.

From the Accompanying Papers it appears that previous to the Court Martial, Captain Johnston had prevailed upon Captain Bryce the Deputy Judge Advocate to obtain from Lieutenant Munro, the Brigade Major of the Northern Division, the Public Documents and Correspondence which had taken place during the transaction, for the express purpose of being

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being produced as evidence upon the trial. of these, Jurnal do not now
appear with the Proceedings, while Captain Johnston declares that
they did form a part of the evidence before the Court; if this be
taken According to his Statement or even supposing these Documents
not to have been formally and Regularly produced, and Read as evidence,
yet if the whole transactions should be found to Afford a probable infer=
=ference that they were sufficiently before the Court e Martial to
have formed a part of the Matter under its consideration in pass=
=ing Sentence, or that Captain Johnston was entitled so to con=
=sider them, I should incline to think that he ought in the mercy
of this Sentence to be Allowed every benefit which can be drawn from
these Documents.

A Judge Advocate as the Officer
of the Court Martial ought not to Receive Officially into his charge
any Papers but such as form a part of the Record which he is to
transmit, when therefore he gives copies Officially authenticated of
Documents relating to a trial, the prisoner is entitled to conclude
that these Documents form a Part of the Proceedings as Recorded.
Indeed it is the peculiar duty of a Judge Advocate to bring forward
the whole case as far as it is laid before him without partiality

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either to the prosecution or to the Prisoner, and more particularly it is his duty not to omit any proof within his power which may tend in favor of the Accused, who in this Court has not the Aid of other Councellor - It seems therefore a fair inference that the Judge Advocate in this Case did his duty by submitting in some shape to the Consideration of the Court Martial all the Documents relating to the case which had been put into his hands for that purpose, and that the particular Documents now in question have been Omitted from the proceedings, most probably from an Opinion of their immateriality - Indeed one now Relied upon as an important Document - I mean the written Statement of the Circumstances which preceded the first insult to Mr Corbett was proved at the trial by Lieutenant Munro to have been shown to Mr Corbett, and its truth Acknowledged by him, but it would have been most irregular to Admit this Evidence about a paper not produced - I therefore presume that it was produced being then in the hands of the Officer of the Court - another a Public Document the General Order by which Captain Johnston was Reprimanded and Removed from Masulipatam is Adverted to in the Sentence, although it is not intended upon the face of the Proceedings, having

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two such Striking instances of irregularity in Regard to two certainly not the least important of the Documents, I am inclined to go along with the Statement as to the whole of these Papers having been Submitted to the Consideration of the Court Martial, and understood by Captain Johnston to be in Evidence. The Rejection of them from the Proceedings does not Necessarily infer improper Conduct in the Court Martial or in the Judge Advocate. It is the duty of every Court to Keep its Records free from irrelevant Matter, and the Court is bound to Judge what is or is not Relevant in deciding upon this, * * * * * * as upon all other Matters, Courts are liable to err, without imputation of blame, and the propriety of the Rejection of any Matter from these Proceedings is an Ordinary Subject of Revision by superior Authority.—

The first Question then which presents itself for Consideration is whether the Matters omitted from these Proceedings were Relevant and ought to have been inserted. To answer this Question, it is Necessary first to take a full view of the Case to which these Papers are supposed to have been Material.—

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But it is not enough to enquire whether the Papers ought to have been entered on the face of the Proceedings - a Court Martial from its formation, must often be expected to err, more especially in Matters of this Kind - The utmost to be expected from such Courts is, that they will err their own way, aim at the justice of the Case, and no doubt they generally do so with success. To set aside their Sentences upon every irregularity in the mode of proceeding would be inconsistent with the very Object of the institution of such Courts - It appears to me therefore that the irregularity Complained of ought upon a review of the Sentence to be Allowed to have effect no further than as it can be Shewn to have Actually injured the Party who Complains of it - Thus if in the present case after Adding to the Proceedings as they now stand the Documents which although not wholly irrelevant may have been Rejected from them, it shall be perfectly Clear that the same Sentence must Notwithstanding have been Passed, and Confirmed, it would be Absurd to Annul the Sentence for this irregularity or to give the Party a benefit from the erroneous Rejections of his Evidence, which he Certainly could not have had from its Admission - But if on the other hand the propriety of the Sentence as it now Stands shall Appear to be in any

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Regret doubtful or to hang upon a Nice turn of the balance; If a little if any Evidence which may have been improperly rejected or omitted shall be found to be such as if inserted might by any Reasonable probability have Operated Materially in his favor either with the Court Martial when the whole proceedings were read over to it previous to passing Sentence or with the Commander in Chief before Confirming it, or with the Court of Directors in Reviewing it, if it came before them, the Sentence ought not to stand. For although irregularities of proceeding in these Courts ought not to be taken Advantage of for the mere purpose of Captiousness, and of precedent, yet it would be unjust that they should ever be Allowed to injure a prisoner.

In this view then it Appears that the two Grounds of Complaint of Captain Johnston, the one Alledging a Subtraction of Material Documents, the other Resting on the supposed injustice of the Sentence as it now stands are intimately blended together, and the investigation of the general justice of the decision being Essential to the Consideration of both the Objections, I shall begin with it, taking for this purpose the Statements of the case as if all the Documents were now Regularly upon the proceedings.

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It Appears that an Agreement had been made for the freight of some boats for carrying Captain and Mrs Johnstons baggage from Ganjam to Masulipatam, although the freight settled was unreasonably high, the boat people delayed the Voyage for other purposes of their own, and at last did not deliver the whole baggage, a great deal of it being also spoiled by the delays. Upon these Grounds Captain Johnston applied to the Master Attendant Mr Dixon to detain the Boats until his Complaint could be laid before the Collector and decided. This mode of Applying for Redress was I believe the most usual course of business in such Matters, in the Companys territories on the Coast at that time Captain Johnston evidently considered it his proper course, and was the more warranted in thinking so from the Master Attendants agreeing to stop the Boats, according to his desire. It happened however that at that particular place by an Arrangement made some years before the Boat Department had been put under the order of the Commercial Resident, Mr Vincentio Corbett, whether that Arrangement still continued to exist is not clear, I rather incline to think the evidence is Contradictory as to this, Mr Corbett having in his evidence before the Court Martial admitted that it was the province of the Collector

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to give Vessels a Port clearance, and Certainly that Officer was at that time the only general Magistrate in the Provinces. Mr. Corbett did however upon this Occasion act as the person in Authority, and in the view which I have taken of the case, it is not very Material to enquire with precision whether he was Warranted in doing so or not — I shall Consider him as the Magistrate in this Department. The boat people applied to him to be Allowed a Port Clearance, he Communicated with the Master Attendant on the subject, and directed that Officer to make it out for them, to which he declared them to be entitled upon the ground that no Complaint against them had been laid before Him, the Regular Constituted Authority over such Matters. Captain Johnston who did not then question the Authority of Mr. Corbett to interfere in the Matter treated this Conduct as a display and Abuse of petty authority, as an Act of injustice to himself, and as an unhandsome proceeding, as between Gentlemen, even if the want of a Regular Complaint could have justified Mr. Corbett upon a strict scrutiny of his Conduct by his Superiors. Under this impression Captain Johnston wrote to him that Violent abusive and threatening Note, which Commenced the dispute and was the Subject of the first Charge before the Court Martial, although

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that Charge does not form any part of the ground of the Sintence of the Court Martial; it is yet highly important to investigate it, as the Source of all the Subsequent proceedings, and from the Character and Qualities of which, their's will be found to be strongly tinctured.—

Mr Corbett justifies his Conduct in letting the Boat People go, by stating in his Original Letter to Captain Johnston, and afterwards upon oath, before the Court Martial that the Master Attendant Mr Denton, did not in their Conversation upon this Subject, tell him of any Complaint having been made by Mr Johnston against the Boat People. In this Assertion Mr Corbett is supported by the Master Attendant.— Captain Johnston treats it as wholly improbable and untrue; as a mere Subterfuge to palliate their Misconduct towards him. He inserts in his Letter and in his Defence that having made a Complaint to the Master Attendant, and that Officer having Agreed to stop the People until his Complaints could be heard, it was his clear duty to state these facts to his Superior, when discussing with him the Application made by the Boat People for leave to depart, and that it is scarcely to be believed that Mr Denton should have wholly omitted so to do.— He further Shews and proves before the Court Martial by the evidence

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of an impartial witness Mr. Britain a Merchant at Masulipatam that Mr. Corbett, when the Boats were still at the pier head, talked with surprise at the exorbitant price, they had made Captain Johnston pay for freight, and he Concludes that as Mr. Corbett was so well Acquainted with this Circumstance, it was not likely that he should have been ignorant of the serious Complaint which he had preferred against them. Lastly Captain Johnson insists that the Statements of Mr. Corbett as to this or other facts are not intitled to any weight, that Gentleman having in his evidence before the Court Martial unaccountably forgotten several Circumstances which were Relied on by Captain Johnston, and when Reminded of them from the evidence of Lieutenant Munro, excused himself under a general defect of Memory, which he said was well Known to Many of his friends.

It is not Necessary here to suggest any Opinion as to the truth of the excuse made by Mr. Corbett for letting the Boats go. It is enough in the present enquiry, to say that the whole Circumstances of the transaction seem quite sufficient to Warrant Captain Johnson in the Conclusion he drew from them, Viz. that Mr. Corbett was perfectly aware of the Complaint and violated his duty in letting the Boats go. The fact may be otherwise, but from

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the Circumstances which appear upon these Proceedings any man would Naturally draw the same Conclusion. If Captain Johnson had acted upon that impression in a Regular and Prudent Manner he would probably by a Complaint to Mr. Corbett's superior have obtained Redress. Captain Johnsons Letter to Mr Corbett upon that Occasion was a Violent and gross outrage against the Public Peace, calling him a Contemptible wretch and a scoundrel, and threatening to treat him Accordingly. Had this Letter been brought, as it certainly ought to have been, before the Kings Court, then sitting at Madras for the Redress of all wrongs done by British Subjects here, Justice would have been Administered between the parties; Captain Johnson would have suffered for his Violence; but in the Measure of his punishment, it would have been Considered, whether Mr Corbetts Conduct had not invited Opposition by Abuse of doubtful Authority. Instead of Applying to the Nearest Magistrate to Obtain the protection of the Laws of his Country in the exercise of his public duty Mr Corbett thought proper to Apply to the Commanding Military Officer of the Station Lieut. Colonel Vigors. That Officer received the Application and in Consequence of it put Captain Johnson under Arrest.

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this can be justified, although the Subsequent Sentence of the Court Martial Adopts the example of Applying Military Punishment to Acts in their Nature Merely civil. Had Captain Johnson in any Part of his Conduct in any Place behaved dishonorably so as to have disgraced the Character of an Officer. That Might be enquired into as a Military Offence, it being essential to the Army that the honor of an Officer shall be ever pure, so if his Conduct in the Official exercise of his Military Rank and Station had been such as could by any fair Conclusion be treated as prejudicial to Military Order and discipline, he would have been liable under the Articles of War to Military Restraint and Military enquiry. But I cannot understand how this dispute between Captain Johnson and Mr. Corbett, whether the latter be Considered as a Magistrate or not, could be the proper occasion of a Military Arrest. It appears to me that Lieutenant Colonel Vigors ought to have Returned to Mr. Corbett his Letter of Complaint, and to have directed him to Apply to the Civil Power. The Complaint was however forwarded to Head Quarters and to Government while Captain Johnson continued under Arrest. Attempts were made to Settle the dispute. In the course of the Negotiation for that purpose Captain Johnson

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to prevent the possibility of cunning Men using the Mask of Amicable Negociation to betray their Antagonists into undue Concessions to be afterwards used Adversely against them; and I need not give any stronger proof of the wisdom and Equity of the Rule than the present case affords, Captain Johnson having for the sake of terminating the dispute in a private Apology which was accepted by the individual Conceded facts which might have been disputed with success. It was hard that those should be Converted into weapons for his distruction.—

Captain Johnsons Conduct upon this Occasion was at first such as might have been expected— As his Apology had not been Considered by Government as an Atonement for the Offence with which he was Charged, he insisted to be Allowed to withdraw it and Demanded a Court Martial. This was Refused to him and Lieutenant Colonel Vigors was even censured for forwarding the Application for a Court Martial upon a Subject which had Already undergone the investigation and Received the Judgment of Government.—

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The next step of Captain Johnson was that for which he afterwards suffered. He Called upon Mr Corbett at his house, and whom he saw him, he flew at him with strong emotions of Rage, and with no other explanation than the Address of "you Scoundrel" struck at him with his Whip. For this he was put under Arrest, and soon afterwards brought to trial upon two Charges.—

1st " For disrespect of the Civil authority in Writing to Mr Corbett the above Letter, which had been the Original source of the Quarrel.—

2nd " For Conduct unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman in the latter Attack upon him in Violation of the engagement Contained in the former Apology.—

Upon the first of these Charges the Court Martial found that it could pass no Sentence. Captain Johnson having already been Condemned and punished by Government for the same Offence. upon the second Charge the Court Martial found Captain Johnson not guilty of Conduct disgraceful or unbecoming an Officer or a Gentleman, but they

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found that he did enter Mr. Corbitts house and Strike and Maltreat him there, Notwithstanding he had in his Apology pledged his honor to be more guarded in his Conduct towards him. For this Offence the Court Martial adjudged Captain Johnson to be dismissed the Service, The Sentence was Accompanied by a Letter to the Commander in Chief, in which the Court Martial delivered its Opinion that the Assault made by Captain Johnson on Mr. Corbitt, (and which was the Subject of its Sentence) was not a premeditated Act but the effect of Sudden Passion or temporary Derangement.

I shall presently state my ideas with Regard to the legal effect of this Sentence, the object for which I am now Considering it is Merely to see whether it was or was not a Sentence so indisputably Right, so clearly resulting from the case, that the Addition of the Documents which have been omitted from the Proceedings could not possibly have produced in any Quarter, any Change in favor of the Prisoner, and whether or not his Complaint of that omission is therefore to be

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be Rejected as being Merely an irregularity which has been productive of no bad effect.—

I cannot for a Moment hesitate to say, that the Sentence does not Appear to me in a light thus clear and indisputable. I consider it of so doubtfull propriety, that any Addition of Evidence in favor of the Prisoner, which ought to have been Admitted or inserted, may Reasonably be presumed to have been Capable of producing an Alteration of the Sentence either total or at least in Alleviation of the Punishment. I shall now therefore proceed to investigate the Documents, which are Stated to have been Omitted from the Proceedings, and to consider whether they are or are not of the Nature which Captain Johnson supposes, as Material to his justification or excuse, and which might possibly have led to a different Sentence.—

The first Letter of the omission of which Captain Johnson Complains is one from himself to Lieut.t Munro, dated 28th January 1800 This Letter as also those Numbered, 3, 4, and 5 of the Copies transmitted to me, are not

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perhaps wholly immaterial to the Case, as they shew Clearly from the expression used at the time, the impression under which Captain Johnson Acted; and am Rather surprized that they were not put upon the Proceedings of the Court Martial; but being only the expressions of the party, they are scarcely in Strictness legal evidence for him, and I do not think the Sentence can be Shaken upon the ground of the Omission of these Documents.

No 2 is a Statement of the origin of the transaction and Commencement of the dispute. It was proved by Lieutenant Munro to have been by him shewn to Mr Corbett and its truth admitted. It seems to me therefore to have been not only legal evidence, but by far the best and strongest which could exist of that part of the case, and I cannot but think that the prisoner may probably have been Materially injured by its Omission. He had been held up in the Original Complaint of Mr Corbett as a Wanton Violation of the public Authority, and as having without any provocation Attacked and threatened a Magesthate

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in the Regular discharge of his duty. In the General Order of Government removing him from his Station for this Outrage, that Complaint and the Subsequent Apology of the Prisoner admitting his Conduct to have been unprovoked, were the only Documents before the Government. The impression which these must have given of the Violence of his Conduct in the beginning of the dispute evidently influenced most Materially the whole of the Subsequent Proceedings of the Commander in Chief and of Government against him. I think therefore that this Statement proving under the admission of Mr. Corbett, the very improper and provoking treat= =ment which Captain Johnson had experienced ought to have been made a part of the Proceedings of the Court Martial. If that Statement Counteracting the impression Originally entev= =tained against him, the first part of the case had accompanied the Letter of Recommendation of the Court Martial, in which the Court so Clearly declares its Opinion of the latter part of his Conduct, it is impossible to say that it might not have Materially Operated upon the mind of the Commander in Chief Against the Severity of the Sentence pronounced. I therefore

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from the Omission a serious and important injury arising to the Prisoner from the inconnectness of the Court Martial or of the Judge Advocate. –

The next document No 6 of the accompanying Copies, seems to me wholly unimportant as also No 10.

No 7, 8, 9, and 11 of these Papers Contain the General Order of Government upon the dispute, the intimation by Colonel Vigors to Captain Johnson of the purport of that Order, and the immediate demand by the Prisoner to withdraw the Apology which he said had been extorted from him, and to be tried by a Court Martial –

I think it cannot be doubted that these documents were in the Possession of the Court Martial, they were in the Custody of the Judge Advocate; the effect of them was stated by the Prisoner and admitted upon the Proceedings as a Preliminary Objection to the first Charge as being a Matter for which he had before been punished, and the General Order is Recognized in the Sentence, although he

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not inserted in the Proceedings -

It appears to me to have been extremely important for the prisoner upon this Court Martial to have shewn that the Apology was not and ought not to have been Considered by him as existing at the time of the second Outrage - The second charge against him was for a breach of his ingagement Contained in that Apology; upon this Charge it was of the first importance for him to shew that that Apology had been extorted from him as the only mode of Appeasing the Government for the dissatisfaction shewn to one of its civil Officer; that it had not been Accepted as such Atonement, that he had immediately disclaimed it, and demanded to with= =draw it, and to stand a trial; that the subsequent outrage was committed by him under the impression that the Apology and the pledge which it Contained had been Rejected and cancelled -

But supposing that Captain Johnson was Mistaken in Considering the Apology and the ingagement contained in it as at an end, still if this

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was a view of it which a Reasonable Man might fairly and Conscientiously take in a Criminal prosecution, where the intention of Parties in the Issue and ⁊ Measure of guilt, every thing tending to shew the steps of the transaction and the impression under which the Prisoner Acted ought to have been inserted upon the Proceedings. This goes to the very point of the second Charge.—

In another view these papers were also important to the Prisoner, they shew that after the Prisoner had been Condemned and punished for the subject of the first Charge, and when he demanded a Court Martial, it was Refused by the Commander in Chief, and Colonel Vigors was censured for forwarding the Application as tending to bring into Question again, what had been Already decided by Government. But when a second Offence had renewed the indignation against Captain Johnson, the same Commander in Chief authorized the same Colonel Vigors to give in a Charge against him for this same Offence before the Court Martial. I cannot see this part of the case without Regret. The Rule that no Man shall be

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twice drawn into judgement for the same Offence is founded on a principle of Justice towards persons Accused. It is a defence given to them and for their benefit. But in this case it was only set up and insisted upon to preclude further discussion of the Acts of Government, but was afterwards broken down and forgotten when in favor of the Prisoner; it ought to have been peculiarly attended to, The Court Martial very properly sustained the Objection to punishing the prisoner again upon the Charge, but it might have been very important to him if the Commander in Chief when he was to Confirm or Reject the Sentence had had before him the whole of these Papers - He would have them in one view the effect of the Contra= =dictory Acts - He might have paused before Confirming a Sentence and giving to the World a Decision in which his own Conduct Appeared so little Reconcileable to any one principle. The Prisoner was also entitled under the Mutiny Act to have a true Copy of the whole papers, and the case in all its true Colors to lay before Public in Vindication of his Character or before the Court of Directors as a

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Upon the whole therefore, it does appear to me that there has been upon this trial an irregularity in the Omission of evidence from the Proceedings, and that that irregularity may have been prejudicial and injurious to the Prisoner in as much as the Addition of these Vouchers Coming under the Observations of the Persons judging him might have Operated Materially in his favor. If therefore I am Right in this Opinion and in thinking as I have before expressed no irregularity, even of a Court Martial ought to be overlooked when it is Seriously injurious to the Prisoner, it will follow that from these irregularities this Sentence ought to be set aside. The legality of the Sentence is the Remaining Question upon these Proceedings, my Opinion of which Removes every hesitation as to the course, which I have Humbly to Recommend.

The sentence upon the first Charge is very proper in its general Meaning and effect, but not correct in terms. It adjudges the Prisoner to be guilty of the Offence Contained in the first Charge, but adverting to the public

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Punishment, which he had before suffered for the same Offence/ and which the Court Martial declares to have been fully Adequate to it/ therefore Absolves him from any further Punishment on that Account. The effect given to the former Condemnation and Punishment ought to have been to preclude further trial, and the Sentence ought to have been, that the Prisoner having been before Condemned and Punished for the Offence could not again be tried for it, and was therefore discharged of that Offence. The Court Martial has evidently Meant to do the same thing, but in Reviewing that Sentence, it will be more correct to consider it as if it had been framed in the manner I have stated. —

Upon the second Charge, the Court Martial had Acquitted the Prisoner of that which formed the fifth of the Charge of behaving in a Scandalous or infamous Manner, or such as is unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman. It however declares him guilty of the facts upon which that Charge was founded Viz.t of having beat Mr Corbett notwithstanding he had before in the Apology promised to be more guarded in his behaviour; it

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ground for their interference.

Upon the whole therefore, it does appear to me that there has been upon this trial an irregularity in the Omission of evidence from the Proceedings, and that that irregularity may have been prejudicial and injurious to the Prisoner in as much as the Addition of these Vouchers Coming under the Observations of the Persons judging him might have Operated Materially in his favor. If therefore I am Right in this Opinion and in thinking as I have before expressed no irregularity, even of a Court Martial ought to be overlooked when it is Seriously injurious to the prisoner, it will follow that from these irregularities this Sentence ought to be set aside. The legality of the Sentence is the Remaining Question upon these Proceedings, my Opinion of which Removes every hesitation as to the course, which I have humbly to Recommend.

The sentence upon the first Charge is very proper in its general Meaning and effect, but not correct in terms. It adjudges the prisoner to be guilty of the Offence Contained in the first Charge, but adverting to the public

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punishment, which he had before suffered for the same Offence/ and which the Court Martial declares to have been fully Adequate to it/ therefore Absolves him from any further punishment on that Account. The effect given to the former Condemna=tion and punishment ought to have been to preclude further trial, and the Sentence ought to have been, that the Prisoner having been before Condemned and punished for the Offence could not again be tried for it, and was therefore discharged of that Offence. The Court Martial has evidently Meant to do the same thing, but in Reviewing that Sentence, it will be more correct to consider it as if it had been framed in the manner I have stated. —

Upon the second charge, the Court Martial had Acquitted the Prisoner of that which formed the fifth of the Charge of behaving in a Scandalous or infamous Manner, or such as is unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman. It however declares him Guilty of the facts upon which that Charge was founded Viz. of having beat Mr Corbett notwithstanding he had before in the Apology promised to be more guarded in his behaviour, it

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The Court Martial appears to have proceeded upon an Opinion that it had Cognizance of all Offences against good Order although in no way Connected with or prejudicial to Military discipline, and has Accordingly in the Sentence expressed the offence to be "prejudicial to good "Order and Contrary to the Rules and Articles of War" but in Order to bring the Offence within the above Article of war it

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Every Englishman who Knows the Value of the Constitution under which he lives must consider it a Misfortune of the greatest Magnitude to be in any case deprived of the Security Resulting from the Regular course of the Common Courts of Law and trial by Jury.

Evident Necessity Requires that the discipline of the Army should be preserved by more Summary Proceedings, and Another trial by Court Martial has been Substituted by the Legislature for all Offences committed with Military discipline. But it would be Against Reason and all Principle to carry this departure from the General Law further than is Required by the necessity which creates it. It never was the intention of the Legislature

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nor of His Majesty that in the Ordinary Affairs of life, in Questions of Civil Rights or injuries, the Military should be liable to be tried otherwise than by the Ordinary course of Law in Countries where such trial can take place. One of the Articles of War does indeed appear at first sight an exception to this Rule. It is that which was the ground work of the charge now under Revision, by which Officers are liable to be tried for any shameful behaviour unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman in whatever place or on whatever Occasion it may have occurred, but in truth this Offence is in its Nature purely Military, and is applicable to the person and Character of the Officer not to the Occasion, as it is essential to Military Discipline that Officers should at all times and every where preserve the Respectability of Character which is suited to their Station. But while an Officer does not behave in such a Manner as a Court Martial shall declare to be shameful and unbecoming his private Conduct, in all Respects not Connected with Military discipline or with his duty as an Officer, are under the same Controul only as those of other people.—

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A dispute with a Civil Magistrate is not at all Connected as such with Military duties or Responsibility. The Ordinary Courts of Law are in a Most particular Manner bound to support from all Aggression and insult every branch of the Executive and judicial Government of the Country. They are fully Competent to this purpose, and it Never was Complained that they have passed over too slightly Offences of this Kind. They do not Require the Aid of any other Tribunal against any Offender

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(Signed) Alex. Anstruther
Acting Judge Advocate General

Fort St. George 22nd May 1805.

(A True Copy)

(Signed) L. Hook
Secretary to the Government

A. Anstruther Esqr.
Acting Judge Advocate General

Sir,

I had the honor of Receiving yours enclosing Major Burgess's letter, and Requiring the Authenticated Papers Received by me from him. In Compliance with your Request

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Sir

Agreeable to your request I have now the honor to inclose them, as referred to in my former Letter to you; I inclose also herewith two Letters from the Judge Advocate to me, which I think will manifest beyond all doubt that I had called on him to produce all these Letters before the Court Martial; I likewise send to you herewith, the Original Letter I received from Brigade Major Munro, which I have Complained of, as having been substituted, as it appears from the Copy of my defence, for that of the 11th. March in the Copies herewith sent - I trust that the Production of this Original Paper from my Own custody will abundantly establish the fact I have stated, Namely that I never gave this Paper to the Court, but that the Paper delivered with my Defence, was altogether a different Letter - I trust the Materiality of these Papers to my cause will be fully admitted, and that the Confirming power when he had the Proceedings of the Court Martial before him, in the state the Court transmitted them, could have had but an Incomplete and Imperfect Copy of what had been before the Court -

I lament that the Papers herewith inclosed are in some places defaced by private Marks and Memorandums,

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I made in Aid of my Memory at a time when I was not aware of there being called for, or, Necessary on an Occasion like the present, but I trust the Marks alluded to are such as can be of no other Consequence than slightly defacing the Paper—

I have the honor to be

Sir, &c.

/Signed/ George Johnson

Ensign H. M. 34th. Regiment

Fort St. George
April 24th. 1805.

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ L. Hook

Secretary to Government

Captain Johnston

&c. Engineers

Masulipatam

Sir,

I am Commanded by Colonel Vigors to inform you that in Consequence of the contents of the Government Order of the 6th. Instant, Received Yesterday Evening, you are

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enlarged from your Arrest. —

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

/Signed/ J. Munro

Masulipatam

March 16th 1806.

Major Brigade

Captain G. Johnston

of Engineers

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this date containing a List of Witnesses whom you intend calling upon in support of your defence and who shall be duly summoned Accordingly —

You will be pleased to specify the Official Papers which you say you are desirous should be produced, as I am not in possession of any except your Official Letter of the 20th January Addressed to the Commanding Officer with your Statement of the case. —

I have the honor to be

Sir, &c.

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8th April 1800

/Signed/ A. Brayce
Deputy Judge Advocate
N. D.

To

Captain Geo. Johnston
/ Engineers

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In Reply to these Requisitions, I have to Acquaint you, that I shall take the Necessary Steps towards their being Complied with.—

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Sir &c.

Masulipatam
23rd April 1800

/Signed/ A. Bryce

Judge Advocate.

N. Division

/True Copies/.

/Signed/ L. Hook

Secretary to Government

To

Colonel Vigors

Commanding &c. &c.

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Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Sir, &c.
/Signed/ George Johnston
Captain

Masulipatam
28th January 1800

In Consequence of some Boat Owners Making Application to Mrs. Johnston for Freight for their Boats, an Engagement was entered into between them and her to carry my Baggage from Ganjam to Masulipatam, as their Boats were at Sanapore they Required an Advance of 60 Rupees to pay their Expences and leave Money with their Families during their Absence, this Advance was made and the People went to Sanapore, brought their

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their Boats to Ganjam, loaded them and then required their full freight tho' they dispatched, which Amounted to 350 Rupees, full three times the Value of the two Boats; the freight of either of which ought not to have been more than 60, or 70 Rupees at farthest. 250 Rupees more was then Advanced them, and the Remaining 40, was to be paid them on their Arrival at Masulipatam, whither they promised immediately to proceed, and said they would easily be in 4 or 5 days, instead of going direct to Masulipatam, they proceeded having my Baggage on board again to Sanaspore, then to Bimli= =patam, Vizagapatam, and Couringa, staying some time at each port, and at the latter eight days, from what I have been able to learn, they made a Trading Voyage of it down the Coast, by which Means I was not only put to much Inconvenience by the want of my Baggage &c. but suffered Considerable loss by my Trunks of Books, Cloaths &c. being wet through, and my Furniture Considerably broke. the damage alone done to Cloaths of Mrs. Johnson is Considerable, independant of other things, and these Packages have been delivered short had a hard Bargain been made with these People there Might have been some excuse for their wishing to make more by their trip, but as they were paid so liberally, they have none,

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whom I found the state of my Baggage &c. and them having been at the different Ports on the Coast instead of Coming here direct as they had engaged, I applied to Mr. Denton Master Attendant to stop them going away again till I could see Mr. Read the Collector, as I wished to try if I could not get the People punished for such Conduct; but Mr. R. not being at Masulipatam at the time was prevented Making the Application. I otherways should have done, and waited his Return; In the Mean time the Boat People went and Complained to Mr. Cobbett, who Ordered the Master Attendant to let them go, and the first I knew of them going was by one of my own Servants, informing me they were going down the River. I immediately sent to Mr. Denton to inquire why he had allowed them to go, when he sent me Word it was by the Order of Mr. Cobbett, on which I again sent to Mr. Denton Requesting he would step to my House for a Minute as I wished to speak to him, when he returned for Answer he was not my Servant, and that if I wanted to Speak to him I might come to his House, on this I wrote the following Note to Mr. Cobbett, to which Mr. Cobbett sent the Reply on the Proceedings.

I now beg Leave to Ask if whom the

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People made Complaints of me to Mr. Corbett, if he ought not to have given me some Notice of it, either by enquiring my Reason for wishing them Obtained or informing me that a Complaint was Made, but Mr. C. did Neither but gave Orders for them to be Allowed to go, which they did immediately, and glad to get off without Punishment for their Conduct; and I am Obliged to Suffer the loss without possibility of Satisfaction. I must Remark had I Known Mr. Corbett had any thing to say to the Police or could have been Instrumental in getting me Redress, I should have Applied to him, but I Knew the Collector had the hearing and Redressing Complaints that might be made, and that he gave Port Clearances, I therefore Applied to Mr. Dinton to stop the People till the Return of the Collector, and I Knew of Nothing further, Till I was informed they were off, on which the Notes before transcribed were Written. I have much reason to believe Mr. Corbett acted in this Manner towards me with intention to insult my Feelings, on which I wrote him a private Note which is the one Now the cause of this Address. It surely was Incumbent on Mr. Corbett, if it was with him to Interfere at all, to enquire into the Cause of

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the Complaint against me, as it was not Reasonable to suppose
I should wish them Obtained without good Cause, but Mr C. at once
took a Step decidedly in favor of the Boat People to my
Injury, solicited at once precluded me from getting any Redress for
their Conduct towards me.—

My Dear Munro

As Mr Corbett does not choose to give
up the Note or the Memorandum I gave you, to Shews clearly
he is fearful of the insults he has so justly merited, I have many
Reasons to know that Mr Corbett acted designedly to hurt my feelings
when he ordered away the Boats as he did, if it was his duty
to interfere at all, it was surely equally his duty to do justice
to me, as the People; and when a Complaint was made to him
of me, it was surely his duty to give me some Notice of it, but
as he did not think proper so to do, he certainly waived the
point of duty he makes plea of - I am sensible if considered in
a Public Light my Note to him may bring me Censure, but I
Never intended it as such, and my Memorandum which he has
seen, now has informed him particularly it was private, and not
Public - I am confident the Colonel will act in the Matter
if brought before him fairly, and I am sure, tho' he may

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not Approve my Second Note to Mr. C. he will allow that I had great provocation to be angry, as by Mr. C.s Conduct in sending off the Boats, I am deprived of all Means of getting Redress for the Impositions and loss I have sustained; I am thankfull for your good wishes, and should be Glad to avoid a Public discussion if possible, but even suppose I was to call back my Note on any terms is all to Rest there, am I to get no Satisfaction for my loss, and is my Hands to be tied after such usage. had I not Known Mr. C. acted from Motives that do not Appear here, I should never have written him in the Stryle I did. I am in hopes the Colonel will let me Know what, ere, any steps are taken that may affect me seriously, as I could wish to have time to state Matters fully to Government thro' the Commander in Chief, and the Colonel ere or about the time the Complaint may go.—

I am yours very truly

(Signed) G. Johnston

Do not destroy this as tho' not a Public Letter may be of use hereafter in Case of Public discussion.—

My Dear Munro

The terms of Mr. C.s' dictating are

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of that Nature 'tis not possible I could accede to them, was I to declare I acted without provocation, I should most probably declare myself a liar - as to the Note of the 25th being included, I never Knew an exception was made to it, if he is satisfied with the Accompanying I shall be glad, but if not it must then be forwarded to Madras - I hope the Colonel will forward my letter of Explanation with the others to shew I did not Act without Provocation -

I Remain Yours

very truly

/Signed/ Geo: Johnston

P: S: Should not Mr C be satisfied at this, do not stop any longer for if he is not, I plainly see he wishes more, than I can Accede to, and I am sure any Soul breathing will Acquit me of having Acted without Provocation. -

Marked on the back "Received 30th January early in the Morning" -

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Occasion

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Occasion, and I am thankfull to the Colonel and yourself for your good Offices—

I am Yours very Truly
/Signed/ Geo: Johnston

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I wish much to have a word with you as soon as you can make it Convenient to come to the Fort either this Afternoon or tomorrow Morning; if no Conveyance my Boys or Bandy shall attend you.—

Yours Truly
/Signed/ G. Johnston

My Dear Sir,

Though a painfull Task, still in Conformity with my Promise I give you early intimation of the first News I have had Respecting your very unpleasant Situation—I have a Private Note which I have no Reason to doubt, that Orders have been issued at Madras Removing you from hence to Ganjam, and confining your duties to the Fort at that Station, and I am sorry to add some degree of Censure has I believe been passed on your Conduct.—

I am Dear Sir,
Yours &c.
/Signed/ W. Vigors

To

Tuesday
11th. March

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Fort St. George 6th " August 1805.

To

Major General Braithwait

Commander in Chief

Yea " Yea " Yea "

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have in the most earnest Manner to intreat a General Court Martial may be Allowed to enquire into Grounds of a Charge exhibited against me by Mr Cahill, Commercial Resident / and for which I am placed in Arrest / to clear my Character of Cruel Aspersions and Release me from a Situation I have been placed in, in Consequence of Exaggeration and Misrepresentation an Apology has been forced from me in this unpleasant Business, which I wish to withdraw, as I find there has been such unwarrantable Means taken to Asperse my Character - I deem myself unworthy of holding my Commission whilst they Remain unconfuted; on these grounds as an Officer that has served with Zeal, and Faithfully for many Years, a trial I deem cannot be Refused / the disgrace or Punishment is doomed / to enquire whether or not it is Merited. -

I have

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Masulipatam Fort
March 14th 1800.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c.
/Signed/ Geo: Johnston
Captain Ensign Masulipm District

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Agnew, Adjutant Genral of the Army to Colonel Vigors, dated at Fort St. George March the 25th 1800.

"In Acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th which has been transmitted to Major General Braithwait, I am directed by him to express his Surprize that you should have forwarded to Head Quarters the Letter to which it gave Cover from Captain Johnston; as it was not a possible Case that he could order a Court Martial to try an Officer already Judged by Government for a Letter Actually Written by himself, and the Criminality of which he had Confessed himself, in the fullest Manner - you will therefore Return to Captain Johnston his Letter, informing him that Major General Braithwait does not wish to exhibit against him another Proof of his disrespect to the Civil Authority.

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A true Copy and Extract

(Signed) J. Munro

Majr. Brigade

(True Copies)

(Signed) L. Hook

Secretary to Government

A. Anstruther Esqr.

Acting Judge Advocate General

Sir,

In Answer to your letter in which you desire me to forward you a Copy of the letters Material to my defence, which were Omitted in the Copy of the Proceedings laid before the Commander in Chief together with the Materiality I attach to each, I have the honor to transmit to you the inclosed, and I submit them to you with a perfect Confidence that they will not only be Acknowledged to form a Connected series of evidence in explanation of my Conduct to Mr. Corbett, and of the Circumstances that led to it, but that they will Account for the Apology, on which the Sentence of the Court seems to lay so strong an emphasis as an Aggravation of the Offence, with which I was charged.

You

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You are too Conversant with the Rules of evidence in Criminal Proceedings not to perceive that a Suppression of fact, which illustrates the Motives under which I acted, whether at the trial, or when the Sentence was Received by the Authority which Confirms or annuls the Sentence must be highly injurious to my defence. The innocence or the Malignity of human Actions depends in no slight degree on the Motives from which they flow; and if any documents that had such a tendency were not inserted in the Evidence presented to the Commander in Chief it follows that he could take no more than a partial view of the case from the imperfect, and Mutilated statement laid before him.

I proceed therefore in Compliance with your Requisition, to point out the Letters Viz. of which I consider the Suppression from whatever cause it might have happened to have intercepted from his Excellency, a distinct and clear view of the transaction. on a perusal of these Letters I trust you will not deny them to be as singly as well as Collectively Material to the defence, I will refer to

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the Prosecution, their tendency being that of shewing the Circumstances under which Mr. Corbett obtained the Apology, which the Court seemed to Consider as an Aggravation of my Conduct, of shewing also that I objected more than once to the Apology as one to which I could not Assent, inasmuch as it implied the Absence of all provocation on the part of Mr. Corbett, an Assumption I uniformly refused to Admit, and that when I at length did Subscribe it, I acted under the influence of Apprehension that I should otherways incur the displeasure of Government, and that unpleasant consequences might Result to me from that displeasure; and that when I did sign the dictated Apology, I conceived that the Affair was at an end, and Considered it to be a full and final explication of all that had passed; their bearing Collectively is that of Accounting by a Regular Gradation of Circumstances for my Subsequent Conduct, and for the irritations I felt when I learnt that proceedings were still pursued against me, for an Offence of which I supposed there had been a Compleat Amnesty, and of which after an Apology like that to which I subscribed, I expected that every Recollection would be wiped away.—

I beg leave now to enumerate the Documents I consider as Material to my Defence.— The first

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Nos 1 and 2 I was furnished with them by the Judge Advocate, to whom they were delivered at the trial, and proved by Lieutenant Munro to have been Shewn to the prosecution, who Admitted them to be a Correct Statement of the transaction to which it Refered. The Notes Nos 3, 4 and 5 were those which I sent to Lieutenant Munro whilst he was Actually employed at the Instance of the Prosecution in effecting an Adjustment of the dispute; they were proved at the trial by that Officer, and were also delivered to the Judge Advocate from whom I obtained the Copies Now in my possession. These together with those Marked Nos 6, 7, 10, 11, are all omitted in the Report sent to the Commander in Chief, as are those Nos 8, 9, which were Letters that passed in Addition to the Orders of Government, by which I was Censured, and which contain my Request to with-draw the Apology; my demand of a Court Martial and the Refusal of the Commander in Chief, I Repeat that these are Documents without which it is impossible to form a correct Opinion concerning the feelings and the Motives that influenced my Conduct towards Mr Corbett. Besides this, they shew much of the spirit of the proceedings against me in the singular circumstance of Colonel

Vigors

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Vigors having been Reprimanded for communicating my Request of a Court Martial to inquire into a Subject, on which Government had already decided; and on which a Punishment had been awarded and sustained; while that any subject was afterwards received as one of the Charges against me on the Court Martial. The letter No. 7 (and in the Plan of which No 17 on the Proceedings of the C: M: is entered in my defence) was delivered by me to the Judge Advocate to explain my feelings on learning its contents, and to account for the letter wrote to the Commander in Chief, begging a trial and to withdraw my Apology. the Note No. 17 which has been inserted in its place, is, not a Communication of either, and was never in my defence. It must be presumed that the Court by Acquitting me of the first Charge as well as of the first Point of the second, were themselves satisfied concerning the Motives under which I acted, inasmuch as the Sentence acquits me of having acted in violation of the Character of a Gentleman, and an Officer, a Verdict that is not to be Reconciled with an Opinion that I was bound by the letter of the Apology I had signed or had been unfaithful to the honor I had pledged. The letter of the President to the Commander in Chief justifies

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also the same impression. There could have been no other evidence from which this impression could have been derived, but the Letters adduced at the trial, all of which were illustrative of the Spirit and principles of my conduct. For this Reason I am not uttering a groundless Complaint against the unaccountable omission of this Evidence in the Proceedings forwarded to the Commander in Chief, or attributing to it an importance which the Letters will not be found to deserve; my Conduct cannot be correctly and thoroughly decided on, without them. Had I been deprived of their benefit in the trial, I should have been tried on imperfect and partial Evidence; It would be a Solecism in Reason and almost in Language to say that the authority which confirms or annuls a judicial sentence, ought to proceed upon evidence inferiour to that on which the Court proceeded, whose decisions it Reviews.

In dwelling upon the extraordinary Omission of evidence so essential to the fair investigation of my Conduct, I have been Admitting the competency of the Court to pass Sentence upon the Offence of which they have found me guilty; But they who are Acquainted with the principles of Military Courts will not be slow to perceive that the Offence is

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by the effect of the Sentence, or the first part of the Second things stripped of its Military Character, and ceases to be within the scope of a Military jurisdiction. I am acquitted of having acted in a Manner unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman. By that Acquittal the offence becomes Reduced to a civil crime or trespass, and is divested of that which made it an Offence against the Rules and discipline of the Army - as the Offence therefore falls within the Cognizance of the Courts of Law, I am still liable for it to an indictment or an Action, if Mr. Corbett chose to proceed at law against me, and if he adopted that course I could not Offer to the proceedings he might institute, a former Conviction by a Court Martial by way of bar, or Objection. The jurisdiction of a Court Martial is of a Special Kind. It Regards Offences of a purely Military Nature affecting the Relations of Military Life which the ordinary Courts are incompetent to restrain; Conduct unbecoming the Character of a Gentleman and an Officer is an Offence on which no other authority, but that of a Court Martial could pass a Legal Sentence, an Assault on the person or a trespass on the property of an individual is an Offence not

affecting

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effecting the order and discipline of the Military Service, but the Order and discipline of society at large. It is therefore an Offence over which the Municipal tribunals proceeding on the Law of the Realm, are alone entitled to hold jurisdiction.

Were it otherwise, great mischief would ensue from that confusion of jurisdictions, against which the constitution has provided so many precautions, and the subject might twice suffer for the same Offence, a Mischief of which the law of England has the greatest abhorrence, For it is obvious, that the punishments awarded by the Court Martial would not operate as a bar to any future proceeding Mr. Cubett might institute against me.

It is upon these grounds, that I ventured not with an overweening Presumption but a manly Confidence to build my hopes of Restoration to my former Rank in the Honble Companys Service. I do not seek to palliate or deny the Violence I committed, But I should be guilty of affecting Sentiments, I did not feel, if I were not still to consider my Offence to be mitigated by the circumstances that led to it and by the passions, under the dominion of which

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I acted. These feelings although they have betrayed me into error, and led me into Misfortune, I trust, will not among honourable and good Men, do away the Merit of faithful and laborious service, and I make my Appeal with tranquidelity, and hope to those, who estimating the feelings of a Gentleman and a Soldier, must well know that a Nice and jealous sensibility to insult, is an essential part of the Military character.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

/Signed/ George Johnston

Ensign His Majestys

34th Regiment

/A True Copy/

/Signed/ L Hook

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
17th March 1805.

No 1

To Colonel Vigors

Commanding Vizg Vizg

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have been duly honored with your

Commands

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Commands thro' your Brigade Major Munro, and sorry to find my-
-self placed in the unpleasant Predicament I am. I take the
liberty of inclosing for your information and that of Government
should it go so far, an Account of the whole Circumstances Viz.
Regarding this to me unpleasant affair, the Note to Mr Cotsell
was not a Public Note and Mr C. has Known under my
hand it was not, or Intended as such, and had I not had good
Reason to believe Mr C. intended wantonly to insult my
feelings, I never should have Addressed him at all. I leave you
to Judge Sir after Perusal of the Circumstances related, whether
I had not much Reason to be irritated at the treatment I had
received; as to the Note for which I am so Hampered, I do not
attempt to Vindicate the propriety of it, and should be glad
it could be Recalled, and I Released from my very unpleasant
Situation.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

with all Respect

Your Most Obedient Servant

/Signed/ Geo. Johnston

Captain

Masulipatam
28th January 1800

No

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Ensign His Majestys

34th Regiment

[A true Copy]

[Signed] L Hook

Secretary to Government

Fort St: George
13th March 1805.

&c &c

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/Signed/ Geo. Johnston

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Masulipatam
28th January 1800

No

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No 2.

enclosed in the foregoing.

In Consequence of some Boat Owners making Application to Mr Johnston for freights for their Boats, an engagement was entered into between them and him, to carry my baggage from Ganjam to Masulipatam, as their Boats were at Sanapore they required an Advance of 60 Rupees to pay their Expences and leave Money with their Families during their Absence. This advance was made, and the People went to Sanapore, brought their Boats to Ganjam, loaded them, and then Required their full freight ere they Departed, which Amounted to 350 Rupees; full three times the value of the two Boats, the freight of either of which ought not to have been more than 60 or 70 Rupees, at farthest 250 Rupees more was then advanced them, and the Remaining 40, was to be paid them on their Arrival at Masulipatam, whither they promised immediately to proceed, and said they would easily be in 4 or 5 days, instead of going direct to Masulipatam they proceeded having my Baggage on board, again to Sanapore, then to Bimlipatam, Vizagapatam, and Coringa, staying some time at each

Port

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sport, and at the latter eight days, from what I have been able to learn they made a trading Voyage of it down the Coast, by which Means I was not only put to much Inconvenience by the want of my Baggage &c. but suffered considerable loss by my trunks of Books, Cloths &c. being wet thro', and my furniture considerably broke - the damage alone done to Cloths of Mrs Johnstons is Considerable, independant of other things, and three Packages have been delivered short - had a hard bargain been made with these People, there Might have been some excuse for their wishing to make more by their trips, but as they were paid so liberally they have no excuse - when I found the state of my baggage &c. and their having been at the Assistant Ports on the Coast instead of Coming here direct as they engaged, I supplied to Mr Dunlop Master Attendant to stop their going away again, till I could see Mr Reid the Collector, as I wished to try if I could not get the People punished for such Conduct; but Mr R. not being at Masulipatam at the time, was prevented making the Application I otherways should have done, and waited his Return; In the Mean time the Boat People went and Complained to Mr Corbett, who Ordered the Master Attendant to let them go, and the first I knew of their going, was by one of my

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own Servants informing me they were going down the River. I immediately sent to Mr Denton to enquire why he had Allowed them to go, when he sent me word it was by the Order of Mr Cobbett on which I again sent to Mr Denton Requesting he would step to my House for a Minute, as I wished to speak to him, when he Returned for Answer, he was not my Servant, and that if I wanted to Speak to him I might come to his House. on this I wrote the following Note to Mr Cobbett. Here follows the Letter Marked No 1 on the Proceedings of the Court Martial. to which Mr Cobbett sent the following Reply:- Here follows the Letter Marked No 2 on the Proceedings of the Court Martial.

I now beg leave to ask if whom the People made Complaints of me to Mr Cobbett if he ought not to have given me some Notice of it, either by enquiring my Reason for wishing them Detained or informing me that a Complaint was made; but Mr C. did neither, but gave Orders for them to be Allowed to go which they did immediately, and glad to get off without Punish= =ment for their Conduct; and I am Obliged to suffer the loss without possibility of Satisfaction. I must Remark had I Known Mr Cobbett had any thing to say to the Police, or could have been

Instrumental

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Instrumental in getting me Redress, I should have applied to him, but I Knew the Collector had the Hearing and Redressing Complaints that might be made, and that he gave Port clearances, I therefore applied to Mr. Dunlop to stop the People till the Return of the Collector, and I Knew of Nothing further till I was informed they were off, on which the Notes before transcribed were written. I have much Reason to believe Mr. Corbett acted in this Manner towards me with intention to insult my Feelings, on which I wrote him a Private Note which is the one now the cause of this Address. It surely was incumbent on Mr. Corbett, if it was with him to Interfere at all, to enquire into the cause of the Complaint against me, as it was not Reasonable to suppose I should wish them detained without good cause, but Mr. C. at once took a Step decidedly in favor of the Boat People to my Injury, which at once precluded me from getting any Redress for their Conduct towards me.—

No 3

My Dear Munro

As Mr. Corbett does not choose to give up the Note on the Memorandum I gave you, it shews clearly he is sensible of the insult he has so justly Minded; I have many Reasons to Know that Mr. Corbett acted designedly to hurt my

Feelings

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Judging as when he Ordered away the Boats as he did, if it was his duty to enterfere, it was surely equally his duty to do Justice to me as the People, and when a Complaint was made to him of me, it was surely his duty to give me some Notice of it; but as he did not think proper so to do, he certainly waved the point of duty he makes Plea of - I am sensible if considered in a Publick Light my Note to him may bring me censure, but I never intended it as such, and my Memorandum which he has seen now has Informed him particularly it was Private, and not Publick - I am confident the Colonel will Act in the Matter if brought before him fairly, and I am sure, tho' he may not Approve my Second Note to Mr C. he will Allow that I had great provocation to be angry, as by Mr C.s conduct in sending off the boats, I am deprived of all Means of getting Redress for the Imposition and loss I have suffered - I am thankfull for your good wishes and should be glad to avoid a public discussion if possible, but even suppose I was to call back my Note on any terms is all to Rush Mine, am I to get no satisfaction for my loss, and is my hands to be tied after such usage - had I not known Mr C. acted from Motives that do not Appear true, I should Never have written them in the Style I did -

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

I am in hopes the Colonel will let me Know, what ever steps are taken that may affect me sucessfully, as I could wish to have time to state Matters fully to Government thro' the Commander in Chief, and the Colonel me or about the time the Complaints may go.—

I am

Yours very truly

(Signed) G. Johnston

do not destroy this, as tho' not a Public Letter may be of use hereafter in case of Public Discussion.—

No. 4

My Dear Munro

The terms of Mr Cobbetts dictating one of that Nature tis not possible I could decide to them—was I to declare I acted without Provocation, I should most palpably declare Myself a liar; as to the Note of the 25th being included, I never Knew an exception was made to it, if he is satisfied with the accompanying an Apology inclosed—I shall be glad, but if not it must & will be forwarded to Madras—I hope the Colonel will forward any Letter of Explanation with the others, to shew I did not act without Provocation.—

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805

I Remain

Yours very truely

(Signed) Geo Johnston

P. S.

Should not Mr C. be satisfied at this, do not stop any longer, for if he is not, I plainly see he wishes more than I can Accede to; I am sure any Court Martial will Acquit me of having Acted without Provocation.

Marked on the back "Received 30th January early in the Morning."

No 5

My Dear Munro

I cannot in any degree Consistent with my feelings submit to so humiliating an Apology, and I had much rather meet the worst than do it.

Am sorry so much has been said, and that I should have given so much trouble on the Occasion, and I am thankfull to the Colonel and yourself for your good Offices.

Am Yours very truely

(Signed) Geo. Johnson

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No. 6.

My Dear Munro

I wish much to have a word with you as soon as you can make it Convenient to come to the Fort either this Afternoon or tomorrow Morning; if no Conveyance, my Boys, or Bundy shall attend you. —

Yours truly

(Signed) G. Johnston

Marked on the back "Received 25th. February."

No. 7

My Dear Sir,

Though a painfull Task, still in Conformity with my Promise I give you early intimation of the first News I have had Respecting your very unpleasant Situation. I have a private Note which I have no Reason to doubt, that Orders have been issued at Madras Removing you from hence to Ganjam, and confining your duties to the Fort at that Station, and I am sorry to add some degree of censure has I believe been passed on your Conduct

I am

My Dear Sir

Yours

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805

Tuesday
11th March 1800

Yours very Much
(Signed) W. Vigors

No 8

To Major General Braithwaite

Commander in Chief

Yea " Yea " Yea "

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have in the most Earnest Manner to Intreat a General Court Martial may be allowed to inquire into Grounds of a Charge exhibited against me by Mr Cabell Commercial Resident, and for which I am placed in Arrest to clear my Character of such Aspersions and Release me from a Situation I have been placed in, in Consequence of Exaggeration and Misrepresentation, an Apology has been forced from me in this complaisant business, which I wish to withdraw, as I find there has been such unwarrantable Measures taken to Asperse my Character — I deem myself unworthy of holding my Commission whilst they Remain unconfuted, on these Grounds as an Officer that has

Stand

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Fort St. George 9th. August 1805.

Served with Zeal, and faithfully for many Years, a trial I deem Cannot be Refused, if no disgrace or Punishment is deemed, to inquire whether or not 'tis Merited.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

With the utmost Respect

Your Most Obedient

and Humble Servant

(Signed) Geo: Johnston

Captain Engr. Masulipatam

District.

Masulipatam Fort March 14th 1800

Marked at the bottom "Received, Returned the 25th March

No 9

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Agnew Adjutant General of the Army to Colonel Vegors, dated at Fort St. George March the 25th 1800.

"In acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th which has been transmitted to Major General Braithwaite, I am directed by him to express his Surprize that you should have forwarded to Head Quarters the Letter to which it gave

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A true Copy and Extract

(Signed) J. Munro

Major Brigade

To Colonel Fothringham

President of a General

Court Martial

Masulipatam

Sir,

I take the liberty of Requesting you will do me the favor of taking such Measures as you may deem expedient and proper to get me Relieved from the Close and Ignominious Confinement I am now, and have long been under, in Consequence

of

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of the Complaints of Mr Cobbett; I should not make this Request had it not been shewn to you by the Evidence given at the Court Martial by Captain Malcolm, that the Apprehension of Mr Cobbett of his life being in danger by my being at Liberty, is Chimerical, Ideal, and Malicious, Merely with the hope to Keep me in Confinement to gratify his Revenge, I trust it will Appear to you my being at Liberty can in no way endanger Mr Cobbetts life; and I do assure you that he is too Contemptible a being for me ever to have any Communication with. By the long and close Confinement I have been under, not only my Private Concerns have been Suffered much, but my Health considerably; and as yet I have a Prospect of this Confinement Remaining some time unless you are so good as to use your exertions to get me Released — I am in hopes it will merit your Attention, for which I shall be Gratefull. —

and I am Sir,

With Respect and Esteem

Your Most Obedient Servant

[Signed] Geo. Johnston

Captain Engineers

Fort Masulipatam
April 25th 1800.

Sir

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Fort St. George 4th August 1805.

True Copies

/Signed/ A. Boyce

Judge Advocate

N. D.

No 11

Head Quarters of the Army Choultry Plain

March 1800

The Right Honble the Governor in Council having Addressed the Subjoined Orders to Major General Braithwaite Commanding the Army in Chief to be published to the Army; they are accordingly published in Military Orders.

By Order By Government

Fort St. George

6th March 1800

The Right Honble the Governor in Council thinks it Necessary to publish to the Army, that Captain George Johnston of the Corps of Engineers was Ordered in Arrest by the Officer Commanding the Northern Division, in Consequence of violation of the Respect due to the Civil Authority; ordered in the

Commercial

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805

Commercial Resident at Masulipatam — Captain Johnston having however offered such an Atonement for his Offensive Conduct, as tends to extenuate the Appearance of his irregular and unofficer like behaviour; this Lordship in Council has suspended his intention of removing Captain Johnston from the Honble Company's Service, and thinks it sufficient on the present Occasion, to express this Lordships Most pointed disapprobation of Captain Johnstons Conduct; Captain Johnston is removed from the District of Masulipatam and is ordered to do duty in the Fort of Ganjam only. —

By Order of the Right Honble the Governor in Council —

/Signed/ Josiah Webbe
Secretary to Government

No. 12

To Major General Braithwaite
Commanding the
Army in Chief
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you,

That

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

That the General Court Martial which Assembled at this Station on the 25th Ultimo in Conformity to your Orders, having taken into Consideration some Circumstances which Appear in the Absence of the Prisoner Captain Johnston of Engineers, from which they were induced to believe that the Assault he committed on the Commercial Resident Mr Cubitt, on the 16th of March last was not premeditated but the effect of Sudden Passion or temporary Derangement, under this impression, and Adverting to the long & Active Services of Captain Johnston, the Court consider him as a proper Object of Recommendation to Government; and therefore Request you will have the goodness to Represent him in that point of view to the Consideration of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, in whatever Manner you may judge to be Most Advisable should you consider in this Opinion. By this Post the Deputy Judge Advocate will have the honor of transmitting the Proceedings of the Court for your Approbation with the greatest Respect.

I have the honor to Subscribe

Myself — Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

/Signed/ Geo: Dalhousinghame

Colonel President

Masulipatam
1st May 1800

/True Copies/

Signed L. Hook

Secretary to Govt

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Fort St. George 9th " August 1805.

His Excellency Lieut.t Genl. Sir J. Cradock K. B.

Commander in Chief

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

Honorable Sir,

In Obidience to your Orders Requiring

that' your Secretary Requiring me to transmit with as little delay

as possible the Specific Charges against the Court Martial by

which I was tried, I beg leave to Observe it is not particularly against

the Proceedings of the Court Martial that I complain, but it is

of an unprecedented Severity that was exercised against me previous

to, during, and after the Sentence of the Court Martial on me -

I complain that my Offence was of that Nature that Never

ought to have been brought before a Court Martial, much less to

have deprived me of my Commission - It was in the earnest

discharge of my duty that I got involved in the difficulties I

have encountered - I met a heavy loss from the Villainy of some

Boat People who were transporting my Baggage, I took the

Regular and proper Channell to Obtain Redress for my loss, but

was prevented from Obtaining any by the improper interference of

Mr Vincents Corbett, his Conduct was such as provoked me to

write

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write, what I have Admitted was a Hasty and Intemperate Note to him. I was immediately Sensible of it and expressed my wish to withdraw and Atone for it. I was placed under an Arrest, and a Specific Charge furnished me, I was Refused a trial Although I Required to be heard in my defence, and Contrary to every Principle of Justice and Honor, I was Obliged to Criminate myself in an unavailing Apology in the belief that all would then be at an end; was Afterwards disgracefully punished in General Orders and a Handle made of the Apology so unjustly drawn from me not only to publish my Criminality to the Army, but to Criminate me Afterwards on Another Charge against this proceedings I beg with all Deference to Refer your Excellency to a Minute of the Supreme Government in Bengal on a Similar Case No 1. This Court Martial by which I was tried was unusually Summoned every Individual Member having been Named in Orders by the Commanding Officer of the Station, and a Considerable Majority of Staff Officers on it. on this Proceeding I beg leave with all deference to your Excellency to Refer to No 2 Accompanying. This Court Prosecuting and contradictory Evidence was Admitted on the proceedings Against me, when I was Needlessly harassed by the Court, being frequently cleared to deliberate on the propriety of Questions Stated to Evidence. Letters were Admitted on the proceedings as Evidence to prove the Appointments and Authority

of

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of Mr Corbett which had long before been superseded by others and New Appointments—

Several letters and papers of Material Consequence to my Cause that were before the Court, have been with-held from the Official Proceedings, transmitted to the Commander in Chief without either my Consent or Knowledge; and a letter has been entered on my defence, that was not entered by me, but substituted in the place of one that ought to have been there— Beg to refer to the Opinion of Mr Erskin on this.

The Sentence on me is Neither sanc-tioned by any Article of War, nor is the offence of which I was found justly punishable by the Articles of War, neither is the Sentence Consistent with the terms expressed in a letter from the President of the Court which Accompanied the proceedings to the Commander in Chief— When I complained to Government and the Commander in Chief of the Injustice and Irregularity of the proceedings against me, and specified Charges against Colonel Urban Vigors of this Establishment and a Charge of Perjury in the evidence against me given by Mr V. Corbett, no Notice was taken or attention paid to them, and when I again forwarded the same with a Request that they might be forwarded to the Governor General

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and Commander in Chief in India, I was degradingly ordered on board Ships to England" / indeed were I to state all the Sensations I have experienced and difficulties I have encountered in endeavouring to obtain a hearing to my Complaints, it would scarcely be believed possible that an Officer should meet such treatment / but Notwithstanding all I have suffered I could willingly forgive and would endeavour to forget, and I should gladly rest my sole dependence in the Papers that I can prove in the Clearest Manner ought to have been in the Proceedings of my Court Martial.—

I am willing to believe, and even wish that it may have been Accident that was the cause of this deficiency in the Proceedings, but at the same time I indulge the hope, that after a full Proof of the deficiency, and investigation of all that I have suffered together with a Consideration of my long and Zealous Services, that they may be the Means of my Reinstatement in the Service; and take the Liberty of enclosing herewith Extract from a General Letter of the Court of Directors to the Bombay Government Regarding Captain Hiffe of that Establishment, who was in a Considerable Degree Similarly situate as myself— No. 3—

"Accompanying I have the honor to enclose a printed Copy of the Proceedings of the Court Martial by which

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I was favoured with the Sunday Remarks and Explanations Annexed.

Vide the Book

I have also enclosed Copy of a Letter I Received from General Smith, Colonel of His Majesty's 3rd 1/1 Regiment on my Submitting my Case to him, with a Request to Purchase on his Regiment No 4.

It would afford me much Satisfaction to have an Opportunity of proving to the Conviction of your Excellency what I have Advanced.

I have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ George Johnston

Ensign His Majesty's

34th 1/1 Regiment

Fort St. George
13th March 1805.

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ L: Hook

Secretary to Government

Upper Brook Street

28th February 1803.

Dear Sir,

I have consigned Pleasure in transmitting you the enclosed which I beg you will lodge with the Agents and

desire

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Desire him to forward your Purchase in the 43d —

I have the Pleasure

to be Sir,

Your very

humble Servant

/Signed/ E: Smith

Captain Geo: Johnston

Dear Sir,

Jeremy 8th February 1803

I have perused the case of Captain Johnson as have all the Officers present with the Regiment, we are intirely of Opinion that he has been very harshly treated by the Military as well as the Civil Servants of the East India Company, who appear to us in this instance to have sacrificed the mild Mind of a Military to the influence of a Commercial Officer — How far this System may be justified, time will shew. The Warmth of Captain Johnston's temper is however admitted by his best Friends, but we are to hope that the Consequence has rectified this - and we do not see any Reason why he should not Receive in the Kings Service / as much as possible) Remuneration for his Loss in the Company's —

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I have the honor to be

Sir Your Most Obedt Servt

/Signed/ Patrick Mackenzie

Major Commanding 43rd Regt

To General Smith

/True Copies/

/Signed/ G. Johnston

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ L. Hook

Secretary to Government

Minute of Mr Hastings and Mr Francis

Resolved

That to prefer a charge and Refuse a trial is in our Judgment a Proceeding wholly inconsistent with Justice, and liable to many dangerous Consequences; a Precedent of this Nature if once permitted to pass without Condemnation tends in the first instance to have the Character and Safety of Individuals at the Mercy of Men in Power, and Ultimately to weaken the hands of Government itself by destroying that Confidence which Individuals have been taught to Repose in the Justice and good faith of Government, and which alone

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alone can engage them to Act with Spirit and Vigour in the Publick Service.

That the Menace held out by the President to the Officers against whom he himself had delivered a formal Charge of disobedience of Orders / Viz. That if they would not decline all Military duty, and submit their Cause to our determination he would move to suspend them the Service" is in our Opinion a high and Arbitrary proceeding, and calls for the most public and solemn Condemnation from this Board.

That The claim of ..... + to be heard by a Court Martial was a Claim of Right and Admitted to them ... the Moment a Specific charge was exhibited against them, that any Attempts to induce Men under a Public Charge to wave their Right to a Public trial is equally inconsistent with the Justice and dignity of Government, but that the intention of passing by all trial whatever and proceeding instantly from Accusation to Punishment, so plainly expressed in the Menace held out by the President, is in our Opinion highly Criminal, and that as such we should think it our duty to Represent it to our Superiors.

+ (original so)

That

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That Admitting that whether Surprised by the Menaces of the President, or induced by any other Motives whatsoever had at first Submitted to the Conditions imposed on them, yet having disavowed or Retracted such Supposed Assent long before the Reference to this Board was made, the Advantage taken thereof was unjust in itself, and not to be Reconciled to the fair and Open Purposes of Justice; that they were in full time to Revert to their Original Right, a Public Trust and that their Claim to it ought not to have been denied.

A true Copy from the Consultations of the Bengal Government.

/Signed/ George Johnston

Case for Opinion

Some time ago an Officer belonging to the Northern Division of the Army was Ordered under an Arrest by the Officer Commanding that Division, and who framed the Charges that were either given into Court by which the Officer in Arrest was afterwards tried, or transmitted to Madras as the Ground of Complaint against him.

That Commanding Officer otherwise took an unequivocal lead in the Affair which provoked the Trial,

and

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and took upon himself in some degree to decide for the Party Complaining, Refusing to Allow terms of Accommodation that were Offered by the Offending Officer to be sent to the Complainant, who he Observed had dictated certain terms which he had Approved and that he would not tender any other.—

When the Court Martial was by the Orders of the Commander in Chief directed to be Assembled, instead of directing such and such Corps (for there were Many in the District) to furnish such and such a detail for Instance the European Regiments to give two Captains and two Subalterns &c. &c. which as being a General duty, a Roster is Kept in every Regiment According to the usage and Custom of the Army, the Commanding Officer Particularly, Named and Selected every Individual Member, and instead of Regimental Officers he Nominated many Staff Officers, and Amongst them his own Secretary and another Officer whom he had Appointed to take Charge of the Offending Officers Department. Not the Most distant hint or imputation is Meant to those Staff Officers, but Merely to shew they sat as Members of a Court Martial Contrary to the Custom of the Army, founded it should seem upon the Principle that Court Martial

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Under the above Circumstances is such a Proceding Legal or Illegal?

This Case was forwarded to me by a Person on the Spot, Knowing all the Circumstances and wishing me to take the Opinion of Council on it.

(Signed) George Johnston

Bombay Thursday

31st May 1804

Extract from General Orders By Government

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diately brought under our Consideration, in Consequence of an
Application from that Officer.

Para 5th. We have also had before us the Opinions of our Standing Council and of other Counsellors upon the Subject of the said trial.

Para 6th. From an Attentive perusal of these Opini-
ons and from our own Observations upon the whole of the Circumstances of the case, we entertain Considerable doubts, not only of the formality, but also of the legality of the Proceedings of the Court Martial upon Captain Hisse.

Para 7th. Upon a Review therefore of the whole of the case, we think we should not be justified in confirming a Sentence so severe in its Operation with Respect to an Individual whose Conduct we Observe by the Testimonials produced, except in the instance before us, has been that of a brave and Meritorious Officer.

Para 8th. We therefore deem it more proper in this Particular case, Although, we find much Room to blame the Violent and improper behaviour of Captain Hisse rather to

Adopt

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Adopt the mild and consistent principles of our Courts of Justice here, which allow the Party accused to benefit by any Informality in the Proceedings against him, than to carry into execution a Sentence Concerning the legality of which such doubts exists— and we therefore direct that Captain Hoffe be placed in the same Situation on your Army List as he held previous to the trial, we have Accordingly permitted him to Return to our Service, under your Presidency without prejudice to his Rank.— A true Extract from General Order Issued at Bombay—

/Signed/ George Johnston

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ L: Hook

Secretary to Government

Alexander Anstruther Esqr

Acting Judge Advocate General

Sir,

I had yesterday the honor of receiving your Letter of the 19th Instant Requiring from me, by order of the Commander in Chief, information Relative to the Proceedings

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Proceedings of a Court Martial at which I acted as Judge Advocate in 1800 at Masulipatam, for the trial of Captain Johnston of Engineers, together with Manuscript Copies of Papers from No. 1 to No. 10 which Captain Johnston Alleges were given into me, but not insented on the Proceedings.

I extremely regret that I have not Reserved the Rough Notes of the Trial which would have enabled me to have fulfilled the Orders of his Excellency, but I shall indeavour to supply that want, as far as I can from Memory.—

During or immediately previous to the setting of the Court Martial, I Remember calling one Morning on Lieutenant now Major Munro, and telling him that Captain Johnston had Required all the Letters and Notes which had passed between them on the Subject of his (Captains Johnstons) dispute with Mr. Corbett, on which Lieutenant Munro Answered, "that several of them being of a private Nature, he was doubtfull how far he could with propriety give them up" my Reply to the best of my last Recollection was thought they might not be Material to

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I cannot positively say what Letters and Notes were delivered to me, but I think it probable that all the Numbers, Specified by Captain Johnston, were committed to my charge - I have not the smallest Recollection of any of the Official documents Alluded to by Captain Johnston having been either called for, or produced by, him on his Defence, if they had no doubt they would have Appeared on the Face of the Proceedings, but, if my Memory serves me I think the Substance of the Paper Marked No 2 of those which you have transmitted to me, formed a part of Captain Johnstons defence.-

With respect to the private Notes Nos 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the List delivered to you by Captain Johnston, I think it probable though at this distance of time, and not having any Notes by me of the transaction I cannot speak positively to the fact that the Court judged it unnecessary

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unnecessary to burthen their Record with them, upon a View of their immateriality, but I am positively certain that I gave no Opinion upon them myself.

The Letter No 10 & the two Papers which you say have been furnished by Captain Johnston was I remember given to me by the President of the Court Martial (the late Colonel Fotheringham) with instructions to Answer it, Signifying that he did not conceive himself Authorized to make the Application required by the Prisoner.

The one Marked No 3 I imagine was sent to me along with the other private Notes, but for the Reasons already stated, I cannot take upon myself to say positively.

The foregoing is all the information I am in possession of with Regard to these Papers, and I am sensible that it is very imperfect, but having destroyed all my Notes when I was removed from the Office of Deputy Judge Advocate, I am unable to submit my Answers in a more perfect form.

I have

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Matabele
29th. March
1805.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
/Signed/ A. Bryce
Majr 1st. Battalion
12th. Regiment
Native Infantry

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ L. Hook
Secretary to Government

To
Major General Braithwaite
Commanding the Army in Chief
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the General Court Martial which Assembled at this Station on the 21st Ultimo, in conformity to your Orders having taken into Consideration some Circumstances which Appear on the Defence of the Prisoner Captain Johnston of Engineers

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Enquiries from which they are induced to believe that, the Assault the Committed on the Commercial Resident Mr Cobbett on the 10th of March last was not premeditated but the effect of sudden passion or temporary derangement; under this impression and Adverting to the long and Active Services of Captain Johnston, the Court consider him as a proper Object of Recommendation to Government; and do therefore Request that you would have the goodness to Represent him in that point of view to the Consideration of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, in whatever Manner you may judge to be most Advisable should you Concur in this Opinion.—

By this Post the Deputy Judge Advocate will have the honor of transmitting the Proceedings of the Court for your Approbation.—

With the greatest Respect, I have the honor to Subscribe Myself.—

Sir,

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Geo: Lothenington

Colonel President

Masulipatam
9th May 1800

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A true Copy

Signed L. Hook

Secretary to Government

To

Captain Hook

Secretary to Government

and the Military Department

Sir,

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It appears that Captain G.

Johnston.

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Adverting to the long and Active Services of Captain Johnston, the
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(Signed) Geo: Lothiningham
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Johnston, of the Madras Engineers, was brought to trial, before a general Court Martial, held at Masulipatam in the Month of April 1800, on certain Charges, and sentenced to be Cashiered, which Sentence was Confirmed; and carried into Execution, by Major General Braithwaite the Officer then Commanding the Army on the Coast. Captain Johnsons Name was struck out of the List of the Army, and he himself sent to Europe by order of the Madras Government. On this sentence Captain Johnson now Appeals to the present Commander in Chief, and through him, to his Excellency the Most Noble the Governor and Captain General, praying a Reversal of the same, on certain alledged errors and irregularities in the proceedings of the Court Martial.

The first Question that seems to Arise on the general view of the subject is whether an Appeal can be made from the Judicial Opinion of one Commander in Chief, to that of his successor. It is to be Observed that the Authority for holding trials by Court Martial is not annexed to the Office of Commander in Chief, but must Arise from a particular Warrant directed to him by Name, or

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to his Official Address. Under Authority of this Warrant he admi=
=nisters Justice; and is personally Answerable to the Law, for any
illegal act which he may commit.

The Nature of this Warrant from
the King Authorizes him to confirm, mitigate, or Remit any
Sentence Passed by a General Court Martial. The Commander
in Chief in India is Authorized however, to call for the Proce=
=dings on any Trial at any of the Subordinate Presidences
for the purpose of expressing his disapprobation or otherwise
of the same.

At the period of the above Sentence
being Passed, and for some Months, it is believed Afterwards, the
General Command of the Forces in the East Indies was vested
either in the person of Lieutenant General Clarke or in that
of Lieutenant General Lake, his Excellency the Most Noble
Marquis Wellesley not having then assumed the Command as
Captain General.

On the Sentence being confirmed the
Regular course for Captain Johnson to Proceed, in order to
obtain a Remission of the Judgement, was by a Petition to

Major

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Major General Braithwaite in the first instance, as the Officer who confirmed it; and failing success in that Quarter, to the Commander in Chief in India, and finally to the Court of Directors, unless he should have found it Advisable to Resort to a Court of Law at once.—

Captain Johnson in his Letter to his Excellency Lieutenant General Sir John Cradock, of the 13th of March 1805, Represents several fruitless Attempts which he has already made through the former Commanders in Chief and the Madras Government, to obtain Justice; and to lay his case before the Governor General and the Commander in Chief in India.—

No Principle of Law seems more clear than this that the Sentence of a Court of Justice shall not be set aside, but on the gravest Reasons and the fullest evidence of its insufficiency; it is Necessary therefore, that every official form should be observed; and that the Appellant should distinctly prove every Allegation which he Advances.

In order to entitle Mr. Johnson therefore to Redress, it would seem Requisite that he prove distinctly

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the several Steps which he has hitherto taken to bring his case forward; and that he produce attested, or Official Copies of the several Applications which he has made, to the late Major General Braithwaite, the Madras Government, the Commander in Chief of the Forces in India Lieutenant General Stuart or other authority for Redress with the Answers thereon returned, if any such have been given. —

Until this Step is first taken, it seems Unnecessary to go into the Merits of the case. I have always however Considered Captain Johnsons case as a peculiarly hard one, and I look with Anxiety to some Redress being afforded him. Although it may not be easy to say from what channel that ought to proceed, nor to what extent it can be now given until it is first distinctly ascertained what steps have been hitherto taken on the Occasion, and what stage his Appeal is now in. —

I have only to observe that at the period of Captain Johnsons trial, I did not think Myself as Judge Advocate General, and this Gentleman, / Mr.

Cartwright

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Cartwright being then employed to Act during my Absence.—

I can have no doubt but the Applications as Stated by Mr Johnson were Actually made; but it does not Appear from his Letter that any Application was made to the last Commander in Chief; Lieutenant General Stuart; If any such was made it should have been stated whether any and what Answer was Returned—

You will Receive along with this the several Papers which Accompanied your Letter—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your very Obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Leith

Judge Advocate General

Madras Establishment

(A true Copy)

(Signed) L. Hook

Secretary to Government

Lord William

15th June 1805—

Captain Lionel Hook

Yrs. Yrs. Yrs.

Sir,

In Obedience to the Commands of

His

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His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, I have attentively perused the Proceedings of the Court Martial on Captain George Johnston of the Madras Engineers, with the several Documents which accompanied it.

The very able, perspicuous, and comprehensive Report of Mr Arbuthnot appearing to embrace every Object of legal Objection, that the Most diligent and Minute Investigation, could render applicable to this extraordinary Trial. I have but little more to offer Respecting it, than my humble, but perfect Concurrence in the Reasoning and Opinions of that Gentleman and particularly in the following important Points— first— That the Offences with which Captain Johnson was charged, were not proper Objects of Enquiry by a Court Martial—

That it seems to be satisfactorily Secondly established, that some Documents which ought to have been Part of the Proceedings were not Recorded, and as one of these (No. 2 See Supplemental Papers) was highly important to a just Appreciation of Captain Johnston's Office it appears probable that the Absence of this Paper might

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His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, I have attentively perused the Proceedings of the Court Martial on Captain George Johnston of the Madras Engineers, with the several Documents which accompanied it.

The very able, perspicuous, and comprehensive Report of Mr Arbuthnot appearing to embrace every Object of legal Objection, that the Most diligent and Minute Investigation, could render applicable to this extraordinary Trial. I have but little more to offer Respecting it, than my humble, but perfect Concurrence in the Reasoning and Opinions of that Gentleman and particularly in the following important Points. First. That the Offences with which Captain Johnson was charged, were not proper Objects of Enquiry by a Court Martial.

Secondly. That it seems to be satisfactorily established, that some Documents which ought to have been Part of the Proceedings were not recorded, and as one of these (No 2 the Supplemental Papers) was highly important to a just Appreciation of Captain Johnston's Offence it appears probable that the Absence of this Paper might

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in some Measure have Caused the Sentence of Dismission from the Company's Service, the unusual Severity of which would possibly have been Mitigated had the defensive Paper been annexed to the Proceedings, when they were before General Braithwaite for Confirmation.

Thirdly That the Sentence should be considered as more Nullity, first because it Acquits the Prisoner of the only Point of the Charge cognizable by Martial Law, Viz. scandalous and infamous Behaviour, unbecoming the Character of an Officer "and a Gentleman" and also because the Sentence is inconsistent with the just Construction of the only Article of War, to which the Court could possibly suppose it Referable but without doubt erroneously, viz as much as a personal Assault under such Circumstances cannot be Considered as a Military Offence under the Head of "Disorders and Neglects"

It is indeed true that no Sentence of a Court Martial should be Reversed but upon the clearest Manifestation of its Illegality or Injustice, and that there is very sufficient Proof, that the Adjudication on Captain Johnstons Trial is both illegal and unjust, must I think be

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evident to every impartial Person, who shall peruse the Proceedings.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) H. F. Calcraft

J. A. G.

Fort William
Judge Advocate Generals Office
19th June 1805.

(A true Copy)

(Signed) L. Hook

Secretary to Government

To Captain L. Hook

Secretary to the Government

Military Department

Sir,

In Obedience to the Commands

of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General

I have read and considered the several documents transmitted

to me from your Office relating to the Application of Captain

Johnston of the Madras Establishment for Relief against

the Sentence of a Court Martial passed on him in the

Year 1800.—

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The Objections urged by Captain Johnston against the Sentence are two, The first is that upon the finding of the Court the Offence of which he stands convicted is an Offence in its Nature merely Civil—

The Second is that Material documents have been Subtracted from the Proceedings—

With Regard to the first of these Objections I agree that if the Court had Merely found the Prisoner guilty of certain Acts which did of their own Nature constitute a Civil Offence only, and had Negatived all the gradations of those Acts by which they could be brought within the Cognizance of a Military Tribunal — The Sentence passed on such a finding would have been a Nullity, and the Grounds of Jurisdiction so plain, that it would not have deserved farther Consideration, whether Captain Johnston should or should not be Reinstated in his Situation in the Companys Service, and Receive his Arrears of Pay —

But it does not appear to me that such is the effect of the finding It is true that the Imputation of scandalous and infamous behaviour unbecoming

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the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, is expressly negatived. But I cannot concur in the Opinion that in what follows / The Court goes no farther than to pronounce that the Acts of which they find the Prisoner guilty were Prejudicial to good order. It is clear that they had in view the 2nd Article of the 18th Section of the Companys Articles of War, and though they have not adhered to the words of it in framing their Judgement / and it was not Necessary that they should / I think it equally clear that in finding those Acts to be Prejudicial to good order and contrary to the Rules and Articles of War, established for the Government of the Companys Service they meant to pronounce the Prisoner guilty of a disorder Prejudicial to good Order and Military Discipline in breach of that Article of War.

I cannot say there is Nothing on the face of the Proceedings to warrant this conclusion, It does Appear in evidence and upon the Statement of the Prisoner himself that on the very day of his Release from a Military Arrest under which he had been placed for an Outrage against the informant Mr. Corbett he commits an Outrage upon that same Person of an infinitely worse description. Captain Johnston alledges that he had not seen the General Orders

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at the time he did this - It is however clear that the Rules they contained a heavy Sentence upon his former Offence, for the urges that Circumstance to Account for the irritation of Mind under which he Acted - It is impossible to say that the punishment of an Offence does not to the Common sense of every Man living imply a prohibition to repeat it, and I see nothing unreasonable in saying that the immediate and flagrant breach of such a prohibition is a disorder prejudicial from its evil example to Military discipline -

I beg to observe that I am not offering any Opinion on the Justness of the Sentence in the view of its proportion to the Offence, but merely on its legality and the Competency of the Court to pronounce it, the words of this Article of War are some what Vague, Military Men will Judge better than I can, whither Custom has put so Extensive a Sense upon the terms disorders prejudicial to good order and Military discipline, as I have Assumed they ought to receive. But it Appears to me there is at least so much doubt whither the Court Martial has in the present instance exceeded the Subject Matter of its Jurisdiction that I could not

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take upon Myself to recommend any summary determination in this Country, by which the Proceedings should be treated as a Nullity, and it would be a strong additional Reason with me for not going that length, that the dismissal of Captain Johnstone from the Service in Consequence of the Sentence has been Regularly Notified to the Honorable Court of Directors, tacitly confirmed by their Silence on the Subject during so considerable a length of time. They have at least the same means of giving Relief if it ought to be given as any of the Constituted Authorities here, and under the Circumstances I think the affair is entirely transferred to their cognizance, so far as it depends upon this Question. I have thought it proper to state my Opinion upon the merits of this Objection. But it appears to me that upon the very supposition of its being well founded, his Excellency can have no immediate cognizance of the case. If there has been an excess of Jurisdiction, no doubt the Sentence is a Nullity; but there the case is that of a Company's Officer on the Madras Establishment, who has never been deprived of his Commission de jure applying to be admitted to his Rank, and the exercise of his functions de facto

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This is an Objection which can in no way be brought before his Excellency as Captain General to the King, for it does not come within any of those Special Prerogatives which are Conferred by Law on the King's Commander in Chief in Matters Relating to the Military Service of the Company, and Considered as a Question Merely Relating to the Companys Service, it falls under the immediate Cognizance of the Government of Madras and not under that of the Governor General in Council.

The Second Objection is that certain Documents have been Subtracted from the Record of the Proceeding. If this Objection were well founded I should be of Opinion not that the Sentence itself was a Nullity in Consequence, but that the confirmation of the Sentence was a nullity, under the 8th Article of the 12 Section of the Articles of War for the Government of the Companys Troops. That the Sentence was still unconfirmed, and that it ought now to be Submitted to his Excellency as Captain General of the King over all the Land Forces serving in the East Indies, and by virtue of that Office Commander

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in Chief, within the Meaning of the 41st of George the Second, and of the Articles of War above cited.—

But I cannot after the most attentive examination of the case satisfy Myself that there is sufficient proof of a Subtraction of any part of the proceedings. I must observe that I confine myself as I think the effect of the Objection is Confined, to the Actual proceedings before the Court, by which I understand what-ever Oral testimony was delivered and whatever Documents were read to the Court at any time and through any Medium before Sentence passed. I cannot go further and say that because there may have been a Misappre-hension between the Prisoner and the Judge Advocate as to the production of certain documents, the proceedings are to be Rescinded. If the Prisoner has been Materially injured by such a Misapprehension it is a ground to apply for Relief when there is any discretionary power over the Subject, but it cannot upon any principle as it seems to me, be a cause of Nullity or in any way affect the Legality of the Sentence. It is certainly

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the Moral duty of a Judge Advocate as it is that of every Prosecutor to bring forward every Circumstance which in his conscience he believes to be in favour of the Prisoner. But I have never understood it to be any part of his legal duty. He is ex-officio the Prosecutor for the Crown, and not the defender of the Prisoner. I do not therefore think that there is any legal presumption arising out of the Nature of his Office, in the way in which it seems to have struck Mr Anstruther that he did produce the Papers which were in his Custody, because every Man is presumed to have done that which the Law enjoins him to do. But if there were it is encountered by at least as strong a presumption of the same Kind arising out of a much less doubtful duty, I mean the presumption that he would not have garbled the Record which the Law enjoins him in express terms to transmit entire to the Commander in Chief.

The Document upon which the greatest stress is laid is the explanatory Paper drawn up by Captain Johnston, transmitted to Colonel Vigors and proved by Lieutenant Munro to have been shewn to Mr Corbett on the 29th of January. It is said that it would have been irregular to have

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Admitted any evidence to be given Respecting this Paper without producing it and therefore it must be presumed that it was produced - It is certainly contrary to the Rules of evidence obtaining in English Courts of Justice to admit of viva voce, evidence Respecting the contents of what has been Reduced to writing, where no sufficient Reason is given why the writing itself cannot be produced - But taking this as an Argument of Common Probability it is against all experience to say that this Rule is not frequently infringed in Courts, not presided or attended by Lawyers, and if it is to be used as Raising an Artificial Presumption of the Law, it is subject to the same Answer as the former; it is a presumption that the Court did not do its duty, grounded on the presumption that the Court did do its duty - For I am clearly of Opinion that it was the duty of the Court to leave this Paper on the Record if once it was Received, and that the power which I admit every Court has to reject irrelevant evidence can only be exercised at the time the evidence is tendered, and while the party has an Opportunity to be heard in support of its Relevancy, and never without the Knowledge of the party after the proceedings are closed - But after all

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the Objection to this irregularity lay with the prosecution, and if it were waived by him - No Judge of a Court of Law considering the bearing of this Paper on the Case would have thought himself bound to insist upon it. It is impossible I think to draw any inference from this Part of the proceedings on the other hand it seems to me that inferences do arise from the face of the proceedings to shew that pending the trial at least this Paper never was produced to the Court. It is strongly to be presumed from the tenor of Mr Munro's evidence, that it had not been produced at the time he was under examination where he is speaking of any Paper which had been produced, he states it to be "the Paper which is now before the Court" as in the Instance of the Apology proposed to Captain Johnston by Mr Cobbett, but he speaks of this Paper as the "explanatory Paper which was sent to Colonel Vigors" the Paper which Captain Johnston desired him to Communicate again I observe that this Paper is transcribed Nearly word for word into the prisoners defence, now I cannot help thinking it rather improbable that if he knew the document was on the Records of the Court he would have turned it into a Part of his Address so Literally as to make it a mere Repetition.

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Another instance of Alledged omission is that of the General Orders which were Adverted to in the Sentence and which no where Appear on the face of the proceedings - I cannot say that I am led to include that a Copy of these General Orders was actually given in evidence, because they are Adverted to in the Sentence - They are a sort of Public Law to the Army of which I think it would not be unreasonable to say, that Courts Martial were bound to take Judicial Notice, where the Subject of them was of a General Nature, arguing from Analogy to Private acts of Parliament - There is certainly some irregularity in Adverting to them where they Concern an individual only, without formal Proof of their existence and of their Contents; But I think the Natural conclusion is, not that they were given in evidence and suppressed, but that they were Noticed without being strictly speaking in evidence, and that this and this only was the irregularity in the present Case - I am of Opinion that this irregularity alone cannot affect any part of the proceedings by way of Nullity, indeed if it did Affect any part of them it must be the Acquittal on the first Charge for it is to

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ground that Acquittal that the particular import of these
general Orders is Assumed by the Court that general Orders
had been Issued Respecting parts of the transaction before
the Court, that they were of a Nature highly penal to the
Prisoner, is Asserted by himself throughout his Defence
to that extent therefore the Court had strictly speaking a
Right to Assume their existance as against the Prisoner
and to that extent only does it Appear that in any Construction
of the case their existance has been Allowed to Operate against
them.

I cannot therefore upon examining
the particular grounds on which it is argued that Documents
have been Illegally withheld from these proceedings, feel myself
disposed to assent to the conclusion which has been drawn -
But I must say farther that I think if the presumpt=
=tions which have been Relied upon where not Counteracted as
it Appears to me they are They would still be far too loose and
too weak to be Admitted as furnishing Reason to overset a
Judicial Proceeding especially at this distance of time -
The evidence for such a Purpose should for Obvious Reasons

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be of the Strongest and clearest Kind. If the imperfect Recollection of the Parties Concerned and the Vague Conjectural Proofs which Result from general Rules of legal Presumption were Admitted to be Sufficient, the chances are infinitely against the final establishment of any Sentence pronounced by Courts so little Cognizant as Courts Martial are of the strict legal Rules of Proceeding.—

I cannot therefore See, Recommend it to His Excellency to Assume any Jurisdiction in the Affair of Captain Johnston. I Request you to Report my Opinion to his Excellency and have the honor to be—

Sir,

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

/Signed/ Robert Smith

Advocate General

Fort William
the 8th July 1805.

/Attested Copy/

/Signed/ L. Hook

Secretary to Government

Resolved that the foregoing papers

be

Returned thereto

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be pointed out to the Attention of the Court of Directors by this Night dispatch.—

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Fort William—

To

G. Strachey Esqr.

Secretary to the Government at

Fort St. George

Sir,

Mil. Dept. 1.

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to transmit to you, the enclosed Copy of a Memorial from Mohab Sing Subadar in the Governor Generals Body Guard, with the Request of His Excellency in Council that Mohab Sing may be Admitted on the Non Effective Establishment of that Presidency on the most favorable terms Consistently with the Spirit of the Regulations of the Presidency of Fort St. George on that Subject—

2.

Captain Darnell Commanding Officer of the Governor Generals Body Guard has been desired to send Mohab Sing to Fort St. George when an Opportunity

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort Wm. a Subadar of the Governor Generals Body Guard to be Admitted on the Non-effective establishment—

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Fort William
11th July 1805.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most
Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) L. Hook
Secretary to Government.

Memorial

Subadar Mohah Sing of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor Generals Body Guard, was not 16 Years of Age when he enlisted in the Honble Comps Bengal Native Infantry at Bombay. He accompanied General Goddard to Guzerat and was present in Several Engagements there in one of which he was badly wounded: after the first of these Engagements he was promoted to the Rank of Naique.

On the Revival of the War with Hyder Ally the Corps to which he belonged was embarked at Goa, and formed part of the force with which General Matthews took Sooneor, Condapore, Sadasweghur, Mangalore and Bidnore,

The Battalion to which he belonged Composed part of the Garrison of Mangalore which

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under Colonel Campbell held out for upwards of Nine Months against the united force of Tippoo Sultaun.

On the Capitulation of this place the Troops embarked at Tellicherry, and shortly after Marched against Cannanore in the storming of which this Officer was again wounded.

Peace having been concluded with Hyder Ally and latitude having been given to any Man of the Corps to which this Officer belonged, to take his discharge, he was induced from the bad State of his health to Accept of this indulgence, and immediately embarked for Madras, where on Shewing his Discharge Certificate to Colonel (then Captain) Stevenson he was enlisted by him as a Trooper in the Honble Company's 2nd Regiment of Cavalry and shortly after was made a Naigue.

Previous to the Commencement of Hostilities in 1789 with Tippoo Sultaun, he was promoted to the Rank of Havildar, and served the whole of the Campaigns under General Meadows and Lord Cornwallis in the last of which he was promoted to the Rank of Jemidar.

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He was a Volunteer on the Manilla Expedition and Sailed for that purpose from Madras but this Project was Relinquished and the Troops were recalled.

On the Commencement of Hostilities again in 1799 He Accompanied the Army under General Harris and served the whole of the Campaign until the Extermination of the Rebel Doondeah. He has also served with the Body Guard in the field three Nine Months Each.

The high Character this Officer bore induced Captain Montgomery to Obtain permission for his Joining His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor Generals Body Guard, and the following Character of him was left by Captain Montgomery when he Returned to Europe.

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It was the very high Character given by every Officer who Knew Mohabut Sing then a Jemidar in the 2nd Regiment Madras Cavalry that induced me to ask for him to promote him to the Rank of Subidar in the Governor Generals Body Guard, which I was then about to form at Madras. The Officers of the

Corps

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Calcutta 25th August 1802

Case and every possible Argument in their Power to prevent the Removal of so good an Officer.

He has since Confirmed me in the good Opinion I had formed of him, and I do hereby declare I consider him the very best Native Officer I have ever met with during a Service of upwards of Nineteen Years.

/Signed/ H. C. Montgomery
Commanding Governor Generals
Body Guard

The above testifies so fully the high Respectability of this Meritorious Officer, that it is quite unnecessary for me to say any thing in his favour, but only heartily to Concur in the Sentiments Captain Montgomery has expressed which I am enabled to do from a Knowledge of this Officers Character and Conduct during 12 Years, Six of which he has served immediately under my own eye.

This Native Officer is Now upwards of 48 Years of Age and has served the Honble Company 32 Years with uncommon Zeal and fidelity his general health is by no Means good and he suffers frequently very much from a Rupture with which he has been afflicted for some Years

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past, which the Thinks becomes worse as he Advances in Life
He is therefore extremely desirous of being sent upon the
Next Effective Establishment of Fort St. George, and
Beg leave to Request His Excellency will be pleased
to take into Consideration the Character and Services of
this Officer, and direct that he may be Pensioned for
Life on the Monthly sum of 40 Pagodas, and also have
the usual Allowance for a Palanquin, as a Mark of the
Approbation of Government, an indulgence frequently granted
to Old Officers whose long and Meritorious Services have been
deemed deserving of Attention and Reward - Beg leave
also to Request that this Officer may have bestowed upon
him 100 Khanahs of Ground at Tinkinopoly which he is
most Anxious to have at that place, and that he may be
indulged if possible with the particular Spot he may
Especially for - Thus will the Remainder of the days of this
worthy Man pass Cheerfully away, and this Reward which
I trust a proper Consideration of his Services may induce
Government to bestow, will stimulate his Children and
every Individual in the Army to endeavour to emulate such

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such are examples of Ardent Zeal unshaken Attachment and
fidelity towards the Honble Company's Service.

/Signed/ Franc.s A. Darnell
Captain Commanding
Body Guard.

Fort William
9th July 1805.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ L. Hook
Secretary to Government

Resolution thereon

Resolved that the Commander in
Chief be requested to state his Opinion, with regard to the
Extent of the provision which it may be proper to allot
for the support of the Native Officer referred to in the
above Papers in conformity to the desire expressed by His
Excellency the Governor General in Council.

Read the following Letter from
the Military Auditor General

To The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

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From the Military Auditor

My Lords

I Agreeably to the Minutes of Consultation

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Exchange.—

in the Military Department, under date the 24th July 1805, transmitted to me in a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government dated the 25th of the same Month, I have the honor to Report that when Coins have been issued to troops not current in the division or District where they are stationed, Government have been pleased to Authorize the payment of the loss sustained in Exchange by the Troops; but in the present instance I am of Opinion Measures might have been Adopted for Obviating the loss which the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry appears to have sustained; I am not aware of there having been any Necessity for sending Money from Bellary to Connatore for the Payment of this Regiment, which is the sole and only cause of the loss in Question. If the Regimental Abstracts of this Corps in Arrears for May and Advance for June last had not been discharged previous to its leaving the Ceded Districts, the Officer Commanding should have Addressed the Paymaster at Bellore on the Subject, Requesting that he would provide for the Payment of the Corps on its Arrival at Connatore, in which case no loss could possibly have Arisen, and as it appears by Major Snow

Lieutenant

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Shaw Byramjee and Melville 1/2/

of Foot and followers on the Ships Shaw Byramjee and Melville, which Vessels have been engaged to convey that Regiment to Fort St. George, at the Rate of Rupees twenty five for the Officers, and of Rupees twenty for the Men and followers.—

The Bill of the Commander

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of the Shaw Byramjee has been paid by a bill on the Bengal, pursuant to Captain Bowens Application; and Orders have been issued for debiting the Amount

3/ being Rupees ten thousand eight hundred to the Presidency of Fort St. George.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

Bombay Castle 24th July 1805.

/Signed/ Franks Warden

Secretary to Govt

Embarkation

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To the Government at Bombay - Reporting an Advance to an Officer of this establishment

The Govr in Council, to Request you will be pleased to State to the Right Hble the Govr in Council that the Military Paymaster General, at this Presidency, has been instructed to discharge the Amount of the Abstracts for Pay and Allowances that may be due to Lieutenant Peter Anderson of the 7th Regiment Madras Native Cavalry; on his producing a Certificate, from the Field Paymaster, of the date to which he has been paid in Camp, Charging the same to the debit of the Madras Government

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) F. Warden
Secretary to Govt

Bombay Castle
23rd July 1806

George Buchan Esqr
Chief Secretary to the Government
&c &c &c

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Sir,

From the Secretary to the Government at Bombay enclosing Copies of the embarkation Returns of His Majesty's 74th Regt on the Ships there

I am directed, by the Hble the Govr in Council, to transmit to you the enclosed Copies of the Embarkation Returns of His Majesty's 74th Regiment

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Embarkation Return of His Majestys 74th Regiment of Foot Bombay Harbour 23rd July 1805

	Officers								Staff	Non Commissioned Officers			Rank & File	
	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Surgeons	Adjutants	D.Masters	Surgeons	Lieutenants	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Total Rank & File
Embarked on the Ship Shah Byramgoor	3	3	"	"	1	1	"	1	4	14	26	13	59	119
Do on the Do Melville	2	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15	18	5	38	75
Total	5	6	"	"	1	1	"	1	4	32	44	18	97	195

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Geo. Ashworth Commissary Genl. Embarkation

/True Copy/
/Signed/ Alexander MacLachlan
Major of Brigade H. L.

/Signed/ W. Tolfrey
Capt.n Commanding 74th Regt.

/True Copy/ /Signed/ R. F. Goodwen
Sub. Secretary

Embarkation Return of the Followers of His Majesty's 74th Regiment Bombay Harbour 23rd July 1805.

	Commanders	Captains	Lieuts	Hammermen	Bullockeys	Bullock Boys	Cooks	Pioneers	Bullock followers	Private followers
Embarked on the Ship Shah Byramgore	6	3	2	2	2	2	2	32	32	297
Do Do Melville	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	250
Total	6	3	2	2	2	2	2	32	32	547

/True Copy/
/Signed/ A. Maclachlan
Major of Brigade &c. &c.

/Signed/ W. Solfrey
Captain Comdg 74th Regt

/True Copy/
/Signed/ R. F. Goodwin
Sub Sanitary

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Embarkation Return of His Majestys 74th. Regiment of Foot Bombay Harbour 23rd. July 1805.

	Officers								Staff	Non Commissioned Officers				Rank & File	Total
	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Surgeons	Adjutants	D.o Mates	Surgeons	Asst. Surgeons	Staff Sergts.	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank & File	Sick Present	Sick Absent	
Embarked on the Ship Shah Byramgoor	3	3	"	"	1	1	"	1	4	17	26	13	59	119	
Do. on the Do. Melville	2	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15	18	5	38	75	
Total	5	6	"	"	1	1	"	1	4	32	44	18	97	195	

Bombay 9th. August 1805

/Signed/ W. Tolfrey
Capt.n Commanding 74th. Regt.

/True Copy/ /Signed/ A. F. Goodwen
Sub. Secretary

/True Copy/
/Signed/ Alexander MacLachlan
Majr. of Brigade K. F.

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Embarkation Return of the Followers of His Majesty's 74th Regiment Bombay Harbour 23rd July 1805

	Commanders	Captains	Lieutenants	Hon. Ensigns	Paymasters	Chaplains	Surgeons	Captains Followers	Subs Followers	Private Followers
Embarked on the Ship Shah Byramgore	6	3	2	2	2	2	2	32	32	297
Do Do Melville	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	250
Total	6	3	2	2	2	2	2	32	32	547

(Signed) W. Tolfrey
Captain Comdg 74th Regt

(Signed) R. F. Goodwin
Sub Secretary

(True Copy)
(Signed) A. Maclachlan
Majr of Brigade H. T.

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

The Honble Company ---------- Dr.

To the Pioneers of the Ghaut Byramgoor

For the Passage of 128 Officers Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of His Majesty's 74th Regiment at 25 Rupees each ---------- 3200 " "

For the Passage 380 Followers Privates and Public at 20 Rupees each ---- 7600 " "

10,800 " "

Errors Excepted

/Signed/ Wm. Bowen

Commander

Bombay
24th July 1805

/Signed/ W. F. Money

Supt.

/True Copy/

/Signed/ R. F. Goodwin

Sub Secretary

To George Buchan. Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government

at Fort St. George

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From the Secretary to the Govt.

Sir,

As connected with the subject of

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Fort St: George 9th August 1805.

Government at Bombay. Requesting payment of a bill of the Commander of the Ship Melville on account of the Conveyance to this Presidency of Part of H.M. 74th Regiment.

My Letter of Yesterday, I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the Governor in Council that a Bill, to the Amount of Rupees 7,025 presented by the Commander of the Melville for the Conveyance of 81 Europeans @ 25 Rupees each, and of 250 Natives followers @ 20 Rupees each has been Ordered to be paid by a draft on Bengal pursuant to Captain Hay's Application and to be placed to the debit of the Presidency of Fort: Saint George.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your
Most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) F. Warden
Secretary to Government

Bombay Castle
25th July 1805.

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters be transmitted for the information and Guidance of the Military Auditor General.

Read the following Letter from the President of the Seringapatam Prize Committee.

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the President of the Sining apatam Prize Committee. States that Major Boles declines to Act as Secretary to the Committee, Requests that some other person may be Appointed - encloses an Indent for Stationary

I have the honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 25th July, which has been laid before the Committee now Assembled on Sining apatam Prize, - Major Boles in Conformity to the Resolution of the Right Honble the Governor in Council has taken his seat in the Room of Captain Marshall, Secretary to the Military Board, but as that Officer is Actually an Older Major than Major Macleane he begs leave to decline acting as Secretary to the Committee - the Committee requests that you will be pleased to move His Lordship in Council to Appoint another person to Officiate as Secretary -

I enclose an Indent for Stationary which I Request you will Countersign - It has been suggested that an Allowance for one Writer is indispensably Necessary -

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

/Signed/ Hay Macdowall

Ordered that the following

reply

Madras
August 6th 1805 }

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805

Reply to be dispatched.—

To Major General Macdowall

President of the Prize Committee.

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant, and am directed to Acquaint you that the Right Honble the Governor in Council regrets the difficulty which has occurred in the execution of the duties of Secretary of the Committee, His Lordship in Council deems it unnecessary to add any further explanation of his intentions on that Subject than was communicated in my Letter of the 25th Ultimo; but under that explanation I am directed to convey to you His Lordships Authority for Making such an Arrangement as you may consider most satisfactory for the performance of the duties of Secretary.—

The Indents for Stationary which Accompanied your Letter has been Authorized.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

/Signed/ G: Buchan

Chief Secretary to Govt

To the President of the Seringapatam Prize Committee to make such Arrangements as they may deem Necessary for the performance of the duties of Secretary to the Committee—Their Indents for Stationary has been Authorised.—

Fort St. George
13th August 1805

Read

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the President of the Sinngapatam Prize Committee. States that Major Boles declines to act as Secretary to the Committee, Requests that some other person may be appointed - encloses an Indent for Stationary

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

Obedt Servt

[Signed] G: Buchan

Chief Secretary to Govt

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Fort St. George
13th August 1805.

Read

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding at Arcot.

To George Buchan Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Officer Comdg at Arcot. Repairs required to the Barracks at that Cantonment.

Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy Commanding His Majestys 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons having Represented to me as Commandant of the Cavalry Cantonment at Arcot that the Barracks of the above Corps are in a very defective State and inconsequence Require Repairs; and at the same time Recommends in Order to add to the further Convenience of the People who Occupy them, that Certain Alterations should take place Provided the like may be Sanctioned by the Pleasure of Government - Accompanying this I do myself the honor of Sending you that Officers Address to me upon the Subject, and Request it may be laid before the Right Honble the Governor in Council -

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
/Signed/ J. Slater
Colonel Comdg the Cavalry Cantt at Arcot

Madras 8th August 1805.

Colonel

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Fort St. George 9th August 1805.

Colonel Pater

Commanding Artt

Sir,

The Barracks now occupied by His Majestys 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons are in such a State that I do not think they will stand the Monsoon, unless they are immediately repaired.

I beg leave to Remark that they are much too small for a Regiment of Dragoons of Eight Troops, and too low, there is but just height for a Man to walk under the Beams, they might be made a great deal more Comfortable, if the Walls were Raised two feet, and a Veranda put Round them to the Present Roof.

The Barracks were Originally built for Six Troops of Native Cavalry of Sixty Men each I believe.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

(Signed) J. Kennedy

Lieut.t Colonel 19th L. Dragoons

August 1st 1505.

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Military Board with Directions to Authorize such Repairs as they may deem Necessary to the Barracks at Arcot.

The President Recommends that Lieutenant T. M. Hall of His Majesty's 22nd Dragoons be Appointed Paymaster to the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad.

Approved and Ordered Accordingly.

W Bentinck
"
Mr Dowdeswell
"
Ed Hollond
"
W Petrie
"
Jno Stratton
"

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Fort S. George — August 1805

Diary

Sent the following Letters entered in M. B.—

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Nos. 13 14—

To Mr. Warden — Permission granted

To the Secretary to the Government at Bombay—

to Lieutenant Taylor of that establishment to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health; the detachment of the Bombay marine Battalion under the Command of that officer will be placed under the charge of the Town Major

To the Military Auditor General—

To authorise payment of a bill and advance of money recommended by the acting Deputy adjutant General to the King's Troops.—

Sent the following letters—

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To the President and Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

Para 1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo.—

To the Military Board— The estimate for the construction of platforms and the bills recommended by them authorised—

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in

To

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To issue the necessary orders for the Repair of the Barracks at Arcot — a Minute of the Commander in Chief on the Subject of the pay of Grass Cutters attached to the Regiments of Cavalry under this Presidency with the Resolutions in consequence enclosed — To dispatch to Bengal the Supply of Shot required for this Service of that Presidency

in Council has approved the Estimate therewith submitted for the construction of Platforms &c., and I am directed to acquaint you that authority has been given for the payment of the bills which you have recommended. —

3 I am directed to enclose the Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Arcot, and to desire that you will issue such orders on the subject of the Repair of the Barracks at that place as you may deem necessary. —

4 His Lordship in Council directs me to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a Minute recorded by the Commander in Chief on the Subject of the pay of Grass Cutters attached to the Regiments of Cavalry under this Presidency; together with Copies of the papers referred to in that Minute and of the Resolution passed in consequence by His Lordship in Council, by which you will be accordingly guided. —

5 I am directed to enclose the Copy of

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of a letter from the Secretary of the Government at Fort William, and to desire that the shot therein mentioned may be dispatched to Bengal with the least practicable delay, if it can be supplied.—

I have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
12th August 1805

&c &c

(Signed) George Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt.

To the Military Auditor General.

Sir.

Para 1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant.—

2. The Governor in Council is pleased to desire that the claim on account of an advance of money paid to Mr adjutant Smith of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons, may be relinquished.—

3. His Lordship in Council desires that the difference between half and full batta may be paid to the Town Major of Seringapatam on account of the additional duty transferred to

To the Military Auditor General. The Claim on account of money advanced to Mr. adjutant Smith of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons to be relinquished. The difference between full and half batta to be allowed to the Town Major of Seringapatam. To authorise payment of the usual allowance to dismissed officers on account of Mr. Rashleigh. Copies of letters from the Secretary at Bombay on the subject of payments which have been made on account of the embarkation of His Majesty's 74th Regiment

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Regiment for this Presidency - To authorise payment of the bills &c. recommended by the Military Board - Extracts from - Minutes by the Commander in Chief with the Resolutions in consequence enclosed -

to that Officer -

4 I am directed to enclose the Copy of a letter from the Town Major of Fort St. George, and to desire that the allowance usually paid to dismissed Officers may be issued to Mr. Rash-leigh, from the date of his dismission. -

5 I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance Copies of three letters from the Secretary of the Government of Bombay dated the 23d. 24th. and 25th. Ultimo, relative to payments which have been made on account of the embarkation of His Majesty's 74th. Regiment for this Presidency - I also enclose the Copy of a - further letter from the Secretary of that Government - reporting the intended payment of the allowances of an Officer of this Establishment -

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

I am -

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I am directed to enclose for your information and Guidance the accompanying Extracts from the Minutes recorded by the Commander in Chief with the Resolution passed inconsequence by the Governor in Council —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
12th August 1805.

(Signed) George Buchan
Chief Secretary to Govt.

Received and sent the following Letters entered in No. 13 — Nos. 15 — 16 —

From the Secretary to the Military Board —

From Captain Marshall — Forwarding for transmission to Bengal and Bombay returns of Serviceable Arms &c. &c. in the arsenal of Fort St. George and Subordinate Magazines. —

To the Secretary to the Government at Fort William —

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

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

Tuesday the 13th. August 1805.

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

Commander in Chief

William Petrie

and

James Strange } Esqres.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.-

The Commander in Chief records the following Minutes.-

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in Chief - With Copy of a letter from him to Mr. Anstruther together with that Gentlemans reply on the subject of the late proceedings upon the Trial and Case of Lieutenant Johnstone of His Majestys 34th. Regiment formerly a Captain of Engineers in the Honorable Company's Service Recommendatory observations.-

I have the honor to submit to the Council a letter from me, to Mr. Anstruther, and the answer from the advocate General, upon the subject of the late Proceedings, upon the Trial and case of Lieutenant Johnson 34th. Regiment, and late

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late Captain of Engineers in the Honorable Compa-
-ny's Service.

I have perused the opinion (of
varied Import) from Persons of high authority at
Calcutta with great Deference, but, I must
avow, that no Impression has been made upon
me, in alleviation of the Illegality of the sentence
passed upon Captain Johnston, and as my opinion
, on (to my great satisfaction) so entirely coincides
with Mr. Anstruther's. I express my hope, that the
Board will be pleased to direct, that his further
argument, contained in the paper now submitted,
may be annexed to the other papers in Transmis-
-sion to the Honorable Court of Directors.

I have to request, that the Board
will consider Lieutenant Johnstons application
for certain papers, and give such Directions,
as They shall think proper.

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August 13th. 1805.

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General
Alex.

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Alexander Anstruther Esqre

&c. &c. &c.

Advocate General

Dear Sir,

You are in posession of the Knowledge, that all the papers relative to the late Investigation of Captain Johnston's Trial and case have been returned to this Government, accompanied by the opinion of the attorney General in Bengal and the Judge advocates of that Establishment and Fort S. George - with direction from the Governor General, that the "whole" should be forwarded, by the first Dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors for their ultimate Decision -

I thought it my Duty to import this to Captain Johnston, that he might be aware of the situation in which his case stands - but he very earnestly entreats, that he may be favored with a sight of the late opinion, and also yours - He also requests - that the Papers and Documents, he placed

in

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in your Hands, may be returned to him.—

The appeal to Equity is very—
strong—but how far is it applicable to Propriety
and Law.—

If you are so good, as to guard
me with your Instructions I will lay Captain
Johnsons request before Government.—

I have the Honor to be
&co &co
Signed J. F. Cradock

Madras
august 9th. 1805

His Excellency
Sir John F. Cradock K. B
Commander in Chief
&co &co &co

Sir,

I have had the Honor to receive your
Excellency's letter of this date on the Subject of
the late communication from Bengal regarding
Captain Johnston's business, and mentioning
his request to be permitted to see the several
late

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late opinions on his Case. To this request I do not see any sort of objection. The Court of Directors, before whom the matter rests for decision, in passing a final judgment on a very important claim of one of their servants, can have no object but justice. There is no secret which policy would conceal, nor any danger of exposing the interests of the Honorable Company to attack in consequence of laying open every part of the discussion. If Captain Johnston had desired to be furnished with Copies of all those papers, I should have thought there could be no objection to it They are in some degree appendages to the proceedings of the Court Martial, to a Copy of which he is entitled by Law, and are documents of nearly as public a nature. The making them known can do no harm, and if it can be of any use to Captain Johnston, as his Case seems to be universally considered hard, I can see no reason for refusing it.—

In saying this I must at the same time add that I am not wholly unprejudiced — in

upon

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upon the subject. I cannot but feel some anxiety
about the correctness of the opinion which I have
publicly delivered, unless I had subsequently seen
reason to change it, and I confess I should not like
that this Case and the Report which as Judge
advocate I had the honor to submit to your Excel.
-lency upon it. should be judged by the Court of
Directors without some comment upon the subse-
-quent and very ingenious opinion of the advocate
General in Bengal. your Excellency is aware how
very much he has there mistaken the situation
and Character of a Judge advocate, whom he
treats merely as the accuser of the Prisoner before
the Court Martial. under that impression Mr.
Smith considers any omission or neglect, any miss-
understanding or mistake of that officer in
bringing forward the Evidence to be wholly im-
-material to the validity of the proceedings. But
your Excellency knows the Judge Advocate
to be not only the only officer and Law adviser
of the Court Martial, but also by the custom

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and usage of those Courts, the impartial adviser of both sides and their only Counsel— This mistake of the nature of that office seems to pervade the whole reasoning of Mr. Smith respecting that part of the Question which relates to the Suppression or omission of documents delivered in by the Prisoner for the purpose of being produced as evidence—

On the other Question, of the illegality and apparent nullity of the Sentence pronounced, Mr. Smith contends that it may be supported as a Military charge, from the disobedience of implied orders and disrespect of Superior authority on the part of Captain Johnston, in insulting Mr. Corbett immediately after he had been, by a General order from Government, censured for the former insult. This is in its nature a totally different charge from that against which Captain Johnston had been called upon to defend himself, viz. of ungentleman-like behaviour; and although a Court Martial may and often does acquit a Prisoner of a part of the Charge, and find him guilty of the residue, or

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acquit of the degree of guilt inferred in the charge as the results of the offence, and find guilty of the same or part of the same facts with an inferior species of guilt attached to them, (as a charge of desertion is habitually mitigated into a sentence of being absent without leave), yet I never have heard it considered nor can suppose it competent to a Court Martial to change wholly in its sentence the nature and aspect of the offence from that charged, additional facts not contained in nor connected with the nature of the charge. But the disobedience of orders or disrespect of Superior authority, which Mr. Smith by implication supposes to be the ground of the Sentence, are not even hinted at in the charge against Captain Johnston, nor are those orders mentioned in it, or the authority which he considers as having been treated with disrespect. Indeed so far was the Court Martial from intending to pass sentence for the Military offence of disobedience of the General Order of Government,

or

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Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Comr in Chief - Recommending that an advance of Six months pay &c, be granted to Cornet Laurens and to Lieutenant Taylor of the Bombay Establishment - Submits the monthly return of the Sick of the army for April -

1. I have the honor to submit an application to the Board, from Cornet Laurens, 1st Native Cavalry, who is proceeding to Europe on a Sick Certificate, for an advance of Twelve months pay - I beg to recommend, that his request, to the Extent of Six Months, be complied with -

2. I also lay before the Council the address of Lieutenant Taylor, of the Bombay marine Establishment who has received permission, "through this Government" to proceed to China, upon Sick Certificate, for the recovery of his health - praying for an advance of six months pay -

Though this officer does not belong to the Madras Establishment, yet, as his case is very urgent, I take the Liberty to recommend his situation to the Favor of the Board -

3. I forward to the Board the monthly Return of the Sick of the army for the month of april, and a General Return of the

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the proceedings of Vaccination for the month of may.-

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august 13th 1805

(signed) J. Fraser
Lieutenant General

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council
Fort S. George

My Lord.

Being on the point of sailing to Europe for the benefit of my health, & wishing to settle all my pecuniary affairs before I leave the Establishment, I have to request your Lordship will have the Goodness to order a years advance of pay to be made to me.-

S. Thome
august 9th 1805

(signed) Charles Laurens
Cornet 1st Regt N. C.-

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council
Fort S. George

My Lord.

Being about to proceed to sea for

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for the recovery of my health, I have to request that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to authorize an advance of six Months pay to be made me, in order to enable me to defray the necessary expence attendant on a voyage to China

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John H. Taylor

Lieutenant N. Battn.

F. Thome

August 8th. 1805

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of an advance of six Months pay to Cornet Laurens, agreeably to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief; and that authority be given for a similar advance to Lieutenant Taylor to be debited to the account of the Government of Bombay.—

Ordered that the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay be informed of the advance paid to Lieutenant Taylor.—

Minute

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Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Comr. in chief - submits a letter from the Deputy adjutant General in Mysore forwarding charges on account of Boats -

I submit to the Board a Letter from Major Barclay, Deputy adjutant General in Mysore, forwarding Boat accounts for the month of June and July last, incurred in the preservation of the Communication between Mysoor and Poonah -

The Deputy adjutant General also states, that he has further Expences to bring forward, for the construction of the Boats &c. -

I have had the honor to deliver my opinion before upon this subject, that it should be maturely considered, whether the Government of Madras, or Bombay, should defray this Charge - It briefly stands thus - The Madras Government furnishes the Troops, that guard those Stations - but their situation is in the Poonah Territories, under the more immediate Superintendence of the Bombay Presidency -

From a variety of Reasons I am a strenuous advocate - that a Strict Line should always

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always be drawn, in the allotment of Public charges, and that they should always appear in their proper Channel - any Deviation may produce confusion and cannot fail to obscure the just view of Public accounts -

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August 13th. 1805

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

To the Secretary to the Commander in Chief,
Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose the accounts of the expenses incurred in the months of June and July last, on account of the establishment of boats on the rivers upon the line of communication between Mysore and Poonah, as transmitted to me by the Officers commanding at Soulliaul and at Shurrhurr, agreeably to the orders of the Commander in Chief - of the 17th. of may last; and I request you to submit those accounts to His Excellency, in order that if they are approved the payment of them may be sanctioned -

They

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They are in abstract for June By

Major Macphersons.

	Star Pags	F.	C.
General account	449	119	20
By Lt. Munn's account	4	8	0
By Lt. Milburn's account	46	15	0
	469	142	20

For July	By Major Mac-phersons account	537	9	60
	By Lieutenant Milburns	142	30	0
	Star Pags	679	39	60

I beg leave to observe that the Resi-dent in Mysore - and the Collector in Soondah, have not yet sent in their accounts of the expense of making up the Boats and sending them to their respective Stations. -

Signed R. Barclay
Deputy adjutant General
in Mysore. -

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Resolved that the Military Auditor General be directed under the circumstances - stated by the Commander in Chief, to debit the charges

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charges of the Boat Establishment in the Mahratta frontier to the account of the Government of Bombay; and that the necessary communication be made to that Government of this Resolution.—

1. I submit to the Board an application I have received from Lieutenant Cadell late adjutant of the 2d Extra Battalion and in charge of the Drafts from that Corps for the 1st and 2d Battns of the 2d Regiment soliciting an allowance on that account.—

Minute of the Comr in chief— submits an application from Lieutenant Cadell late adjutant of the 2d Extra Battalion in charge of the drafts from that Corps for the 1st & 2d Battalions of the 2d Regiment, soliciting an allowance on that account, recommendation in consequence— Recommends that an advance of 6 months pay be granted to Lieut. Cadler.

I recommend that in consideration of the Extraordinary duty connected with this charge, Lieutenant Cadell be allowed while he holds it the difference between half and full Batta, and that a similar indulgence be granted to the Officers in charge of the Drafts for regular Battalions from the other Extra Corps, so long as they are commanded by officers not of the Corps to which they now belong; on abstracts Certified by the adjutant General.—

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August 13th 1805

(signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieut. Genl.

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No 2 I also lay before the Board an application from Lieutenant Sadler, of the 2d Battn. 2 lion 1st Regiment Native Infantry, praying for an advance of pay, as he is proceeding to Penang, for the benefit of his health, and I beg to recommend that Six Months be issued.—

(signed) J. F. Cradock.

To the Military Secretary
of His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir

I take the liberty of requesting his Excellency the Commander in Chief's permission to draw Adjutants allowances, or Lieutenants full Batta, for having charge of the Detachments (Drafts from the late 2d Extra Battalion) No 1. The Returns &c / besides Pay abstracts, Muster and acquittance Rolls / of the Detachments, are almost as numerous, as those required from two Battalions; and that the preparation of them might not interfere with more essential parts of my duty, I have been obliged to procure the assistance

of

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of a Letter—

/Signed/ George Cadell Lieut.t 12th. Regt.
in charge of Detachments
of the 2d. Regement—

Bangalore
7th. August 1805

To the Commander in Chiefs Secretary
&co. &co. &c.

Sir

May I beg of you to apply to the Commander in Chief, for permission for me to draw an advance of Pay, to enable me to proceed by the Ships now about to depart, for the recovery of my health.—

St. Thome
1st. August 1805.

/Signed/ J. Sadler Lieut.t—
2d. Battn. 1st. Regt.—N.I.

Resolved that authority be given for continuing to the officers in charge of the Drafts of the late Extra Battalions the difference between half and full Batta, so long as they may be employed on that duty.—

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the advance of Six months subsistence to Lieutenant Sadler, agreeably to the recommendation of

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of the Commander in Chief.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to submit to the

Board three Letters.—

From Lieutenant Garrard of Engineers

No. 1.

requesting leave of absence on sick Certificate

to Europe for the benefit of his health.—

From the Military Secretary

No. 2.

to the Officer Commanding the Forces at Bombay,

enclosing Copy of a Letter and sick Certificate

addressed to him by Mr. Gilbert Briggs, Surgeon

of this Establishment, on which the Government

of Bombay have permitted that Medical Officer

to proceed to Europe for the benefit of his health.—

From Lieutenant Sadler of the

No. 3.

2d Battalion 1st Regiment of Native Infantry,

enclosing a Sick Certificate, and requesting leave

to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health.—

I recommend that leave be granted

to Lieutenant Garrard on producing the requisite

Certificates

Minute of the Commander in Chief—Recommends that Lieutenant Garrard of Engineers and Mr. Surgeon Briggs be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate and that Lieutenant Sadler be permitted to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health.—

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of a Writer.—

Bangalore
7th. August 1805

/Signed/ George Ladell Lieut.t 12th. Regt.
in charge of Detachments
of the 2d. Regement—

To the Commander in Chiefs Secretary
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

May I beg of you to apply to the Commander in Chief, for permission for me to draw an advance of Pay, to enable me to proceed by the Ships now about to depart, for the recovery of my health.—

St. Thome
1st. August 1805.

/Signed/ J. Sadler Lieut.—
2d. Batta 1st. Regt.— N. I.

Resolved that authority be given for continuing to the officers in charge of the Drafts of the late Extra Battalions the difference between half and full Batta, so long as they may be employed on that duty.—

Resolved that authority be given for the payment of the advance of Six months subsistence to Lieutenant Sadler, agreeably to the recommendation of

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Minute of the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to submit to the

of the Commander in Chief.—

Board three Letters.—

No 1. From Lieutenant Garrard of Engineers

requesting leave of absence on sick Certificate

to Europe for the benefit of his health.—

No 2. From the Military Secretary

to the Officer Commanding the Forces at Bombay,

enclosing Copy of a Letter and sick Certificate

addressed to him by Mr. Gilbert Briggs, Surgeon

of this Establishment, on which the Government

of Bombay have permitted that Medical officer

to proceed to Europe for the benefit of his health.—

No 3. From Lieutenant Sadler of the

2d Battalion 1st Regiment of Native Infantry,

enclosing a sick certificate, and requesting leave

to proceed to sea for the benefit of his health.—

I recommend that leave be granted

to Lieutenant Gerard on producing the requisite

Certificate

Minute of the Commander in Chief—recommends that Lieutenant Garrard of Engineers and Mr. Surgeon Briggs be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate and that Lieutenant Sadler be permitted to proceed to sea for the benefit of his health.—

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the Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to permit Mr. Surgeon Briggs of your Establishment to proceed to China or eventually to Europe, it being recommended as indispensably necessary for the recovery of his health.—

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of his letter and Sick Certificate.—

and to subscribe myself

Bombay
28th. July 1805.

&co. &co.

I Signed R.d Dale
Military Secretary.

To Lieutenant General Nichols
Commander in Chief &co. &ca.

Sir

I enclose a certificate from the Medical Board and Dr. Keir who attended me during my illness, and as it is their opinion a change of climate is absolutely necessary for my Recovery, I have to request your sanction to proceed to China and eventually to Europe should it be deemed necessary, and also have to request you will have

the

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the Goodness to lay it before the Right Honorable the Governor and Council tomorrow for their approbation.—

I have the honor to remain

&c. &c.

July 25th. 1805. /signed Gilbert Briggs

Surgeon

Nagapore Residency.

A true Copy

/signed R. Dale

Mily Secretary.

Copy of Surgeon's Certificate

I the undersigned Surgeon do hereby certify that Surgeon Gilbert Briggs of the Establishment of Fort St. George, has for the last twelve Months suffered much from severe indisposition; and I do most Solemnly and Sincerely declare that in my opinion a Sea Voyage and change of Climate are indispensibly necessary for his recovery.—

I do therefore beg to recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to China and eventually to Europe if necessary.—

Certified

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Resolved that the permission granted by the Government of Bombay to proceed to China or eventually to Europe for the recovery of his health be confirmed to Mr Surgeon J. Briggs

Read the following letter from the Secretary of the Commander in Chief—

George Buchan Esqre

Chief Secretary to Government.

&co &co &co

Sir.

From the Asst de Camp to the Commander in Chief submitting an application for the payment of Tent allowance due to Mr Surgeon Wise with the Commander in chiefs request in consequence—

I have received the Commander in Chiefs Directions, to transmit the enclosed Note from Mr. Haliburton, soliciting the Payment of the arrears of Tent allowance, due to Mr. Surgeon Wise. His Excellency requests, that pursuant to the late order of Government, a General Direction may be issued to the Paymaster, to admit in future the Tent charge, in Mr. Wises Account, while he is detained with Scindiah.—

I have the honor to be &c—

Fort S. George
August 9th 1805

/Signed/ Cha. S. George
A.D.C.—

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My Dear Sir

You was so good some time ago as to procure an order for the arrears of Tent allowance due to Surgeon H. Wise being paid.—

Mr. Wise by a letter received 3 days ago is still in the same situation, in Scindiahs Camp, and on my application for his monthly abstract, the Paymaster has again struck out his Tent allowance— If an order were given for this allowance being paid while he continues with Scindiah, it would prevent my having occasion to trouble you so often.—

your very truely

9th. August— /Signed/ George Halyburton

Resolved that authority be given to the Military auditor General for the payment of Mr. Surgeon Wise's Tent allowance, under the circumstances explained in the above Papers.—

Read the following Letter from the Commander in Chief—

George Buchan Esqre
& Co. &c. &c. chief Secretary.

Sir

In conformity to a general order from the Commander in chief has directed the

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the Committee appointed to report on the Honorable Company's Stud at Ganjam to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to that place, requests that instructions may be furnished to the Committee—

from Government I have directed a Committee, composed of Major General Pater, Lieutenant Colonel Floyer, and Major Cathcart, to hold themselves in Readiness to proceed to Ganjam, to form a Report, upon the State of the Honorable Company's Stud, at that place.—

I am to request that Government will be pleased to communicate, to the President, such detailed Instructions, as they may conceive the Subject requires, which, in my opinion, upon every principle of advantage and Economy, reaches to the Foundation of the whole Institution, whether, by the fair Promise of Benefit equal to the great expence. It should be maintained or abandoned.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very faithful & obedient Servt
(signed) J. F. Cradock
Deputy Genl.

Fort S. George
August 13th 1805

ordered

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Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following proceedings

of the Medical Board.—

Resolution of the
Governor in Council
Dated 13th August 1805

Medical Board
9th August 1805

From the Medical Board submitting a Monthly return of the sick of the army &c &c

The Medical Board

have the honor to forward

the Monthly Return of

the sick of the Army for

the month of April; the

General Return of patients

vaccinated at the Presidency

and different Settlements

under its authority accom-

panied with an abstract

of

Approved

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of the Expenses incurred
on account of Vaccination,
and a list of native Prac-
titioners for May last.—

/Signed/ Jas. Anderson
Physician General
and President of the Medical
Board

Terence Gahagan M.D.
& 2d Menember Medical Board

Jas Richardson
3d Member Med Board

By order of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council

/Signed/ G. Strachey
Secy to Govt.

General

"	"	"	"	"	385	"	385	"
"	"	"	"	"		"		"
36	"	"	"	"	130	"	130.	"
"	"	"	"	"	273	"	273	"
14	"	"	"	"	320	"	320	"
16	"	"	"	"	312	"	312	"
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Abstract of Expenses incurred on account of Vaccination at the Presidency and at the Subordinate Stations during the Month of May 1805.

	Nos.	Ps.	Fs.	Ps.	Fs.
Presidency					
Salary of the Superintendent	"	100	" "		
Wages of the Servants employed in the Vaccine Hospital	"	46	" "		
Hospital Rent	"	12	" "		
Disbursements for Glass Plates, Wax and Stationary	"	1	18 "		
Salary of the Native Practitioner Swamy Naick	"	25	" "	184	18 "
Superintendent for Patients successfully Vaccinated	437	43	31 40		
Native Practitioner Sawmy Gentoo for Do Do	329	32	40 40		
Do Do Venkatasawmy Do for Do Do	218	21	36 "		
Do Do Gopaulkistnah Bramin for Do Do	231	23	4 40		
Do Do Meerfyzally Mahomr for Do Do	199	19	40 40	141	18 "
	1414			325	36 "

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Centre Division

Mr. Surgeon Mudie for Patients successfully Vaccinated at Salem for april and May	992	99	8	32
Mr. Surgeon Soger for Do. ——— Do. —— at Baramahaul	111	11	4	40
Mr. Assistant Surgeon Campbell for Do. — Do. at Tripassore	95	9	22	40
Native Practitioner Narsingabaun - Rajaputt for Do. at Guntoor from 16th April to 15th May	575	57	21	0
Do. Do. Bossawanah - Guntoor - for Do. at Do. from Do. to Do.	500	50	0	0
Do. Do. Nagalingum Do. — for Do. at Do. from Do. to Do.	582	58	8	32
Do. Do. Pullaberamdoo Do. for Do. at Do. from 15th to 15th Do.	406	40	25	16
Do. Do. Veerasalingum Do. for Do. at Do. from 16th april to 15th Do.	591	59	4	16
Do. Do. Amboopillay Malabar for Do. at Pondicherry from 20th Do. to 14th Do.	152	15	9	0

D°.	D°.	Velayden — D°. for D°. at Tripassore for May	65	6	22	40	
D°.	D°.	Mootooramen Gentoo for D°. at Cuddalore from 15th. april to 15th. D°	142	14	9	4	
D°.	D°.	Annapullay Malabar for D°. at Vellore from 21st. D°. to 25th. D°	115	11	22	40.	
D°.	D°.	Vencatasawmy Gentoo for D°. at Barahmaul for May	182.	18	9	0.	
			4,508	450	31	16.	
Allowance of Half Batta to Messrs. Surgeons Dalton and Mudie and Mr. Assistant Surgeon Campbell				87	7	70	
				537	39	6.	
Carried over			5,922	863	30	6.	

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Southern Division

Brought over	5922	———	———	863 30 6
Mr. Assistant Surgeon Mc Cabe for Pats. Succesfully Vacc'd at Palamcottah	18	1	36 0	
Padre Dubois for Do. at Coimbatore Country ———	2702	270	9 0	
Native Practitioner Nagalingum Weaver for Do. at Madura —	473	47	13 40	
Do. — Do. Naga Chetty ——— Do. for Do. — at — Do. ———	695	69	22 40	
Do. — Do. Dosa Naik ——— Gentoo for Do. at Dindigul —	311	31	4 40	
Do. — Do. Armogumpillay Malabar for Do. at Trichinopoly —	151	15	4 40	
Do. — Do. Mannarpilly — Do. for Do. — at — Do. ———	384	38	18 0	
Do. — Do. — Murregovery ——— Do. — for Do. — at — Do. ———	23	2	13 40	
Do. — Do. — Seromapillay — Do. for Do. at Do. ———	41	4	4 40	
Do. — Do. — Verapilly ——— Do. for Do. — at Do. ———	93	9	13 40	
Do. — Do. — Custoorynaick Gentoo for Do. at Do. —	99	9	40 40	
Do. — Do. — Mangapilly Malabar for Do. at Do. —	90	9	0 0	
Do. — Do. — Sunnacypilly — Do. for Do. at Do. —	105	10	22 40	
Do. — Do. — Rungaswamy Gentoo for Do. at Ramnad Country	228	22	36 0	
Do. — Do. — Valloyden Malabar for Do. at Do. —	339	33	40 40	
Do. — Do. — Sooboroy — Do. for Do. — at — Do. —	510	51	0 0	
Do. — Do. — Ramasaumy Chitty Weaver for Do. at Do. —	200	20	0 0	
Do. — Do. — Sandavaroypillay Malabar for Do. at Do.	159	15	40 40	

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Do	Do	Kistnaken Bramin	for Do	at Do	309	30	40	40	
Do	Do	Vencatasawmy Gentoo	for Do	at Do	296	29	27	.	
Do	Do	Machale Malabar	for Do	at Do	401	40	4	40	
Do	Do	Colendavaloo Do	for Do	at Do	333	33	13	40	
Do	Do	Ragavyer Bramin	for Do	at Do	250	25	"	"	
Do	Do	Permand Malabar	for Do	at Do	504	50	18	.	
Do	Do	Mootoopillay Do	for Do	at Do	457	45	4	40	
Do	Do	Narrainpillay Do	for Do	at Do	381	38	4	40	
Do	Do	Ramachendryen Bramin	for Do	at Do	645	64	22	40	
Do	Do	Rangapah Naik Gentoo	for Do	at Do	497	49	31	40	
Do	Do	Annavengar Bramin	for Do	at Sanjore Count	322	32	9	"	
Do	Do	Ramiah Do	for Do	at Do	395	38	22	40	
Do	Do	Sachellum Gentoo	for Do	at Do	35	3	22	40	
Do	Do	Banganaik Do	for Do	at Do	130	13	"	"	
Do	Do	Putchy Mootoopillay Malabar	for Do	at Do	273	27	13	40	
Do	Do	Moodoo Nack Gentoo	for Do	at Do	320	32	"	"	
Do	Do	Bauspoo Naik Do	for Do	at Do	318	31	36	"	
					12471	1247	4	40	
Allowance of Half Batta to Mr Surgeon Hay and Messrs Assistant Surgeons Boodle and Mr Cabe						67	34	30.	1314 38 70
				Carried Over	18393				2178 23 76.

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						Rupees	Fs.	C.
		Brought Over				2,178	23	76.
Native Practitioner	Ramachendroo	Gentoo	for Pats.	successfully Vacd. at	Bemapatam	95	9 22 40	
Do.	Do.	Sanayah	Do.	for	Do. at Vizagapatam	79	7 40 41	
Do.	Do.	Mootoojadoo	Do.	for	Do. at Ingeram	235	23 22 40	
Do.	Do.	Joseph Madura		for	Do. at Vizagapatam	474	47 18 .	
						883	88 13 40.	
Allowance of Half Batta to Mr. Surgeon Norman						.	29 2 50.	
							117 16 10	
Mysore Division								
Mr. Surgeon White			for Patients	successfully Vaccinated at	Seringapatam	303	30 13 40	
Native Practitioner	Antapah	Malabar	for	Do. at	Coorg	905	90 22 40	
Do.	Do.	Condapah	Gentoo	for	Do. at Chillumbrom	377	37 31. 40	
Do.	Do.	Joanah	Malabar	for	Do. at Mahegoody	171	17 4 40	
Do.	Do.	Marianah	Do.	for	Do. at Nangingoor	592	59 9 .	
Do.	Do.	Anoolapah	Do.	for	Do. at Kishery	303	30 13 40	
Do.	Do.	Anteya	Do.	for	Do. at Hegnedecottah	203	20 13 40	
Do.	Do.	Hofsaly Antapah	Do.	for	Do. at Arkilegoorro	174	17 18 .	
Do.	Do.	Konally Ignasy	Do.	for	Do. at Coolally	350	35 . .	
Do.	Do.	Chinyah	Do.	for	Do. at Hosenoroog	279	27 40 40	
Do.	Do.	Ignasy Gonda	Do.	for	Do. at Kaniambady	220	22 . .	
Do.	Do.	Chovery Mootoo	Do.	for	Do. at Ballury	323	32 13 40	
Do.	Do.	Meer Pukeridum	Mahomd.	for	Do. at Nillavaryal	45	4 22 40	
						4,245	424 22 40.	
Allowance of Half Batta to Mr. Surgeon White							29 2 50	
							453 25 10	

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Ceded District

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Thos. Trotter for Patts. Successfully Vacct. at Seobaut	220	22	0	0			
Native Practitioner Pampabut Marahtee for Do. at Ceded Districts	893	89	13	40			
	1113	111	13	40			
Allowance of Half Batta to Mr. Assistant Surgeon Williamson		19	15	60	130	29	20

Malabar Province

Mr. Surgeon Meek for Patients Successfully Vacct. in the Province of Malabar	2,226	222	25	16			
Mr. Assistant Surgeon Coats for Do. ... Southern Districts of Malabar	2512	251	9	0			
Native Practitioner William Lucas for Do. at Cochin	76	7	25	16			
	4,814	481	14	32			
Half Batta to Mr. Surgeon Meek		29	2	50	510	17	2

Canara Province

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Morgan for Patts. Successfully Vacct. at Candapore	722	72	9	0	72	9	0

Total Nos. 30170 —— Pags. 3462 30 32.

Fort St. George
Medl. Board Office
1st June 1805

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
and President of the Medical Board
Terence Gahagan M.D.
& 2d. Member Medical Board.
Jas. Richardson
3d. Member Med. Board

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List of Native Practitioners authorized by regular Certificates to Vaccinate at the Presidency, and out Stations for May 1805

№	Names	Casts	Where practising
		Presidency	
1	Swamynaik	Gentoos	Presidency
"	Vencatasawmy		
"	Gopaulkistnah		
"	Aupiah		
5	Meer Fyzally	Mahometan	
"	Mootoo	Pariah	
		Centre Division	
"	Mr. Lautouche	European	Pulicat.
"	Nagalingum	Gentoos	Guntoor Districts.
"	Veerasalingum		
10	Boswantha		
"	Narsingabaum	Rajaput	
"	Annasawmy	Malabar	Nellore
"	Lutchumeputty	Gentoo	
"	Vencatachare	Bramin	
15	Achana	Do.	Cundacare
"	Lallapootty	Gentoos	Ongole
"	Juggaloo		
"	Puttaberamaroo		Guntoor Palnaud Country Pyacoh.
"	Ramasawmy	Gentoos	
20	Vencatasawmy		

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No.	Names	Casts	Where practising
"	Mootoosamen		Cuddalore
"	Vencata sawmy		
"	Annapillay	Malabars	Pondicherry
"	Amboopillay		
25	Zacharie Amboopillay		
"	Meer Kawtherally		Wallajanagur Arcot
"	Abdul Kawn		
"	Mahomedally	Mahometans	Southern Division Arcot.
"	Goolam Mobeen		
30	Shaik Adam		
"	Goolam Hussen		
"	Hoosain Saib.		
"	Appoo Mood.r	Malabar	Arcot.
"	Ganggu Ryer	Bramin	
35	Boochia	Malabars	Baramaul
"	Mooneyapah		
"	Mortoopah	Gentoos	
"	Vencatachellum		
"	Mahomed Casamy	Mahometan	
40	Vencaty Rajah	Rajaput	Bhoovanagerry
"	Perseram	Malabar	
"	Bungaroo Naik	Gentoo	Conjeveram
"	Velayden Moodelr	Malabar	Canathean jettah

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No.	Names	Casts	Where practising
		Southern Division	
"	Padre Dubois	European	Coimbatore Country
45	Nagalingum	Weavers	Madura
"	Nagachetty		
"	Dofs Naik	Gentoos	Dindigul
"	Custory Naik		
"	Arnogam pillay	Malabars	Trichinopoly
50	Maurey chovery		
"	Peroomapillay		
"	Verapillay		
"	Nanyapillay		
"	Sanancy pillay		
55	Munnar pillay		
"	Rungaswamy	Gentoos	Ramnad Country
"	Vencatasawmy		
"	Rungapanaik		
"	Vellayden	Malabars	
60	Sooboroy		
"	Tandavroy pillay		
"	Machalie		
"	Permanand		
"	Mootoopillay		
65	Narayna pillay		
"	Collendavaloo		
"	Rayayen	Bramins	

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No.	Names	Casts	Where practising
"	Kistniahen		
"	Ramachendryer		
70	Ramasawmy Chetty	Weaver	
"	Anavengar		
"	Ramiahen	Bramins	
"	Sashachellum		
"	Bungar Naik		
75	Moodoo Naik	Gentoos	Tanjore Country
"	Baupoo Naik		
"	Putchy Mootoopillay	Malabar	
"	Appoopillay		
"	Shumogampillay		
80	Pakampillay	Malabars	
"	Maudie		
"	Narsiah		
"	Maurydoss Naik	Gentoos	
"	Tyasawmy		
85	Apengar		Not practising
"	Christiah		
"	Anatakistna	Bramins	
"	Ramiah		
"	Mathew Mc.farlane	European	

Northern

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Nos	Names	Casts	Where practising
		Northern Division	
90	Thomas Millican	Half Casts	Masulipatam
"	Joseph Madara	Half Casts	Vizagapatam
"	Ramachendreyen	Gentoos	Bemapatam
"	Sanayah	Gentoos	Vizagapatam
"	Mortoojahdoo	Gentoos	Ingeram
95	Saravoody Settepah	Gentoos	
		Mysore Division	
"	Antapah	Malabars	Coorug
"	Joanah	Malabars	Mahvgoody
"	Mariahna	Malabars	Nangengoor
"	Woolapah	Malabars	Kekery
100	Anteya	Malabars	Hyderucottah
"	Hossally antapah	Malabars	Arkeligooooo
"	Honally Ignasy	Malabars	Covally
"	Chinay	Malabars	Woosendroog
"	Ignasy Gondah	Malabars	Rancambuddy
105	Chovery Mootor	Malabars	Bungalore
"	Condapah	Malabars	Chittleroog
"	Meer Pukeydum	Malabars	Allavayalum
		Ceded Districts	
"	Paupabut	Marahtee	Ballary
"	Mauderreoy pauptah	Bramin	"
110.	Cloka	Gentoo	"

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No.	Names	Casts	Where practising
		Malabar Province	
	William Lucas	Half Casts	Cochin
"	John I. Wills		
"	Coonhy Markar	Mahomitans	not practising
"	Jacobjee		
		Canara Province	
115	Signor Ermida	Portuguese	Goa

I dignos Jas. Anderson
Physician General
and President of the Medical
Board

Terence Gahagan M.D.
& 2d. Member Medical Board

" Jas. Richardson
3d. Member Med. Board

Fort St. George
Medical Board office
1st. June 1805

Read

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Fort S. George 13th August 1805.

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

To George Buchan Esqre
Chief Secretary to the Government
at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Government at Bombay - Mr. Surgeon Briggs permitted to proceed to China and eventually to Europe -

I am directed to report to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that Mr. Surgeon Briggs, of the Madras Establishment, having produced the prescribed Certificates, as to the indispensible necessity of the measure, has obtained the permission of the Honorable the Governor in Council to proceed to China, or eventually to Europe, for the recovery of his health. -

Bombay Castle
26th July 1805

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) F. Warden
Secy to Govt.

Ordered

Fort St. George 13th. August 1805

Ordered that the permission granted by the Government of Bombay to Mr. Surgeon Briggs of this Establishment to proceed to China and eventually to Europe for the recovery of his health, be published in General Orders.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

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

My Lord.

I have the honor to lay before you Extract of a letter addressed to me by the Military Paymaster General, dated the 26th. ultimo together with the original letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ikton for the Secretary to Government in the Military Department which accompanied it

From the Military Auditor General relative to Retrenchments against Lieutenant Colonel Ikton.—

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it, and an Extract of the Retrenchments to which it relates.—

2 In submitting this Retrenchment to the decision of your Lordship in Council, I beg leave to quote the reply of the Paymaster (Mr. George Wilson) which is the only one received in support thereof. Lieutenant Marshall having been "ordered by the Commanding officer of the Districts "to give him the earliest intelligence of the Enemies "motions, he was obliged to employ Hircarrahs.—

3. The delay in demanding the amount of this Retrenchment can only be imputed to the late Paymaster and his Successors in office; the demand is now made by the Military Pay-master General with a view to bring the accounts of the late Mr. Wilson to a final adjustment.—

Milit.y Auditor General's office
Fort S. George 9th. August 1805

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

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General to the Military Auditor General dated 26th July 1305.

"I have the honor to enclose a "letter from Lieutenant Colonel Irton for the Secretary "to Government in the Military Department in "consequence of his having been called upon as "Captain Marshalls Security to refund the Sum "of Pagodas 16-.-. a Retrenchment outstanding "against that officer in the Accounts of the late "Mr. G. Wilson; and which Lieutenant Colonel "Irton has refunded."

"It is needless for me to add that no delay can be imputed to me as it was not my province to interfere with the details of adjustment between Mr. Wilson and those whom he had paid and against whom Re=trenchments stood.-

/ signed J. Brunton
M. A. G.-

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The Secretary to Government

Military Department

Fort S. George

Sir

I beg leave to forward you, for the consideration of His Lordship in Council - the accompanying Retrenchment against me as security for Captain Marshall.

I beg leave to call his Lordships attention to the long period that those accounts have been laying in the different Public offices unnoticed. -

Captain Marshall who went home in the begining of 1800 Called upon Mr. Roebuck for an adjustment of his accounts, which at that period / the account alluded to / must have been nearly 5 years in his office, and when those Gentlemen, who could have granted the authority were alive - exclusive of the consideration

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consideration that the authority required may have been mislaid amongst such a number of Papers. if not how comes Mr Wilson the then Paymaster to have been so deficient in this Duty, as to pay those Bills without the proper authority attached.—

The Retrenchment is not made on the Idea that the charge is unlawful, but that it wants some necessary documents, which could not at any rate be procured now. the parties being deceased.—

On the consideration of the above circumstances — I hope his Lordship in Council will be induced to order the Retrenchment to be withdrawn.—

/signed/ S. Kelton Lieut. Coll.
Commanding the Districts of Vizagapatam—

Chicacole
10th July 1805

Extract

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Fort S. George 13th August 1805

Extract from Retrenchments made from the Disbursements of the late Mr. George Wilson, Paymaster at Vizagapatam &c. against Lieut. Alex. Marshall

No.				
	December 1794.			
61.	Lieutenant A. Marshall draws for an Hircarrah for November P. 4 —			
	The above charge not being sanctioned by authority cannot be passed Retrenched	4	.	.
	Arrears Account for Nov.			
3	Lieutenant A. Marshall, Commanding a Detachment of the 20th Battalion draws pay for a Hircarrah Pagodas 4 — —			
	No authority being produced for making this charge it is Retrenched . . . . . —	4	.	.
	March 1795.			
66.	Lieutenant A. Marshall draws pay and batta for 2 Hircarrahs Pag. 8 — —			
	No authority appearing in support of this charge it cannot be passed Retrenched	8	.	.
		16	.	.
	Pagodas —	16	—	.

E. E.

(Signed) D. G. R. Murray Pay.r

True Copy.

(Signed) Benj.n Roebuck

M. Pay.r Gen.l

Resolved

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Resolved to desire that the Retrench-
ment against Lieutenant Colonel Irton, referred to in
the foregoing letter, be confirmed, if the charge was
inconsistent with the Regulations of the Public
Service.-

Read the following letter from
the Military Paymaster General-

To the Chief Secretary of Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From the Military Pay.r General - submitting an application from the late Pay.r at Pornah for an establishment for the purpose of adjusting his accounts.

Accompanying I have the honor
to enclose you Copy of a Letter from the late Pay-
master at Pornah Captain Billingham, which
I have to request you will be pleased to lay
before the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council.-

I am &co &ca

Fort St. George
7th. May 1805

(Signed) B. Roebuck
My Pay.r Genl.

To

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To the Military Paymaster General

Fort St. George

Sir

My accounts have been much in arrears and very Voluminous, it will on that account be necessary that I should keep up an Establishment of writers for the purpose of Bringing my Business to speedy settlement— I request you will be so kind as to make an application to Government for an allowance to enable me to pay those people who I have been obliged to employ— I have to observe that the Salary, which I have been under the necessity of paying to those Servants who came to me from Madras I have been obliged to continue to them till my arrival at this place, and I hope and trust that Government will allow me to draw the amount from the 1st. June the period of my quitting the Pay office at Poona to the end of July when I arrived here—

Their

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Their names and Salaries are as follows

	Star Pags. per Month
Mr. Thos. Pereira	80
Mr. But. D. Vaz	40.
Narrapah	40
Soobroylos	20

From the 1st. of the present month I shall require the assistance of three more writers whose Salaries as well as those that I have already got must depend upon what the Government think proper to allow me - upon this Subject however I have to observe that these four People can get employment in other offices at this Place; the two former on the Pay of 50 Pagodas P. Month and the two latter on the same Pay which I now give them. -

As these people are perfectly acquainted with every thing relating to the clear settlement of my accounts. it will be a serious inconvenience to me, should I be obliged to part with them, for want of authority to pay them the wages they demand, and as I do not Suppose that

I

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I shall require their services by a period of two Months
I hope I may be allowed to retain them.

I have the Honor to be
&co &co

Mysore
August 2d 1805

(Signed) J. G. Bellingham
late Payr.

True Copy

(Signd) B. Roebuck
My Payr Genl

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Military auditor General with directions to report his opinion on the application therewith submitted relative to the establishment of the late Paymaster at Poonah.—

Read the following letter from the acting Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops

George Buchan Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

From the acting Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops requesting an advance on account of His Majesty's 69th Regt.

I have the Honor to enclose a letter from the officer Commanding His Majesty's 69th Regiment with one from the Paymaster, which will shew that considerable

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considerable arrears on account of non Effective
mony &co were due to the Corps on its arrival at
Fort St. George.—

It would not be just to place
this amount to the debit of the Honorable Company,
and at the same time the Regiment ought not to
be sufferers by the exchange of Establishment.—

I trust therefore that Government
will be pleased to direct the amount due to be
issued to the Paymaster here, for his Bills upon
the agents of the Regiment in England.—

I have the honor to be &co

(signed) J. Campbell
A.D.A.G.—

Fort St. George
10th August 1805

Major Campbell
D. Pay.r Genl

Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing you
Paymaster Mc Nally's Letter to me, respecting Non
effective and Contingent allowance due the
Captains of the 69th Regiment and altering the
men's

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men's Clothing for the year Commencing the 25th. of December 1804 - and I have to request that you will have the goodness to make the necessary application to the Government for the Sum specified in his Letter, and forward to him the form of the Bill necessary to be drawn on the agent -

I have the honor to be &c.

Wallajahbad
august 6th. 1805.

/signed C. Clarges
Major 69th. Regiment

Major Clarges
Commanding 69th. Regiment

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that the Sum of £ 430 - is required for the Regiment to defray non Effective and Contingent allowances to the Captains, and altering Clothing for the year commencing the 25th. of December 1804, all of which should have been paid on the 24th. of June last, but owing to the Regiment being at Sea, and those allowances not being paid in Advance, I could

not

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not include them in my Estimate of 6 months Pay to Officers and 4 Months to Non Commissioned Officers and Privates on its embarking the 24th. of February last.—

I shall be obliged to you to make application to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, thro' the Deputy Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces for the abovemen=tioned Sum of £ 430 for my Bill at any Sight they think proper on Messrs. Greenwood and Cox the Agents of the Regement, with which Bill I wish to forward to England, a Copy of my Estimate for the information of His Majesty's Secretary at War.—

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

Wallajahbad
august 6th. 1805.

/Signed/ Richd. McNally
Paymaster 69th. Regt.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Military auditor General, and that the amount required for

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The adjustment of arrears due on account of His Majesty's 69th. Regiment be issued, on the bills of the Paymaster of the Regiment being received for the amount, according to the mode formerly observed in similar Cases.—

W Bentinck

Mr. Dana

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W Petrie

Edg. Stanley

"

Jno. Brown

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Diary.

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4 I am directed to inclose for your information and Guidance the accompanying Extracts from the Minutes recorded by the Commander in Chief with the Resolution passed in consequence by the Governor in Council—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort S. George
14th. August 1805.

Signed Jo. Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt.

To Major General Macdowall

&c. — &c. — &c. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble

To Major General
Mc Dowall with
a list of applications
to

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14th

to participate in the Prize Money of Seringapatam —

Honorable the Governor in Council to enclose for the consideration of the Committee, of which you are President, the accompanying applications to participate in the Prize Money of Seringapatam, and to desire that the report of the Committee may be submitted accordingly for His Lordship's information.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
14th August 1805

(Signed) G. Buchan
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from a Minute of the Commander in Chief, the charges of the Boat establishment on the Mahratta frontier will be debited to the account of the Government of Bombay—an advance to Lieutenant Taylor of that establishment reported.—

Received the following letter 15th

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

My Lord.

Having examined an additional

1.

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

Estimate of Cash for the Current Month, I have the honor to report that the amount thereof, Viz^t Pagodas Thirteen thousand eight hundred and ninety nine (Pag^s 13,899) is admissible and issuable as follows.—

From the Genl Treasury.— To the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops . . . . . 10,099—0—0

By Bills from the Presidency . . . — 3,800—0—0

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2. The sum issuable to the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops is required for the payment of Subsistence to His Majesty's 69th. Regiment from 25th. August to 25th. September 1805, and for the payment of Bounty to 600 Men of His Majesty's 73d. and 74th. Regiments, to be reinlisted in His Majesty's Regiments serving under this Presidency at the rate of three Guineas per man.—

3. I have not received any orders or communication relative to the payment of Bounty to these men; but from the circumstance of the 73d. and 74th. Regiments being under orders for Europe, I take it for granted that the Statements of the Deputy Paymaster General is correct.—

4 The sum issuable by Bills from the Presidency is required by the Paymaster at Trichinapoly for the payment of the late 4th. Extra Battalion for the preceding month, and for the purpose of making an advance to the Commissariat

Resident

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Resident at Salem on account of Tents &co.-

I have the Honor to be

&co. &co.

Signed J. Brunton

Mily. and Dr. Genl.

Military Auditor Genrals

Office. Fort St. George

15th. August 1805

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

Friday the

16th. August 1805

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

Commander in Chief

William Petrie }

and } Esqrs.

James Strange }

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.-

The Commander in Chief records

the following Minutes-

Minute

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Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in chief submits a Map of the Deckan prepared by the Quarter Master General for the use of the Residency at Mysore, recommendation in consequence.—

In conformity to the desire of Government, that a Map of the Country, on the other side of the Trombudra, should be prepared by the Quarter Master General, for the use of the Residency at Mysore;—

I have the honor to present one of a very perfect Kind, and which reflects great Credit, upon the Quarter Master Generals Department.—

I feel much indebted to Colt. Orr. for his personal Labor, and Exertion in the execution of this Map, as He has no assistance whatsoever, in that line.—

I beg to lay before the Board a letter from Colt. Orr, upon this Subject, and very warmly recommend his request to the favorable Consideration of the Board.—

It appears to me indispensably necessary

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necessary, that a Moderate Establishment of Drafts-
men should be attached to the Quarter Master
General's Department - but, still under exciting -
Circumstances, I am so unwilling to urge any
measure, that carries with it escpence, that upon
the present Occasion," I limit myself to the
Request, That one Drafts-man may be retained
at such a Salary per Month, as may be judged
necessary to procure a proper person - without this
small aid to lighten the common Labor, that
must be employed upon every Geographical
work, I do not see how any required Duty is to
be performed -

/Signed/ J. F. Bradock
Lieutenant General

Fort St. George
august 16th 1805

To His Excellency
Sir John Bradock K. B. -
Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

In consequence of an application
made

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made to Government by the Resident at Mysore to be furnished with a Map of the Deckan North of the Toombudra, which should comprise all the Geographical information obtained during the Campaign against Dhoondiah and in the late Mahratta War. I received your Excellency's Commands to prepare such a Map from the Documents in my office, and I have now the honor to forward it, with a request that it may be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council—

Upon this Occasion I beg leave once more to call your Excellency's attention to the insufficiency of the Establishment which has hitherto been allowed to my office, consisting of only four Native-writers at 10 Pagodas each per month.—

With the assistance, however, of the Deputies in my office, and this Establishment

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of Native writers, I have been able to carry on a Consider-
rable part of the business of my Office, although it
has of late been much encreased; but I trust it will
appear to your Excellency, that, without an Establish-
ment of Draftsmen also, I must experience Consider-
rable difficulty, attended with much delay, in prepa-
ring for Government or for your Excellency laborious
works of a Geographical nature, such as I have
now the honor to forward.

I remain &c. &c.

(Signed) Alex. Orr.

Quarter Master Genl.

Fort S. George
7th August 1805.

Resolved that the Map referred
to in the above Minute be transmitted to the
Resident at Mysore.

Resolved under the explanation
stated by the Commander in Chief, that authority
be given for employing a Draftsman in the
department of the Quarter Master General.

Minute

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Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Comr. in chief – submits a Report from the Medical Board upon the State of Colonel Oliver's health – submits also a letter from Colonel Wallace forwarding the Resignation of Capt. Campbell of His Majesty's 74th Regiment of the Postmastership to the Poonah Subsidiary force. –

I have the honor to lay before the Board a Special Report, from the Members of the Medical Board, upon the State of Colonel Oliver's Health. –

I also submit a Letter from Coll. Wallace, forwarding the resignation of Captain B. Campbell, of His Majesty's 74th. Regiment of the Postmastership to the Poonah Subsidiary Force, on account of the approaching Embarkation of the Regiment, and also communicating, that he would acquaint the Government of Bombay, of the Vacancy, that a Successor might be — appointed –

Fort St. George
16th. August 1805.

Signed J. F. Cradock
Lieutenant General

Medical Board
15th. August 1805

Read a Letter from his

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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

His Excellency the Commander in Chief, to the Physician & General, requiring the Medical Board to state their professional opinion officially relative to the health of Colonel James Oliver, and how far in their judgement, his immediate departure from this Country, is necessary on that account.—

2. Colonel Oliver being present, states his ailments to be loss of appetite, want of his nights rest, severe bowel com=plaint, straining occasionally, and consequent great general weaknss—for the relief of which, he appears to have been under the medical treatment of

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Doctor Harris, without having
received any material benefit.—

3 In consideration of
these circumstances, the Colonels
obvious debility, his advanced
age, and long Residence in this
Country, it is the opinion of the
Medical Board, that a change
from this, to his native climate
promises the best means of
his recovery—

4 Resolved that Colonel
Oliver be furnished with a Certi-
ficate to this effect, from the
Secretary; and that a Copy of these
Proceedings be forwarded to
the Commander in Chief.

/ Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General and
President of the Medical Board.
Terence Gahagan M.D. & Member M.B.
Jas. Richardson 3d. Member M.B.

To

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To the Secretary of His Excellency
the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an application from Captain B. Campbell of His Majesty's 74th Regiment, to be permitted to resign his appointment of Postmaster to the Poonah Subsidiary Force, which I request you will submit to His Excellency the Commander in Chief - a wish to accompany his Corps to Europe has induced Captain Campbell to make this request. -

I propose to acquaint the Bombay Government of the resignation by Captain Campbell of this Situation, when I presume that a successor to him will be named. -

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. Wallace
Coll.

Campat Fattaypoor
28th July 1805.

To

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To Colonel Wallace

Commanding &c. &c. &c.

Sir

I beg leave to request you will obtain for me the permission of Government to my resigning the appointment of Post-Master to the Poonah Subsidiary Force, which appointment I now hold.-

I have the honor to be

July 19th 1805. &c. &c.

(Signed) A. B. Campbell

Post Master

P. S. F.

A true Copy

(Signed) F. Vans Agnew

Deputy Adjutant General

P. S. F.

The Board having consider-ed the Report which has been submitted relative to the state of the health of Colonel Oliver, and also the Reports of the Committee

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of audit respecting the claims against that Officer, are of opinion that no material objection exists to his being now permitted to proceed to Europe, as the claims do not appear to be of a nature, likely to involve material personal responsibility to Colonel Oliver.—

The Board however deem it to be proper that Colonel Oliver should be called upon to verify upon Oath the facts which he has stated relative to the adjustment of his public accounts; and as it appears unquestionably proper that Security should be given if practicable by that Officer for any eventual demands which might be established against him, the Board are of opinion that this measure should not be dispensed with on any other condition than that Colonel Oliver shall make Oath that he has no private fortune to enable him to lodge the required security.—

Resolved.

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Resolved that the results of this determination be communicated from the Political Department to the Committee of audit, and also to Colonel Oliver in order that an opportunity may be afforded to that Officer of complying with the obligations above stated.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

In conformity to the Resolutions of Government of the 9th. Instant requesting me to state my opinion of the extent of the Provision which it may be proper to allot for the support of Subadar Maha sing of the Governor General's Body Guard, I recommend that he be transferred to the Pensioned Establishment on the full pay of a Subadar of Cavalry of the 1st. Class.— An allowance for a Palankeen has been frequently granted to Native Officers of very meritorious character; there can therefore be no objection to granting that allowance to Maha sing.— on the donation

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of ground proposed by Captain Daniel, I can only state a general opinion, that the measure of rewarding meritorious Native Officers and Soldiers by grants of unappropriated Land, appears to be one of the best modes of fixing their attachment and that of their Families to the State which thus rewards them: — but the Revenue regulations of this Government will best determine the proper decision on the present case —

2. I submit to the consideration of Government a Letter of reference to me from Captain Lieutenant Brudenal of Invalids, praying relief in his very distressed situation. This Officer after a very long service in His Majesty's and in the Honorable Company's Cavalry, was in the year 1791 placed as a Captain Lieutenant. In 1795 a Resolution of Government allotted to him from the Invalid Establishment

of reckoning

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of ground proposed by Captain Daniel, I can only state a general opinion, that the measure of rewarding meritorious Native Officers and Soldiers by grants of unappropriated Land, appears to be one of the best modes of fixing their attachment and that of their Families to the State which thus rewards them: — but the Revenue regulations of this Government will best determine the proper decision on the present case —

2. I submit to the consideration of Government a Letter of reference to me from Captain Lieutenant Brudenal of Invalids, praying relief in his very distressed situation. This Officer after a very long service in His Majesty's and in the Honorable Company's Cavalry, was in the year 1791 placed as a Captain Lieutenant. In 1795 a Resolution of Government allotted to him from the Invalid Offreckoning

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Off Reckoning Fund, "when there should appear
"a surplus, after issuing the Regulated shares
"and giving to every full Captain his appropri-
"ated share – a Sum which in addition to his –
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who thus represent the Invalid Establishment.
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give a claim to indulgent consideration. He
desires to receive the Pay and allowances of an
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various Certificates of the Zealous services
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of Artillery, who long acted in a superior
Line as Surveyor in the Department of the
Engineer. I should have recommended her
for the Bounty of the late Lord Clive in the
usual manner as the Widow of a Serjeant,
had not her Husbands staff employment
appeared to give her a superior Claim, what
that may be, former precedent may perhaps
point out, and I recommend that the subject
be referred for report to the Military auditor
General.-

I submit a request from
Major Ridge late of the 10th Regiment of
Native Infantry, but now on the Retired List
of Officers, for permission to return to Europe.
and recommend that it be granted.-

(signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieut. Genl.

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To

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Lieut. Genl.

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To

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Precluded by the unhappy circumstance of having served in the Cavalry instead of the — Infantry —

I have consequently been labouring under great Pecuniary embarressments for nearly 7 years past, the Station at which I have now the Honor to Command is on the High Northern Road, and the Common Civility due to the numerous Passengers who are Constantly Travilling this way, unavoidably Increases my Expence, therefore I request the Honor of His Excellency to take my situation into Consideration, to grant me His Indulgence in a similar situation which has been granted to Captain Holdfurd who Commands Ganjam. —

As I have now no prospect of any new Regulation taking place that will Effect my situation, I am induced to

Request

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Request that His Excellency the Commander in Chief, will take the peculiar hardship of my case into consideration, and to Indulge a hope that he will be pleased to grant me such an Augmentation of Pay as will render my situation, Equal to that of an Invalid Captain of Infantry.—

I would not obtrude on His Excellency any Pretensions to indulgence from length of Service, yet I shall perhaps be allowed without meaning to Institute any such Ideal Claim, to mention that I have served His Majesty and the Honorable Company 46 years, and that my situation is now far from being better than it was when I entered the latter Service 30 years ago.

I have the honor to inclose for His Excellency's information, Copy of a letter from the Secretary of Government to Colonel Brathwaite respecting my allowances.—

and am &c. &c.

Samulcottah
1st August 1805.

/signed G. Brudenell
Capt. Lieut. Commanding

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To Captain Brudenell

Sir,

I am directed by Colonel Brathwaite to furnish you with the Inclosed Copy of a Letter from Government on the Subject of your participating in future in the off-Reckoning Fund.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Fred: Pierce
Major Brigade.

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9th. December 1793

A true Copy,
/Signed/ G. Brudenell
Captn. Lieut. Commg.-

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Army on the Coast-

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 26th. ultimo, and to acquaint you that for the Reasons you have

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have assigned, His Lordship consents that, "if on the annual adjustment of the Invalid off Reckoning Fund, there shall appear a surplus, after issuing the Regulated Shares, and giving to every full Captain on that list his appropriated share, Captain Lieutenant Brudenell, may be permitted to receive a Sum, which in addition to his present allowances shall make his situation equal to that of an Invalid Captain of Infantry."-

Sam & Co. & Co.

Fort St. George
4th. December 1795

A true Copy
Signed W. C. Jackson
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A true Copy
Signed Frederick Pierce
Major Brigade

A true Copy
Signed G. Brudenell
Capt. Lieut. Comg

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

Sir

It is with infinite submission and

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and respect. I beg leave to trouble your Excellency with my distressed situation in being left without any Provision for myself and child by the loss of my Husband Mr. John Balfour, who died on the 26th. of last Month and who some time previous to his being Pensioned on the full Pay of a Serjeant of artillery, had served in the Engineers Department as an Overseer and Surveyor, and where it was intended as will appear by the accompanying document No. 1. to promote him, had but his Friends the late General Patrick Ross and Colonel George Maule survived, he no doubt would in that Case have been handsomely provided for, so as to enable him to make some Provision for his family, and thereby render the present intrusion on your Excellency's time, unnecessary -

His Long and faithfull services to the Honorable Company during a period of thirty odd years, and the written Testimony given in the accompanying Letter and Certificate from the late General P. Ross Jr No. 2 in having

shared

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Shared the dangers and fatigues of long and tedious Campaigns in the Course of that time, more particularly during the Memorable Campaign under the Most Noble the Marquis Cornwallis from disperate Wounds received by him as set forth in the abovementioned Certificate, whereby he was rendered unfit for Effective duty, and from the loss of his Friend and Patron Colonel Maule, soon after at the Seige of Pondicherry in 1793; and General Ross almost immediately after having Embarked for Europe he was from these Circumstances left unprovided till lately from the knowledge Major General D. Campbell had of his services, he was Pensioned in February last, but however precarious this Sum might appear, yet it was some Consolation both to him and myself at his advanced age to Reflect that the Liberality of the Honorable Company's Government had not left their Servants unprovided when rendered unfit for Effective Service.

From these Considerations and the

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the Exalted mind and Generosity of disposition with which your Excellencys Acts are distinguished, in providing for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Military Men, I am influenced to look up to your Excellency to alliviate my present distressed situation, by recommending and obtaining with that Goodness of mind which your Excellency possess some Provision for myself and Child, which my late Husbands services may entitle me to receive - My marriage Certificate is also enclosed for your Excellency's perusal -

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

Fort St. George
3d August 1805.

(Signed) Jane Balfour

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary G. Strachey in the Military Department to the Military Auditor General under date the 6th February 1805 -

"His Lordship in Council has
"resolved in conformity to the recommendation
of

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"of Major General Campbell to pension Mr. John Bal-
="fours, late Serjeant of Artillery on the full pay of
"that Rank."-

Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to the Officer
Commanding the Army in Chief - dated 1st. February
1805.

"Major General Campbell recom-
"mends to the Notice of Government Mr. John -o
"Balfour, long a Serjeant of the 1st. Battalion of -o
"Artillery, and afterwards a Draftsman and
"Surveyor under the Chief Engineer, who is now -o
"without any Provision from the public for his
"Support; at a period when age and the effect
"of numerous and severe wounds leave him little
"able to provide for himself. - His removal from
"the Service was a Mistake intended for his -o
"benefit; he was struck off the Strength of the artil-
="lery because employed in the Engineer's Depart-
=ment, where it was intended to promote him. -
"His time of Service expired in the interval; and
"has never been renewed, but, while acting -o

with

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"with that Department at the Seige of Bangalore as
"a Surveyor, he was in the execution of his duty nearly
"cut to pieces by some Horsemen of the Enemy, and
"Major General Campbell recommends that this
"claim may Entitle him to be pensioned on the
"full pay of a Serjeant of Artillery."

"The accompanying Extract will
"shew that at the time Mr. Balfour was wounded
"in March 1791. he was in the Honorable Company's
"Pay."

Extract of a Charge made in the Accounts Disburse-
ments of Mr. George Hoar late Paymaster to the
Army under the Command of Lord Cornwallis
for the Month of March 1791.

"Engineers Department"

No. of Voucher
35 Paid John Balfour doing duty with the Chief
Engineer as Pr. bill his pay for March
and Batta for February 1791. Pagodas 30: 19: 48.

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True Extract
(signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. Genl.

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I certify that in the month of March 1791 John Balfour then acting as a Surveyor under the Chief Engineer at Bungalore, was severely wounded by a party of the Enemy's Horses who attacked him when passing between the Camp and the Trenches, on duty.

Signed P. A. Agnew
Adjutant General of the Army

Fort St. George
31st. January 1805

Mr. John Balfour

I was sorry to find, by your Letter of the 11th. September 1803 you was still unprovided for, and that the mistake by which you was struck off the List of the army had not been rectified, so far at least, as to obtain for you a Provision for Life, to which, your length of Service, and the Wounds you received in the Course of it, give you a very fair claim on the Company.

An allowance that would render you Comfortable for the rest of your Days, I imagine

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imagine, would be more advisable for you to aim at, than the holding any situation under Government— should your freinds think an application, through the Governor in Council, to the Court of Directors, advisable. I shall from a perfect knowledge of the services you have rendered, be very glad to give it all the support in my Power; but no individual Interest here can be of use to you, unless it comes recommended from India.—

I

I ever am, with the best wishes for your success.—

Your well wisher—

Harley Street
1st June 1804.

/signed/ Patrick Ross

This is to certify that Mr. John Bal=
=four has acted as an overseer with the Engineers for several years, very much to my satisfaction. and that he has my Permission to go to the Coast for the Recovery of a very bad Wound received at Bangalore.— Given under my Hand in Camp

west

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west of Bengalore this 8th. Day of July 1791.

Signed Patrick Ross
Lieut. Coll. and Chief
Engineer

To all concerned -

1787 Marriages.

John Balfour and Jane Lamb were married in S. Mary's Church Fort St. George, on the 24th. day of March 1787. - Balfour

By me

Signed Richard Leslie
Chaplain

In the presence of
James Iames
James Porter -

" J. Balfour

The mark of
Jane + Lamb -

The above is a true Extract from the Register of marriages in S. Mary's Church, Fort St. George, on the Coast of Coromandel in the East Indies, as given under my hand this 3d. day of august in the year of our Lord 1805. -

Signed Edward Vaughan
Acting Junior Chaplain. -

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Resolved that Subadar Mohah
sing be pensioned on the pay of a Subädar of Cavalry
of the 1st Class, with an allowance for a Palankeen,
in consideration of the long services of that Native
Officer.-

Resolved that the Board of
Revenue be directed to make an arrangement
for assigning to Subahdar Mahah sing 100
Cawnies of uncultivated land in the District
of Trichinopoly on terms of Rent favorable to the
Subahdar.-

Resolved in consideration of
the circumstances attending the Case of Captn
Lieutenant Brudnell, that he be allowed the
Pay and allowance of an Invalid Captain of
Infantry, agreeably to the recommendation of
the Commander in Chief.-

Ordered that the papers relative
to the claim of Mrs Balfour be referred to the
Military Auditor General as suggested by the
Commander in Chief, with an extract from the
above Minute.-

Resolved

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Resolved that Major Ridge be permitted to proceed to Europe agreeably to his request.-

Read the following letter from the officer Commanding at Malacca.-

To Geo: Buchan Esqre.

Chief Secretary to Government-

Fort S. George

Sir

From the Officer Comg. at Malacca respecting the want of officers in that Garrison-

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Copy of a Letter which I addressed to the Lieutenant Governor of Prince of Wales's Island under date the 10th. April; in his answer to which, the Lieutenant Governor informs me, that he does not feel himself empowered to authorize Lieutenant Shute continuing at Malacca.- of course he must embark for the Coast by the first opportunity, altho' I consider it my indispensable duty to represent the extremely reduced state of the Garrison in point of officers, and that it will

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will be impractable to carry on the various Duties thereof in any regular Form with less than three effective Officers. —

I have the honor to be

&co &c

(Signed) Wm Farquhar

Captn Commanding Malacca

Malacca
16th June 1805

To R. T. Farquhar Esqr

Lieutenant Governor of Prince of Wales's Island and its Dependencies.

Sir.

I have the honor to acquaint you that by the late Government Orders received from Fort St. George, Lieutenant Shute of the Madras European Regiment doing duty in this Garrison, is removed to the 23d Native Regiment, and directed to join his Corps immediately. I consider it my indispensible duty to represent to you, that in Complying with the aforesaid Order, this Garrison will be left with only two Subalterns for duty, which will render it impracticable to hold a Garrison Court Martial

or

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or a Committee of any description. I therefore trust you will take it into Consideration whether Lieutenant Shute may not be continued to do duty here until the farther pleasure of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort S. George shall be received.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Malacca
10th. April 1805

Signed/ Wm. Farquhar
Captr. Comng. Malacca.

Resolved that a Copy of the above Letter be referred to the Commander in Chief, who is requested to take such measures as he may deem necessary for supplying the want of officers in the Garrison of Malacca.—

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.—

To the Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

From the Military Board— stating that they have given directions for the preparation of Lists of

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We have the honor to acknowledge the

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of Ordnance and Military Stores captured at Malacca - are unable to give any information regarding the Stores Captured at Cochin - Request instructions regarding the disposal of Cast Horses - Submit Copy of a Letter &c. - from the Garrison Storekeeper on the Subject of the rate of hire for the conveyance of Stores - Request authority for employing an additional establishment for the purpose of preparing a duplicate Copy of their proceedings in 1803 - Recommend payment of bills and an advance of Cash. -

the receipt of Letters from the Chief Secretary of Govern- ment bearing date the 21st. 26th. and 29th. ultimo, and to report that the necessary orders have been issued in Consequence. -

2. We have given directions for the preparation of Lists of Ordnance and Military Stores captured at Malacca and the Moluccas, with Valuation annexed; but as no regular Returns of Captured property, have been received at the Military Board Office, the Lists must be taken from the Returns forwarded by the Ordnance officer who received charge of the several articles at Malacca and the Moluccas. -

3d. It is not in our power to afford any information regarding the quantity or Value of Stores captured at Cochin, as that Place was reduced by the Forces under the orders of the Bombay Government, to whom we presume all Reports and Returns were made. -

4th. We have the Honor to report that the Officer Commanding the Body Guard has

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has received charge of a horse, sent by the Right Honorable the Governor, with directions that he may be disposed of on account of Government.—

5th. There are also nine Stallions at the Body Guard Stables, which have been cast at the Stud, and sent here to be disposed of, as the Superintendant of the Stud has been unsuccessful in his endeavours to dispose of them on favorable Terms, in the Ganjam Districts, and we request instructions regarding the disposal of them, and the horse received from the Governor.—

6th. We have the Honor to submit copy of a letter with Enclosures, which we have received from the Garrison Storekeeper, on the subject of the Rate of hire for the conveyance of Stores; and from this Statement we are inclined to think that the rates cannot be reduced lower than is proposed, without a Risk of much inconvenience to the public Service; the consequences might be serious

indeed

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indeed, if Military Stores were to be dispatched under circumstances similar to those which are said to have attended the conveyance of the Copper to Mysore.—

7th. The Chief Secretary of Government having applied for a Duplicate Copy of our Proceedings in the year 1803, we have directed the Secretary of our Board to employ such people as may be necessary on the occasion, as the Establishment of writers is barely sufficient for the Current business of the office, and we request that authority may be granted for drawing the Pay of the additional People, in a contingent Bill.—

8th. We recommend payment of the following Bills, and advance of Cash Viz.t.—

No. 1 Bill of the Barrack master in Mysore for repairs executed under our authority at Serah, amounting to Pagodas 53. 10. 50:—

No. 2. Bill of the Officer Comm.g in

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in the Tinnivelly District for expenses incurred in the repair of the Works and Magazines of Palam=
=cottah — amounting to Pagodas 286. 27. —

No. 3. Bill of the Barrack Master in the Centre Division for putting up Matts to the range of Stables at arcot allotted as Barracks to the Horse Artillery — amounting to Pagodas 39: 40 - 32. —

No. 4 — Bill of the Garrison Store=
=keeper at Palamcottah for Grain purchased and laid into Store — amounting to Pagodas 2691. 16. 47. —

No. 5 — Bill of the Garrison Storekeeper at Palamcottah, for charges incur=
=red in the transportation and storing the — above Grain amounting to Pagodas 23. 19. 6. —

No. 6 — Bill of Major J. Wilson Commanding the late 2nd Extra Battalion Native Infantry for 16 new Private Tents — purchased from him for the Public Service amounting to Pagodas 320. — —

No. 7

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No 7..... Bill of the late Engineer at Seringapatam for additional repairs executed to the Bridges on the East face of that Fortress,— amounting to Pagodas 157: 7: 28.— where of a balance of Pagodas 55: 8: 2: is due to the Engineer.—

No 8. Bill of the superintending Engineer at Seringapatam, for building 9 temporary Guard rooms on the Fortifications of Seringapatam amounting to Pagodas 131: 39: 57.—

No 9 Bill of the Superintending Engineer at Seringapatam, for repairs performed to the Main Guard at that Station, amounting to Pagodas 2. 27. 62:—

An advance of Pagodas 507 11 9. 40 to the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores on account of an Extra Indent passed on under our authority for articles required for the Service of the Arsenal.—

We

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We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

J. F. Cradock

Rob. Bell

C. Trapaud

P. A. Agnew

Alex. Orr.

To Captain Marshall

Secretary to the

Military Board.

&c.

Fort St. George
5th August 1805.

I have the honor to acknow=
=ledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th
Ultimo, enclosing Extract of a Letter from
the Chief Secretary to Government, with a
Copy of a paper referred to regarding the ex=
=pence attending the conveyance of Stores from
one Station to another, and desiring I would
afford every information in my power re=
=garding the hire of Carriage from this Presi=
=dency to the several Stations where Stores

are

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are usually sent, the authority by which this hire is regulated, and whether in my opinion some means may not be adopted to reduce the Rates.—

In reply to the above, I request you will be pleased to inform the Military Board, that from every information I have been able to obtain, it appears that the Rates of hire for Carts and Bullocks to the several out Stations then occupied by the Troops, were settled and approved in the year 1792, during the time Mr. Thomas Cockburn held the Office of Agent for the Provision of Draught and Carriage Bullocks and Carts; a List of the Rates so established is herewith enclosed, and I find that they correspond, with very little difference, with the Rates fixed for Individuals by the Committee of Police in 1798, and with the Rates paid by Mr. Cochrane to the several Stations were arrack is usually sent, for the use of the Troops; and in order to encourage respectable people to engage and continue in the Service, and to ensure an

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ample and speedy supply of serviceable Bullocks and Carts to any extent, and on the shortest Notice, I do not think that the Rates established can be reduced, so as to leave a fair Profit to the Maistries and Owners, as the Bullocks are constantly kept in the Black Town, at a very heavy expence.-

The hire of Carts and Bullocks to the several Stations in Mysore, has hitherto been paid agreeably to the Current Rates at the Presidency, which were established shortly after the fall of Seringapatam, when the Country was little known to the Inhabitants of the Carnatic- on receipt of your Letter I assembled all the Maistries and pointed out to them the high rates at which they were paid to these Stations, and the necessity of a Reasonable reduction, to this they strongly objected on the plea of the great Scarcity and expence of Grain and Forage, and that a Cart could not make a trip to the nearest of these Stations and back again, in less than two Months, and that

the

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the hire of a Cart with two Bullocks when engaged by the month was 7½ Pagodas; They have however agreed to furnish Bullocks and Carts in future at the reduced Rates specified in the enclosed List— The hire of Draught and Carriage Bullocks is paid for by the Month, the former at Pagodas 2. 8 ℔r. Month, and the latter at 1½, and in proportion for a lesser period, and when employed for a short trip, the owners derive little or no benefit therefrom.—

The Board of Trade lately contracted for the conveyance of 500 Candy of Copper to Mysore at the rate of Pagodas 3: 40: per Candy, the Contractor loaded this Copper on 250 Carts, and paid the owners at the rate of Pagodas 11: 35: per Cart— they had not proceeded far when he received information that several Carts being overloaded, had broke down, and that the Bullocks were unable to proceed; which obliged him to send a supply of Bullocks and Carts from Madras to replace them, and to hire others at different Stations on the Road during the Journey— it is now seven weeks since the Copper left

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left madras, and by the last accounts a part of the
carts only had arrived at Mysore, and I need not
point out to the Board the serious injury the service
might have sustained by this delay, had Stores so
forwarded, been of a perishable nature or required
for immediate Service—

In justice to the Maistries now
employed, I think it proper to mention that Bullocks
and carts have always been supplied on the shortest
notice and to any extent — that the Service has never
been impeded for a moment for want of them, and
that the public Stores have on every occasion been
transported to the different Stations in good order
and with expedition.—

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

/signed J. Kenworthy
Garrison Storekeeper

Fort S. George
30th July 1805

A true Copy

/signed J. Marshall
Secy Mily Board

Rates.

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Rates established in 1792 for the hire of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, Bullocks and Carts from the Presidency to different Stations.—

Names of Stations	Rates for a Cart with 2 Bullocks		
From Madras to Connatore	2	31	40
From Do. to Arcot	2	10	40
From Do. to Poonamallee	"	21	"
From Do. to Vellore	2	31	40
From Do. to Wallajahbad	1	15	60
From Do. to Pondicherry	3	10	40
From Do. to Attore	7	"	"
From Do. to Masulipatam	9	"	"
From Do. to Tanjore	7	21	"
From Do. to Kistnagerry	6	"	"
From Do. to Ryacottah	7	21	"
From Do. to Amboor	3	31	40
From Do. to Arnee	2	31	40
From Do. to Tagadroog	5	"	"
From Do. to Chingleput	1	"	"
From Do. to Innacondah	9	"	"

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Names of Stations	Rates for a Cart with 2 Bullocks—		
From Madras to Sankery droog	8	"	"
From Do to Trichinopoly	7	21	"
From Do to Dindigul	8	"	"
From Do to Guntoor	7	21	"
From Do to Ongole	6	21	"
From Do to Madura	11	"	"
From Do to Nellore	5	"	"
From Do to Chemundalum	4	21	"
From Do to Vellout	"	3	40
From Do to Nigapatam	7	21	"
From Do to Cuddalore	4	"	"
From Do to Mount	"	15	"
From Do to Marmalong	"	15	"
From Do to Trepassore	1	"	"
From Do to Saidaivaidoo	1	21	"
From Do to Caumbaukum	3	3	40.
From Do to Punore	"	20	"
From Do to Ogmore	"	10	40
Carriage Bullock per Month	1	21	"
Draught Bullock per Month	2	8	"
Country Carts with 2 Bullocks per month	7	21	"

(Signed) J. Kenworthey
Garrison Storekeeper

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

Rates

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Rates established in 1792 for the hire of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, Bullocks and Carts from the Presidency to different Stations—

Names of Stations	Rates for a Cart with 2 Bullocks		
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From Do to Tanjore	7	21	"
From Do to Kistnagerry	6	"	"
From Do to Ryacottah	7	21	"
From Do to Amboor	3	31	40
From Do to Arnee	2	31	40
From Do to Jagadroog	5	"	"
From Do to Chingleput	1	"	"
From Do to Innacondah	9	"	"

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Names of Stations	Rates for a Cart with 2 Bullocks		
From Madras to Sankery droog	8	"	"
From Do to Trichinopoly	7	21	"
From Do to Dindigul	8	"	"
From Do to Guntoor	7	21	"
From Do to Ongole	6	21	"
From Do to Madura	11	"	"
From Do to Nellore	5	"	"
From Do to Chemundalum	4	21	"
From Do to Vellout	"	3/40	
From Do to Nygapatam	7	21	"
From Do to Cuddalore	4	"	"
From Do to Mount	"	15	"
From Do to Marmalong	"	15	"
From Do to Trepassore	1	"	"
From Do to Saidaivaidoo	1	21	"
From Do to Caumbaukum	3	3/40.	
From Do to Cunore	"	20	"
From Do to Egmore	"	10/40	
Carriage Bullock per Month	1	21	"
Draught Bullock per Month	2	8	"
Country Carts with 2 Bullocks per month	7	21	"

(Signed) J. Kenworthey
Garrison Storekeeper

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

Rates

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Rates established for the hire of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, Bullocks with Carts to different Stations in Mysore.—

Names of Stations	Present rate of hire for a Cart with 2 Bullocks.	Reduced rate at which the master has agreed for a Cart with 2 Bullocks
From Madras to Seringapatam —	13 " "	12 " "
From D°. to Bangalore —	11 " "	10 " "
From D°. to Chittledroog —	16 " "	14 " "
From D°. to Sera —	13 " "	12 " "
From D°. to Nundidroog —	13 " "	12 " "
From D°. to Coimbatore —	14 " "	13 " "
From D°. to Gooty —	18 " "	16 " "
From D°. to Cummum —	18 " "	16 " "
From D°. to Rouchaty —	16 " "	14 " "
From D°. to Gundicottah —	17 " "	15 " "
From D°. to Ballary —	20 " "	17 " "
From D°. to Cudapah —	18 " "	16 " "
Carriage Bullock per Month —	1 21 " "	" "
Draught Bullock per Month —	2 8 " "	" "
Country Carts with 2 Bullocks per month	7 28 " "	" "

(Signed) J. Kenworthey
Garrison Storekeeper

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Marshall
Secy Mily Board

ordered.

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Ordered that authority be given for the disposal on the public account, of the Horses referred to in the above letter.-

Ordered that the Military Board be informed that the payment of the bills recommended by them has been authorised

Ordered also that authority be given for the employment of such additional writers as may be necessary to complete Duplicates of the Records which were dispatched to England by the Honorable Company's Ship Prince of Wales, the charge of whom will be passed in the manner recommended in the foregoing letter.-

Ordered that an Extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 23d. January relative to the Prize property captured at Cochin be transmitted to the Government of Bombay, with a request that such orders may be issued under the authority of that Government, as may be deemed necessary for carrying into effect the intention of the Honorable Court.-

To

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board - Replying to the paragraphs of a General letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 22d August 1804. communica=ted for their information and guidance

1 We have the honor to submit our Report upon the several Paragraphs of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, dated 22d August 1804. and commu=nicated for our information and guidance on the 30th March 1805. together with Copies of the Resolutions passed by your Lordship in Council, on the orders of the Honorable Court.=

General Letter 22d August 1804: Para 74.

2 From the period at which the Establishment of Store and Tent Lascars was fixed, the nature of the duties required of that description of People has rendered it impracti=cable to reduce the number; on the contrary it has occasionally become indispensibly neces=sary to employ additional Lascars.=

At the Arsenal at the
Presidency

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Presidency, and at the Magazines of out Stations where there are considerable depôts of Military Stores, the duties have augmented in proportion with the encrease of the quantity of Stores on charge – We are therefore of opinion that for the present, no considerable reduction can be effected with advantage to the Public.–

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3 The Establishment of the Gun Carriage Manufactory has undergone various modifications subsequent to the date of the Letter, to which the Honorable Court refers, in this Paragraph, and upon the whole has been encreased, but we hope that the recent arrangement, which at our recommendation has been honored with your Lordship's approbation, will meet the expectation of the Honorable Court of Directors, as it promises a very considerable reduction in the expense of the Ordnance Establish-ment at Seringapatam, and a trifling increase to the Establishment at the Gun Carriage & Manu-factory.–

Para 88.

4. So far as the Accounts of the Bullock Department during the Mahratta War

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War, have been received, the adjustment of them has been effected without any material difficulty, and we have no reason to apprehend that any will be experienced.-

Para 115 5 The Elephants which have been demanded from Bengal for the use of this Presidency, have not yet been received, it is therefore not in our power to afford a satisfactory reply to this Paragraph, until the accounts of the expenses have been received and adjusted.-

Para 1 & 2. 3. 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10. 6 We have had no opportunity of acquiring any farther knowledge regarding the nature and properties of Gun Powder and its component parts, as the delay in the construction of the Powder Mills, has prevented the possibility of pursuing experiments from which alone an adequate judgement can be formed.-

7 We have the honor to submit for the more satisfactory information of your Lordship in Council, and of the Honorable Court of Directors, an account of the actual expenditure

of

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of Gun powder during the last three years, giving an average of lbs 394,821 for each year.-

Para 192: 3: 4.

8 In reply to your Lordships directions conveyed in the resolution on these Paragraphs, we beg to express our regret that it is not practicable for us to procure the means of preparing the Audits of Quantities within the period that it is desirable they should be, the very extended range of the departments of Grain and Provisions occasions considerable delay in the necessary communications.- Every exertion however is used, in order to effect an object so desireable as the adjustment of public Accounts, and particular attention shall at all times be paid to the audit of them with the least practicable delay.-

We have the Honor to be &c.

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(Signed) J. F. Cradock
" Rob. Bell
" E. Fraser
" P. A. Agnew
" Alex. Orr. Account

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Account of the actual Expenditure of Gun Powder at Madras and its Dependencies, during the three years from 1st February 1802 to the 31st January 1805.

Expended for Military purposes by the Troops and at Stations	}	lbs 97,024
Issued for His Majesty's Service, to the Island of Ceylon and His Majesty's Ships	}	189,480
Issued to the Civil Department including what has been served to the Honorable Company's Ships and to His Highness the Nabob	}	18,539
Issued - Sold to Individuals		6,420
Total in 3 years lbs.		1,184,463.
Average per Annum lbs		394,821 1/3

Military Board Office
Fort St. George
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(Signed) J. Marshall.
Secy. & Accountt. Mily Board

ordered

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Ordered that the Replies contained in the foregoing letter be communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors by the present dispatch.

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General together with the two letters from the Military Paymaster General.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General containing a detailed report of the claims of Colonel Wallace &c.

I have been honored with your commands in a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government, dated the 30th. Ultimo, requiring my opinion and report on the subject of letters addressed to your Lordship in Council by the Military Paymaster General, dated the 27th. Febmary, and to the Chief Secretary of Government, dated 20th. April 1805: together with a considerable number of inclosures therein referred to, relative to

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to certain sums of money alledged to be due to the public by Colonel Macneile, formerly commanding at the Molucca Islands, and claims made by him on Captain Waugh formerly Paymaster at amboyna—

2. Conformably to your Lordships orders I have thoroughly and impartially investigated these Subjects, notwithstanding Colonel Macneile has in his correspondence (included in the Documents referred for my opinion) accused me of injustice; an imputation which I have, however, had the pleasure to remove to your entire Satisfaction in my address to your Lordship in Council, under date the 25th January 1805.

3. By the papers before me it appears that on the death of Mr Alexander Cunningham, formerly Paymaster at the Moluccas, Colonel Macneile took upon himself, the Offices of Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions, which was, in my opinion, irregular

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in the first instance, because he was the commanding
officer, and as such ought to have appointed some
proper person to act in those situations until the
pleasure of Government was known, as was the
case when Mr. Hugh Lord vacated the appoint-
ments of Paymaster and commissary of Grain
and Provisions on his succeeding to the Commer-
cial Residents appointment; Colonel Oliver,
who then Commanded at the Moluccas, very
properly appointed one of his Subordinate
officers to the vacant situations, which preserved
to him the entire check on the transactions of
both Departments.-

It was Colonel MacNeil's

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duty as Commanding officer to countersign all
contingent Bills previous to their being paid
by the Paymaster, which, in the first instance,
made him a Check on improper charges; by
assuming the Paymastership, he annulled
those powers in himself, and thereby left the
Pay Department without control altogether,

which

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which is so essential at all times, but particularly on distant foreign service, when communications by sea are often tedious, uncertain, and infrequent.—

5. These considerations do not appear to have weighed with Colonel MacNeile; he executed the duties of Pay master until relieved by Captain Mathews, who was appointed Mr. Cunninghams successor by Government.—

6. When Colonel MacNeile so delivered over his charge to Captain Mathews his account Current for the Month of august 1798. stated the balance of public money to be Pagodas 4,741: 13: 45. Capitain Mathews in the succeeding months account Current (September) gave credit to the public for Pagodas 6,830: 40: 60. this Credit established a surplus over and above Colonel MacNeile's debit of Pagodas 2,089: 27: 15 and which was not discovered by the Colonel until his return to Fort St. George in 1801; when, on looking over and comparing his own accounts Current with those of Captain Mathews (who died a

considerable

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considerable time previous to the Colonel's arrival at the Presidency, he discovered the surplus amount before stated, claimed and received it from the Military Paymaster General, In Cash equal to Pag.s ..... 1505: 34: 50.

Retrenchments confirmed against him on Final audit by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council } 583. 34: 45.

Making together Pagodas 2,089: 27: 15

Colonel MacNeile in his correspondence with the Military Paymaster General alledges the above sum to have been his private property, and as he asserts was paid by him to the Troops at a time, when, as he represents, a distress for money prevailed — the public accounts no where corroborate this distress; for, from April to august 1793 (the period of his Paymastership) his accounts Current uniformly exhibit a balance in hand of not less than Pagodas Five thousand. —

Permit me therefore my Lord

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to observe, that allowing the claim in question to be just, it ought to have been made on separate and distinct grounds, and not to have stood as a difference between two accounts Current, and that it no where appears that any claim was preferred until the difference between the two accounts Current was discovered; independent of these considerations it occurs to me, as it must to your Lordship, that when Colonel MacNeile advanced his money for the public service, he ought to have given Credit for it in one or other of his accounts Current, as Cash received from himself, on the public account; if the transaction took place during the time he officiated as Paymaster; but, if he delivered the Pagodas 2,039: 27: 15 to Captain Mathews, at the time he made over the balance of his account Current, as a public loan, he ought to have taken a receipt for the same, and when he came to demand repayment, the receipt would have served as the Voucher to prove the debt: after examining all his accounts Current I cannot

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trace the sum in question given Credit for as a
public loan, nor has the Military Paymaster
General produced any Voucher proving the debt,
on which only he ought to have made the —
payment —

These animadversions occur to
9. men acquainted with the manner of tranact-
ing public business, and I have brought them
to your Lordships Notice as apposite reasonings,
without meaning to doubt the assertion made
by Colonel MacNeile of his having advanced
the sum of money in question on account of
the public service. —

I come now my Lord to that
10 part of my subject connected with the Bills
which Colonel MacNeile took up on the Military
Paymaster General for arrears due to the Troops,
who embarked with him at Amboyna to
return to the Coast, and which arrears it appears
were contained in regular Abstracts presented
to the Paymaster, Mr. Hugh Lord, in exchange

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for Bills, and here my Lord I have to lament that the Bills in question were drawn in general terms in the usual manner, without any allusion to the purpose for which they were granted, and this circumstance contributes in an eminent degree to render intricate and obscure the transactions connected with the Bills, for, it is possible, more advances may have been made to the Troops that returned to Amboyna than they were entitled to, a point which cannot, from the circumstances above stated, be ascertained at present.-

11. I have examined all the accounts Current of the Paymaster, and find that he had Cash sufficient to pay the Abstracts presented by Colonel MacNeile; there was not therefore any occasion for his taking those Bills, which have been productive of great confusion and irregularity.-

12 The Bills which Colonel MacNeile received were intended to cover all

all the demands of the Troops who embarked with him at Amboyna, but circumstances conspired to oblige a Vessel, on which a considerable number of these Troops were passengers, to return to Amboyna where the Troops were relanded; this rendered it necessary that fresh advances should be made to them, by which means the party that returned to amboyna was twice drawn for, and in order that the transaction of the second advance, should not appear as a public one, the receipts of the Officers who received the amount, on behalf of the returned Troops to amboyna, were sent over to the Military Paymaster General in order that Colonel MacNeile (who had long, previous to the receipt of the documents in question, sailed for Europe) might be called on to account for the same, and amongst these documents appear two receipts, granted by Colonel MacNeile to the Paymaster at amboyna, for advances of Cash to Troops returned from Banda, notwithstanding as I have already had the honor to state to your Lordship, that it appears

Colonel

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Colonel MacNeile gave in regular abstracts to Mr. Lord and received Bills on the Military Paymaster General for the whole arrears due to the Troops who left Amboyna with him.-

13 The advances made to Colonel MacNeile, as above on account of the Troops which returned to Amboyna, appear to have been as follows.-

First, as per two receipts of Colonel Mac-
-Neile's included in the papers trans- 921:38:6
-mitted to me .....

Second, as per three Vouchers of Captain
Boles's ..... 676.10.40.

Third, as per two receipts of Lieutenant
Stokes 379.24.-

1977.30.20.

in which is included a loss on exchange in converting Dollars into Pagodas, amount-
-ing to Pags. 33.30.20. occasioned by the Military Paymaster General having ap-
-plied the rate of Exchange here, which

fell

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fell short of that at Amboyna by the above sum,
and which was only discovered on the receipt
of Mr. Lord's account Current stating the
above advances, Subsequent to Colonel Mac=
=neiles departure for Europe; this difference
is therefore, in my opinion, properly charged
against Colonel Macneile

Fourth as per Seven receipts of Lieutenants
Waugh and Stokoe, received a conside=
=rable time after the accounts of the
first advance. - 1887: 30: 5.

Total advances at Amboyna to the returned
Troops - 3,865: 18: 25

It also appears by the papers
before me that the Military Paymaster
General paid to the Troops which came
over from Amboyna after Colonel Mac=
=neiles departure as per list left by that
officer. - 394: 11: 30.

Total Pagodas - - - 4,249: 29: 55.

Deduct

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Deduct

Amount deposited by Colonel Macneile in the hands of Messrs Harington & Co. to answer demands after his departure and received by the Military Paymaster General as per order from the Military Auditor General dated 4th Decr. 1805 — 1932: 2: 57

Demanded by the Military Paymaster General from the above sum, and received on account of Colonel McNeile — 395: 31: 53

Balance outstanding on account of advances to the Troops that returned to amboyna — 1926. 18. 25.

14 Here it may be proper to explain to your Lordship in Council, that the Statements of advances made to Colonel Mac Neile and to the Troops which returned to amboyna were received at different times, and not until after he sailed for Europe; the amount of the first, as I have before had the honor to state, equalled Pago das 19777: 30: 20.— and the Military Paymaster General made payments as before stated amounting to

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to Pagodas 384 " 11 " 30.—

—Amount of the First advances ..... — 1977 30 20.

Paid by the Military Paymaster General .. 384 11: 30.

Both — 2,361: 41: 50.

Deduct the deposit ..... — 1,932: 21: 57

Balance — 429: 19: 73.

Deduct further, the difference loss on — Exchange before particularized .... — 33: 30: 20.

There will remain the demand made by the Military Paymaster General on Colonel Mac Neile's Agents to make good the amount of the Pt. advances and the sum paid by himself ..... — 395: 31: 53.

15 I have detailed the above particulars merely to shew that the Military Paymaster General took pains to realize the first advances as soon as possible after he became acquainted with the circumstance, and transmitted the particulars to his Agents who sent them home to Colonel Mac Neile.—

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The second Statement of advances was received a considerable time after the first (which Colonel Mac Neile does not appear to have been acquainted with at the time hereplied to the first Statement of advances), Vizt. 1887 30 5

and brought with it intelligence of the loss on Exchange already noticed amounting to 33: 30: 20

Recapitulate the balance against Colonel Mac Neile on account of the advances made to the Troops that returned to Ainboyna 1921: 18: 25

Add Retrenchments against him in the accounts of the late Captain Mathews 650: 37 60

Total .. 2572 14 5.

Deduct Sums admitted on the Reaudit of Colonel Mac Neil's own accounts whilst Paymaster, passed by the Military Auditor General 101.9.52

Carried over

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Brought forward

Deduct also the sum of Pagodas 267 which appears to have been twice accounted for by Colonel Macneile, Vizt. once in the refunds which he paid, and afterwards by his agents — 267 " "

368: 9: 52

Balance . . . 2,234: 4: 33

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In stating my opinion to your Lordship in Councilon this intricate and complicated subject, it is incumbent on me to represent, first, that the double payment which took place in the above sum of Pagodas 267: appears to have originated in error, and by no means with any design on the part of the Military Paymaster General, and that the sum of Pagodas 650: 37: 60 — stated against Colonel MacNeile, as Retrenchments in the accounts of the late Captain Mathews, will be admitted on Re-audit, as follows, similar charges having been passed to others —

On Colonel MacNeile's declaration upon honor 604 " 39: 9

As per decision of Government on Similar charges 45 " 40 " 51 —

Pagodas — 650 " 37: 60

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Recapitulate the balance already stated outstanding against Colonel Macleile	2,204. 4. 33.	
Deduct admissions on the principle above stated	650. 37. 60	
Ultimate balance resulting from the foregoing details	1,553. 8. 53.	
To which ought to be added, until more satisfactorily cleared up, the balance arising from the difference between Colonel Mac Neile's account Current of august 1798. and that of the late Captain Mathews of September following	2,089. 27. 15	
Total Pagodas	3642. 35 68	

17 The Military Paymaster General, I observe, in his address to your Lordship, notices, that he apprehends the part of the Troops which returned to amboyna were not drawn for on regular abstracts; this Circumstance, after due investigation, may be productive of a sum

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to be carried to Colonel Mac Neil's Credit, and in order that this investigation may be made without loss of time, I have requested the Military Paymaster General to depute a proper person from his office to meet my accountant for this particular purpose, and shall do myself the honor of communicating the results to your Lordship in Council; this mode I think preferable to the assembling of a Committee on that account.—

12. The Military Paymaster General, I also observe, has stated his intention of making a further report to your Lordship in Council of sums outstanding against Colonel Mac Neile in the accounts of the deceased Mr. Alexander Cunningham; if it shall be your pleasure to direct a Copy of that report to be sent to me, at a future period, I will have the honor of stating fully the whole of the outstanding claims against that Officer.—

19 Respecting the claim preferred by Colonel Mac Neile on Captain Waugh for

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for certain sums of money called deposits, I am decidedly of opinion he possesses no right to hold such pecuniary property at his disposal, on the final audit of his own accounts as Paymaster at Amboyna his concern with the pay department ceased entirely; the deposits as they are termed amounting to Pagodas 3442.6.8, arising, as I am led to believe, from charges which appeared doubtful of admission on audit, were correctly lodged by Captain Waugh, the last of the Amboyna Paymasters, in the office of the Military Paymaster General previous to the abolition of Disbursements in Cash in that office.—

20. If Individuals have claims to prefer on these deposits, such claims could not with any shadow of propriety be made on a Paymaster who was in office seven years ago, and who left this Country in October 1801.—

21. All demands on account of sums admitted in favor of individuals connected with the deposits in question, after having been substantiated to my Satisfaction and reported on to

Your

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your Lordship in Council, could only be adjusted in favor of those Individuals by Captain Vaughs drawing Bills on the Military Paymaster Genral, payable at the Treasury, for each separate amount; and even before this process of adjustment could with propriety be adopted, it would be indis= pensibly necessary that all the demands on this account should be brought forward, to the end that it might be ascertained whether or not the aggregate amount of Sums called deposits was sufficient to answer all the demands, or to what particular part of the Retrenchments made from the still unadjusted accounts of former Paymasters at Amboyna, the deposits in question have reference.—

22. Under such circumstances your Lordship will at once be able to judge of the propriety of Colonel MacNiles demand on Captain Vaughs and of the reasons which he has assigned for non Compliance.—

23. Having this, my Lord, investigated,

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to the best of my ability and of my judgement, all the circumstances connected with the papers which were transmitted to me, and which I have now the honor to return, I think it further my duty to observe that Colonel MacNeile has made use of a style in his correspondence with the Military Paymaster General, equally unbecoming and improper, and which that public officer by no means appears to have merited, and this is more particularly deserving of notice from the nature of the circumstances herein candidly and impartially laid before you.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Brunton
Mily and Sec.

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
5th. May 1806.

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

My Lord.

I have the honor of replying

From the Military Paymaster General His reply to Colonel MacNeiles representation.—

Para 1st

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to Mr Secretary Strachey's Letter of the 26th ultimo enclosing a correspondence from Coll. D. MacNeile respecting the treatment he has experienced from my Department, and the Auditor General. It is so arranged, that it is difficult to reply to it intelligibly, except Paragraph by Paragraph, which I have done in the accompanying Paper A. and I shall here submit a detail to your Lordship of the rise, and Progress of this Business.—

2d— After the death of Mr Cumming Paymaster at Amboyna, Colonel McNeile took charge of the Superintendance of that Department, and paid the Troops from April to September 1798., when Captain Mathews Paymaster appointed by Government, joined his Station at Amboyna, to whom he delivered over charge, and by his own Account Current paid into Captain Mathews hands a balance of Pagodas 4,741-13-45.—

3d On his arrival here, he came to settle his accounts with the Offices of Auditor

General

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General and Paymaster General and found that Captain Mathews had Credited him, in the sum of Pagodas 6,830. 40. 60, altho he had only debited Captain Mathews in the Sum of Pagodas 4,741. 13. 45, in consequence he demanded the Balance of Pagodas 2,089. 27. 15. I beg leave to call your Lordships attention to this circumstance, for I apprehend on the final settlement of the Molucca Accounts Captain Mathews being dead, an Investigation respecting this Sum will be absolutely necessary, and I apprehend the Credit Captain Mathews gave of the Sum of Pagodas 2,089. 27. 15 was deposit money, Deposited by different Officers, to answer Retrenchments, for it is to be supposed when Colonel M.c Neile paid the Balance to Captain Mathews, he knew the Cash he paid him, and would not have taken Credit in his own account for Pags. 4,741. 13. 45, when he had a right to have had Credit for Pags. 6,830. 40. 60, it is necessary however to remark that at this time Captain Mathews

was

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was dead.-

4th. This Balance of Pagodas 2089.27.15.- inconsequence of Colonel Mc. Niles's demand, was paid him in the following manner, by Cash Ps. 1505.34.50- and by Retrenchments Confirmed by the office of audit from his own Accounts, while Superintendant of the Pay Department Ps. 583.34.45. which two Sums Complete the Balance of Ps. 2089.27.15.-

Receipt B- Retrenchment C.

5th. In this manner stood Colonel Mc. Niles Accounts, after he had Closed with my Department, and he took his Passage for Europe, obtaining from me the usual Certificate that no demands appeared, against him, and another Certificate, that his accounts were settled and adjusted during the time he superintended the Pay Department at Amboyna. The same Certificate that there were no demands against him was granted, as it is to every one else, on his finding Security to an amount which has since proved too

small

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small / Viz^t. Ps. 1000. / to answer any Demands which might be brought against him.—

6th. Some months after Colonel Mc. Neile had left the Presidency for Europe, it came to the knowledge of the auditor General that instead of having paid the Public money in his possession belonging to the Troops into the hands of the Public officers of Government, he had given the cash to his Private agents Messrs. Harington and Co., being part of the amount he had received, at the Troops who had lost their Passages, and had returned to amboyna; this Sum of money in consequence of a Letter from the Military Auditor General under date the 4th December 1801. was received from Messrs. Harington & Co. on my receipt as referred to in the Paper A. which shews the Sum was Ps. 1932. 21. 57 and which stands to Colonel Mc. Neile's Credit.—

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7th. In consequence of the auditor Generals Letter of the above date and the reasons I have assigned in the Paper A. on this Subject, I disbursed the sum of Pagodas 384. 11. 30. as per the Roll delivered in by Colonel Mc. Neile's agents, and which had not been discharged at Amboyna.—

Per acquittance Roll D.

8th. I also carried to his Debit Pagodas 1,944 as per his and Lieutenant Stokoes Receipts, and Captain Boles abstracts including a difference in the Exchange of the Dollars into Pagodas amounting to Pags. 33. 30. 20.— being the arrears of the Volunteer Battalion &c. which Colonel Mc. Neile received at Amboyna.— I further carried against him, the Sum of Pagodas 1,887. 30. 5, on account of the Volunteer Battalion, and 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry, as per accompanying Receipts of Lts. Stokoe and Vaugh, the whole of these Sums Viz. Pags. 1,944.—. the difference Pags. 33. 30. 20 and Pags. 1,887. 30. 5. amount to Pags. 3,865. 18. 25 which with Pags. 384. 11. 30— that I paid, Constitutes

Papers F. G. H.

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the Debit against Colonel Mc. Neile for the Volunteer Battalion, and 2d Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry, from these documents sent to my Office it would appear that Colonel Mc. Neile had received the sum of Pagodas 3865,18. 25.- and had only left in his agents hands to discharge the same, the sum of Pagodas 1932. 21. 57. leaving a Balance in his hands of Public Money the sum of Pagodas 1932. 38. 48.- The point then is at issue between these Parties, and if Colonel Mc. Neile has brought any Trouble upon himself, it is as I observed in my Letter to Government under date the 12th. October 1802 from an improper interference in the Pay Department.-

In Papers E

9th. By the Paymaster's Certificate it appears when Colonel Mc. Neile left Amboyna there was Pay drawn to the Troops from November 1799. to December 1800 inclusive, and it also appears that the Troops did not receive their Cash at Amboyna from

Colonel

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Colonel Mc Neile, and they were not to Stop any where, there was no Necessity for Colonel Mc Neile having troubled himself about their Pay, all that was requisite, was for him to bring with him a Certificate from the Paymaster at Amboyna, of the date to which they had been paid up, and an abstract and Muster Roll signed by Colonel Mc Neile on his arrival at Fort St. George, with the Certificate, the Paymaster at the Presidency, would have discharged the arrears. Why Colonel Mc Neile departed from this by taking Bills upon me for the amount, or why he took this charge upon himself, it remains for him to account. I have further to observe that in case the Bills had specified the particular Corps they were drawn for, and for what purpose, they would have tended to have elucidated the Subject, but tho' drawn for Pay due to different Corps they are general drafts.

10th I now beg leave to enumerate the Items of which the account is composed.

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11th. The three first Items on the Debit side of the Account Vizt. Pagodas 1,305. 34. 50; being Colonel Mc. Neiles Receipt B. and Pagodas 583. 34. 45; his Retrenchments C. which Constitute the Sum of Pagodas 2089. 27. 15. - appearing to his Credit, and Pagodas 384. 11. 30. disbursed by me Per. acquittance Roll D. to that part of the Detachment which arrived from Amboyna on his Account. your Lordship in Council will observe I have already accounted for in this letter.

12th. The fourth Item E. Consists of two receipts of Colonel Mac Neile, one of Lieutenant Stokoe, and three abstracts of Captain Boles, paid by Mr. Lord late Paymaster at Amboyna; which Mr. Lord took credit for with my office, these documents will shew for what purpose these Sums were drawn and to render any further Comment on my part unnecessary. -

13. The fifth Items F. G. & H. consist of Receipts of Lieutenants Stokoe & Waugh also

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also paid by Mr. Lord late Paymaster at Amboyna.
These receipts your Lordship will observe speak
for themselves, the absence of Lieutenant Stokoe,
however makes it impossible for the receipts
signed by him being accompanied with acquit-
tance Rolls as Lieutenant Waugh has done,
but I still however expect to get these documents,
as I understand they were left in the Adjutant
Generals Office, where search is making for
them.—

14th. The sixth Item consists of the
Retrenchment, which I have recovered from
his agents in consequence of the Letter from Mr.
Secretary Buchan to the Military Auditor-
General of the 14th. November 1801. the particu-
lars of which are stated in the Paper A.—

15th. The Seventh and Eighth Items, are
Retrenchments recovered by me from his
agents, on account of the late Paymaster at
Vellore, which when they were admitted on
Record were repaid to them, accordingly

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these sums I apprehend are his allowances for Commanding Pondicherry—

16th The Ninth and Tenth Items consist of Retrenchments, standing in his own accounts as Superintendant of the Pay Depart= ment at Amboyna, against Mr Surgeon Wilson, Captain Nixon, and the late Mr Crilly, which from Colonel Mc Neile having refunded to me when he settled accounts with my office, I at the instance of his Agents afforded him Relief by recovering the amount for him, and paid the amount to them; my Letters to Messrs Chase & Co. and the Pay-master at the Presidency will shew the steps I took on this occasion.—

J. & K.

17th The Eleventh and Twelfth — Items are Retrenchments, which stood in Mr Corbett and the late Mr Wilsons Dis= =bursements as Paymasters in the Circars and Vizagapatam against Colonel Mc Neile, and as Mr Corbett and the Exors of the late Mr Wilsons Estate paid the amount Confirmed against

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against them. I afforded Relief to them in the same manner, as I did with the Retrenchments confirmed in Colonel Mc. Neiles accounts, as explained in the preceeding Paragraph.—

18th. The thirteenth Item is also a Retrenchment against Colonel Mc. Neile forwarded to me by Mr. Lord, as standing in the late Captain Mathews accounts, which Sum I beg leave to state to your Lordship in Council, forms a part of the balance as per accompanying Statement. Independant of this Balance I beg to add that there are other Retrenchments standing against Colonel Mc. Neile in the late Mr. Cunninghams Accounts, particulars of which I shall take an early opportunity of laying before your Lordship in Council.—

19th. The first Item on the Credit side of the account your Lordship has been informed is the difference between Colonel Mc. Neiles and Captain Mathews

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Accounts Current, and which he received from me on settling accounts with my office.—

20th. The second Item consists of the amount of Reaudit of Sums admitted by the Military Auditor General, which I deemed necessary to credit him with, instead of paying the Cash to his agents, in consequence of the demands, which I afterwards found came against him after his departure.—

25th. The third Item, is the amount I received from his agents on my receipt, on account of the arrears of Pay &c. of his Detachment, agreeably to instructions received from the Military Auditor General.—

22d. The fourth Item, consists of a difference between the sums paid by the Paymaster at Amboyna and myself on account of the Volunteer Battalion &c. and Mr. Corbett, and the late Mr. Wilsons Retrenchments against Colonel Mc. Neile, as notified to Government, in my letter of the 12th. October 1802, and which I demanded

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and received from his Agents in June 1803 Per. Statement.—

23d. The fifth Item on the Credit side, is the Sixth Item of the Debit side of the account.—

24th. The Sixth and Seventh Items are Supprehend, his Pondicherry Allowances which I recovered, and afterwards repaid to his agents, as stated in the Seventh and Eighth Items in the Debit side of the Account.—

25th. The Eighth and Ninth Items I recovered for Colonel Mc Neile from Messrs Chase and Co, and the Paymaster at the Presidency, on account of Retrenchments against Individuals, and are the same which form the Ninth and Tenth Items on the Debit side of the Account.—

26th. After every enquiry, which I have been able to make, into Colonel Mc Neils accounts, the abstracts paid at Amboyna, and at Madras, on his arrival, I am led to believe that

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that for the part of the Volunteer Battalion, which returned to amboyna, and also the part of the 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment which also returned, no pay has been drawn on abstract, or have the Honorable Company been debited for the same by Military Charges, or any other Head, of course such sums as ought to be drawn when abstracts are made out will come to the credit of Coolonel Mc. Neile, the parties having already been paid on receipt, and I have again taken the liberty of repeating, that if Colonel Mc. Neile had taken a certificate, from the Paymaster, of the time to which they had received their Pay, at Amboyna, and received all those arrears at Madras, this error could not have happened, and it would even been elucidated, had he taken separate Bills for each Corps and specified on the face of the Bill for what purpose they had been drawn, a circumstance I have already begged leave to call to your Lordship's attention.—

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27th. In the present circumstance I humbly beg leave to suggest, that a Committee of officers be appointed to examine the abstracts, and make out Rolls for such men as have not been drawn for and carried to account.—

28th. I have forborne Commenting upon the Stile of Colonel MacNeile's address, — resting confident that Public officers holding responsible situation under Government will be fully Supported by your Lordship in Council in the execution of their duties.—

29th. I have to apologize to your Lordship for the length of this address, I wish circumstances would have admitted of it's being comprised in a Shorter Space.—

I have the honor to be

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Fort St. George
27th. February 1805

/signed/ B. Roebuck
Military Paymaster
General.

Extract

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Replies of the Military Paymaster General to Colonel Mc. Neiles letters—

Extract of Letter from Colonel Mc. Neile Dated London 20th. June 1804.—

Paras. 1 & 2d. I was preparing to Submit to your Lordship in Council the Papers addressed to me by Colonel McNeile. I received similar Copies in Mr. Secretary Strachey's letter of the 26th. ultimo. containing an attack upon me for having received sums of money from his Agents on account of Lands in the pay Department to which I beg leave to reply as follows.—

1st. Certain hardships which have been imposed on me by the Auditor General and Paymaster General of Madras, since my departure from thence in October 1801. lay me under the necessity to appeal to the Justice of the Right Honorable Governor in Council, and I trust that the facts I have to state, will find my excuse in His Lordship's Candour for the liberty I take in thus intruding

intruding with this last and
only mode now left me
of procuring redress—
2d. The Circumstances
I Complain of are stated
in a letter which I now
address to the Military
Paymaster General with
extracts of Retrenchments
which have been brought
against me by the
Auditor General. some
of those apply to my
Batt. Abstract of the year
1792=94 and 95. and I
feel confident that not
only the distant period
to which they relate, but
the very nature of the
retrenchments themselves
will induce the Right
Honorable

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3d. Colonel Mc. Neile embarked for Europe in Oct.r 1801 at which time he gave me the Security of £1000 Pago-das as Officers of his Rank do, when proceeding to Europe and which the late firm of Messr.s Harrington Bar-naby and Co. tendered, and I accepted and granted the usual Certificates of "no demands against him" not long after his departure the retrenchments for his allowances as Commandant of Pondicherry were hand-ed to me by the late Payr.

Honorable Governor to re-lieve me from the hard-ship, I may be permitted to say, the injustice of them.

3d. It is in your recollec-tion Sir that while I was detained at Madras by Lord Clive to conduct under His Lordships imme-diate Orders a Service of some delicacy at Chipauk, I was still considered by Government as Commanding Officer of Pondicherry. — During that period, and untill my departure from Madras which was 4 Months and 15 days I drew the fixed allowance of that Station 4 Months at Pondicherry, and 15 days

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Paymaster of that Place, days in October at Madras
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-ing the amount from Sanction of the Office of Audit
Colonel Mc Neiles Secu- itself - Nevertheless immedi-
-rities, this I did con- -ately on my Departure to
-formably to the usage Europe, the whole of those
of the Service, and allowances were retrenched
when the amount was and demanded from my
admitted on Reaudit Securities - The Auditor -
the same was repaid General thereby bereaving
to his agents as will me of my Batta at Pondi-
appear by the accompa- -cherry without granting me
-nying account, here I Batta as Commanding officer
think it only necessary of the Troops on Field allow-
to observe that no respon- -ances at Chepauk for the
-sibility can attach to same period; so that all tho
me for retrenchments employed in both Commands
whether right or wrong - he has not allowed Batta
this remains with the for either, Nay even after -
office of audit who I Lord Clive ordered my
perceive has satisfied Table allowances as Commander
your Lordship on of Pondicherry to be restored
that to

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that head I had only to obey the instructions given to me in the recovery.—

4th & 5 For the Amount paid by me to the Commis=sioned and non Commis=sioned and Privates re==turned from Amboyna I need only refer your Lordship in Council to the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Military auditor General to me of the 4th December 1801. No 1: agreeably to which I received from Colonel Mc Neiles agents on my receipt No 2 Pago=das 1932–21–57 accompa=nied with a Roll alluded to

to me, on the appeal of Messrs Harrington and Co. still the auditor General withheld my Batta, which I hope those Gentlemen have since applied for to Government.—

4th For my Cash thus drawn by a Public Officer into the Company's Treasury, I am charged very high In=terest by my Securities from whom it was escacted, and I trust to the Justice of the Right Honorable Governor to be indemnified on that score — and also for the money irregularly (I should say unjustly) obtained and witheld from me by the Paymaster General as set forth in my letter to him, and also in the Statement of

Retrenchments

to by the Military Auditor General / No. 3 being Pay & Co. previously drawn, from the Paymaster upon regular Abstracts by Colonel Mc. Neile and which had not been paid to the men, prior to his embarkation, in order that they might be paid on their arrival, which was done by me agreeably to the several Sums stated in that Roll Amounting to Pagodas 384 " 11. 30 — on the 16th. — December 1801. Copy of the acquittance Roll I beg leave to enclose No. 4. I must however remark to your Lordship in Council that it will appear — evident from the Account which Retrinchments abovementioned, where it will appear that he has stopped Cash from me to the Amount of a payment made by himself to Sepoys who returned from Amboyna, I know not how long after I had quitted India, and that payment said to be made on Certificates, of which, or by whom given, I am equally ignorant as of the men to whom the payments in question — were made — The money which I drew at Amboyna for the Men of the Volunteer Battalion and 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment returning with me to India was drawn on regular monthly Abstracts and corresponding

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which is herewith, submitted that Colonel Mc Neile drew from the Paymaster at Amboyna upon regular abstracts, the Pay and allowances of the Detachment of the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment, and his Volunteer Battalion to an amount nearly double the sum lodged in the hands of his Agents, as per Copies of letters, receipts, acquittance Rolls, and certificate, accompanying that account with the concurrent testimonies of Mr Lord Captains Boles and Waugh - It will also appear that I had he disbursed the whole of

Corresponding Pay Rolls, every Fanam, of it was regularly disbursed, as I have clearly and incontrovertibly stated, and beyond that, I cannot possibly have any responsibility - I cannot be responsible for money which I never drew or received, or for payments made by Mr Roebuck himself on certificates which I never granted. - But charges of this kind may not be unusual to Mr Roebuck, of which I must here give an instance in point. - In returning from Amboyna Colonel Chalmers embarked with a number of Sick of both the above Corps, for

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of the sum stated by him in the Roll (which he affects in his letter to have done) the Roll No 3 and Pago-das 1932. 21. 57 would not have been forthcoming from his Agents after his departure the Roll itself which is signed by Colonel Mc Neile — Colonel Chalmers's receipt as shews that the Sums — so much Cash — Yet in Sep-mentioned therein, are tember following he made stated to be Pay &co due a peremptory demand of the to the men belonging to same money from Colonel his Detachment whom Chalmers on the duplicate he had not paid, and in of his receipt, nor was the consequence left with demand relinquished until his agents — how far such I produced the Colonel's contradiction merits — original Receipt with Mr. animadversion is for your Rocbucks receipt upon Lordship in Council to it. It was a matter of

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the immediate use of whom he drew a certain sum from the Paymaster and gave his Receipts in Duplicate, when I arrived at Madras in April 1801. Mr. Roebuck in paying me the Bills drawn on him by the Paymaster at Amboyna presented me

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determine, but is is obvious that Colonel Mc Neile in this instance has adopted an unfair method to impute blame to me and my office which he has labored to do in an unqualified manner without having the smallest foundation for his doing so, your Lordship will however observe that the very step which that officer resorted to in placing the pay &co. of the Detachment in the hands of his Private agents at a time when he was leaving the country, perhaps never to return, was in itself a very incorrect mutual Congratulation to Colonel Chalmers and myself that the demand was not postponed another month, as had it not been made untill after my departure from India, the Cash would assuredly have been exacted from Colonel Chalmers, or stoped from me as the sum in question (Pagodas 379. 22s. 30) has been — If this fact should have escaped Mr Roebucks recollection, Colonel Chalmers who is at Madras will remember it.

I take the liberty of mentioning these circumstances, conceiving that it may in some degree

incorrect measure, when there were public Officers of Government in whose hands, that Sum could with greater propriety have been deposited.—

I have taken considerable pains to trace the circumstance he— mentions relative to— Colonel Chalmers and have resorted also to the Military Pay office, and Servants to, without effect, it is possible an error may have been committed, but at the same time when so many People must have been made acquainted with it, it is rather Strange it cannot be traced at this date.—

resemble the Charge brought against me by Mr. Roe- buck to Pay into the Compa- ny's Treasury Pags. 379. 221. 38— which I never directly or indirectly received, or in any way sanctioned a disbursement made by Mr. Roebuck himself. It is therefore Mr. Roebuck, or the Officer who granted the Certificates alludes to, that is responsible and not me.—

In soliciting the Right Honorable Governor to order that I may be indemnified for the Interest I have paid to my agents for the money which has been

been exacted from me by the Auditor General and with=held from me by the Paymas=ter General, I beg leave to request His Lordships atten=tion to the peculiar circum=stances of an officer in Europe, who in all such occasions must be, as I now am, a very heavy sufferer= I trust therefore to the Jus=tice of His Lordship in Council - that I shall be allowed Interest for those Sums which have been so drawn into the Company's Treasury for the period they have layn there -

To

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To B. Roebuck Esqre.

Military Paymaster General

Madras

Sir.

1 needs no reply

1st. Herewith I transmit to you Extracts of Retrench-ments which have been made by the Military Audi-tor General, and Stoppages by yourself against me since my departure from India, with my explana-tory remarks: and I have to request you will be pleased to lay them before the Right Honorable Governor in Council to-gether with this letter as soon as possible — I sub-mit the whole to Lord William Bentincks

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2d. and 3d. In reply to these paragraphs I have only to observe that althô the letter is dated the 20th January 1803, it did not reach me till the 20th July, and which I answered by the dispatches in October following. Copies of which agreeably to Mr. Secretary Stracheys letter to me of the 26th Ultimo, I beg leave to enclose No. 5 on

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The Subjects I complained of were fa-miliar to Lord Clive, and his Lordship in Council could therefore have instantly decided on their merits. But that I hope Sir had no weights with you in holding back my letter from His Lordship that it was held back, has occasioned the

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4th. and 5th. On the Subject of those Paragraphs your Lordship will find I have explained the rise and progress of this transaction in a satisfactory manner, in my seperate letter to your Lordship in Council of this date, which accompanys this with the papers marked B and C. referred to in that letter.

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6th Just before I embarked from India, I desired that a retrenchment of a payment which I had made to the Executors of the late Mr. Cunningham might be submitted to the decision of the Right Honorable Governor in Council, and I addressed a letter to Mr. Secretary Webbe on the Subject which letter owing to that Gentleman's removal from Office seems not to have come before Lord Clive. His

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I recovered the Amount accordingly. But this is the only Amount I received from his Agents. I received from him on account of his own Retrenchments the Sum of 2 Pagodas 583.34.45.- for which Colonel Mc Neile has Credit in my Books. if any part of this Sum composes the 267 Pagodas and Colonel Mc Neile will point out the Items, he can have credit for them.-

Lordships decision was expressed as follows in a letter from Mr. Secretary Buchan to Lieutenant Colonel Brunton 14th November 1801-

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"ing to the debit of Lieutt
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"master at Amboyna
"Amounting to 267
"Pagodas in the first
"instance be recovered
"from the Securities of
"that Officer, according
"to your recommenda-
"tion."

Whereupon you Sir on the 24th November demanded the Cash from Messrs

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"the Accounts of the Pay-
"master at Amboyna
"Amounting to 267
"Pagodas in the first
"instance be recovered
"from the Securities of
"that Officer, according
"to your recommenda-
"tion."

Whereupon you Sir on the 24th November demanded the Cash from

Messrs.

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Messrs Harington and Co. as a
sum standing against me
on the Books of your Depart=
=ment, although on the 12th
October you had given me
a certificate that nothing
appeared against me on
your Books; and that Sir was
the fact; all had been clear=
=ed off, and by this demand
on my Securities you got
possession of Pago das 534.-
of my money instead of
267 the whole Amount of
the Retrenchments in question
Lord Clive's decision was
not conclusive, it was expres=
=ly in the first instance
at the recommendation
of the Auditor General,
But I am satisfied, that
on

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on the merits of the Case itself (had my letter to Mr. Webbe come under Mr. Buchan's eye) His Lordship's decision would have been different.—

7th. In every instance when recoveries are made or Re audits are received by me for sums admitted on account of an officer who stands indebted to my office, I have invariably considered it my duty to Credit him in such sums, as will appear by the account which is herewith submitted to your Lordship in Council.

7th. In every other instance where Cash has been recovered from Individuals, or Sums admitted on Re-audit, you have written to Messrs. Harrington and Co. that credit has been given me in your Books. I did not Sir want Credit in your Books, for nothing stood there against me, but I wanted the money But as Colonel Mc. Neile to be restored to me had his accounts arranged which you had withheld

to

and

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so as to bring my office indebted to him in Pago- -das 1,505 ∪ 34 - 50 - as exhi- -bited in the paper - B. I had not the most distant Idea of any sums coming against him after his departure for Europe, sub- -sequent events however have proved the reverse, of which circumstance your Lordship in Council will observe I apprized Government by a letter so far back as the 12th. October 1802 and forward- -ed a Statement of the Sums which at that time had come to my know- -ledge as due from him, and which have accumu- -lated ever since to the Amount

and which you still with- -held - and I beg leave to request the Right Honora- -ble Governor's attention to the hardship which I have thereby suffered in paying very high Interest for the money you exacted from my Securities; - But in this instance Sir I do not mean to impute to you any intentional - injustice; for I confess I can readily ascribe the wrongs I have mentioned to the error's of your office -

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Amount stated in the account which is herewith submitted.—

8th. Notwithstanding the reference I have had to the accounts of the Paymaster of Ongole in July 1796. respecting the fees on his Commission as Major, where one appears to be paid for, both those Commissions were yet I consider my reply to him of the 31st. October 1803 No 5 as conclusive, and upon that ground must resist his claim to be repaid on this head, I cannot but remark that in his refusal of the Commission when tendered to him by the Paymr

8th. In 1796. I was promoted to the Rank of Major, and received my Commission from Government, and one also from the King signed by Mr. Dundas giving me Rank from 1st. March 1794 paid for when received. After I had been some time at Amboyna another Commission as Major was presented to me by the Paymaster which I declined to accept, as it cut off two years of my Rank and as I had already paid fees upon one

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Paymaster and in his refu-
=sal of the payment of the
fees, your Lordship in
Council will find that
he has disobeyed the stand=
=ing orders of Government
of the 10th. July 1795. the
fees recovered do not bene=
=fit me in the least. —

one, I considered myself
no more subject to pay fees
upon two than upon twenty
At some distant period the
Paymaster requested I
would take the Commission
off his hands, as you had
relinquished the fees — not
long before I left Amboyna
a third Commission as Major
was presented to me which
I peremptorily rejected for
the foregoing reason, yet I
had no sooner quitted In=
=dia than you presented
that Commission to my
Securities and demanded
the fees. Was it just, was
it liberal Sir to exact from
my Securities immediately
after my departure from
India,

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from India, what you had not been able to obtain from myself in the Course of five years. and the money which you thus obtained you still keep, untill Messrs. Harington and Co. shall tell you to whom I paid the fees on my first commission 8 years ago. I presume that with equal propriety you might now present those Gentlemen a Captains Commission for me, and exact the fees unless they could tell you to whom I had paid those fees 20 years ago— Be so good Sir to look to the Paymasters Books at ongole in 1796. up to the first of July, and

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and to the payments made to the Volunteer Battalion when embarking at Madras for Amboyna and you will find that both my Rings and Company's Commissions have been paid for.—

I am
Y.ca &c.ca

Signed/ Dant. Mc. Neile
Colonel.

London
20th. June 1804.

Statement of Sums Retrenched by the Auditor General and brought against Colonel Mc. Neile by the Paymaster General with the Colonels explanatory remarks, to be submitted to the consideration of the Right Honorable Governor in Council—

Retrenchments

This Sum consists of the following receipts of Coll. Mc. Neile dated 29th and 31st. December 1800 for Spanish Dollars 1429 or Pags. ... 2138:6.
Captain Boles 3 Abstracts accompanied with Duttance Rolls ... 676.9.14.
Captain Stokes two receipts for Dollars 587.22.5 or Pags. 379.24+
making the Sum of Pags. ... 1977.30-20

Amounts paid to P.s L.C. Individuals of his Corps by the Paymaster of Amboyna after Colonel Mc. Neile had returned to Madras ... 1944-0-0

leaving carried over ...

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Brought over — 1946.—

leaving a difference of Pagodas 33. 30. 20- against Colonel Mc. Neile, which arises in the Exchange of the Dollars, they being converted into Star Pags. at the time the account was stated by me to Government and at 155 ℔r. % instead of 150 ℔r. % and as to the regularity or irregularity of the charges on the part of Captains Boles and Stokes and Colonel Mc. Neile, it is for your Lordship in Council to decide, as the Transaction arises entirely between these officers.—

B Deduct Amount of pay drawn by him at Amboy- nd, and deposited with his Agents as ℔r. Statement made up by him and paid into the Paymaster Generals Office agreeable to the Military Auditor — Generals letter of the 4th. December 1801 to the Paymaster General 1932. 25. 37

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This Item I have explained in the 4th. Paragraph of this address.—

C Amount paid by the Pay.r General to Individuals holding Certificates on their arrival at Madras 379. 225-28—

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Explanatory Remarks

When Colonel Mc. Neile was returning from — Amboyna

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Amboyna to Madras with part of the Volunteer Battalion and 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry he drew the arrears of those men who were returning with him on regular monthly abstracts and pay Rolls, and received the Amount of the whole from the Paymaster in Bills on the Paymaster General at Madras.

On the Voyage to the Coast, one of the Transports with certain men of both Corps, was forced back to Amboyna, on their arrival there the paymaster paid them individually the arrears which had been already drawn for them

by

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by Colonel Mc. Neile (as above A & B) the Colonel on his arrival at Madras paid the men who arrived with him, and the money drawn by him for the men who were forced back to Amboyna. was paid by his Agents to the Paymaster General Madras (as above B) To whom they at the same time delivered a particular Roll of the men to whom pay was due, shewing the months for which pay had been drawn, the Amount of every mans family Chit, and the balance due to each man— The Paymaster Generals receipt was considered by the Auditor General

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as exonerating Colonel Mc. Neile from all further responsibility.—

Colonel Mc. Neile can have no possible concern whatever with the above payment—&c.— which was made by the Paymaster General himself to Individuals whom Colonel Mc. Neile knows nothing of. Colonel Mc. Neile can only be Answerable for the money which he drew at Amboyna on Monthly Abstracts, for certain men named in corresponding pay Rolls, and it will appear by those public Documents, that he regularly disbursed every

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sanam he received - First to the Sepoys who arrived with him, the arrears that was due to them, and then to the Paymaster General (by his Agents) the arrears that was due to those men who were forced back to Amboyna as may appear by the foregoing Statements A. and B. - that those two sums, the first A. the arrears paid to the Sepoys who were forced back to Amboyna, and the second B. the same arrears drawn for the same men by Colonel Mc. Neile and refunded to the Paymaster General

do

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do not exactly agree, may be owing to some casualty of little consequence. Colonel Mc. Neile cannot be responsible for money which he never received - for payments which he never made; or certificates which he never granted. He trusts therefore to the Candour of the Right Honorable Governor in Council to be relieved from the above charge C. which he hopes it will clearly and incontrovertibly appear has been brought unjustly against him by the Paymaster General -

Retrenchment

Batta to Sepoys carrying Tappals in the Vizagapatam Districts in the year 1792. retrenched

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retrenched because not debited
P.s fs C.
to the Post Master General 12 -2-0

When the Executors to the Estate of the late Mr. George Wilson, paid the balance of the retrench-ments standing against that Gentleman, in his accounts as Paymaster at Vizagapatam, they request-ed the payment of this sum, on the Score that they could not recover the amount from Colonel Mc. Neile, whom it would appear had been frequently called upon for it, but whether the Retrenchment was justly or unjustly made, it will be the province in the first instance

Explanatory Remark

In the year 1792 Colonel (then Captain) Mc. Neile's Battalion was stationed in the Vizagapa-tam Districts, where there was no regular Tappal, the only mode of conveying public letters was by employing Se-poys who were allowed Batta for that duty.— the Auditor General does not deny the propriety of the disbursements on the public Service - yet has exacted the retrenchment of it from Colonel Mc. Neile's Securities, merely because

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of the Military Auditor General to explain to your Lordship in Council, as my duty on this occasion was to give relief only to the party in whose accounts the retrenchment was made, and on that principal, I recovered the Amount from his agents.—

the Paymaster General, a Mode which Colonel Mc. Neile does not believe was usual or generally observed at that time— The injustice of this Retrenchment, at this distant period, and after Colonel Mc. Neile had returned to Europe, is he presumes to think very obvious—

Retrenchment

Pay for November and Gratuity for October to Lieutenant Peirce Retrenched, because Lieutenant Peirce was removed by General Orders of the 31st. October 1794 to the 34 B. with which Corps his pay and allowances were

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were drawn. Ps. 26. 28-0.

Explanatory Remark

Lieutenant Peirce's pay was regularly drawn by Captain Mc. Neile in his Battalion Abstract on the 1st. of November as Lieutenant Peirces removal could not then be known to him,—o Colonel Mc. Neile distinctly remembers this matter having been remarked on by a former auditor, he believes of Colonel Malcolms, and he also believes that it was then adjusted by Lieutenant Peirce who is now Deputy Adjutant General at Madras and can fully explain the money drawn for him in Captain Mc. Neile's Battalion

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Battalion was regularly disposed of, according to his Orders.—

F Retrenchment.

Retrenched from Mr. Paymr. Corbetts accounts of 1795 Est. Paymaster Masulipatam . . . . . Pags 15. 0. 0.

The particulars of this Retrenchment were furnished Colonel Mc. Neile's agents in my letter to them of the 25th March 1802 which was handed to me by Mr. Corbitt late Paymaster in the Circars who also on closing accounts with my Office demanded that I should recover the amount from Colonel Mc. Neile, which I did, and Credited Mr. Corbett accordingly. I can only account for this lying over so long by Colonel Mc.

Remark

The particulars of this Retrenchment have not been Communicated to Colonel Mc. Neile. Early in 1795 his Battalion was marched into Masulipatam, to relieve Captain Mackay's Battalion ordered to Hydrabad, but during Captain Mackays stay in Garrison, Captain Mc. Neile was obliged to

rent

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Mr. Niles absence from the Presidency, it was a matter however which regarded Mr. Corbett and not .. .. me, nor can the delay be imputed to me —

rent Quarters for himself, and also a Store Room for his Regimental Store, this was soon after remarked on by the auditor General, and the circumstances were explained — If the present Retrenchment is on the same head, this explanation will do it away, but if on any other, Colonel Mc. Neile cannot imagine what it can be, but he is Certain there can be no just Ground for it, and he begs leave to appeal to the Justice of the Right Honorable Governor on the hardship of retrenchments thus enforced against him at the distance of eleven, of nine, and of eight years, after

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The Reply to the Paragraph respecting this Sum I have answered in the 3d. Paragraph.—

/signed/ B. Roebuck
Mily Pay. Genl.

after his return to Europe, and long, very long after the accounts of these periods were considered as finally audited.—

Retrenchment

Batta of Table allowance to Colonel Mc. Neile during his Command of Pondicherry retrenched as Colonel Mc Neile had not joined, and consequently could not command the Station — Pages 876-13-vs

Remark

After Colonel Mc. Neile's return from Amboyna & Pondicherry was offered to him by Lord Clive and he was nominated to &

that

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that Command. But on the
day of his intended departure
from Madras, he was de-
-tained to conduct a ser-
-vice of some delicacy at
Chepauk, he was not how-
-ever put in General orders
for that service, as such
nomination would have
interfered with his Com-
-mand of Pondicherry -
During his Stay at Che-
-pauk he corresponded
with Government as Com-
-manding Officer of
Pondicherry, and regula-
-ted and conducted all
matters connected
with that Command -
Subsequent to the Service
at Chepauk, further leave
of absence to Colonel
Mc-

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Mc. Neile was published in Government Orders — and he presumes to think when an Officer is absent from his Command with the sanction of Government, the fixed allowance of that Command do not cease. —

Messrs. Harington and Co. in a letter to Government of the 30th. May 1803 brought Colonel Mc. Neile's Claim to Table allowance as Commanding Officer of Pondichery before Lord Clive in Council, and on the 9th. of June His Lordship ordered that allowance to be restored to him — the

auditor

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Auditor General nevertheless still denied him his Batta up to the 18th. of August, and it may still be with held from him, although it is incontrovertible, and cannot be denied by the Auditor General himself, that if Colonel Mc. Neile was entitled to Table allowances as Commanding Officer, he was entitled to Batta as Commanding Officer for the same period.—

Colonel Mc. Neile begs leave to mention that he was in posseſsion of his allowances as Commandant of Pondicherry, and drew them at that place for June, July. August, and Septr.

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and September, and Govern-
ment having continued
him in the Command to
the hour of his departure
from India, he drew those
allowances for the first
15 days in October from the
Paymaster at Madras, by
and with the sanction of
the Office of audit itself.
Had that officer then denied
him those allowances on
any pretence whatever,
or by an audit of any one
of the four preceeding months
his appeal to Government
would have been directly
made, and the decision
would have been immedi-
ate. How great therefore
is the hardship of the
retrenchment

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retrenchment of all those allowances, which was made immediately after his departure for Europe. and which as he never could have imagined, he could by no means provide for — and the injury has been not a little aggravated by this Circumstance, that while the Auditor General — bereaved him of his Batta as Commanding Officer of Pondicherry, he did not grant him Batta as Commanding the Troops at Chipauk on Field allowances for the same period; and which he could not draw there,

having

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having been considered by
Government as Commanding
Officer of Pondicherry. Here
the Auditor General may
say that as Colonel Mc
Neile was not appointed
to the Command of those
Troops in Government-
Orders there was no public
documents on which to
grant him Batta at Che-
-pauk - To this Colonel Mc
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he Commanded the Troops
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-ly known, but it could
not be inferred from
thence that he had

never

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Mc. Neile considers himself justified in this observation, by the very extraordinary, and perhaps unparelled injustice of the foregoing Retrenchments, and he begs leave to solicit the honor of the Right Honorable Governor's attention to the loss he has sustained in paying very high Interest for the money escacted from his Securities, while it has been in the hands of the Paymaster General.-

(Signed) Danl. Mc. Neile
Coll.

True Extract & Copy
(Signed) G. Strachey
Secy to Govt.-

Benjamin

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Benjamin Roebuck Esq.re

Military Paymaster General

Sir

Having heard inconsequence of applications at the Town Major's Office for arrears of Pay to Native Troops lately arrived from the Moluccas, that Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neile had brought over Bills on you drawn by the Paymaster at Amboyna in which Considerable portions of the arrears in question were included, and that he had lodged the amount of these Bills with his agents Messrs.s Harington, Burnaby & Cockburn, for the purpose of answering the demands of such of the Natives whose arrears formed a part of the Bills.-

as the private agents of Gentlemen, have never been considered a proper channel thro which the Pay and allowances of the Troops should be forthcoming, I deem it my duty to state the necessity there appears to me to be,

for

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for your calling on Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neile's agents for the Sum of Money left by him for the purpose of paying the arrears as above, together with the Lists of the persons to whom such arrears are alledged to be due, in order that the proper steps may be taken for Recrediting the amount paid by you on account of arrears, and that regular abstracts may be made out by the public officer the Town Major of Fort S. George on account of the claimants as they arrive from the Eastward — It will however be expedient for you to grant Messrs Harrington Burnaby and Cockburn such document as they shall deem sufficient to exonerate themselves, and their Constituent Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neile from responsibility on account of the arrears due to the Troops connected with the above Lists, which you can have no hesitation in granting.—

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. Brunton
My asst. Genl.

Mily Audr. Genls office
Fort S. George
4th December 1805.

True Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
My Payr. Genl.

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Fort St. George 11th December 1801. Received from Messrs. Harrington Burnaby and Cockburn a Roll of Natives late under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile, and left in their hands as his attornies for the purpose of discharging the arrears due, as stated opposite their respective names, amounting to Pagodas 1968: 27: 10: which has been paid into my Office by them inconformity to the Military Auditor General's Letter 4th. Instant, after deducting there from the sum of S. Dollars 56 or Star Pagodas 36: 5: 33: Stated in the said Roll to have been advanced by their constituent.—

And I do hereby hold myself responsible as a Public Officer of Government unto the said Firm of Messrs. Harrington Burnaby and Cockburn in the amount paid into my Office and indemnify them if called upon by their constituent for having conformed to the suggestion contained in the Military Auditor General's letter of the 4th. Instant and directed to me—

/signed/ B. Roebuck
M.P. Genl.

True Copy
/signed/ B. Roebuck
M. P. G.—

Roll

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Roll of Men on board the Albion belonging to the Volunteer Battalion to whom 11 Months Pay due as follows from 1st. January 1800 to November Inclusive.—

Company	Names	Rank	Pags	f.	c.	Total P.	f.	c.	
1 Gr. Co.	Rammah	Havildar	4	1	24	30			
	Yenkanah —	Do.	1	4	27	60			
	Yenkepah —	Sepoy	1	3	31	20			
	Beer Sing —	"	1	0	25	20			
	Ramasawmy —	"		9	1	20			
	Ramdoo —	"	1	6	31	20			
	Eyepah —	"	2	6	13	20			
	Atchenah —	"	1	6	37	20			
	Mullesoo —	"	1	6	37	20			
	Nursing Rawn —	"	1	0	25	20			
	Samun Sing —	"	1	0	25	20			
	Lachmaroo —	"	1	0	25	20			
	Cheniah —	"	2	6	13	20			
	Wardapah —	"	1	5	13	20			due to Coll. 20 Spk Dollars
1st. Bn. Co.	Gopalloo —	Havildar	1	6	16	20	232	33	10
	Gopalloo —	Do.	2	7	16	20			
	Permalloo —	Naique	1	2	13	20			
	Nursoo —	Do.	1	1	22	20			
	Gruapah —	Sepoy	2	6	13	20			paid 16th. Decr. 1800 due to Coll. 10 Spk. Dollrs
	Mooneyapah —	"	1	5	13	20			
	Caliapah —	"		9	1	20			
	Paupah Naig —	"	1	5	13	20			
	Sullaudum —	"	1	5	13	20			
	Permalloo —	"		9	34	20			
	Yenkenah —	"	2	6	13	20			
							181	16	60

Carried over Star Pags. 413 50. 70

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Company	Names	Rank	Total P.	Total F.	Total C.	P.	F.	C.	
			Brought Over			413	50	70	
2d. Bn. 6c.	Eyenah	Havildar	38			16	20		
	Settanah	Naigue	15			4	20		
	Droogadoss	"	14			2	9 20		
	Appanah	Sepoy	10			2	5 20		
	Appanah	Do.	13			3	1 20		
	Coormonah	"	13			3	1 20		due to Colt. 20 Sph. Dollrs.
	Bavanydoss	"	26			1	3 20		
	Nagalloo	"	13			3	1 20		
	Paupah	"	13			3	1 20		
	Perroo	"	11			2	8 20		
	yenkapah	"	13			3	1 20		
	Kettapah	"	10			2	5 20		
	Venkettram	"	9			1	20		
	Serrapah	"	13			3	1 20		
				218	15	40			due to Colt. 6 Sph. Dollrs
3d. Bn. Co.	Yenkenah	Subidar	78			1	20	+	paid 16th. December 1801
	Yenkoo	Havildar	13			1	0 20		
	Luchman	Naigue	15			3	7 20		
	Kistnarow	"	15			3	7 20		
	Sookoo Sing	"	32			1	6 20		
	Mooneyapah	"	26			1	3 20		
	Venatachellum	"	26			1	3 20		
	Mootiah	"	4			1	3 20	+	paid 16 Dec.r 1801.
	Venatachellum	"	9			3	4 20		
	Turmlah Cawn	"	25			1	8 20	+	paid 16th. Dec.r 1801.
	Soobiah	"	9			3	4 20		
				252	22	60			

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Company	Names	Rank	Ps	f.	c.	Total Ps.	f.	c.
	Brought Over Pags.					883.	7	15 10
4th Br. 6o.	Musslah	Subidar	120	29	30 +			
	Pauspah	Naigue	19	3	4 20 +			
	Velladum	"	21	16	20			
	Luchmaroo	"	32	16	20			
	Gudjardron	"	12	4	20			
	Permalloo	Sepoy	9	3	4 20			
	Coomoor Samy	"	9	3	4 20			
	Gungaram	"	26	13	20			
	Ramah Sawmy	"	15	13	20			
	Mootal Nog	"	15	13	20			
	Gopalloo	"	15	13	20			
	Ramasawmy	"	2	28	50	295	25	0 40
2d Gr. 6o.	Ramdass	Havildar	8	22	20			
	Ran dass	Naigue	21	27	20 +			
	Visnadass	Sepoy	10	25	20			
	Venketram	"	10	25	20			
	Pauproo	"	10	25	20 ×			
	Yenkapat	"	13	31	40			
	Sepoy Pole	"	9	1	20 +			
	Ramnah	"	9	1	20			
	Ramnah	"	13	31	20 ×			
	Semadree	"	13	31	20			
	Lechmaroo	"	10	25	20			
	Rojonaud Sing	"	20	1	20			
	Baudor Sing	"	26	13	20			
	Ramploo	"	13	31	20			
	Dalapah	"	10	31	20			
	Caumroo	"	13	31	20			
	Dawsoo	"	13	31	20			
	Yenkopah	"	26	13	20			
	Linganah	"	9	1	20			
	Chinniah	"	26	13	20			
	Ramkistnah	"	20	1	20			
	Caumroo	"	10	25	20			
	Soobiah	Duckally	9	1	20			
	Munny Ram	B. Doct.	13	21	20	334	46	3 "
						1512	1353	30

paid 16th Dec.r 1805

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paid 16th Dec.r 1805

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Fort St. George 16th August 1805

Compy.	Names	Rank	P	F.	C	Total P.	F.	C.
	Brought Over	Star Pagodas				1512	1358	50
15th Regt.	Venketram	Havildar	9	16	20			
	Venketram	Naigue	4	4	20			
	Ram Dass	"	3	10	20			
	Venketram	"	4	4	20			
						20	35	"
	Total	Star Pagodas				1565	8	50

(signed) Dan.l Mc. Neile.

Roll

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Roll of Men of the Second Battalion 1st. N. Regiment that are on Board the Ship Albion to whom Payment due as follows from 1st. January 1800 to November inclusive Vizt.

Compy	Names	Rank	P	F.	C.	Total P	F.	C.	
1st Gr. Co.	Groopah	Sepoy	11	1	20				
	Senashe	Do	9	1	20 x				paid 16th Decr 1805.
	Verabudra	Do	9	1	20 x				paid Do Do
	Mootoo Nog	Do	11	1	20				
	Atchenah	Do	15	1	3 20				
	Venkatesoo	Do	11	1	20 x				paid 16th Decr 1805.
	Narriah	Do	9	1	20				
	Beermalloo	Do	9	1	20	84	22	0	
4th Bn Co	Annamally	Naique	15	4	20				
	Ramasawmy	Sepoy	15	1	3 20				
	Appanah	Do	9	1	20				
	Soobiah	Do	17	2	8 20				
	Venkatachellum	Do	15	1	3 20				
	Yenkenah	Do	15	1	3 20				
	Condapah	Do	9	1	20 x				paid 16th Decr 1805.
	Venkiah	Do	9	1	20				
						105	31	0	
		Carried over Ps				1908	4		

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Company	Names	Rank	P. F. C	P. F. C	Total P. F. C
		Brought Over Star Pags.			403 18 40
5th Bn Co.	Rajanah	Naique	12 3/4	20	
	Vellidum	Sepoy	11	20	
	Venkiah	Do	17 3/4	20	
	Soobiah	Do	15	13 20	56 41 20
6th Bn Co.	Venkatachellum	Havildar	16	16 20	16 16 20
2d Lt. Co.	Perental	Naique	17	4 20	
	Lachmanah	Sepoy	9	1 20	
	Venkatram	Do	15	13 20	
	Vencatachellum	Do	11	1 20	
	Verashah	Do	9	1 20	
	Tammiah	Do	9	1 20	
	Venkiah	Do	9	1 20 x	paid 16th Dec. 1801.
	Narsimallo	Do	15	13 20	
	Ramdoo	Do	9	1 20	
	Vencatachellum	Do	9	1 20	
	Venkatram	Do	9	1 20	
	Tippity	Do	9	1 20 x	paid 16th Dec. 1801.
	Verasha	Do	9	1 20	
					139 43 20

Total Star Pags. 403 18 40

(Signed) Dan.l Mc. Neile

True Copies

(Signed) B. Roebuck

M. P. Genl.

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Acquittance Roll of non-Commissioned Officers and Sepoys of the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry and Volunteer Battalion who have been paid their Pay due to them from January to December 1800 as stated in the Roll delivered in by Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neiles Agents.-

Yenkenah	Subidar	78	1	20
Mufsliah	"	120	29	30
Yenkoo	Havaldar	13	10	20
Nursoo	Naigue	11	22	20
Mootiah	"	4	13	20
Furmalah Cawn	"	25	18	20
Paupah	"	19	34	20
Randofs	"	21	27	20
Pauproo	Sepoy	10	25	20
Afsery Pole	"	9	1	20
Zamnah	"	13	31	20
Serrashee	"	9	1	20
Veerabadra	"	9	1	20
Venkatesa	"	11	1	20
Condapah	"	9	1	20
Venkiah	"	9	1	20
Veerasha	"	9	1	20

Pagodas — 384 21. 30.

Military Paymaster
Generals Office
Fort S. George
16th December 1801.

E. E. Js. (signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

To

5723 Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

To B. Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General
Madras.

Sir

Messrs Harrington and Co. have forwarded to me your several demands upon them as my securities for Retrenchments of allowances paid to me as Commanding Officer of Pondicherry by Mr. Skardon, and also an account of disburse-ments at Amboyna while I Superintended the pay office of that Station.—

In regard to my allowances at Pondicherry the Facts are as follows Vizt. soon after my return from Amboyna the Command of Pondicherry was offered to me by order of Lord Clive, and as I could not but consider it as an honorable mark of his Lordship's approbation, I accepted of it with the warmest Gratitude: on the very day that I was to have set out for Pondicherry, and after my Servants and Baggage had already arrived there, the Right Honorable

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Honorable Governor was pleased further to distinguish me in a very flattering manner by detaining me at Madras to Conduct a Service of some delicacy at Chepaulk; and to which I was verbally and at the moment nominated. to have put that nomination in G. O. would have interfered with my Command of Pondicherry which I am assured was not intended by Lord Clive, as during the period of my stay at Chepaulk, I not only Corresponded with Government as Commanding Officer of Pondicherry and regulated all matters connected with that Command, but at an advanced period when the Right Honorable Governor was pleased to select me to proceed to Amboyna in a high Station, his Lordship had the Goodness to yield to my request through Mr. Webbe that my appointment to the Moluccas might not be put in orders until nearly the time at which I should embark, and this request I made in order that I might

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might posses the advantages of the Command of Pondicherry as long as possible, nor was my fair pretensions to those advantages then questioned, but on the contrary they were admitted, which will appear by the following facts Viz.t.-

I was in possession of them and drew them at Pondicherry for June, July august and September, and for the first 15 days in October prior to my embarking for Europe, I drew them at Madras by and with the sanction of the Office of and it itself- Had that Office then denied me those allowances upon any Score whatever, my appeal to Government would have been directly made, and the decision would have been immediate- How great therefore is the hardship of the Retrenchment which was made immediately after my departure for England, and which as I never could have imagined I never could provide for, and the injury has been not a little aggravated by this circumstance, that while the Auditor General has bereaved me of my Batta as Commanding Officer of —

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Pondicherry, he has not granted me Batta as Command-
ing the Troops on Field allowances at Chepaulk for the
same period, which I could not possibly draw when
there having considered myself and being considered
by Government as Commanding officer of Pondicherry
subsequent to the service at Chepaulk further —
leave of absence from my Command was published
in Orders, and I presume that when an officer is
absent from his Command with the sanction of
Government the fixed allowances of that Com-
mand do not cease — and I am fully assured that
when Lord Clive did me the honor of detaining
me for a time to execute his Lordships Orders
at Chepaulk he did not mean to deprive me
during that period of any of the advantages of
the Command of Pondicherry which his Lord-
ship had been pleased unsolicited to confer
upon me, and I now request that this Letter
on the Subject may be referred to the decision
of His Lordship in Council —

Amboyna Audit

In

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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

In regard to the Sum of 267 Pagodas paid to the Executors of the late Mr. Cunningham and which was submitted to Government, the sentiments of the Right Honorable Governor do not appear to have been decisively given, the expressions being as follows—

"The Governor in Council desires that the Sum standing to the debit of Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile in the Pay office of Lamboyna, amounting to 267 Pagodas may in the first instance be recovered from the Securities of that Officer according to your recommendation."—

Thus sir at the recommendation of the auditor General it was ordered that the money should in the first instance be recovered from my securities, But on the merits of the Case itself. I am confident it will be ultimately allowed to me by the Justice and Liberality of Government, as Mr. Cunningham, Exors should be called on and

not

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not me to refund that Sum, and in order that the Right Honorable Governor may be enabled to judge impartially of the Case, I request his Lordships attention to my Letter to Mr. Secretary Webbe on the Subject in October 1804. and I beg leave further to solicit the honor of his Lordships attention to the following facts— That the sum in Question you Sir and the Auditor General had long since stopped out of my accounts and out of the money due to me at Amboyna— Nevertheless I had no sooner proceeded to Europe than the same sum was exacted over again from Messrs. Harrington and Co. as my Securities, so that instead of 267 Pagodas the whole amount of that Retrench= =ment which you had stopped and with= =held from me for upwards of two years, you have at last obtained through the Office of Audit 267 Pagodas more, making 534 Pagodas of my money, exactly double the sum of the Retrenchments, for which I am charged 12 p. Cent p. annum interest by my agents,

and

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and this I presume to mention with entire confi=
dence in the Liberality of Government to be indem=
nified in this Case of official hardship and
injustice.—

I observe that immediately
after my departure from India you demanded
and received from my Securities 15 Pagodas for
a Commission of Major, which 15 Pagodas
I request you will be pleased to refund—
not long after my promotion to the Rank
of Major in 1796. I received my Commission
from Government and at no great distance of
time I received a Correspondent Commission
signed by Mr. Dundas by Order of His Ma=
jesty— they are both in my Possession, and were
both paid for when received. While I was at
Amboyna, you sent me another Commission
as major which I declined to accept or Pay
for— it was subsequently presented to me by
the Paymaster Waving the fees, and this Com=
mission is also in my Possession. now I find,

You

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you have presented a third Commission for the same Rank, and thereupon have obtained from Messrs Harrington and Co. as my Securities what you had not been able to procure from myself in the Course of 4 years upon any fair Ground. I presume that I am no more subject to pay for two Commissions for the same Rank than to pay for twenty, and I am indeed surprized how three Commissions as Major should have been made out for me

Sam & Co. & Co.

Bath
20th January 1803

Signed Dan.l Mc. Neile
Lieut.t Colonel

Lieutenant Colonel D.l Mc. Neile

Sir

I have been favored with your Letter of the 20th January last thro your attorneys Messrs Harrington. Burnaby and Cockburn relative to various refunds made by them on your account. In reply thereto I beg leave to inform you that with regard to your allowance

as

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Fort S. George 16th August 1805

as Commandant of Pondicherry which stood —
rebenched in the accounts of the late Paymaster
of that place, I could do no more than attend
to the regulations of the service by recovering
the amount from your attornies in the first
instance, and before a reference could be —
made by me on the subject, a reaudit of Mr.
Skardons accounts took place, when the
amount was admitted, and in consequence
of such reaudit, the sum has been since
repaid to your attornies —

With respect to the Retrench-
ment of Pagodas 267 recovered from your —
attornies on account of the late Paymaster
at Amboyna, I have only to observe that
if you had refunded the same sum to Mr.
Cunningham's Executors, it was not altogether
regular in you to have done so. But by the
accompanying Copy of a letter from Mr.
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account as Paymaster - and I think it would be premature in me to attempt a reference on this Head - under this impression I have not considered myself at liberty to submit your claim to Government, but if you can produce any document you have in your possession, I shall not hesitate submitting it for their decision. -

By the G. O. of the 24th May 1796. a Commission was issued by Government for you as Major by Brevet bearing Rank the 1st March 1794. by the G. O. of the 12th July 1796. a Commission was issued promoting you as Major bearing Rank the 1st June 1796. and by the G. O. of the 7th April 1797 a Commission was issued as Major giving you Rank from the 8th January 1796. - The Secretary - fees on all of which I was directed to pay and recover the same from the parties with the exception of the last mentioned Commission, which was directed to be delivered gratis and this -

You

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you acknowledge to have received as such, I cannot therefore make any distinction between you and the rest of the officers who were promoted about the same time and who have all paid the fees on their respective Commissions, and if you do not Consider this as Satisfactory, I have only to refer you to the orders before mentioned and to the G.O. of the 10th. July 1795, on the Subject of fees to be paid for Military Commissions.—

The Kings Commission you hold from the War office has no Connection with those issued by the Company, further than that you are put on the same level with His Majesty's Officers serving in the East Indies.—

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) J. Roebuck

Mily Paymr Genl

Fort St. George
31st October 1803.

Dear

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Fort S. George 16th. August 1805

B. Roebuck. Esqr.

Dear Sir,

I have referred to the accounts of the late Mr. Alexr. Cunningham Resident at Amboyna, and do not find that any money had been received from Colonel Mc. Neile or from any other person on account of the Com=pany —

Yours truely

(Signed) J. Tulloh

20th. October 1803. True Copies

(Signed) B. Roebuck Mbly.

Fort S. George

24th. November 1803.

Received from Majors Harrington Burnaby and Cockburn Securities for Colonel Mc. Neile the sum of Pagodas 267.— being the amount standing against him on the accounts of the Paymaster at Amboyna agreeably to the Secretary to Governments letter of the 14th. Instant

to

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to the office of audit.-

/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Mily Pay.r Genl.

True Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M. P. G.-

Received from Mr. Benjamin Roebuck Military Paymaster General the Sum of Pagodas 1505.34.50 being the Balance due me from his Department so far as my accounts have been Audited.-

Fort St. George 12th. October 1801.

/Signed/ Danl. Mc. Neile
late Superintendant of the
Mily Pay office at Amboyna

/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M. P. G.

True Copy
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
M. P. G.-

Statement

Statement of the Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General from the disbursements of Colonel Mc Neile Superintendant of the Pay Department at Amboyna from april to September 1798.—

Expedition against the Dutch Settlements

Garrison Staff.

1798 April 4th There is charged Candles and Stationary for the Fort adjutant
Pagodas ——— 3 " —

Admitted the usual allowance for Candles
and Stationary to a Fort adjutant Pagodas —— 2—21— "

and the difference is Retrenched ——— " 21 "

Ordnance Department

8th There is entered allowance to Sub Conductor
Pagodas —— 8— " "

Admitted the usual allowance to Sub Conductor
in the Field —— 6— " —

and the difference is Retrenched —— 2 " "

9 There is charged for the purchase of different articles for the use

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of the Stores Sent 1010.30

Also for the purchase of files ..... Pags 3. 938-

Pagodas . . 27 1168.

If the Commissary made purchases of articles for the use of the Stores he should have made out a detailed Bill of Such purchases Certified upon honor to the actual Disbursements of the same charges and Supported by a Certificate of the Commanding officer that the Charges contained therein were indispensably necessary for carrying on the public Service according to every enquiry he could make of the established Current rates of the Station at the time they were incurred. —

Carried forward 27 11. 68. 2 21 "

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	Brought forward	27 11. 68-	2 25.		
	Deduct amount admitted by the Military Auditor General on Reaudit for April 1798 as Jr. Letter dated 13th October 1801.				
	Jan.	1010:30: or	24. 2. 30.	3 9 38.	

Barrack Department

12	Oil for the use of a Store Serjeant	Ps.	1. - 20		
	Is Retrenched vide foregoing Remark		1 . 20		

Paymasters Department

19	There is entered for an Office Establishment to the late Paymaster Mr. Cunningham for March Pagodas		142 . .		
	Admitted as in former Months	Pagodas	95 - . .		

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and the difference is Retrenched ..... 47 " "

There is also entered a Salary at 200 Pag.ª

P.r Month for D.o D.o ..... 200 - " "

20. D.o from the 1.st to 3.d March ..... 20 " "

Pagodas 220 - " "

In the two Subsequent Vouchers M.r

Crelly Executor to M.r Cunningham

draws a Salary on his account up to

the 3.d April inclusive at 300 £ P.r

Annum agreeably to M.r Secretary Webbs

Letter dated 10.th May 1797 Consequently

the above Sum must be refunded ..... 220 " "

Carried forward — 273 30 52

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Brought forward — 273 30 58.

Bombay Presidency

1798
April 18th There is entered allowance of one and half Rupee pr. man
pr. day for sick Seamen of the Bombay Frigate
= Pagodas ..... 101 . 6 . 52.

Which is Retrenched for reasons which
Mr. Wilson will find on reference to similar
Retrenchment from his charges in Colonel Mc
Neils predecessors disbursements ..... 101 6 52.

Arrears 1797/8

Medical Department

May 14th The allowance of 60 Cash pr. man pr. day for Janu=
=ary for 316 men to Mr. Surgeon Wilson is extended
at 42 fanams pr. Pagoda as
directed by the Medical Regulations of the

4th. December 1793-

The difference of exchange is therefore Retrenched 11 17 6

There is also entered similar charges on account of
406 men from 1st. to 7th. February - 470 Do. from
8. to 17th. - and 463 from 18th. to 28th. Do. at 60 — o
Cash per man per day and extended at 42
Fans. Per Star Pagodas as above mentioned -
The difference for the reasons above given of Exchange
is Retrenched ..... — 15 25 o

Expedition against Dutch
Settlements

Carried Forward — 401 37 30

Fol. 4 Pendl.
Fol. 4 Pendl. 1805 August 15th

		Brought forward	£	01 37	30.
		Detachment of European Infantry			
1798 May	688	There is entered allowance to 2 2d Mrs Serjeants for			
		September Pagodas ..... 8 ... - ... -			
		Admitted one for his Detachment ..... 4 — - —			
		and the difference is Retrenched ..... —		4 " "	
10/12		From a similar charge for October ... 8 - - —			
		There is Retrenched under the			
		last Remark — ..... 4 - - — ..... 4 - - -		4 " "	
		Wertemberg Company			
13		The allowance drawn for defraying the Staff duties of this			
		Company ... Pay ... 9 - 27 -			
		Is Retrenched, it not being explained what Staff			
		duties there are ..... —		9 27 "	
		Garrison Staff			

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23 There is entered Candles and Stationary to the Fort adjutant P.s 3-.-.

Admitted as last month ..... P.s 2-21-.

and the difference is Retrenched .....

Medical Department

24 There is extended the Medical allowance at 20 Cash per man per day for January on account of 316 Europeans to Mr. Surgeon Wilson at 42 fanams ₰r. Pagoda ..... 58.13-.

Also for 466 Do. from 1st. to 7th. February-470 Do. from 8th. to 17th. & 463 Do. from 18th. to the 28th. 77.29.60

Pags. 135.42-60.

admitted at the Exchange of 45 fs ₰r. Pagoda is ..... 125: 8: 40.

and the difference is Retrenched ..... 10 34 20.

Ordnance Department

28th. From the allowance drawn on account of a Sub Conductor P.s -8-.-.

Falls to be Retrenched for reasons formerly assigned ..... 2 " "

Carried forward 4 32 35 50.

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Brought forward —— 432 35 30.

Arrears 1797/8.

Tent and Store Lascars

1798 June 15th. Pay Havaldar and Stationary allowance drawn on account of these

Lascars Pagodas ..... 1. 3 -0

Is also retrenched not being allowed to Tent and Store Lascars .... — 1 3 "

Expedition against Dutch Settlements

Ordnance Department

2 The amount charged for the Purchase of Stores by Mr. Commissary

Nixon Pagodas ..... 24. 5. 30.

Deduct admitted on Reaudit by the Military

Auditor General as Jr. Letter dated 13th. August 1801 24-5-20- " " 10.

Seperate Disbursements

Native Infantry

Volunteer Battalion

9 There is entered Tent allowance to Brevet Captain Holford Rs. 21-0-

Inadmissible and Retrenched ..... 21 " "

Military Board Provision Department

Expedition against the Dutch Settlements

1802 The charges for 60 Hogs and the Purchase of Salt Pagodas - - 463. 5

Deduct amount admitted on Reaudit by the

Military Auditor General as Jr. letter

dated 1st October 1801. . . . . — 462 . 5 1 . 0

Medical Department

July The amount for Victualling 8r. 446 Europeans at 60 Cash

Jr. man Jr. day for April is extended at 42

fs. Jr. Pagodas is . . . . . 238. 39 —

6 as is also for 435 Europeans for May . . . . . 240. 33. 60.

Pagodas 479. 30. 60

admitted at the rate of 45 fans. Jr. Pagodas — . . . . 447. 33. —

and the difference is Retrenched — . . . . . 32 42 60.

Carried forward . . . 488 39 40

Exd. 16th August 1805

Brought forward — 432 35 30.

Arrears 1797/8.

Tent and Store Lascars

1798 June 15th. Pay Havaldar and Stationary allowance drawn on account of these Lascars Pagodas ..... 1. 3 -0

Is also retrenched not being allowed to Tent and Store Lascars .... — 1 3 "

Expedition against Dutch Settlements

Ordnance Department

2 The amount charged for the Purchase of Stores by Mr. Commissary Nixon Pagodas 24. 5. 30

Deduct admitted on Reaudit by the Military Auditor General as Ltr. Letter dated 18th August 1801 24-5-20 " . 10.

Seperate Disbursements

Native Infantry

Volunteer Battalion.

9 There is entered Tent allowance to Brevet Captain Holford Rs. 21-0-0 Inadmissible and Retrenched ..... 21 " "

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Sd/

Military Board Provision Department

Expedition against the Dutch Settlements

1812 The charges for 60 Hogs and the Purchase of Salt Pagodas - 463. 5

Deduct amount admitted on Reaudit by the

Military Auditor General as Jr. letter

dated 1st October 1801 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 462. 5 — 1. 0

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Carried forward - - 488 39 40

Sept. 5th

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			Brought Forward		488. 39	40
1798. July	10.	The accounts of Mr. Wilsons Bill for Victualling &c. the Europeans for march is extended at 42 fanams ₣r. Pagodas as ₣r.	252:-:60			
		In place of 45	235.9.-0			
		The difference is retrenched			17	36 60
		Expedition against Dutch Settlements				
		Native Infantry				
		1st. Regiment 2d. Battalion.-				
	3.	There is entered Carriage of Medicines on account of Doctor Crelly for April Pagodas	14 " 21 - "			
		Retrenched because Doctor Crelly draws the Extra allowance granted to Surgeons of Native Corps detached on Foreign Service by the G.O. of 9th. July 1795 which is in lieu of every other charge			14	21 "
		Medical Department				
	10	The allowance of 20 Cash ₣r. man P.r day on account of 446 Europeans for april is extended at 42 f.s ₣r. Pagoda is Pag.s	79:27.-			

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In place of 45 fs. Fr. Pagoda is Pagodas 74-15-0

The difference is Retrenched ..... — 5 12 0

11 The same charge for May for 435 D.s is extended at the above

rate as Pagodas ..... 80- 11- 20.

From which for the reasons above assigned

falls to be retrenched ..... — 5 15 20

European Infantry

2d Division 1st Regiment

587 There is entered allowance to 2 Dr Mr Serjeants Pagt — 8 — —

admitted for one ..... — 4 — —

and the difference is retrenched ..... — 4 0 0

Carried forward ..... — 535 40 40

Fort St. George 16th August 1805

1798 July 8th. Werkemberg Company — Brought forward ..... 535 40 40.

The amount drawn for the Staff duties of this Company Pagodas 9. 27. "

Is retrenched as formerly ..... 9. 27 "

Native Infantry

1st. Regiment 2d. Battalion

9 & 10. There is charged for Carriage of Medicines to Doctor Crely for February and march Pagodas ..... 29 — "

Vide Remark on Voucher No. 3 Retrenched ..... — 29 " "

Garrison Staff

14 There is entered Candles and Stationary to the Fort Adjutants

Pagodas — 3 " — "

Admitted as in former Months ..... — 2. 28 — "

and the difference is Retrenched ..... " 28 "

Medical Department

15. The allowance of 20 Cash pr man pr. day is extended / on account of the

Surgeon at 42 fs. pr. Pagoda ..... 84: 1: 40.

Admitted at 45 fs. pr. Pagoda ..... — 78. 19. 40.

and the difference is Retrenched ——— 5 27 0

Ordnance Department.

16th There is entered allowance to a Sub Conductor Pagodas ... 8 — 0 —

admitted as formerly ... 6 0 0

and the difference is Retrenched ... — 2 0 0

Arrears 1797/8

Tent and Store Lascars

1798 August 22d Similar Charges on account of this description Pagodas — 1 — 3 0

are retrenched Vide preceding remark ... — 1 3 0

Pagodas ... — 583 34 40.

/ Signed / B. Roebuck

Mily. Pay.r Genl

Fort St. George

16th August 1805

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Acquittance Roll of non Commissioned Officers and Sepoys of the 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry and Volunteer Battalion who have been paid their pay due to them from January to December 1800 as stated in the Roll delivered in by Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile's Agents.—

Yenkenah	Subidar	78	1	20
Mufsliah	"	120	29	30
Yenkoo	Havildar	13	10	20
Narsoo	Naigue	11	22	20
Mootiah	"	4	13	20
Turinalah Cawn	"	25	18	20
Paupah	"	19	34	20
Randofs	"	21	27	20
Paupoo	Sepoy	10	25	20
Hsery Pole	"	9	1	20
Ramnah	"	13	31	20
Senashe	"	9	1	20
Veerabudra	"	9	1	20
Vencateswo	"	11	1	20
Condapah	"	9	1	20
Venkiah	"	9	1	20
Veerasha	"	9	1	20
	Pagodas	384	11	30.

Military Pay.r Generals office
Fort St. George
16th. December 1801.

E. C. Jr. Roebuck
M. P. G.—

Received

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Fort S. George 16th. August 1805

Received from the Honorable Company's Pay-
office at Amboyna the sum of three hundred and two
Spanish Dollars, two Dubligues and two Doits on
account of Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neil's Volunteer
Battalion Native Infantry, and 2d. Battalion 1st.
Regiment Native Infantry to be accounted for by
Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile, he having drawn the
said amount on abstract at his Departure from
Amboyna for the months of October 1799 and
January 1800.-

/Signed Jn.o Stokoe
Lieutenant

/Signed J. G.

Amboyna 9th April 1801.

To Lieutenant J. C. Stokoe
acting Payr.

No. Rcd 302. 2. 2

Received from the Honorable Company's Pay office
at Amboyna the sum of two hundred and eighty
five Spanish Dollars, Twenty fanams, and three
Doits on account of a Detachment from Lieute-
nant Colonel Mc. Neile's Volunteer Battalion
Native Infantry and 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment
Native

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Fort S. George 16th August 1805

Native Infantry to be accounted for by Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neile, he having drawn the said amount on abstract at his Departure from Amboyna for the months of November 1799 and February 1800

(Signed) Jno Stokoe
Lieutenant

(Signed) S. G.

Amboyna 25th February 1801.

To Lieutenant J. C. Stokoe
acting Paymaster

1 Dr 2935. 20.

Received from Hugh Lord Esqre Paymaster at Amboyna the sum of (927) nine hundred and twenty Seven Spanish Dollars which I promise to pay on Demand to Benjamin Roebuck Esqre Paymaster General at Fort St. George on account of Cash advanced to the Detachment arrived from Banda.-

Amboyna Fort Victoria
29th December 1800.

(Signed) Danl Mc. Neile
Lieut Coll

(Signed) H Lord

Received-

Ad. Sheet
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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

Received from Hugh Lord Esqre. Pay-
master at Amboyna the sum of £502 five-
hundred and two Spanish Dollars. which
I promise to pay on Demand to Benjamin
Roebuck Esqre Paymaster general at Fort
St. George on account of the Detachment-
arrived from Banda.-

Signed Danl. Mc. Neile
Lieutenant Colt.

Amboyna
31st December 1800.

Spk. Dollars 502—-

Volunteer

Volunteer and Malay Corps

The Honorable Company Dr. to /1/ one Sepoy of Colonel Mc. Neiles Volunteer Battalion N. I. in arrears for the following Months.—

Amboyna 1st. January 1801.

Rank		Pay and Batta of January	Pay and Batta of February	Pay and Batta of March	Pay and Batta of April	Pay and Batta of May	Pay and Batta of June	Pay and Batta of July	Pay and Batta of August	Pay and Batta of September	Pay and Batta of October	Pay and Batta of November	Pay and Batta of December	Total Mustard
1	Sepoy	2. 24. 50.	2. 20. 40.	2. 24. 50.	2. 23. 20	2. 24. 50.	2. 23. 20	2. 31. -	2. 31. -	2. 30. -	2. 31. -	2. 30. -	2. 31. -	

Total Star Pagodas thirty one. fans. thirty, Cash Seven— 31. 30 7

To Hugh Lord Esqre. Paymaster at Amboyna

Signed D. B.

Signed T. Boles Capt. Commandg.

Received payment 30th. day of March 1801.

Signed T. Boles Capt. Commg.

Recd. 16th. August 1803

The Honorable Company Dr. Native Infantry

To the following Men of Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile's Volunteer Battalion

in arrears for the following Months in the year 1800-

Rank	Batta of January 1800	Batta of February	Batta of March	Batta of April	Batta of May	Batta of June	Batta of July	Batta of August	Batta of September	Batta of October	Batta of November	Batta of December	Total one of ea Rank	Total of ea Rank	Total Abstracts
1 Naigue	1 " 50	" 38 40	1 " 50	" 41 20	1 " 50	" 41 20	" 31	" " 31	" " 30	" " 31	" " 30	" " 31	10 12 70	10 12 70	
1 Puckalie	1 20	1 14	1 20	1 18	1 20	1 18	1 20	1 20	1 18	1 20	1 18	1 20	17 16	17 16	
25 Sepoys	1 " 50	" 38 40	1 " 50	" 41 20	1 " 50	" 41 20	" 31	" " 31	" " 30	" " 31	" " 30	" " 31	10 12 70	257 27 70	
2 Naigues	1 " 50	" 38 40	1 " 50	" 41 20	1 " 50	" 41 20	" 31	" " 31	" " 30	" " 31	" " 30	" " 31	10 12 70	20 25 60	

Total Star Pagodas three hundred and five, Fanams forty, Cash forty 305 40 40

Amboyna
March 20th 1800

To Hugh Lord Esqre
Paymaster

/ Signed J. Boles
Captn Comng.

Received payment 20th day of March 1801.

/ Signed J. Boles
Captn Comg.

Fort St. George 16th August 1805

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The Honorable Company Dr.

To the following Men of Lieutenant

following Months in the year 1800.

	Rank	Pay of January 1800	Pay of February 1800	Pay of March 1800	Pay of April 1800	Pay of May 1800	Pay of June 1800	Pay of July 1800
1	Naigue	2 7.	2 7.	2 7.	2 7.	2 7.	2 7.	2 21.
1	Puckallies	3 2 72	3 2 72	3 2 72	3 2 72	3 2 72	3 2 72	3 2 72
25	Sepoys	1 24.	1 24.	1 24.	1 24.	1 24.	1 24.	2 .
2	Naigues promoted 1st July 1800	1 24.	1 24.	1 24.	1 24.	1 24.	1 24.	2 21.

Deduct Family Certificates

Amboyna

March 20th 1800

To Hugh Lord Esqre

Paymaster

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Native Infantry

Colonel Mc. Neil's Volunteer Battalion in arrears for the —

Pay of August 1800	Pay of September 1800	Pay of October 1800	Pay of November 1800	Pay of December 1800	Total one of each Rank	Total of each Rank	Total Abstract
2 21.	2 21.	2 21.	2 21.	2 21.	28 "	28 "	
3 2 72	3 2 72	3 2 72	3 2 72	3 2 72	36 34 64	36 34 64	
2 "	2 "	2 "	2 "	2 "	21 13 "	535 30 "	
2 21.	2 21.	2 21.	2 21.	2 21.	24 13 "	48 36 "	
					Total amount		649 16 64

at 25. 3. p. & c. — Per Month as Per Roll ..... 300 36 "

Total Star Pags. three hundred and thirty eight; Fs. twenty two Cash Sixty four } 338 22 64

/signed/ D. B—

/signed/ T. Boles.
Captn Comng

Received payment 20th. Day of March 1801.

/signed/ T. Boles
Captn Comng.

True Copy

To

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Fort S. George 16th. August 1805.

To the Military Paymaster General.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Riebucks Letter of the 31st. ultimo. I have the honor to forward you a Copy of the acquittance Roll of Men belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neil's Volunteer Battalion who being under charge of Lieutenant Stokoe at Amboyna, Voluntarily offered to serve for a longer period at the Moluccas in the Volunteer and Malay Corps then formed under my Command.

The enclosed Copy of the Paymasters Certificate and a reference to Lieutenant Stokoes Abstracts or Receipts to the Paymaster for Pay for the remainder of the Detachment of Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neil's Volunteer Battalion under his charge, will I doubt say satisfy you, that the above Men were equally in arrears for the months drawn for them at Amboyna, or their joining my Corps—

I have the honor to be &c.

/ Signed T. Boles Captain

Madras
February 4th. 1805.

This is to certify that Lieutenant Colonel Danl. Mc. Neile has drawn from the Military Pay office at Amboyna the Pay &c. of the 1st. Regiment 2d. Battalion and

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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

and Volunteer Battalion Native Infantry from the Month of November 1799. to December 1800 Inclusive and to no later period.-

Signed H. Lord
Military Paymaster

1st January 1801.
Fort Victoria
Amboyna.

A true Copy
Signed T. Boles

Benjamin Roebuck Esqre.
Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg leave to offer the following explanation on the Subject of your letter of the 4th. Instant.- Colonel Mc. Neile on his departure from Amboyna drew the whole of the Arrears due to his Corps by Bills on the Military Paymaster General, but the Albion on which a part of the Troops had embarked having been driven back by Stress of weather, Lieutenant Stokoe was obliged to draw whatever cash he required for the use of the men under his Command on receipts only as the abstracts had been previously made out by Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile - The Amount of these receipts as stated in the body of them was to be accounted for by Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile when the Bills were presented for payment - I hope this Statement will be considered sufficiently explanatory.-

I have the Honor to be &c.
Signed H. Lord
late Pay. Malacca

Fort St. George
6th. February 1805

True Copy

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Quittance Roll of men under the Command

Mr. Neiles Volunteer Battalion who have Volunteered

1800 until the Month of December 1800 both months

before his Departure from Amboyna. —

Period	Names	Rank	Pay from January until December 1800 Inclusive			Family Certificate		
			Ps	Fs	Ch	Ps	Fs	Ch
August September October November & December 1800.	Latchoomoodoo —	Naigue	38	12	70	"	"	"
	Vencataramah	Do	34	30	70	17	6	"
	Peroomalloo	Do	34	30	70	18	"	"
	Bursing	Do	31	30	70	17	6	"
	Chinniah	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"
	Cyapah	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"
	Auchanah	Do	31	30	70	10	12	"
	Nurdapah	Do	31	30	70	12	"	"
	Chemmensingoo	Do	31	30	70	17	6	"
	Valoydem	Do	31	30	70	12	"	"
	Vencatachellum	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"
	Bavany Dasoo	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"

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of Lieutenant and Adjutant Stokoe belonging to Lieutenant Colonel
into Captain Boles Volunteer and Malay Corps for the Months of January
including the same having been drawn by Colonel Mc. Neile

Paid 26th March 1801.

Remains	S. Dollars		Deduct Spice Money			Remains Paid			Signature.
Ps.	Fs.	Cs.	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
38	12	70	59	9	5	4	4	.	55	5	5
17	24	70	27	6	7	4	4	.	23	2	7
16	30	70	25	23	9	4	4	.	21	19	9
14	24	70	22	15	7	4	4	"	18	11	7
31	30	70	49	4	8	4	4	"	45	"	8
31	30	70	49	4	8	4	4	.	45	.	8
21	18	70	33	6	3	4	4	"	29	2	3
19	30	70	30	15	"	4	4	"	26	11	"
14	24	70	22	15	7	4	4	"	18	11	7
19	30	70	30	15	"	4	4	"	26	11	"
31	30	70	49	4	8	4	4	.	45	"	8
31	30	70	49	4	8.	4	4	"	45	.	8.

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Names	Rank	Pay from January until December 1800 Inclusive			Family Certificate			Remains		
		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Venkapah	Sepoy	31	30	70	13	30	"	18	"	70
Soobiah	Do	31	30	70	18	"	"	13	30	70
Moonian	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"	31	30	70
Genagarand	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"	31	30	70
Mootal Naig	Do	31	30	70	12	"	"	19	30	70
Latchemoodoo	Do	31	30	70	17	6	"	14	24	70
Kistendausoo	Do	31	30	70	17	6	"	14	24	70
Singanah	Do	31	30	70	18	36	"	12	36	70
Dalapah	Do	31	30	70	17	6	"	14	24	70
Enkapah	Do	31	30	70	13	30	"	18	"	70
Simmadry	Do	31	30	70	13	30	"	18	"	70
Ragoonada Singoo	Do	31	30	70	6	36	"	24	36	70
Boodoo Sing	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"	31	30	70
Chinniah	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"	31	30	70
Enkapah	Do	31	30	70	"	"	"	31	30	70
Coomarasawmy	Do	31	30	70	18	"	"	13	30	70
Gopalloo	Do	31	30	70	12	"	"	19	30	70
Sabiah	Puckally	31	30	70	18	36	"	12	36	70
Total		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Period

January February March April May June July

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£ Dollars	Deduct Spice Money	Remains Paid.	Signature
D D D	D D D	D D D	
27 23 6	4 4 .	23 19 8	
21 7 3	4 4 .	17 3 3	
49 4 8	4 4 .	45 " 8	
49 4 8	4 4 .	45 . 8	
30 15 6	4 4 .	26 11 6	
22 15 7	4 4 .	18 11 7	
22 15 7	4 4 .	18 11 7	
19 26 5	4 4 .	15 22 5	
22 15 7	4 4 .	18 11 7	
27 23 8	4 4 .	23 19 8	
27 23 8	4 4 .	23 19 8	
38 14 3	4 4 .	34 10 3	
49 4 8	4 4 .	45 . 8	
49 4 8	4 4 .	45 . 8	
49 4 8	4 4 .	45 . 8	
49 4 8	4 4 .	45 . 8	
21 7 3	4 4 .	17 3 3	
30 19 .	4 4 .	26 15 .	
49 24 5	4 4 .	15 20 5	
1029 " .	124 17 6.	904 8 "	

A True Copy / signed T. Boles Captain

True Copies / signed B. Roebuck M.P.G.—

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Fort S. George 16th. August 1805

Received from the Honorable Company's Pay Office at Amboyna the sum of 309. 12. 8 Three hundred and nine Spanish Dollars twelve Duke-ligues and eight Doits, on account of Lieutenant Stokes Detachment from Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile's Volunteer Battalion No. 1. and 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry. the same amount having been drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile on his departure from Amboyna and to be refunded by him into the Paymaster Generals Office at Madras.—

/signed/ Jno. Stokoe
Lieut. and acting
adjt. 2d. Battalion
1st. native Rt.

Amboyna
16th. June 1801. /signed/ J. G.

To Hugh Lord Esqre.
Payr.

Received from the Honorable Company's Pay-Office at Amboyna the sum of three hundred and Six /306/ Spanish Dollars on account of Lieutenant Stokes Detachment from Lieut.

Coll.

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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

Colonel Mc. Neiles Volunteer Battalion No. I and 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment N. I. the same amount having been drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile on his Departure from Amboyna and to be refunded by him into the Paymaster Genirals Office at Madras.—

/signed Jnc. Stokoe
Lieut. and actg.
adjut.t 2d. Bn. No. I.

Amboyna
18th. July 1801.

To Hugh Lord Esqre. /signed J. G.—
Pay.r

Received from the Honorable Company's Pay office at amboyna the sum of three hundred and eight Spanish Dollars being the amounts of arrears of Pay due to one Havildar one Naigue and seven Sepoys from Colonel Mc. Neiles Volunteer Battalion and 2d. Battalion 1st. Regt. N. I. from the 1st. May 1800 to the 30th. June 1801. both days included.—

Amboyna
Fort Victoria 24th. august 1801.

/signed Jnc. C. Stokoe
Lieut.

/signed D. B.—

Acquittance

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Acquittance Roll of the Volunteers of Colonel Mc. Neile's Battalion N. I. for the months of May and June 1800 We whose name are hereunto annexed Do acknowledge to have received the Sums opposite our respective Names and for the Periods therein mentioned.-

Period	Names	Rank	Pay of may & June 1800 P.	F.	C.	Family Certificates P.	F.	C.	Rems in Star Pagodas P.	F.	C.	Spk. Dollars Rs.	A.	P.	Signature
1	Ramanah	Havildar	7	20	70	5	18	0	2	2	70	3	5	2	
	Randoss	"	7	20	70	5	18	0	2	2	70	3	5	2	
	Goopellvoo	"	7	20	70	2	0	0	5	20	70	8	15	3	
	Janah	"	7	20	70	0	0	0	7	20	70	11	15	8	
5	Yenkanah	"	7	20	70	4	0	0	3	20	70	5	10	7	
1	Venketram	Naigue	6	13	70	2	12	0	4	1	70	6	6	8	
	Kertenraun	"	6	13	70	3	0	0	3	13	70	5	4	1	
	Settener	"	6	13	70	3	6	0	3	7	70	4	24	0	
	Villidam	"	6	13	70	2	0	0	4	13	70	6	18	1	
5	Shaik Hussain	"	6	13	70	0	0	0	6	13	70	9	20	6	
6	Drugudoss	"	6	13	70	3	6	0	3	7	70	4	24	0	
1	Venketram	Sepoy	5	5	70	2	30	0	2	11	70	3	13	7	

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Pay of 1 Moy and Sirdar 1800

	Gudgendroodoo	"	5	5	70	2	36	2	11	70	3 13 7
	Ramdoss	"	5	5	70	3	6	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Mooneram	"	5	5	70	2	36	2	11	70	3 13 7
5	Ramasawmy	"	5	5	70	3	6	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Ramdoo	"	5	5	70	2	12	2	35	70	4 10 8
	Malidue	"	5	5	70	1	30	3	17	70	5 7 9
	Letchmarroo	"	5	5	70	2	36	2	11	70	3 13 7
	Nursingbeaum	"	5	5	70	2	36	2	11	70	3 13 7
10	Venketram	"	5	5	70	2	36	2	11	70	3 13 7
	Ramanah	"	5	5	70	3	6	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Paupoloo	"	5	5	70	2	12	2	35	70	4 10 8
	Ramdoo	"	5	5	70	2	12	2	35	70	4 10 8
	Ramkistnana	"	5	5	70	1	6	3	41	70	6 5 6
15	Camroo	"	5	5	70	2	36	2	11	70	3 13 7
	Appanah	"	5	5	70	2	36	2	11	70	3 13 7
	Appanah	"	5	5	70	2	12	2	35	70	4 10 8
	Peeroo	"	5	5	70	3	6	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Nagulloo	"	5	5	70	2	12	2	35	70	4 10 8
20	Kittapah	"	5	5	70	2	36	2	11	70	3 13 7
	Paupiah	"	5	5	70	2	12	2	35	70	4 10 8
	Venketram	"	5	5	70	3	6	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Gurrupah	"	5	5	70	"	"	5	5	70	7 24 7
	Paup Naigue	"	5	5	70	2	"	3	5	70	4 22 1
25	Mooneapah	"	5	5	70	2	"	3	5	70	4 22 1

Carried forward — 172 20 1.

Fort St. George 15th August 1805

Acquittance Roll Continued

Period	Names	Rank	Pay may and June	Family Certificate	Remains	Sp. Dollars	Signature
			Brought forward	172	201		
26	Permallon	Sepoy	5 5 70	3	" "	2 5 70	3 8 "
	Venkachellum	"	5 5 70	3	" "	2 5 70	3 8 "
	Permallon	"	5 5 70	3	" "	2 5 70	3 8 "
	Jenkanah	"	5 5 70	"	" "	5 5 70	7 247
30	Ramaswamy	"	5 5 70	"	" "	5 5 70	7 247

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Pay of May and June 1800.

31	Ramanah ———	"	5	570	2	12	2	3570	4	108	
	Ramanah Drill Naig — Batta	2	"	"	"	"	2	"	3	25	
	Yahkanah 3 Writers allowance	"	3	18	"	"	3	18	5	8	
	Drugedoss 1 Writer allowance		1	6	"	"	1	6	"	1	196

Total — 21364

Fort St. George 16th August 1803

Acquittance Roll of a Detachment from the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment N. I. We whose names are hereunto annexed do acknowledge to have received the sums opposite our respective names and for the Periods therein mentioned.—

Amboyna 9th September 1801

Periods	Names	Rank	Pay of may & June	Family Certificate	Rem.s	Sp.h Dr.s	Signature
			Ps Fs Cs	Ps Fs Cs	P Fs Cs	D	D
1	Letchmen Sing	Subidar	32 30 .	16 . .	16 30 .	25	23 1
1	Rangapah	Havildr.	7 20 70	4 . .	3 20 70	5	10 7
1	Rajanah	Naigue	6 13 70	4 . .	2 13 70	3	15 5
	Parintale	"	6 13 70	3 6 .	3 7 70	4	24 .
3	Arnamally	"	6 13 70	3 6 .	3 7 70	4	24 .
1	Gurrapah	Sepoy	5 5 70	3 6 .	1 41 70	3	2 4
	Mooliah	"	5 5 70	2 . .	3 5 70	4	22 1
	Permallo	"	5 5 70	3 6 .	1 41 70	3	2 4
	Mooniapah	"	5 5 70	3 6 .	1 41 70	3	2 4
5	Mootoo Naigue	"	5 5 70	3 6 .	1 41 70	3	2 4

No. 1 Ens. Geo. Pringle 16th Augt 1805.

	Venkatachellum	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Ramanah	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Sooniah	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Trepetty	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
10	Vankatram	"	5	5	70	2	0	0	3	5	70	4 221
	Letchmadoo	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Chellumiah	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Nursemmuloo	"	5	5	70	2	0	0	3	5	70	4 221
	Veeranah	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
15	Yankanah	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Venkatachellum	"	5	5	70	2	0	0	3	5	70	4 221
	Yankanah	"	5	5	70	2	0	0	3	5	70	4 221
	Jankanah	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
	Appanah	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
20	Ramasawmy	"	5	5	70	2	0	0	3	5	70	4 221
	Narsemorloo	"	5	5	70	1	24	0	3	23	70	5 13 5
	Jankiah	"	5	5	70	2	0	0	3	5	70	4 221
23	Vellidam	"	5	5	70	3	6	0	1	41	70	3 2 4
										Total		130 0 19 9

Fort St. George 16th August 1805

Enclosure 1 in Letter dated 16th August 1805

From Banda 2d Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry we whose names are here unto annexed do acknowledge to have received the Sums opposite our respective Names and for the Periods therein mentioned.—

Periods	Names	Rank	Pay of Feby & march 1800	Family Certificates Rems	Sp.h Dollrs	Signature
			Rs Fc	P Fc	P Fc	a a c
1	Vencatachellum	Jemidar	17 9 a	4 6 a	13 9 a	20 122
1	Sadasiva	Havr	7 13 10	4 a a	3 13 10	5 81
	Vencatachellum	"	7 13 10	3 6 a	4 12 10	6 165
	Ramaza	"	7 13 10	4 a a	3 13 10	5 81
4	Sammy	"	7 13 10	4 a a	3 13 10	5 81
1	Permalloo	Naigue	6 11 10	3 6 a	3 5 10	4 214
2	appanah	"	6 11 10	2 a a	4 11 10	6 155
1	Veeragoo	Sepoy	5 3 10	3 6 a	1 39 10	2 254
	Vencatachellum	"	5 3 10	3 6 a	1 39 10	2 254
	Royalloo	"	5 3 10	3 6 a	1 39 10	2 254
	Camdoo	"	5 3 10	2 a a	3 3 10	4 145

March 1800.

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Pay 4 February and

5	Perrantall	"	5	3	10	2	.	.	3	3	10	4	195
	Perrantall	"	5	3	10	3	6	.	1	3	9	10	2	254
	Narrianah	"	5	3	10	2	.	.	3	3	10	4	195
	Guddiah	"	5	3	10	3	6	.	1	3	9	10	2	254
	Reddy	"	5	3	10	3	6	.	1	3	9	10	2	254
10	Vencatachellum	"	5	3	10	.	.	.	5	3	10	7	221
	Appiah	"	5	3	10	3	6	"	1	3	9	10	2	254
	Narsoo	"	5	3	10	3	6	.	1	3	9	10	2	254
13	Kirstna	"	5	3	10	3	6	.	1	3	9	10	2	254
	Vencatachellum	2 Writers	2	12	"	.	"	"	2	12	"	3	13	18.
											Total	107	3	3.

Fort St. George 16th August 1805

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7th September 1801. 107 -3-3-
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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

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/signed Wm. Geo: Waugh
Lieut. Comg.

Aboyna 8th. September 1801.

/signed D. B.

True Copies

/signed B. Roebuck
Mily Payr. Genl.

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General
Fort St. George

In answer to yours of the 31st
January

5775

Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

January I beg leave to transmit you Copies of the acquittance Rolls for the Money received by me from Hugh Lord Esqre. Paymaster, upon three Receipts, on account of the Detachments of the Volunteer Battalion and 2d. Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry under charge of Lieutenant Stokoe the originals I delivered to that Gentlemen upon his resuming the charge of the Detachment after his arrival from Harooka, where he was on Command while I was in Charge, he now being absent in Europe prevents my obtaining the originals—

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28th. October on Command Saparoa 1801.

Periods	Names	Rank	Nett amt. of Pay	Dedt. Family certificate	amt in Star Pags.	amt. in Spk Dollrs	Signature
1	Ramanah	Jemidar	9 9 "	2 30 "	6 25 "	10 1 8	
1	Ramdass	Havilder	3 31 "	2 30 "	1 1 "	1 15 "	
2	Yankanah	"	3 31 "	2 " "	1 31 "	2 177	
1	Satenah	Naigue	3 10 "	1 24 "	1 28 "	2 149	
	Lucusing	"	3 10 "	" "	3 10 "	5 " 4	
	Yanketramah	"	3 10 "	1 18 "	1 34 "	2 206	
4	Gudgendroodoo	"	3 10 "	1 18 "	1 34 "	2 206	
1	appanah	Sepoy	2 31 "	1 6 "	1 25 "	2 121	
	Connoo	"	2 31 "	1 6 "	1 25 "	2 121	
	Ramasawmy	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206	
	Ramkistnamah	"	2 31 "	" 24 "	2 7 "	3 9 "	
5	Kittapah	"	2 31 "	1 18 "	1 13 "	2 " 7	
	Mullasa	"	2 31 "	" 36 "	1 37 "	2 234	
	Ramanah	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206	
	appanah	"	2 31 "	1 18 "	1 13 "	2 " 7	
	Yanketramah	"	2 31 "	1 18 "	1 13 "	2 " 7	
10	Camdoo	"	2 31 "	1 18 "	1 13 "	2 " 7	

July 1800

Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

	Ramdoo	"	2	31	"	1	6	"	1	25	"	2	12	1	
	Narsingbaun	"	2	31	"	1	18	"	1	13	"	2	7		
	Moonapah	"	2	31	"	1	"	"	1	13	"	2	7		
	Permalloo	"	2	31	"	1	21	"	1	10	"	1	23	5	
15	Letchmadoo	"	2	31	"	1	18	"	1	13	"	2	7		
Writer	Yankanah	Havildar	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	30	"	2	16	8	3 Companys Rold money
											Total	64	7	1	

2d Bn. 1st Regiment Native Infantry on Command at Saparoo

July 1800	Yankiah	Sepoy	2	31	"	1	"	"	1	13	"	2	17	7	
April 1800	1 Riallo	Sepoy	2	23	20	1	24	"	"	41	20	1	13	3	
	2 Vencatachellum	"	2	23	20	"	"	"	2	23	20	3	24	4½	
											Total	8	4	2½	

Volunteer Battalion on Command at Karooka

	½ Kistnarow	Naigue	3	10	"	1	12	"	1	31	"	2	17	7	
	1 Ramasawmy	Sepoy	2	31	"				2	31	"	4	6	1	
	Parmalloo	"	2	31	"	1	12	"	1	10	"	1	23	5	
July 1800	Goorapah	"	2	31	"				2	31	"	4	6	1	
	4 Posy naig	"	2	31	"	1	"	"	1	31	"	2	17	7	
											Total	15	19	9	

Fort St. George 15th August 1805

We the Native Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers and Sepoys of the 2d. Battn. 1st. Regiment N. I. and Colonel Mac Neiles Volunteer Battalion, do hereby acknowledge to have received the Sums opposite to our Respective Names, and for the Periods herein mentioned.

Amboyna 28th October 1801. on Command at Harooka-

Periods	Names	Rank	Net amt. of Pay	Deot. family Certificate	amt in S. Pags.	amt in Spa Dollars	Signature
1	Rangapah	Havildar	3 31 "	2 " "	1 31	2 177	
1	Rajanah	Naigue	3 10 "	2 " "	1 10 "	1 23 4¾	
2	Parantallon	"	3 10 "	1 24 "	1 28 "	2 14 8¾	
1	Grovapah	Sepoy	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206.	
	Mostoo Naig	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206.	
	Mulliah	"	2 31 "	1 " "	1 31 "	2 177	
	Narsemallon	"	2 31 "	1 " "	1 31 "	2 177	
5	Tirupatty	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206	
	Sumiah	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206	
	Yankatachellum	"	2 31 "	1 " "	1 31 "	2 177	
	Yankanah	"	2 31 "	1 " "	1 31 "	2 177	

July 1800

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	Appanah	"	2	31	1	24	1	7	1	206
10	Narsemalor	"	2	31		33	1	40	3	6¾
	Total						19	16	30	1¼

Volunteer Battalion on Command at Plela

July 1 1800	Ramdoss	naique	3	10	1	24	1	28	2 149
	Total								2 149

Volunteer Battalion on Command at Langue

July 1 1800	Caupparu	Sepoy	2	31	1	6	1	25	2 12
	Total								2 121

40 - 48 -
39 - 1 - 8.
45 - 13 - 5
64 - 7 - 1
8 4 - 2½
15 19 - 9
30 1 - 0½
2 14 - 9
2 - 12 - 1

21st October 1801. Total S D. 268 - 2 - 5½

Fort St. George 16th August 1805

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Amboyna 28th October 1801. on Command at Harooka-

Period	Names	Rank	Net amt. of Pay	Deot. family Certificate	amt in S. Pags.	amt in Spa Dollars	Signature
1	Rangapah	Havildar	3 31 "	2 " "	1 31	2 177	
1	Rajanah	Naigue	3 10 "	2 " "	1 10 "	1 23 4¾	
2	Parantallee	"	3 10 "	1 24 "	1 28 "	2 14 8¾	
1	Grovapah	Sepoy	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206.	
	Mootoo Naig	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206.	
	Mulliah	"	2 31 "	1 " "	1 31 "	2 177	
	Narsemallee	"	2 31 "	1 " "	1 31 "	2 177	
5	Triepatty	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206	
	Sumiah	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206	
	Yankata chellum	"	2 31 "	1 " "	1 31 "	2 177	
	Yankanah	"	2 31 "	1 " "	1 31 "	2 177	

July 1800

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	Apsanah	"	2	31	1	24	1	7	1 20 6
10	Narsemalor	"	2	31		33	1	40	3 6¾
	Total						19	16	30 1¼

Volunteer Battalion on Command at Plela

July 1 1800	Aandolfs	naique	3	10	1	24	1	28	2 14 9
	Total	"							2 14 9

Volunteer Battalion on Command at Langue

July 1 1800	Campsan	Sepoy	2	31	1	6	1	25	2 12
	Total								2 12 1

40 - 48 -
39 - 1 - 8.
45 - 13 - 5
64 - 7 - 1
8 4 - 2½
15 19 - 9
30 1 - 0½
2 14 - 9
2 - 12 - 1

27th. October 1801. Total S D. 248 - 2 - 5/2

Fort St. Pierre 16th. August 1805

Sept 19

We the undermentioned Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers and Sepoys of the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry and Colonel Mc Neile's Volunteer Sepoy Battalion do hereby acknowledge to have received the Sums opposite to our respective Names for the periods herein-mentioned

Amboyna 28th October 1801.

Periods	Names	Rank	Nett Pay	Family Certificates	Mr Pags	Spt Dolls	Signatures.
July 1800	1 Gopallo	Havildar	3 31 "	1 " "	2 31 "	4 61	
	Cannah	"	3 31 "	" " "	3 31 "	5 202	
	3 Yanketramah	"	3 31 "	1 6 "	2 25 "	4 5	
	4 Villidam	Naigue	3 10 "	1 " "	2 10 "	3 119	
	2 Droogorodos	"	3 10 "	1 24 "	1 28 "	2 149	
	1 Maneram	Doctor	2 31 "	1 18 "	1 13 "	2 " 7	
	1 Baupoloo	Sepoy	2 31 "	1 6 "	1 25 "	2 121	
	Pirroo	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206	
	Naigalloo	"	2 31 "	1 6 "	1 25 "	2 121	
	Yanketramah	"	2 31 "	1 24 "	1 7 "	1 206	
	5 Venkatachellum	"	2 31 "	1 21 "	1 10 "	1 235	

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	Yankanah	"	2	31	"	"	"	"	2	31	"	4	61	
7	Ramanah	"	2	31	"	1	6	"	1	25	"	2	121	
Writer	Doodadafs	Writer	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	226	
	Total	——	"	"	"	"	"	"	25	40	"	40	48	

2d Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry

1	Letchman Sing	Subidar	16	18	"	8	"	"	8	18	"	13	1	6
1	annamally	Naigue	3	10	"	1	24	"	1	28	"	2	148	3/4
1	Parmallor	Sepoy	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
	Mooneapah	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
	Vincatachellum	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
	Ramanah	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
5	Yanketram	"	2	31	"	1	"	"	1	31	"	2	17	7
	Letchmadoo	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
	Salemaha	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
	Veeranah	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
	Yankanah	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
10	Yankanah	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
	Ramasawmy	"	2	31	"	1	"	"	1	31	"	2	17	7
12	Vellidum	"	2	31	"	1	24	"	1	7	"	1	20	6
						Total			25	10	"	39	1	8 3/4

July 1800

Fort St. George 10th August 1805

2nd Battalion 1st Regiment from Command at Banda.

Period	Names	Rank	Nett amount of Pay			Deduct Family Certificate			Amount in Pagodas			Amount in Sikk. Dollars			Signature
1	Vencatachellum	Jemidar	8	27	0	2	0	0	6	27	0	10	7	6	
1	Sudasiva	Havildar	3	30	60	2	0	0	1	30	60	2	17	4¾	
	Vencatachellum	0	3	30	60	1	24	0	2	6	60	3	8	8½	
3	Ramrajah	"	3	30	60	2	0	0	1	30	60	2	17	4¾	
1	Swamy	Naique	3	6	20	2	0	0	1	6	20	1	19	8¾	
	Aupiah	"	3	6	20	1	0	0	2	6	20	3	8	3¼	
3	Permal	"	3	6	20	1	24	0	1	24	20	2	11	3¼	
1	Veeragoo	Sepoy	2	23	20	1	24	0	0	41	20	1	13	3	
	Vencatachellum	"	2	23	20	1	24	0	0	41	20	1	13	3	
	Camdoo	"	2	23	20	1	0	0	1	23	20	2	10	3½	

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April

	Perandalloo	"	2	23	20	1	24	"	"	4	20	1	13 3
5	Perandalloo	"	2	23	20	1	"	"	1	23	20	2	10 3½
	Navinah	"	2	23	20	1	"	"	1	23	20	2	10 3½
	Gediah	"	2	23	20	1	24	"		4	20	1	13 3
	Reddy	"	2	23	20	1	24	"	"	4	20	1	13 3
	appiah	"	2	23	20	1	24	"	"	4	20	1	13 3
10	Nursoo	"	2	23	20	1	24	"	"	4	20	1	13 3
11	Kistnasmah	"	2	23	20	1	24	"	"	4	20	1	13 3
	Vencatachellum	Hawildar	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	6	"	1 19 6.

Total — 29 16 60 45 13 5

No. 3

Fort St. George 16th August 1805

We the Native Commissioned non Commissioned officers and Sepoys of the Volunteer Battalion Native Infantry do hereby acknowledge to have received the Sums opposite to our respective names and for the Periods therein mentioned.—

Amboyna 24th December 1801.

Periods	Name	Rank	Net amt. of Pay	Deduct Family Certificates		amount in Sr. Rupees		amount in Spanish Dollars		Signature.
1	Ramanah	Jemidar	27 24	8	6	19	13	30	2	9
1	Ramdoss	Havildar	11 8	8	6	3	2	4	13	4
	Gopalloo	"	11 8	3	"	8	8	12	17	7
	Janah	"	11 8	"	"	11	8	17	8	7
	Vancanah	"	11 8	6	4	5	8	8	1	1
5	Vencatram	"	11 8	3	12	7	32	12	17	
1	Rustnarous	Naigue	9 29	4	28	5	8	8	1	1
	Sutanah	"	9 29	4	30	4	41	7	18	2
	Valoydum	"	9 29	3	"	6	29	10	9	3
	Soocovsing	"	9 29	"	"	9	29	15	4	
5	Doogodass	"	9 29	4	30	4	41	7	18	2
	Vencatram	"	9 29	4	12	5	17	8	9	6
	Gojandroodoo	"	9 29	4	12	5	17	8	9	6

3rd Pay

Capt. & P. Paymr. N.V.B. August 1803.

8	Ramdoss	"	9	29	.	4	30	.	4	41	.	7	18	2	
1	Moneram	Blacksr.	8	8	.	4	12	"	3	38	.	6	1	3	
1	Ramasawmy	Sepoy	8	8	"	4	30	"	3	20	"	5	9	9	
	Ramoodoo	"	8	8	.	3	18	"	4	32	"	7	9	7	
	Malasaw	"	8	8	"	2	24	.	5	26	"	8	18	1	
	Lutchmoodoo	"	8	8	"	4	12	"	3	38	"	6	1	3	
5	Narsing Cawn	"	8	8	"	4	12	"	3	38	.	6	1	3	
	Vencataram	"	8	8	"	4	12	"	3	38	"	6	1	3	
	Ramanah	"	8	8	"	4	30	"	3	20	"	5	9	9	
	Bapjeeloo	"	8	8	"	3	18	"	4	32	"	7	9	7	
	Caumdoo	"	8	8	"	3	18	"	4	32	"	7	9	7	
10	Ramkistnah	"	8	8	"	1	30	"	6	20	"	10	"	9	
	Caumdoo	"	8	8	"	4	12	"	3	38	"	6	1	3	
	appunnah	"	8	8	"	4	12	"	3	38	"	6	1	3	
	appanah	"	8	8	"	3	18	"	4	32	"	7	9	7	
	Pieroo	"	8	8	"	4	30	"	3	20	"	5	9	9	
15	Nagoloo	"	8	8	"	3	18	"	4	32	"	7	9	7	
	Gittapah	"	8	8	"	4	12	"	3	38	"	6	1	3	
	Paupiah	"	8	8	"	3	18	"	4	32	"	7	9	7	
	Vanctram	"	8	8	"	4	30	"	3	20	"	5	9	9	
	Goorapah	"	8	8	"	"	"	"	8	8	"	12	17	7	
20	Sauhy Naidoo	"	8	8	"	3	"	"	5	8	"	8	1	1	
	Moonyapah	"	8	8	"	3	"	"	5	8	"	8	1	1	
	Purmaloo	"	8	8	"	4	21	"	3	29	"	5	18	3	
	Vencatachellum	"	8	8	"	4	21	"	3	29	"	5	18	3	
	Purmaloo	"	8	8	"	4	21	"	3	29	"	5	18	3	
25	Vencanah	"	8	8	"	"	"	"	8	8	"	12	17	7	
	Ramasawmy	"	8	8	"	"	"	"	8	8	"	12	17	7	
26	Ramanah	"	8	4	"	3	18	"	4	32	"	7	9	7	
	Vencanah writer Havildar		5	6	"	"	"	"	5	6	"	7	24	8	3 Comply Rolls allowed
	Dorrgadoss Do	Naigue	1	30	"	"	"	"	1	30	"	2	16	7	1 Do Do Do
											Total	374	11	8.	

Fort St. George 16th August 1805

We the Native Commissioned Non Commissioned officers and Sepoys of the 2d. Battalion No. I. do hereby achnowledge to have received the Sums opposite to our respective names and for the periods herein mentioned.— Amboyna 24th. December 1801.

Periods	Names	Rank	Nett amt of Pay	Deduct Family Certificate	amt in Star Pags.	amt in Spanish Dollars	Signature
1	Letchmansing	Subider	49 6	24	25 6	38 24 8	
1	Rungapah	Havilour	11 8	6	5 8	8 1 1	
	Rajanah	"	11 8	6	5 8	8 1 1	
3	Perumtall	"	11 8	4 30	6 20	10 9	
1	Anamaly	Naigue	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 182	
	Goorapah	"	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 182	
	Velloydum	"	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 182	
	Vencatachellum	"	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 182	
	Mootoo Nauck	"	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 182	
6	Venkiah	"	9 29	3	6 29	10 93	
1	Mootiah	Lepry	8 8	3	5 8	8 1 1	
	Permalloo	"	8 8	4 30	3 20	5 99	
	Mooniapah	"	8 8	4 30	3 20	5 99	
	Ramaiah	"	8 8	4 30	3 20	5 99	
	Samiah	"	8 8	4 30	3 20	5 99	

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Pay for August September and

	Tripaty	"	8	8	4	30	3	20	5	9	9		
	Vancatram	"	8	8	3	"	5	8	8	1	1		
	Lutchmedoo	"	8	8	4	30	3	20	5	9	9		
	Chellniah	"	8	8	4	30	3	20	5	9	9		
10	Nursimloo	"	8	8	3	"	5	8	8	1	1		
	Veeranah	"	8	8	4	30	3	20	5	9	9		
	Yenkanah	"	8	8	4	30	3	20	5	9	9		
	Vencatachellum	"	8	8	3	"	5	8	8	1	1		
	Yankanah	"	8	8	3	"	5	8	8	1	1		
15	Yankanah	"	8	8	4	30	3	20	5	9	9		
	appanah	"	8	8	4	30	3	20	5	9	9		
	Ramasawmy	"	8	8	3	"	5	8	8	9	9		
18	Nursimloo	"	8	8	2	15	3	35	9	1			
								Total	230	14	3		

Fort St. George 16th August 1805

We the Native Commissioned Non Commissioned officers and Sepoys of the 2d Battalion No. I do hereby acknowledge to have received the sums opposite to our respective names and for the periods herein mentioned.- Amboyna 24th December 1801.

Periods	Names	Rank	Nett amt of Pay	Deduct Family Certificate	amt in Star Pags.	amt in Spanish Dollars	Signature
1	Letchmansing	Subider	49 6	24	25 6	38 24 8	
1	Rungapah	Havilour	11 8	6	5 8	8 1 1	
	Rajarah	"	11 8	6	5 8	8 1 1	
3	Pountall	"	11 8	4 30	6 20	10 9	
1	Anamaly	Naigue	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 18 2	
	Goorapah	"	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 18 2	
	Velloydum	"	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 18 2	
	Vencatachellum	"	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 18 2	
	Mootoo Nauck	"	9 29	4 30	4 41	7 18 2	
6	Venkiah	"	9 29	3	6 29	10 9 3	
1	Mootiah	Lefery	8 8	3	5 8	8 1 1	
	Permalloo	"	8 8	4 30	3 20	5 9 9	
	Mooniapah	"	8 8	4 30	3 20	5 9 9	
	Ramaiah	"	8 8	4 30	3 20	5 9 9	
	Samiah	"	8 8	4 30	3 20	5 9 9	

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August September and

	Tripaty	"	8	8	0	4	30	0	3	20	0	5	9	9
	Vancatram	"	8	8	0	3	0	0	5	8	0	8	1	1
	Lutchmeedoo	"	8	8	0	4	30	0	3	20	0	5	9	9
	Chellmiah	"	8	8	0	4	30	0	3	20	0	5	9	9
10	Nursimloo	"	8	8	0	3	0	0	5	8	0	8	1	1
	Veeranah	"	8	8	0	4	30	0	3	20	0	5	9	9
	Yenkanah	"	8	8	0	4	30	0	3	20	0	5	9	9
	Vencatachellum	"	8	8	0	3	0	0	5	8	0	8	1	1
	Yankanah	"	8	8	0	3	0	0	5	8	0	8	1	1
15	Yankanah	"	8	8	0	4	30	0	3	20	0	5	9	9
	Appanah	"	8	8	0	4	30	0	3	20	0	5	9	9
	Ramasawmy	"	8	8	0	3	0	0	5	8	0	8	9	9
18	Nursimloo	"	8	8	0	2	15	0	3	35	0	9	1	0
										Total		230	14	3

Sept.

Fort St. George the 16th August 1805

We the Native Commissioned non Commissioned officers and Sepoys of the 2d. Battn. 1st. Native Regiment do hereby acknowledge to have received the Sums opposite to our respective names and for the Periods herein mentioned of the Banda Detachment—

Amboyna 24th December 1801

Periods	Names	Rank	Net amt. of Pay	Deduct family certificate	amt in Sta. Pagodas	amt in Spanish Dollars	Signature
1	Vencatachellum	Jemidar	26 24	6	20 24	31 22 6	
1	Sadasiva	Havildar	11 9 70	6	5 9 70	8 28	
	Vencatachellum	"	11 9 70	4 30	6 21 70	10 26	
3	Ramaraja	"	11 9 70	6	5 9 70	8 28	
1	Sawmy	Naique	9 23 70	6	3 23 70	5 135	
"	appiah	"	9 23 70	3	6 23 70	10 45	
3	Permalloo	"	9 23 70	4 30	4 35 70	7 133	
1	Veerasoo	Sepoy	7 36 70	4 30	3 6 70	4 23	
	Vencatachellum	"	7 36 70	4 30	3 6 70	4 23	
	Royaloo	"	7 36 70	4 30	3 6 70	4 23	
	Caumdoo	"	7 36 70	3	4 36 70	7 143	
5	Parumtall	"	7 36 70	4 30	3 6 70	4 23	
	Narnapah	"	7 36 70	3	4 36 70	7 143	

Pay of 1 May June & July 1800

Pay of 16th August 1805

Goddiah	"	7	36	70	4	30	3	6	70	4	23
Reddy	"	7	36	70	4	30	3	6	70	4	23
Vencatachellum	"	7	36	70	"	"	7	36	70	12	3 3
10 appiah	"	7	36	70	4	30	3	6	70	4	23
Nurswo	"	7	36	70	4	30	3	6	70	4	23
12 Kistnamah	"	7	36	70	4	30	3	6	70	4	23
13 Paraumtal	"	7	36	70	3	"	4	36	70	7	14 3
Writer Vencatachellum	Havildar	3	18	"			3	18	"	3	8 "
for 2d Compy's							Total			165	18 1

	374	11	8
	230	14	3
	165	18	1
23d December 1801. Total S. D.	770	18	6.

Examd 16th August 1805

5790 Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

Received from the Honorable Company's Pay Office at Amboyna the sum of 248.1.8. Two hundred and forty Eight Sp. Dollars one Dublign and eight Doits on account of the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment and Colonel Mc. Neiles Volunteer Battalion No. 1 the same amount having been drawn on abstract previous to his Departure from Amboyna and to be refunded by him to Military Paymaster General's office, at Madras—

/Signed/ Wm Geo: Waugh Lieut.

Amboyna
27th October 1801.

/Signed/ D. Burr
Coll Commanding

Received from the Honorable Company's Pay office at Amboyna the sums of £ (770-18-6) Seven hundred and seventy Spanish Dollars, Eighteen Dublidges and six Doits on account of the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment and Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neiles Volunteer Battalion No. 1 the same amount having been drawn on abstract previous to his departure from amboyna and to be refunded by

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Fort S: George 16th August 1805.

by him to Military Paymaster Generals office at Madras.-

/Signed/ Wm Geo. Waugh
Lieut.

/Signed/ D. B-

Amboyna
23d December 1801

True Copies
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Mily Pay.r Genl

Received from the Honorable Company's Pay. office at Amboyna the Sum of 522 Spanish Dollars, 13 Janams, Five hundred and Twenty two Spanish Dollars, thirteen Janams Being Pay for 1 Subidar 1 Jemidar, 10 Havildars, 13 Naigues 1 Black Doctor 44 Sepoys For November and December 1800, and 1 Jemidar 5 Havildars, 2 Naigues and 12 Sepoys for August and September 1800, For Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neiles, Volunteer Battalion and 2d Battalion 1st Native Regiment the same having been drawn by him on abstract Previous to his departure from Amboyna.-

Amboyna January
22d. 1802-

/Signed/ Jno Stokoe
Lieut. & adjutant
2d Batn 9th N.I.

True Coby
/Signed/ B Roebuck
M. P. G-

/Signed/ D. Burr
Coll Comg.

Majors

5792 Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

Messrs. Chase Chinnery & Co.

Securities for Mr. Surgeon Wilson

Gentlemen,

The attornies to Colonel Mc. Neile late Superintendant of the Pay Department at Amboyna having requested my assistance to recover for their constituent the amount Retrenchments paid by him into my office, among which the accompanying to Mr. Surgeon Wilsons address falls to be refunded by you as the Securities for that Gentleman Pagodas 162-2-40, and as such I have to request that you will pay to the Bearer that sum, for which he will deliver you my receipt.—

Sam & Co. & Co.

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Military Paymaster Genl.

Fort St. George
17th. June 1803

True Copy

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Mily Payr. Genl.

To

5793 Fort St. George 16th August 1805

To the Paymaster Presidency.

Sir,

Lieutenant Nixon having arrived at the Presidency I herewith enclose you two Letters with Retrenchments Viz.t-

Lieutenant Nixon as Commissary at Amboyna 3. 9. 38.

Do. as one of the Excors of Surgn Crilly Deceased } 43-25-a

which you will be pleased to take immediate Steps to recover, and forward me a Draft in favor of Messrs. Harington and Co. Attorneies for Lieutt. Colonel D. McNeile late Superintendant of the Pay Department at Amboyna, who has already paid the amount to Government.-

I am &c.a &c.a

/Signed/ B Roebuck

M P.G.

Fort St. George
2d June 1803-

True Copy

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Mily Payr General

Lieutenant

5794 Fort St. George 16th August 1805

Dr. Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile Superintendant of the Commanding the Volunteer Battalion in account

1st.	To Amount Paid to him by the Military Paymaster General in the Month of October 1804 as Pr. Receipt No. 1		
* 2d.	To Amount Retrenched by the Military Auditor General from his Disbursements from April to September 1798 on the Settlement of his accounts with my Office		1505 34 50
3d.	Amount paid to Individuals whose Pay &c. was drawn by Colonel Mc. Neile Pr. Roll delivered in by his Agents and inserted in the Statement furnished to Messrs. Harrington & Co. Dated 22d. June 1803		5333 45
4th.	To Amount paid to Individuals of the Volunteer Battalion by the Paymaster Amboyna after Colonel Mc. Neile's Departure for the Coast as Pr. Statement furnished to Messrs. Harrington and Co, dated 22d. June 1803		384 11 30
	To Amount Paid by the Paymaster at Amboyna on Receipts Nos. in December 1800. and April 1801 being exchanged by him at Dollars Pr. 100 Pags. 1977 " 30. 20.	1944 " "	
	Deduct amount of the same Receipt inserted in the Statement furnished to Messrs. Harrington & Co. the Dollars Exchanged at Pr. 100 Ps.	1944 " "	
5th.	To Amount do do do in September 1801. as Pr. Receipts	33. 30. 20	1977 30 20
	To Amount do do do in December 1801 as Pr. 2 Receipts	893. 13. 62	
	To Amount do do do in January 1802 as Pr. Receipt	657. 12. 9	
		337 : 4 : 14	
			1887 30 5
	carried forward ...		6339 14 70

* These two Sums constitute the Balance of the opposite Sum of Pags as demanded by Colonel Mc. Neile, but an investigation of this Sum is necessary, as it is apprehended that the Sum of Pags. 2089. 27. 15 was not Coll. Mc. Neiles Private property, but Credit for Deposits paid over by Colonel Mc. Neile to Capt. Matthews the bonafide property of other Gentlemen to answer their Retrenchments, and it seems extraordinary that Colonel Mc. Neile should not himself have taken Credit in his own A.c. for the real Sum he paid over to Capt. Matthews. the real state of this will probably be known in the Close of Mr. Cunningham's and Capt. Matthew's acct. the former going Forward in my Dept. and the latter by the Securities of Capt. Matthews. Still Coll. Mc. Neile should be called upon for a Satisfactory Explanation.

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Pay Department at Amboyna and Officer } &c.
Current with the Military Paymaster General }

1	⊛	By Amount being the difference which Captain Matthews Credited for, Being Pagodas ... 6,830.40.6			
		and the sum Colonel McNeile took credit for in his account Current forwarded to my Department being Pagodas ... 4,841.13.45			
		as Pr Copies of their accounts ...		2039	27 15
2d		By amount admitted by the Military Auditor General on Reaudits of the Retrenchments made from his disbursements as stated on the other side ...		101	9 52
3d		By amount received from Messrs Harington and Co. on his account in the Month of December 1801 as Pr Receipt No1. ...		1,932	21 57
4th		By amount received from Messrs Harington & Co as Pr Statement furnished to them by the Military Paymaster dated 22d June 1803 ...		449	12 53

⊛ See the Remark on the two first Items of the Debit Side.—

Carried forward— 4572 29 17

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		Brought forward —	6339	14 70
6th	To Amount debited him by the Paymaster Mr. Cunningham at Amboyna as per Order of Government 14th November 1801.			
7th	To Amount of Retrenchments made from the Disbursements of Mr. I. H. Skardon Paymaster at Vellore on his account as per Particulars transmitted to Messrs Harington & Co. dated 4th January 1802 —		267	" "
8th	To Do Do Do 26th November 1803		196	36 60
9th	To Amount paid by the Military Paymaster General to Messrs Harington & Co. on account of Retrenchments standing in Colonel Mc Neile's account against Mr. Surgeon Wilson recovered from Messrs Chase Chenivery & Co.		364	33 20
10th	To Amount paid by the Military Paymaster General to Messrs Harington and Co. on account of Retrenchments standing against Captain Nixon, and the late Mr. Crelly recovered by Mr. Mastone Paymr. at the Presidency		162	2 40
11th	To Amount of Retrenchments from Mr. Paymaster Corbett's accounts the particulars forwarded to Messrs Harington & Co. on the 25th March 1802		46	30 38
12th	To amount Do. from Mr. Paymaster Wilsons accounts delivered to Colonel Mc Neile by Mr. Skardon Payr. at Vellore when at Pondicherry		15	" "
13th	To amount of Retrenchments made from the Disbursements of Captain Matthews late Paymaster at Amboyna on account of Colonel Mc Neile forwarded by Mr. Paymaster Lord, the Particulars of which have been forwarded by the Military Paymaster General to Messrs Harington & Co. dated 30th November 1803		38	23 "
			650	37 60
		Pagodas —	7081	10 48

Fort St. George 27th

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		Brought forward —	4572	29 17
5th	By Amount received from Messrs Harington & Co. on account of Paymaster at Amboyna as per Order of Government dated 14th November 1801 —		267	0 0
6th	By Amount Do from Do on account of Mr Shardon Paymaster at Vellore for Retrenchments —		196	36 60
7th	By Do Do Do 26th November 1801 —		364	33 20
8th	By amount Recovered from Messrs Chase Chinnery & Co. on account of Retrenchments against Mr Surgeon Wilson on account of the 9th Item on the Debit side of the account —		162	2 40
9th	By amount Credited by Mr Maxtone Paymr at the Presidency on account of Retrenchments recovered by him on his account of the 10th Item of the Debit side of this account —		46	30 32.
			5,610	6 15
	By Balance per accompanying Statement —		2,471	4 33.
		Pagodas	8,081	10 48

February 1805
E. E. per signed B. Roebuck
Mily Paymr General

Statement explaining the Balance Standing on the Books of the Military Paymaster General against Colonel Mc Neile Superintendant of the Pay Department at Amboyna and Colonel Commanding the Volunteer Battalion &c.

Amount Debited to him by the Paymaster at Amboyna in December 1800 and april 1801 as Pr. the Paymasters Accounts Current		
Deduct amount inserted in the Statement sent to Messrs. Harington &c. on the 22d. June 1802	1944. " "	
Difference in consequence of the Exchange	33. 30 20	
Amount since Debited Do. in September 1801. as Pr. accompanying account Current	893. 13. 62	
Amount Do. December as Pr. Do.	657-12-9	
Amount Do. in January 1802 as Pr. Do.	337. 4 14	
		1921 18 25
Amount of Retrenchments made from the Disbursements of Captain Matthews late Paymaster at Amboyna on account of Colonel Mc Neile for which the particulars have been forwarded by the Military Paymaster General & Messrs. Harington & Co. dated 30th. November 1803	650 37 60	
		2572 14 5

Pr. Ship Europe 16th. August 1805

Deduct admitted on Reaudit by the Military Auditor General 101 9 52

Pagodas 2,471 4 33

Amount of the first Item in the Credit Side of the account Current which is there particularly explained and must be accounted for by Colonel Mc Nicle 2089 27 15

Fort St. George 16th August 1805.

(Signed) B Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements of the Troops on the Expedition to the Molucca Department at Amboyna for the Month of September

Dr.

1798 1st.	To Balance of last months account		4769 37 42	
	To Cash Received from Sums deducted from abstracts charged in my account Disbursements on account of Family Certificates	87 . .		87 . .
4th 10.	To General Books - Madras Received from the Commercial Resident at Amboyna on my Indent of this date Spk. Dollars 3000 or	5161. 11. —		5161 11 .
	To Military Board Provision Department Expedition to the Molucca Islands in 1798/9			
1.	Received from the Department of the Commissary of Supplies in part of the Provisions sold in august as p/ account Spk. Dollars 75: 6: or	48. 22. 50.		48 22 50
	To Military Board Provision Department Expedition to the Molucca Islands in 1797/8.			
3d.	Received from the Commercial Resident at Amboyna for a sett of Bills granted by me this day on the President &c. of the Military Board Provision Department on account of Provisions Supplied 97 and March 1798 Spk. Dollars 1480: 5: 2: or	954: 40: 43		954 40 43
			Star Pagodas - 11,021 27 55	

Fort Victoria

5801 Fort St. George 16th. August 1805.

of Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Mc. Neile Commanding Islands and Superintendant of the Military Pay — 1798 from the 1st. to the 12th. inclusive — } Cr.

1798 September 12th.	By Military Charges 1798/9	1129. 40. 15	1129 40 15
"	Military Charges 1797/8	811. 30. 60	811 30 60
"	Military Charges 1796/7	197. 36.	197 36.
"	Expedition to the Molucca Islands in 1798/9	2393. 41. 36	2393 41 36.
"	Expedition to the Molucca Islands in 1797/8	434: 15. 40	434 15 60
"	Military Board Provision Department Expedition to the Molucca Islands in 1798/9	357: 19. 34	357 19 34
"	Military Board Provision Department Expedition to the Molucca Islands in 1797/8	954: 40: 45	954 40 45
"	Balance carried to next Month		4741 13 45

Star Pagodas. 11,021 27 55

Amboyna 12th. September 1798.
E. E. Fr. (Signed) Danl. Mc. Neile
Lieut. Coll.

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

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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

Dr. { Lieutenant R. W. W. Mathews Military in account with Benyamin Roebuck Esqr. Military the 13th. to the 30th. inclusive.—

1793. September 13th.	To Cash					
	Received from Lieutenant Colonel Danl. Mc. Neile late Superintendant on my taking charge of the Pay Department at Amboyna as per My Receipt Sp. Dollars 10588: 1/4 at 155 per ... diff. —				6830	40 60
	To Star Pagodas				4741:	13 45
					2089	27 15
"	Received from the Military Paymaster General my Salary from 8th. June to 18th. August at 500£ Sterling per annum			6830	40 60	
"	Received from the Military Paymaster Genl. 19 Commissions amounting to			208	14 0	
"	Received for Sums deducted from abstracts in charge in my account disbursements on account of family Certificates			133	16 0	
"	Received from the Military Paymaster General two Retrenchments from the accounts of the Paymaster at Ongole against Captain D. Mc. Neile Commanding 11th. Battalion No. 1 amounting to			1511	33 8	
"	Received from the Military Paymaster General a Retrenchment against Lieutenant F. A. Fraser of the 2d. Division 2d. Regiment Co. 1. from the accounts of the Paymaster of Masulipatam amounting to			96	19 52	
"	Received from Captain J. Brunton Dy Mily. Auditor General an account of advance made to Captain Bond for Victualling 2 Hawildar 10 Sepoys and 4 Boys supposing them to be three Months on their passage from Madras to Amboyna			50	36 60	
"	Received from Major C. Comer late acting Pay. at the Baramahl Mr. Assistant Surgeon Crelly's acknowledgement for a Horse purchased from Lieut. H. C. Montgomery the balance unpaid amounting to			140	8 0	
"	Received from Lieut. F. Wm. Nixon amount overdrawn by him at Malacca and retrenched from Mr. Pay. Buchan's accounts			80	0 0	
	Received from Mr. G. Buchan Paymaster at Malacca a Commission for Mr. Thos. Pollard Surgeon			13	23 8	
				10	0 0	
			Carried forward	9075	28 28	

5803 Fort St. George 16th August 1805

Paymaster of the Expedition against the Dutch Settlements
Paymaster General for the Month of September 1798 from

1798 Septr	30th	By Military Charges 1798/9	721 2 45		721	2 45
	"	" Military Charges 1797/8	4094 15 74			
	"	" Expedition against the Dutch Settlements in 1798/9	475 11 35		475	11 35
		" Expedition against the Dutch Settlements in 1797/8	1569 28 79		1569	28 79
	"	" Military Board Provision Department Expedition against the Dutch Settlements in 1798/9	104 34 15		104	35 15
		" Military Board Provision Department Expedition against the Dutch Settlements in 1797/8	6972 38 70		6972	38 70
		By Cash.				
		Being amount of Retrenchments sent against the officers in the Garrison who have wrote in answers refusing to make refunds.				
		Lieut. I.P. Reasbury Table allowance drawn at Malacca		33 5 5		
		Capt. J. Reid do do do		33 5 5		
		Lieut. C. Aldridge do do do		33 5 5		
		Lieut. C. Deacan do do do		33 5 5		
		Captain Co. I. Bond, on account of advances made to him by the Madras Govt for victualling 2 Havaldars 10 Sepoys and 4 Boys from 3d July to 3d October of which time he being 13 days short and refusing to make the necessary refund pleading that he had laid out the whole of the money in Provisions the amount at 4 f. each 13 days		19 34 "		
		amount of Capt. J. Reid & Lieut. I. Smiths Commission delivered Grates on taking their Receipts for them as per directions of the Paymr General		16 " "		
		Carried forward		168 12 20	13,938	6 78

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Fort S. George 16th. August 1805

1798.
Sept.r 13th. To Cash — Brought fd. 9075 28 28.

Received from Malacca the following
Rebenchments made from Wm. Paym.r
Buchan's accounts for recovery
Major J. M. Chalmers Table Allowance
drawn by him at Malacca — 148 19 20
Lieut.t J. P. Reasberry Do. Do Do. 33 5 5
Lieut.t Reid, Aldridge & Dixon do do 99 15 10
Lieut.t C. Aldrige amount of Sepoy allow=
=ance drawn by him at Malacca — 5 " "
93 65 29 63

16th To General Boks Madras
25 Received from the Commercial Resident
at Amboyna for my Bills of this date
on the Military Paymaster General
payable to the Governor in Council at
15 Days Sight Spk Dollars 10808 : 2 : 4 or 6972 38 65
26th Received from the Commercial Resident
at Amboyna for my Bills on the Pay.r
General of this date payable to the
Governor in Council at 15 days Sight
Spk Dollars 9000 or — 5806 17 50
12779 14 35

To Military Board Provision
Department Expedition against the
Dutch Settlements in 1798/9
19 Received from the Comm.y of Supplies on
account of Provisions Sold in July august
and September as p.r account Spk.
Dollars 591 - 17 - 7 or — 381 : 30 65
381 30 65

Star Pagodas — 22526 33 3

Fort Victoria Amboyna

1805 Fort St. George 16th August 1805

		Brought forward	168. 12. 20.	13,933 6 78
1798. Septr. 26th	By Banda			
	Eight Commissions sent to Banda for the Officers belonging to that Garrison, the amount is	54 - 0 -		222 12 20
30th	By Balance carried to next Month			8366 13 65

Star Pagodas 22,526 33 3

30th September 1798
E.E. Excepted

Signed R. W. W. Mathews
Paymaster

True Copy
Signed B. Roebuck
M. P. G

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Fort St. George 16th. August 1805

Statement of Sums against Colonel Mc. Neile so far as has come to the Knowledge of the Military Paymaster General.

Amounts Paid to the Individuals of his Corps by Paymaster at Amboyna after Colonel Mc. Neile returned to the Coast	1944 " "
D. Paid by me to the Individuals on their arrival on the Coast 379. 22l. 30. or	384 " 11 " 30
D. of Retrenchments from Mr. Paymaster Cor= =betts accounts the Particulars forwarded to Messrs. Harrington & Co. on the 25th. March 1802	
D. of Retrenchments from Mr. Paymaster Wilsons accounts delivered to Colonel Mc. Neile by Mr. Paymaster J. H. Thardon at Vellore ...	
Deduct amount of Pay drawn by him at amboyna and deposited with his agents &c. Statement made up by him, and paid into my office, agreeable to the Military auditor Generals Letter to me 4th. December 1801.	1932 21 57
	Star Pagodas 4401253

22d. June 1803

E. E. Jr.

Signed B. Roebuck
M. P. Genl.

Messrs.

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Fort S. George 16th. August 1805.

Messrs Harington Burnaby & Co.

Attornies for Lt. Colonel D. Mc. Neile

Gentlemen,

In conformity to the accompany-
ing Communications from Government of the 9th
and the Office of audit of the 25st Instant, I —
herewith enclose a Receipt for your signature
for the amount ordered to be repaid to Colonel
Mc. Neile. you will inconsequence have
now the means of discharging what Stands
against that Gentleman, and I have therefore
to trouble you with a Statement of the
Sums due from him Pags. 449 a 12. 53 for
which I shall pass you my Receipt, as
it is out of my Power to wave the demand
upon the Reasons alledged in your Letters
of the 11th. February and 25th. March 1802. as
both Mr. Corbett and the Executrix of the Mr.
G. Wilson were respectively obliged to refund
to Government the amount of the two Items

in

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in the Statement upon closing their accounts with my office.—

I am &c. &c.

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Mily Pay.r Genl

Fort St. George.
22d. June 1803.

/True Copies/

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Military Pay.r Genl.

To the Chief Secretary of Government.

Sir,

From the Military Paymaster General with further correspondence respecting Colonel MacNeile.—

Having submitted to the Military Auditor General the accompanying Copy of a letter from Captain Waugh late Paymaster at Amboyna with its enclosures, respecting a demand made upon him by the agents of Colonel Mc. Neile to pay to them certain deposits of Cash lodged with the Treasury of the Pay Department of Amboyna, he has requested me to lay the whole of the papers before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with such Remarks as I may consider

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consider necessary for the information of His — Lordship — In consequence of which I have to remark that the measures adopted by Captain Waugh in bringing to the Credit of the Public the amount of the Deposits on his closing the Amboyna accounts was very proper, and his reasons for not complying with Colonel McNeils requisition perfectly just. —

The Agents of Colonel McNeile made a similar demand of me, a Copy of my reply to them on the Subject, I beg leave to — enclose for his Lordship's information —

My Letter to Government of the 27th February last, will shew whether there is not reason to conclude, that by Colonel McNeile demanding and receiving Credit from my office for the sum of Pagodas 6830. 40. 60. because Captain Mathews his succesor gave credit for that Sum, he received credit for the amount of the Deposits he now calls for, and which was paid in Cash and by Adjustment. —

by,

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by his own account Current, the balance is stated by himself to Amount to Pagodas 4741.13.45. only as already stated by me to Government.—

Sam Lew & Co.
/ Signed B. Roebuck
Mily. Pay. Genl

Military Paymaster
Generals Office Fort S. George
20th April 1805.

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqre
Military Paymaster General
Fort S. George

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose you a Copy of a letter from Colonel McNeile with its enclosures, who had for some time superintended the Pay Office at Amboyna from London without date, and sent to me by the agents of that Officer; by this letter I am called on by Colonel McNeils agents to pay to them certain Deposits which were lodged in the Pay office at Amboyna on account of different officers until the accounts in

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in which certain doubtful charges there included, passed audit, This I refuse to do on this Principle, that from the period Colonel Mc. Neile ceased to Superintend the Pay Department at Amboyna, he ceased to have any Concern with the pecuniary property of that Pay. mastership, his only concern was centered in replying to Retrenchments and finally adjusting his own accounts, Three Paymasters succeeded Colonel Mc. Neile at Amboyna and each succeeding Paymaster took the Receipt of his Predecessor for the deposits remaining in the Cash Chests, Colonel Mc. Neile mentions he wishes his agents to be put into Possession of the Deposits to answer Retrenchments, The whole of the deposits remaining in my hands have been brought into my account current with you for the month of September 1803, and have made over the whole of Balance of Cash to you on delivering up the charge of the Pay. Department in that month. and am in possession of your Receipt to that effect

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the purpose of being submitted to the Right Honora-
-ble the Governor in Council with the enclosed
Copies of Papers shewing in what manner I
received the Balance of Cash consisting Deposits
&c. and by whom made with my Receipt for
the same.-

Admitting that I had the depo-
-sits in my own Hands as alluded to by Colonel
Mc Neile, I should not conceive myself autho-
-rized to pay them on any other Receipt than that
which had been granted for such Deposits
by the Paymaster who received them, as it cannot
admit of any doubt, but I should be held account-
-able for them on the Receipt only of the Paymaster
who received the money.-

11th January 1805 /Signed/ W. G. Waugh
late Paymr. at Malacca

/True Copy/
/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Military Paymr. Genl.

To

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11th January 1805

(Signed) W. G. Waugh
late Paymr at Malacca

(True Copy)
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Military Paymr Genl

To

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To Lieutenant Waugh
late Paymaster at
Amboyna

Sir,

Copy of your letter to Mr. Roebuck of the 16th. August 1803 has been transmitted to me, and I find therein a Paragraph of a letter which you addressed to myself from Amboyna, but which I never received.—

That it never came to hand — does not Surprise me so much as the Paragraph itself, for I can see no good ground, on which you could decline paying Captain Mc Gregor the Deposits Irequired, and which I shall require of you —

You say you did not know with any certainty whether they related to my accounts, you need not to have been long at any loss to know as the Deposit Book itself, and the other Public Books in the Office,

would

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would have shewin you the Payments and
Deposits made, while I superintended
the Office and Pay Department

You know Sir that the nature
of those deposits was to indemnify the Pay=
master for Disbursements that could admit
of Retrenchment on any Ground by the
Auditor General, therefore it was that all
such Disbursements were lodged in the
Deposit Chest, until the accounts should
pass audit, Certain Disbursements by me
have been Retrenched, and when such Dis=
bursements had been lodged in the Deposit
Chest, I had a right at any time to demand
them. Captn. Mc Gregor himself keeps the
Books, and could have explained to you,
had you told him that the matter required
any explanation. —

I enclose to you memorandum
of such Deposits in my time as may yet
concern

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concern me, and such as Messrs. Harrington & Co. may demand on my account. I request you will pay them their receipt, I shall indemnify you. But should you still have any difficulty in doing so, those Gentlemen have my instructions to forward Copy of this letter to the Paymaster General, who appears to have forgotton that by a public letter to him as Superintendant of the Pay Office at Amboyna in 1798. I constituted the Deposit Book and Chest a Public office Book and Chest. It will therefore be incumbent on Mr. Roebuck in Justice to me to demand both from you on the part of Government. his receipt will indemnify you and the Deposits will facilitate (as was at first intended by them) the recovery of Retrenchments.

Had not the Book and Chest been considered, as Public and official, every Paymaster would have retained in

his

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his own Lands, the means he had provided of indemnifying himself

I am &c.

(Signed) Danl. Macneile

Memorandum of Certain Deposits in the Deposit Chest, in the Paymasters Office at Amboyna, during the time that the Disbursements of that office were superintended by Colonel Mc. Neile 1798.

April 24th Lieutenant Fireworker Nixon on account of writers and Stationary and additional Pay to a Sub Conductor for January 1798 ——— 24-28-3

25th The late Mr. Cuningham's Pay from the 1st. March to the 3rd. April 1798 ——— 34. 0. 0

May 15th Lieutenant Fireworker Nixon on account of writers & Stationary and additional Pay to a Sub Conductor for Feby. 1798 ——— 24. 28-8-

Warwick Holland

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June 15th Allowances drawn for Writer
and Stationary in the Garrison
Lascars abstract. — — — — — — — 1. 16-8.

July 12th Extra Pay for a Conductor
4 Ps and Writers and —
Stationary to the Commissary
of Stores 36 for March 1798 - 13-15-2

N. B. The above deposits were made to indemnify Colonel Mc Neile in Case of Retrenchment of any of them they examined in the Deposit Chest at Bombay when he came away from thence, but it is possible that Lieutenant Nixon may since then have drawn his Deposits, in which case he is still

to

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to be called on, the Deposite of Mr. Cunning-
ham's Pay and the Lascar Abstract Civilian-
ly Still remain undrawn from the Deposite
Chest.-

/Signed/ Danl. Mc. Neile

True Copy

/Signed/ B. Roebuck
Mily Paymaster
General

Statement

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Statement of Deposits of Sundry Persons left in the office of the Military Paymaster at Amboyna on the 1st. of March 1802—

No 5 Vouchers	Spd.	D.	D.	Sp.	Ps.	F.	C.
Amount deposited by							
Major Chalmers	"	"	"	165	"	"	
Lieut. Housman	"	"	"	98	2	2	
Captain Keasberry	"	"	"	70	"	"	
Major Gordon	"	"	"	33	"	"	
Lieut. Dalrymple	"	"	"	812	40	63	
Lieut Frazer	"	"	"	28	"	"	
Captain Gaupp	"	"	"	125	41	10	
Lieut. Stackman	"	"	"	84	"	"	
Lieut. Steiner	"	"	"	74	28	"	
Ensign Durand	"	"	"	72	40	33	
Lieut. Slinsby	"	"	"	28	"	"	
Ensign Grace	"	"	"	160	19	60	
Lieutenant Nixon	"	"	"	67	17	72	
Captain Boles	"	"	"	323	31	40	

Statement of Deposits unpaid brought in Lieutenant Wm. G. Waugh Paymaster of Amboyna Account Current for the Month of September 1803 with the Paymaster General of Fort St. George upon his delivering over the charge and Balance of Cash of the Paym.rs Department to the Paymaster General Fort St. George.—

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	Sp.	D.	D.	D.	St.	Pags.	F.	C.
Major Chalmers	255	19	2		165	"	"	
Lieutenant Housman	151	25	"		98	2	2	
Captain Keasberry	108	12	3		70	"	"	
Major Gordon	51	3	8		33	"	"	
Lieutenant Dalrymple	1260	2	5		812	40	63	
Lieutenant Frazer	43	10	2		28	"	"	
Captain Gaupp	195	6	9		125	41	10	
Lieutenant Stackman	130	5	1		48	"	"	
Lieutenant Steiner	115	18	7		74	28	"	
Ensign Durand	113	2	4		72	40	33	
Lieutenant Slinsby	43	10	2		28	"	"	
Ensign Grace	248	18	6		160	19	60	
Lieutenant Nixon	104	12	7		67	17	72	
Captain Boles	501	20	60		323	31	40	

Lieut. W. G. Waugh	1253	9	8	808	26	59	Lieutenant W. G. Waugh	1253-9-8 / 97-21-1	1155	14 1	745	21 53
Lieut. Stokie	"	"	"	437	"	"	Lieutenant Stokie		677	8 9	437	" "
Tent & Store Lascars	69	22	2	453	20		Tent and Store Lascars	69-22-2 / 109-0-0	178	22 2	115	16 62
Volunteer & Malay Corps	"	"	"	917	13	56		Spanish Dollars	5335	9 1		
Lieut. Aldridge for the office at Penang	"	"	"	225	33	65		Star Pagodas	3442	6 8		
Lt. Durand Pay & allow for Oct.	"	"	"	64	15	60						
R. T. Farquhar Esqr. Balance due him	"	"	"	182	41	49						
Captn. M.c Gregor	"	"	"	538	"	"						
Bengal Marine Battln.	"	"	"	1948	16	22						
Wirtembreg Company	"	"	"	44	21	53						
Volunteer and Malay Corps	"	"	"	352	16	79						
Spanish Dollars	11933	3	1.									

Paid on the receipts of the Paymasters being returned in the Office—

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Account of Retrenchments unanswered.

No. 4 Retrenchments

		Spk. Dollars	4000.
Amount of Retrenchments against Captain Aldridge			52 16 0
do			42 20 40
		Spk. Dollars	95 10 8.

Statement of Deposits of Sundry Persons left in the office of the Military Paymaster at Amboyna on the 1st. March 1802.

No. 5 Vouchers

				Spks	Fls.
Amount Deposited by Major Chalmers	"	"	"	165	" "
Lieutenant Housman	"	"	"	98	2 2
Captain Keasberry	"	"	"	70	" "
Major Gordon	"	"	"	33	" "
Lieutenant Dalrymple	"	"	"	82	40 63
Lieutenant Frazer	"	"	"	28	" "
Captain Gaupp	"	"	"	125	41 10

Lieutenant Stackman	"	"	"	84	" "
Lieutenant Steiner	"	"	"	74	28 "
Ensign Durand	"	"	"	72	40 33
Lieutenant Slinsby	"	"	"	28	" "
Ensign Grace	"	"	"	160	19 60
Lieutenant Nixon	"	"	"	67	17 72
Captain Boles	"	"	"	323	31 40
Lieut. Willm. George Waugh	"	"	"	808	26 59
Lieutenant Stokie	"	"	"	437	" "
Volunteer & Malay Corps	"	"	"	917	13 56
Tent and Store Lascars	"	"	"	45	3 20
Lieutenant Aldridge for the Office at Ternate	"	"	"	325	33 65
Lieutenant Durand Pay and Allow for October	"	"	"	64	15 60
R.T. Farquhar Esqr. Balance due him	"	"	"	182.	41 49
Captain Mc. Gregor	"	"	"	538	" "
Bengal Marine Battalion	"	"	"	1948	16 22
Wirtemberg Company	"	"	"	44	21 53
Volunteer & Malay Corps	"	"	"	352	16 79
Spa Dollars				11,933	3 1

		S D. D.		
No.	Receipts	17258. 5. 1		
2	Abstracts	3304. 11. 1		
3	Provisions Bill	3234. 22. 5		
4	Rebenchments	95. 10. 8		
5	Vouchers or Deposits	11,933. 3. 1.	23.892. 24. 9.	

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Received from Hugh Lord Esquire late Military Paymaster on his delivering over charge to me in Cash Bills Receipts &c. &c. Spanish Dollars Twenty three thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety two, Dubliges Twenty four, and Doits - nine, out of which sum there is due to several persons for Cash Deposited by them in the Military pay office Spa Dollars Eleven thousand nine Hundred and thirty three, Dubliges Three and Doits one which I do hold myself accountable for to those persons. the Balance Spanish Dollars Eleven thousand nine hundred and fifty nine, Dubliges Twenty one and Doits Eight, I shall give Hugh Lord Esqre credit for in my account for the month of March 1802. and for which do hold myself responsible esceptng the sum of Spanish Dollars Five hundred and seventy nine, Dubliges - Twenty four, part of which is due by the late

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Alexandar Cunningham Esqre. and was received by the late Captain mathews and Hugh Lord Esqre. in part of the Balance, and considered by them as a Debt due to the pay Office Consequently I received it as such, but owing to my doubts of recovering the same I object against it aswell as that due by the assembly rooms for the like Reason.—

28th. February 1802

Fort Victoria

Amboyna

		Ds	
Cash Bills receipts &c.	23892	24	9
Deposits	1933	3	1

Balance remaining with Lieut. W.G Waugh including Alexr. Cunningham Esqr. and the assembly rooms Debts — Ds. 11959-21-8-

Str. Pagodas 7715-41-58-

pr. sign. of Wm. Geo. Waugh
actg Pay. at the Moluccas

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Statement of Sums due by Sundry Persons to the Office of the Military Paymaster at Amboyna on the 1st Day of March 1802.

No 1 Receipts.

Captain Boles Volunteer and Malay Corps	1843	13	2
Hugh Lord Esqre the office Establishment	465	0	0
Lieutenant D. Newall Volunteer and Malay Corps	4500	0	0
Lieutenant G. Herbert	124	12	0
Lieutenant G. Herbert	122	13	0
J. Brougham adjt. and Dr. Master Marine Battalion	500	0	0
Major J Eales Bengal Marine Battalion	500	0	0
Lieutenant Hall on account of the Pioneers Commanded by Lieutenant Wilsett	28	0	0
Captain Boles on account of Captain Walker	766	0	0
Captain Brougham Marine Battalion	676	0	0
Do Do on account of Pay Abstracts	500	0	0
Lieutenant Hall on account of the Pioneers Commanded by Lieut Wilsett	28	0	0
Lieutenant D. Newall Pioneer Corps Commanded by Do	60	0	0
Lieutenant Hugh Bathwaite	135	3	4
Do Do	137	14	2
Major Eales Bengal Marine Battalion	728	16	0
Do Do Do	46	18	8
Do Do Do	46	18	8
Do Do Do	1075	0	0
Do Do Do	261	0	0

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Lieutenant H. Huthwaite	139	12	8
Lieutenant Mc. Gregor	300	"	"
Captain Hughes	200	"	"
Lieutenant J. Wyatt Pioneers Detachment	47	6	2
Lieutenant J.C. Stokoe	438	"	"
Captain Blofield	30	"	"
Lieutenant L. Hall	40	"	"
Captain Blofield	30	"	"
Lieutenant J.C. Stokoe on account of 3 Naigues 1 Puckallie & 26 Sepoys	174	14	3
Hugh. Lord Military Paymaster Salary	161	11	5
Mr. Blindels Bill agt. Captain Reid for House Rent	262	12	8
Captain Reads order favor of Captain Mc. Gregor	535	20	4
2 Commissrs. from Captain Aldridge	31	"	"
Mr. Cuningham	448	19	2
Captain Mc. Gregors order for Mr. Wye	143	12	8
Assembly Rooms	131	4	8
Mr. J. Fitzgerald advanced on his receipt	700	"	"
Mr. J. Walters advanced on his receipt	10	"	"
Mr. Surgeon Betty	207	3	8
Captain Blofield	96	2	5
Lieutenant Waughs 2 Receipts for Ballance	582	"	"
Spanish Dollars	17258	5	1

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No 2 Abstracts

John Nixon Lieutenant Detachment of Artillery	"	"	"	177	13 24
John Nixon ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do	"	"	"	6	20 47
Captain Gaupp Wertemberg Company	"	"	"	107	10 40
Captain Gaupp ---- Do ---- Do	"	"	"	106	10 40
Captain Gaupp Do ---- Do	"	"	"	108	28 "
Captain Gaupph	"	"	"	104	31 40
P. Hellner 2d Lieutenant Do Do	"	"	"	47	39 30
P. Hellner ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do	"	"	"	47	15 60
P. Hellner ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do	"	"	"	48	18 30
P. Hellner ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do	"	"	"	46	39 30
Captain Gaupp ---- Do ---- Do Private Abstract	"	"	"	107	10 40
Captain Gaupp ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do	"	"	"	106	10 40
P. Hellner 2d Lieutenant Do ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do	"	"	"	47	15 60
P. Hellner ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do ---- Do	"	"	"	47	39 30
R. Chillips Madras Eo Regiment 2d Division	"	"	"	64	" "
John Nixon Lieut. Detachment of Artillery	"	"	"	17	22 "
Lo Hall Lieut. Madras Eo Regiment 2d Division	"	"	"	25	10 40

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L. Hall Lieutenant ... Do. ... Do. ... Do.	"	"	24	15	60
L. Hall Lieutenant ... Do. ... Do. ... Do.	"	"	25	36	60
T. Boles Captn Volunteer and Malay Corps 36	"	"	23	9	38
John Nixon Lieutt Detachment of Artillery	"	"	37	"	"
John Nixon Lieutt ... Do. ... Do.	"	"	36	5	20
John Nixon Lieutenant Do. ... Do.	"	"	12	41	"
Wm Geo. Waugh Lieutt. Madras Co. Regt 2d Division	"	"	62	"	"
Wm George Waugh Lieutt. ... Do. ... Do. ... Do.	"	"	63	36	60
Wm George Waugh Lieutt ... Do. ... Do. ... Do.	"	"	62	15	60
W. George Waugh Lieutt. & Adjut. & Dr Mr M. Co. Regt Dr. Pte Abstract	"	"	63	10	40
John Nixon Lieutt Detachment of Artillery	"	"	37	"	"
Major H. Webber Madras Co Regt 2d Division	"	"	149	28	9
Major H. Webber ... Do. ... Do. ... Do.	"	"	153	18	30
Major H. Webber ... Do. ... Do. ... Do.	"	"	151	23	50
T. Boles Major of Brigade Mooler Malacca of Captain Dowses Pioniers			4	15	"
Do Do Do Arlapah of Captain Dowses Pioniers			7	34	30

Sp.t Dollrs 3304 11 1

Sept 16th to August 1803

Statements of Sums due by Sundry Persons to the Office of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Amboyna on the 1st Day of March 1802.

No 3 Provisions Bill

Captain Blofield to the Provision Department			5	36	40
Lieut^t Ruthwaite	Do	Do	6	21	24
Owners of the Ship Commerce	Do	Do	30	19	72
Lieut^t L. Hellner	Do	Do	4	15	"
Mr Fitz Girald	Do	Do	25	5	56
Lieutenant Herbert	Do	Do	9	21	76
R. T. Farquhar Esq^re	Do	Do	103	20	"
Captain Aldridge	Do	Do	3	14	"
Mr D Chistoffer	Do	Do	5	7	24
Owners Brig Boisk	Do	Do	78	34	24
Mr C. Godfrey	Do	Do	1	27	"
Major Webber	Do	Do	2	35	20
Lieutenant D Newall	Do	Do	10	"	76
Serjeant Seaber	Do	Do	1	27	"
Serjeant Frederick Wirtemberg Company	Do	Do	2	15	"
Lieutenant Nixon	Do	Do	"	12	6
Mr Coits	Do	Do	"	39	60

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Captain Walker	Do	Do	1	10	40	
Lieutenant Huthwaite	Do	Do	6	21	24	
Ramasawmy Vakeel	Do	Do	3	36	"	
Captain J Walker	Do	Do	10	14	48	
Do Do	Do	Do	7	7	40	
Do Do	Do	Do	4	41	52	
Hugh Lord Esqre	Do	Do	6	38	18	
Do Do	Do	Do	325	26	28	
Do Do	Do	Do	21	25	57	
Do Do	Do	Do	1	3	"	
Do Do	Do	Do	108	36	44	
Captain Walker	Do	Do	5	18	60	
Colonel D. Burr	Do	Do	"	21	"	
Lieutenant J Nixon	Do	Do	1	17	40	
Mr J Sykes	Do	Do	14	32	48	
Lieutenant W Hall	Do	Do	17	31	72	
Mr J. Walters	Do	Do	2	2	"	
Mr Scott acting Conductor	Do	Do	"	30	"	
Leutt Stokoe	Do	Do	3	22	32	
Leutt. D. Newall	Do	Do	8	31	64	
owners Chartered Ship Clyde	Do	Do	21	32	48	
Mr Surgeon Bitty	Do	Do	7	19	24	
Lieutenant Manwaring	Do	Do	2	24	52	
Serjt Gaynor M Corps	Do	Do	2	1	"	

carried forward

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Brought forward

Doctor William Batty to the Provision Department			22	24	26
R. T. Farquhar Esqre.	Do	Do	37	4	24
Major Fanner	Do	Do	108	36	44
Mr. C. Smith	Do	Do	6	11	24
Mr. Surgeon W. Batty	Do	Do	25	3	"
Captain J. Walker	Do	Do	326	26	28
Lieutenant D. Newall	Do	Do	63	23	46
Captain J. S. Blofield	Do	Do	24	14	48
Sergeant R. Mackay	Do	Do	5	7	24
Lieutt. D. Newall	Do	Do	4	3	12
Lieutt. H. Durand	Do	Do	3	22	0
Ensign H. Durand	Do	Do	3	12	0
Lieutenant Werner	Do	Do	5	12	4
Lieutenant J. G. Stokoe	Do	Do	14	6	3
Lieutenant Kellner	Do	Do	175	30	0
Captain T. Boles	Do	Do	27	28	60
Captain Hughes	Do	Do	58	10	57
Lieutenant H. Hathwaite	Do	Do	11	1	24
Mr. Mesman	Do	Do	6	3	32
Mr. C. Smith	Do	Do	16	5	65
Lieutenant T. Ogilvy	Do	Do	2	13	40
Serjt. Schauber 1st Company	Do	Do	3	35	52
J. Parry	Do	Do	0	36	0
Serjt. Goss	Do	Do	2	8	0

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Lieutenant Hathwaite	Do	Do	9	33	71
Captain C. Donner	Do	Do	77	17	47
Mr. C. Mackay	Do	Do	51	31	"
Captain T. Boles	Do	Do	9	3	40
Mr. Coits	Do	Do	1	37	40
Do	Do	Do	"	39	60
Do	Do	Do	"	39	60
Lieutenant Hall	Do	Do	7	23	24
Mr. Sykes to the	Do	Do	"	10	"
Do Do	Do	Do	"	32	"
Do Do	Do	Do	2	10	40
Do Do	Do	Do	"	26	"
Do Do	Do	Do	6	3	"
Do Do	Do	Do	"	23	"
Do Do	Do	Do	"	39	"
Captain Aldridge	Do	Do	11	30	27
Lieutenant Manwaring	Do	Do	7	1	38
		Spanish Dollars	3234	22	5

True Copies

(Signed) B. Roebuck

Mily Payr. General

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Messrs. Farrington Cockburn & Farrington
Attornies for Colonel Mc. Neile

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 16th. Instant, I have to inform you that Lieutenant Waugh in his last account Current with my Department has given the Public credit for the Sum stated in the list furnished by you, amounting to Spanish Dollars 5,335.9.1.-

I do not see by what Shadow of Right Colonel Mc. Neile claims the amount of the Deposits, should he have any Retrenchments against the Individuals who made them, and can shew that the Deposits were made to answer his Retrenchments specifically, he ought to furnish me with the necessary Documents, and I will (so far as I can with safety) give him relief, as on the production of the Receipts granted to the individuals who made the Deposits I shall be held responsible - I cannot therefore comply with Colonel Mc. Neile's request - I have only to observe

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observe with respect to his letter received thro
you that I have replied to Government.—

Jam& &c. &c.

/signed/ B. Roebuck

Mily Payr Genl

Fort S. George
23d February 1805

True Copy

/signed/ B. Roebuck

Military Payr Genl

The Board approve the report
submitted with the foregoing letter on the
subject of the claims against Colonel Daniel
Mc. Neile, and it is ordered that an extract
of the letter addressed to the Honorable Court
of Directors on that Subject be transmitted
to the Military auditor General

Ordered that the Military
Auditor General be directed to adopt the
necessary measures for ascertaining as soon
as possible the extent of the claims against
Colonel Mc. Neile—

Read

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Fort S. George
23d February 1805

/ Signed/ B. Roebuck
Mily Pay.r Gen.l

True Copy

/ Signed/ B. Roebuck
Military Pay.r Gen.l

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Read

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Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General—

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

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General— recommending the adjustment of a Sum standing in the Military Books under the head of "Suspense account"—

In consequence of being about to close my Books for 1804/5, I have the honor to lay before you Copy of a letter addressed to the Military Paymaster General by the accountant General, informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 17,62,611.20.75 which had been admitted on Audit under the head of "Suspense Account" by order of Government has been again charged to the Military Department in the General Books of this Presidency, and I therefore beg leave to suggest that this Sum may in the Military Books for the year 1804/5 be closed by the following heads of Expenditure on account of which they were incurred.—

War

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Ps £ c.

War with the Confederated Mahratta Chiefs 17,31,796. 23. 7

30,814. 39. 68.

The Expedition

Total Pagodas 17,62,611. 20. 75

It is at the same time my duty to

2.

inform your Lordship that in the Course of the year

1804/5 the Sum of Pagodas 14,49,160. 13. 48. has been

admitted under the same head of Suspense account

and by the same authority, which should also be

closed by the head of War with the confederated

Mahratlah Chiefs, provided your Lordship is

pleased to approve my suggestion relative to

those considerable Military disbursements, which

certainly ought no longer to clogg the already but

too heavy unadjusted Military Balances.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Military Auditor General's

Office Fort S. George

2d August 1805

(Signed) J. Brunton

Military Audr Genl

To the Military Paymaster General

Sir,

Para 1. The sums paid in your

Department

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Department in Different years under the following heads, which you have transferred to General Books stand in those Books for the year 1803/4 to the Debit of "Military Paymaster General his Suspense Account" but have in the Books for the present year been written back to the credit of that Head, and to the Debit of "Military Paymaster General" They are as follows—

Suspense account as per your Books for the year 1801/2 . . . . . 24957.31.48.

Second Suspense account as per Do.

for Do— 5857.8.20.

Suspense account of 1802/3 as per Do for 1803/4 1406,232.32.44.

Amounting to . . . . . Pagodas 17,62,611.20.75.

2d. I request you will write back that amount of the credit of General Books, and debit the before mentioned Heads for their respective Sums in your Books for this year.—

3d. The Head of Suspense account should never be closed in your Books, but carried on as a Balance and an account particulars of all.

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all Sums carried to the debit and credit of that Head kept in a Separate Book, in order that an adjustment may be made so soon as it is determined to what particular Head they are to be carried. that of Suspense Account being merely raised as a Temporary Head under which to Debit and credit the Individuals who have received or Disbursed the money.—

Jam & Co. &c

Fort S. George
Accountant Generals Office
12th November 1804.

(signed) Cecil Smith
A.G.

True Copy
(signed) B. Roebuck
Mily Pay.r Genl

The Board approve the adjustment proposed in the foregoing letter of the charges at present standing under the head of Suspense account in the Military Books.—

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

From the Military Audr General - recommending the publication of a G.O - respecting Family payments.—

My Lord

It often occurs that the poor Families

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Families of Sepoys have claims to arrear of
different descriptions, applications are made
to my office when those claims are examined,
and if found correct, payment is of course ordered
to be made, but as these poor people make the
demand in person at the Pay office, it occurs to
me that they should be placed under the pro-
tection and Superintendance of the Town Major
or Fort Adjutant who should see the arrears
liquidated in conformity to a Memorandum
which will invariably be furnished from
my office on all such occasions.—

2. It is by no means with a
view to impute blame to the Paymaster that
I propose this regulation, he cannot see all
payments made himself, and must therefore
at times trust to his native Servants, who
perhaps are not always disposed promptly to
execute the orders they receive, the present
proposition will therefore obviate this and
secure to the poor families the full amount

of

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of their demands without delay, and in order that this benefit to the claimants may be general, I beg leave to recommend that a G.O. to the enclosed purport may be published.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) I. Brunton
Mily audr. Genl.

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort S. George
12th. August 1805

G.O. By Government.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is hereby pleased to order and direct that when Natives belonging to the — Service or their Families shall have claims for arrears of whatsoever description, and who may not be under the orders of any particular officer shall prefer their claims to the Town Major or Town adjutant of all Stations where there are public officers of this description, and when there are no such public officer to the officer in Command, who is hereby directed to investigate those claims to the fullest extent of his

means

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means and afterwards transmit them with a letter to the Military Auditor General who on being satisfied of their justice will return them to the Officer who forwarded them in order to their being paid, and the Officer who forwarded the claim is directed to see the amount paid into the hands of the person who made it.—

Military Auditor General's Office Fort St. George 12th August 1805

(signed) J. Brunton
Military Auditor Genl

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be informed that a General Order conformable to the principle of the draft submitted with the foregoing letter has been published.—

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

From the Military Auditor General—His report on an additional estimate of Cash of the Paymaster at Masulipatam—

My Lord,

I having examined an additional Estimate of Cash of the Paymaster at Masulipatam for

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for the preceding month, I have the honor to report that it appears the amount thereof, Viz.t. Pagodas Seven thousand (Pags. 7000) is required for the payment of the amount due to Bullock Owners on account of Cattle detained at Hydrabad, by order of the Resident at that Court, on the exigence of the Service as per accompanying Copy of his letter (dated 6th. June 1805) to the Garrison Store-keeper: as I posses no other information on this Subject than what is contained in the letter from the Resident, I beg leave to submit it to the decision of your Lordship in Council, observing, in the event of the amount being considered admissible, that it is issuable by Bills from the Presidency.-

2 I beg leave to be favored with your Lordship's decision on the amount of this additional Estimate.-

Military Auditor General's
office Fort St. George
13th. August 1805.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. Brunton
Mily Audr. Genl.

To

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To the Garrison Storekeeper -

Masulipatam.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 15th. ultimo. -

I concur with you in thinking that it is on all occasions desirable to avoid as far as possible any appearance of compulsion, and unless therefore I had conceived the urgency of the public service to be very great, I should not have detained the Bullocks which conveyed the last supply of rice from Masulipatam to Hydrabad, But that degree of urgency appearing to me at the moment to exist, I found it necessary to recal the Bullock People after they had made two or three marches towards Masulipatam, without having obtained my previous assent to their departure. -

Circumstances having since however occurred to render it less indispensible

to

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to send the Cattle in question on to the advanced Army, and the terms which the owners required appearing to me extremely Exorbitant, I have thought it best to dispense with their services and they accordingly commenced their March back towards Masulipatam on the 4th Instant.-

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Resident.

Hydrabad

8th June 1805

True Copy

/Signed/ J. Young

Paymaster.

A true Copy

/Signed/ B. Roebuck

Military Paymaster General

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. Prendergast

Deputy Mily Audr Genl

Ordered that the foregoing estimate be admitted and that the Military Auditor

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Auditor General be apprized accordingly of that Resolution.—

Read the following letter from the acting Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops—

George Buchan Esqre

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir.

I have been desired by His Excellency Sir John Cradock, to acquaint you that, the Right Honorable the Commander in Chief in India, has directed that a Bounty of 3 Guineas per man shall be given, to such men of His Majesty's Regiments, about to be drafted, as may reinlist into His Majesty's Corps serving under this Establishment: and to request that you will be pleased to authorize the Payment of an additional Indent for Cash on this account, which has this day been given in by the Deputy Paymaster General.—

From the acting Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops—requesting an advance on account of the Bounty to be given to such men of His Majesty's Regiments as about to be drafted as may reinlist.—

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13th August 1805

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Campbell
Actg Deputy Adjutt
General

Read the following letter from the Committee appointed for making the necessary arrangements connected with the embarkation of the Officers and Men of His Majesty's 73d and 74th Regiments.—

George Buchan Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government—

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st. Ultimo, acquainting us that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council had been pleased to appoint us to be a Committee for the purpose of inspecting the State of the Ships, whose names are mentioned in the Margin, and of reporting our sentiments, with respect to

From the Committee appointed for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements connected with the embarkation of the Officers and Men of His Majesty's 73d & 74th Regiments— Their report on the accommodation for the Troops about to be embarked for England.—

Baring
Hawkesbury
Duke of Montrose
Airly Castle
Devaynes

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to the Number of officers and Troops whom there may be means of accommodating.—

Having examined the State of the Ships, we have the honor to report, for the information of His Lordship in Council, that there appears to be ample accommodate for the following proportion of Troops.—

Baring	100	Soldiers and	20	Invalids Seamen
Hawkesburry	100	Do.	25	Do.
Duke of Montrose	100	Do	25	Do.
airly Castle	100	Do	25	Do.
Devaynes	150	Do	25	Do.
	550		120.	

And that the great Cabins, which have been exclusively reserved for the accommodation of the officers, will be quite sufficient for that purpose.—

It is the particular wish of the respective Commanders that the Invalided Seamen, allotted for each Ship, should be permitted

to

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to proceed, with a View to strengthen their Ships Company—

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

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13th. August 1805

(signed) J. Campbell
Acting Deputy —
Adjutant General
G. Taswell
Master Attendant
Dixon Meadows

Ordered in consequence that the following Letters be dispatched.—

To Major J Campbell
Mr. George Taswell
and
Captain Dixon Meadows

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th. Instant, and to enclose for your information and guidance

To D. — D.
Enclosing an extract of a letter which has been dispatched to the Marine Board—
The Town Major appointed a Member of their Committee

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guidance the Esclract of a letter which has been dispatched in consequence to the Marine Board in order that you may Conform to the intention of His Lordship in Council thereon stated.-

I am directed to inform you that His Lordship in Council has been pleased to appoint the Town Major of Fort St. George to be a Member of your Committee, in order that farther assistance may be afforded in arranging the embarkation of the French Prisoners of War intended to be embarked on the Ships under dispatch.-

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo: Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George
16th. August 1805

To the Town Major of Fort St. George

Sir.

To the Town Major of Fort St. George— appointed a — Member of the Committee for the embarkation of prisoners of war on the fleet under dispatch —

Para 1. It being the intention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to embark about 25 or 30 French Prisoners of — War on each of the Indiamen under dispatch for

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for England, I am directed to acquaint you that His Lordship in Council has been pleased to appoint you to be a Member of the Committee of embarkation, in order that you may in communication with the other Members of the Committee make the necessary arrangement for embarking the Prisoners—

2 His Lordship in Council desires that you will proceed to select those prisoners, whom it may be considered advisable to send to Europe by the present opportunity.—

3. I am also directed to acquaint you that it is deemed desireable that a certain proportion of French officers should be embarked on the present fleet for Europe, and the Committee of embarcation have been accordingly instructed to make if practicable an allotment of births on board of the Ships for that purpose.—

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16th August 1805

I am &c &c
Signed Geo. Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt.

Read

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

To George Buchan Esqre

Chief Secretary to the Government
at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort William—respecting the claim of Major General—o Macdowall.—

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 27th Ultimo and 5th Instant, and the Enclosures referred to in those Letters from the Military Auditor General at Fort St. George, respecting the claim of Major General Macdowall to the Staff allowance of a Major General upon the Staff—

Major General Mc Dowall—o not having been appointed to the Staff of the Establishment of Bengal, nor recognized as a Major General upon the Staff, while serving under the Presidency of Fort William; but on the Contrary, Major General Mc Dowall having been

been Nominated to the Staff of the Establishment of Fort S. George, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is still of opinion that, conformably to the General principle established by the Company's Regulations, and the invariable usage of the Service at this Presidency, for regulating the Payment of the Staff allowances of Major Generals employed on the Staff, the consideration of Major General Macdowall's claim is referable to the Government of Fort S. George.—

Had Major General Macdowall —— been appointed to the Staff of the Presidency of Fort William, at the time Intelligence of his being nominated in England to supply a Vacancy in the Number of His Majestys Major Generals employed on the Staff in India, reached Fort William; and had Major General Macdowall been at the same time doing duty under the Presidency of Fort S. George, Major General Mac Dowall would have been considered, from the date of his appointment to the Staff

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of the Presidency of Fort William, entitled to the allowances established by the Company's Regulations for a Major General on the Staff of the Establishment of Bengal, although he should have been doing duty under the Presidency of Fort St. George; and not to the Staff allowances of the Presidency under which he was serving according to the reasoning employed on the subject by the Military Auditor General at Fort St. George in the Enclosures of your Letters.—

The application of the principles stated in the preceding paragraphs of this Letter to the Case of Major General Macdowall would give that officer the Staff allowances established by the Regulations for a Major General on the Staff of the Presidency of Fort St. George, from the date of the order by which he was appointed to the Staff of that Presidency.—

It does not appear that the order appointing Major General Macdowall to the Staff was issued in Public orders at this Presidency,

but

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but the Governor General in Council considers Major General Macdowall to possess an equitable claim to the allowances of a Major General on the Staff of the Presidency of Fort S. George, to which he was appointed, from the time the late Commander in Chief in India, Sir Alured Clarke, received the official Notification from England of Major General Macdowall having been selected for the Indian Staff, (though Circumstances may have prevented the immediate Issuing of orders on the Subject,) as there existed at that period of time a Vacancy on the Staff of the Establishment of Fort S. George for a Major General of His Majestys Army.—

The Governor General in Council does not admit the principle adverted to in the Enclosures of your Letter by the Military Auditor General at Fort S. George, with respect to the rule recently established, by which officers are permitted to draw the pay and certain Regimental personal allowancis

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retrospectively from the dates of the Superior Rank, to which they may be promoted, to be applicable to the present Case. The Payment of the Staff Salary of an officer appointed to the Staff has never been regulated by such rule, nor does it appear to the Governor General in Council to be necessary or just to apply such rule to the Payment of Staff Salaries.-

The Governor General in Council in consideration of the Circumstances of the Case recommends that the claim of Major General Macdowall may be referred to the Honorable the Court of Directors, accompanied by the whole of the Correspondence upon the Subject, and with such recommendation with respect to the admission of the claim retrospectively, as the Right Honorable the Governor in Council may Judge to be proper.-

I have the honor to be

Gcv &ca

(Signed) Lo. Hook

Secy to Govt.-

Fort William
the 25th July 1805

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing

letter

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letter be transmitted to Major General Macdow-
-all for his information -

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

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

Sir.

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 Rupees two thousand
has been ordered to be made to Lieutenant Driven
of His Majestys 94th Regiment on account of
the Detachment under his Command, and
to be charged to the Government of Fort St. George. -

From the Secretary to the Government at Bombay - Reporting an advance to an officer of this establishment -

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Warden
Secy to Govt.

Bombay Castle
1st August 1805

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing
letter

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letter be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Military auditor General.—

Read the following letter from the Magistrate and Collector at Pondicherry.—

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort S. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward some applications from several of the French Inhabitants of Pondicherry; and request the favor of you to submit them to the consideration of Government.—

From the Magistrate and Collector at Pondicherry - Forwarding applications from several French Inhabitants of that place for an increase of their allowances &c.—

No 1 is an application from Mr Pierre De Baufset, requesting he may be permitted to receive the difference between his former allowance of 110 Rupees pr month and that of Mr Cailland who was Procureur General to the late Court before its functions were suspended, and who received an allowance of Rs. 141. 2 pr Month, I beg leave to recommend Mr De Baufsets claim to the favorable Consideration

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Consideration of Government, as from the time of Mr. St. Paul's death until Mr. De Bausset's Nomination as an Assessor in the Court of Judicature lately established, being a period of five months and ten days; Mr. De Bausset was in charge of the office of Procureur General — the difference between their respective allowances amounts to Rs. 31. 2. Pags. 4 per Month or Rs. 47. 2 Pags. for the whole period during which Mr. De Bausset held that Employ. —

The late Mr. Jean St. Paul acted for about 5 years previously to his death as Procureur General; but although he received only the Pay of a Counsellor or Member of the Court being 110 Rupees per Month — I have been assured that it was his intention to have applied to Government for the difference between that allowance and the pay of Procureur General had his Life been prolonged. I recollect his having mentioned the Circumstance at Madras

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of not having received his full allowance as Provi=
=sional General a short time before his death -

No 2 is a Representation from Mr.
Joseph Pochont a Surgeon, stating that his allow=
=ance of fifty Rupees pr. month is very inadequate
to the trouble and expence he is subjected to by his
attendance on the Inhabitants of all descriptions
in so populous a Town as Pondicherry; and soliciting
that it may be encreased - I beg leave to state in
justice to Mr. Pochont that in his professional
line this Gentleman is extremely useful to the Com=
=munity, the Surgeon Major Mr. Dowzon who
arrived with the Division of Troops in June 1803
having been unable ever to attend on the sick
by reason of his extreme indisposition, although
he receives a subsistance of 117. 2. 20 pr. month.
Rs. Fs. Ch.

No 3 is a Petition from the Bishop
of Dolicha and the Missionaries of the Mala=
=bar Mission - requesting that a subsistance
may be granted them in consideration of their
income, which has been greatly reduced by
the

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the French revolution, being extremely small and insuffi=
=cient for their support - I beg leave to observe that the
Bishop and the Missionaries are men of exem=
=plary characters; that they have always conducted
themselves with the greatest propriety since they
have resided under the Honorable Company's
Government; and that their remittances from
Europe having been stopped, their chief means
of subsistance at present is on the Interest of a
little money in the Company's Treasury. -

I have the Honor to be

&co &co

(signed) C. W. Fallofield

Pondicherry
20th July 1805

Translation

To C. W. Fallofield Esqre

Magistrate and Collector

Sir

I have the honor to represent
to you that I have acted as Procureur General
from 5th December last until the re=establisht

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of the Court of Judicature, without receiving the Emoluments attached thereto. I have only drawn the Pay of a Counsellor which is 110 — Rupees Pr. Month; that of the Procureur — General was 141 Rupees and 2 fanams; the difference is of Course 31 Rupees and 2 fanams Pr. Month.—

I address you, Sir, with much confidence to support my claim with the Government of Fort St. George — my applica= tion being just, I have not the least doubt on your representing my Case, that it will meet with a favorable acceptance.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Pondicherry
15th. June 1805

(signed) De Bausset.

Translation

To the Right Honoble Lord Wm. Bentinck

Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord

Permit me to represent to

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to your Lordship that from the year 1793 to this day, I have constantly given my assistance both as Physician and Surgeon in Pondicherry to every Individual whatever, English, French and Natives of all Casts, without ever receiving from the Honorable Company either pay or gratuity; but enjoying merely a Subsistance of 50 Rupees pr. month which is extremely small in comparison with what I received from my former Government and which was equal to a Captain's allowances - my situation of a second Surgeon giving me the same Rank -

It may perhaps be objected that as being the only acting Surgeon in this place, the population of which is very great, the reward for the assistance I affford to the sick may be more than sufficient to provide for all my Expences of Servants, Carriage, and Palankeen, &c.

which

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which are indispensably necessary for the public Welfare – this objection would have great weight, My Lord, were the one half or even two thirds of the Inhabitants not themselves reduced to extreme misery, and so far from being able to recompense me for my trouble, I find myself frequently under the necessity of defraying myself the expences of Medicines and Diet in my endeavors for the recovery of their health.–

It is indeed with a view to metigate their Sufferings as well as for my own comfort that, I now solicit your Excellency will be pleased to grant me an additional subsistance that may be at least sufficient for the indispensable expences which the public Service requires me to perform.–

I am with profound

Respect &c &c.

Signed J. Packont

Pondicherry
15th. June 1805

To

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To the Right Honorable the President in Council

Cavendish Bentinck

Governor at Madras

My Lord.

Humble Petition of the Bishop of Dolijah &co. the Missionaries of the Malabar Mission, who sheu as followeth.-

The Missionaries beg leave to lay before your Excellency their Situation - that they were deprived by the french revolution of an yearly income of two thousands Pagodas, and that the other supplies they were afterwards reduced to, are very small and insufficient, so that being fourteen European priests and most of them old and infirm, they are in want to apply to your beneficence - Relying then on the magnanimity and generosity of the English Nation so conspicuous in this Country, as well as in all the world, they pray your Excellency to be so good as to cause some yearly subsistence to be granted them - as they have no other grounds to hope this favor from

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the Honorable Company, but the circumstance they are in and your generosity, in doing this My Lord your Excellency will bind them for ever to pray god for your own happiness and the prosperity of the Honorable Company

/signed/ The Bishop of Dolichen

N. Angelo P. M.

Proxy

at Pondichery
this 29th May 1805

The names of the
Missionaries

G. Manente
H. arnoult
C. Ph. Baignoux
A. A. of Garret
J. D. Fabry
F. X. Davidreas
C. Mogny
J. Custring
N. M. J. Mottet
L. Ch.a Nibert.

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I. A. Dubois

A. C. barreau

Ordered that the following reply be dispatched.—

To E. W. Fallofield Esqre.

Judge and Magistrate

at Pondicherry

Sir

To the Magistrate & Collector at Pondicherry authorising the arrears of allowance to M. de Beaufset for the time during which he acted as Procureur General the allowance of M. Pochront and of the Missionaries at Pondicherry cannot be augmented.—

Para 1st I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th. ultimo.—

2 The Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the payment to M. De Beaufset of the difference between the allowance already drawn by him, and of that attached to the situation of Procureur General during the period of his having acted in that capacity, amounting in the aggregate to Pagodas 47-27.—

3 As it is indispensably necessary that limits should be prescribed to the liberal provision which has been extended by the British

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Government to the Inhabitants of Pondicherry, the Governor in Council regrets that it is impracticable to augment the income of M. Pochont, or of the Missionaries residing at that place, by the payment of any further allowance from the treasury of the Honorable Company—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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/signed G. Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt.

Read the following letter from Colonel Harcourt lately Commanding in Cuttack—

George Strachey Esqr.

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

From Colonel Harcourt lately Commanding in Cuttack Relative to the Retrenchment on account of Bills against the Barrack Master in Cuttack—

It is with much reluctance that I again presume to intrude on the Right Honorable the Governor in Council on the Subject of the Barrack Department in Cuttack, but I am under the necessity of doing so, as the amount of the charges for

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for supplying the additional hundred Cotts mentioned in my letter to your address of the 2nd august 1804 has been retrenched by the Military Auditor General —

If what I then had the honor to submit to His Lordship in Council will not appear sufficient to admit of his Lordships granting his sanction to the disbursement made on account of the Troops as therein stated, I fear I can add little that will do so at this moment,

Permit me however to request you will assure his Lordship in Council that the Supply of Cotts for all the Europeans — o serving in Cuttack was a measure of indis= =pensible necessity, and that no other considera= =tion would have induced me to adopt it. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servt

(Signed) George Harcourt

Colonel

ordered

Fort William

June 25th. 1805

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Ordered that the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Military Auditor General and that the Charge therein referred to be admitted.—

W. Scaturick

" Mr. Dark

" W. Petrie

" Jno. Thomas

Ed. Strange

Office Sec. Consult. 16th August 1805
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17th Diary.

Sent the following Letters.

To Captain Hook.

Secretary of the Government at

Sir, Fort William.

To the Secy to the Government at Fort William - Relative to the Provision made for an Invalid Subadar lately belonging to the Body Guard of the Governor General.

P. 1st I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 15th Ultimo, enclosing the Copy of a Memorial from Subahdar Mahadeosing of His Excellency the Governor General's Body Guard.—

2nd " His Lordship in Council having requested the Commander in Chief to State his opinion relative to the provision which it might be proper to make for the Subahdar, I am directed to transmit to you the Extract from a Minute which has been recorded by the Commander in Chief in that Subject, and to request that you will inform His Excellency in Council that a General Order has been published

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directing that the allowances therein Recommend-ed. shall be granted to Mahadeing.—

3d. His Lordship in Council has also furnished instructions to the Board of Revenue for assigning to Mahadeing one hundred Cawnies of uncultivated ground on favorable terms of Rent in the district of Trichinopoly.

I have the Honor to be.

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Your &c.

/Signed/ G. Buchanan

Chief Secy to Government.

To F. Warden Esqr.

Secretary to the Government at Bombay.

Sir,

I am directed to request that you will Communicate to the Honble the Governor in Council at Bombay the enclosed extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 23d January 1805, relative to the Prize Property Captured at Cochin, & as it appears

To the Secy to the Government at Bombay - Transmitting an Extract of a letter from the Honble Court of Directors relative to the Prize property Captured at Cochin Requesting that such orders may be issued under the authority of that Government as may be necessary for carrying

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Carrying into effect the intention of the Honble Court.—

On reference to the Military Board at this Presidency that no information can be furnished from their Records on the subject of that property, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has directed me to request that such Orders may be issued under the authority of the Government of Bombay as may be deemed necessary for carrying into effect the intention of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

I have the Honor to be.

Gentlemen,

Your &c.

Fort St. George.
16th August 1805.

(Signed) G. Buchan.
Chief Sec.y to Govt.—

To the President and Members of the Military Board.

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board Authorizing the disposal of Scores on the publick Account. The payment of the Bills recommended by them? has been sanctioned— to authorize the employment of such additional writers as may be necessary to complete

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

2nd His Lordship in Council observes that orders may be given for Disposing in the most advantageous

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Completion Duplicates of the Records which were dispatched to England by the Honble Company's Ship Prince of Wales.

advantageous manner on the public account of the Houses referred to in your letter.—

3rd Authority has been given for the payment of the bills which you have recommended, and I am directed to authorize the employment of such additional writers as may be necessary to Complete Duplicates of the Records which were despatched to England by the Honorable Company's Ship Prince of Wales, the Charge for which will be passed in the manner which you propose.—

I have the Honor to be.

Sir &c &c—

(Signed) G. Buchan

Chief Secy to Govt

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To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the

To the Military Auditor General approving his report on the subject of the Claims against Colonel D. & Macneile—an extract of a letter.

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Letter to the Hon^ble Court of Directors on the subject inclosing to ascertain the extent of the Claims against Colonel McNeile — the Adjutant proposed .. .. .. by him of the Charges at Present standing under the head of Dispence Account on the Military Books approved. &

the receipt of your letter of the 9^th May last on the subject of the Claims against Colonel Daniel McNeile, and to express to you His Lordship's entire approbation of that Report. —

His Lordship in Council deeming it to be proper that you should be informed of the opinion which has been conveyed to the Honorable Court of Directors on that subject, I am directed to inclose the accompanying extract from a letter which has been addressed to the Hon^ble Court relative to it. —

His Lordship in Council is desirous that you will adopt the measures that may be necessary for ascertaining as soon as practicable the extent of the Claims against Colonel McNeile. —

I am directed to take this occasion of acquainting you that His Lordship —

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Lordship in Council approves the adjustment of the Charges at present Standing under the head of Suspence Account in the Military Books, which has been proposed in your Letter of the 2nd Instant, and Desires that you will give the Directions that may be necessary for Completing the adjustment.-

I have the Honor to be.

Sir

Your

Fort St George.
the
17th August 1805.

Chief Secy to Government

[Signed] G. Buchan

To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant, and to acquaint you that a General Order Conformable to the principle of the draft therewith Submitted has been published.-

I am directed to enclose the copy.

J.C.

To the Military Auditor General acquainting him that a G.O. has been published Conformable to the Draft Submitted by him to authorise payment of the usual allowance to a prisoner of war and of a Bill of the Town Major of Fort St George and Case drawn at Bombay to an Officer of this Establishment reported to authorise payment of the Bills &c. recommended by the Military Board.

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Board - Transmits the Charges for Barrack Cotts referred to in a Letter enclosed from the Officer lately Commanding in Cuttack - Extract from Minutes recorded by the Commander in Chief with the Resolutions in Consequence, enclosed. -

of a Letter from the Town Major of Fort St. George dated the 6th Instant, and to desire that authority may be given for the payment of the usual Allowance to the prisoner of war therein Mentioned.

His Lordship in Council also desires that you will authorize the payment of the Bill mentioned in the enclosed Copy of a further Letter from the Town Major.

I enclose the Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of the Government at Bombay respecting an Advance of money to an Officer of His Majesty's 94th Regiment. -

His Lordship in Council desires that Authority may be given for the payment of the Bills and Advance of money recommended in the enclosed extract of a Letter from the Military Board. -

I am directed to enclose the Copy of a Letter from the Officer lately Commanding at Cuttack, and to desire that the Charges for Barrack Cotts therein Mentioned may be

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be admitted.-

I am also directed to inclose for your information and Guidance the accompanying extracts from Minutes recorded by the Commander in Chief with the Resolutions passed in Consequence.-

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your

Fort St. George.
17th August 1805.-

/Signed/ G. Buchan

Chief Sec.y to Gov.t-

Received and sent the following Letters entered in Mo. Bo. Nos. 21-22-23-

From the Military Paymaster Gen.l &c

From Mr. Roebuck. Submitting an Application for permission to visit the Presidency from the Paymaster at Vellore.

To Ditto

To Ditto - with the Military Auditor Generals report on the additional estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops.-

To the acting Resident at Bey Lore.+

To Major Wilks - Transmitting a Map of the Decan.-

Sent.-

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Sent the following Letter.

To Major General Macdowall.

Gen. Cad Gen

Sir,

To Major General Macdowall + acquainting him that his Claim for Certain + Allowances for a period anterior to the promulgation of his appointment on the General Staff in India will be referred for the Decision of the Hble Court of Directors. Copy. of a letter on the subject from the Secretary at Fort William enclosed.-

Para 1st The Governor General in Council having referred to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the Claim contained in your letter of the 10th June 1802. addressed to His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India on the Subject of Certain allowances which you have claimed for a period anterior to the promulgation of your appointment in the General Staff in India, I am directed to acquaint you that after par- -ticular Consideration of the circumstances attending your Claim, the Governor General in Council has desired that it may be referred for the decision of the Honorable Court of Directors.-

2nd I have the Honor to enclose for your information a Copy of the letter from the Secretary of the Government at Fort William

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William conveying the directions of the Governor General in Council on this subject.

I have the honor to be.

Sir &c &c

/ Signed / G. Buchan

Chief Secy to Government.

Fort St. George.
19th August 1805

At a Consultation

Present.

The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck.
Governor and President

Tuesday the
20th August 1805.

Lieutenant General Sir J. F. Cradock K.B.
Commander in Chief.

William Petrie
&
James Strange } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.-

The Commander in Chief proposes
the following Minutes.-

Minute of the Commander in Chief.-

I have the honor to lay before
the Council an application from Mr. assistant
Surgeon

Minute of the Commander in Chief recommending Dr. Christy of His Majesty's 74th Regiment may be admitted as

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as an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment—papers on the Subject endorsed.

Surgeon Christy of His Majesty's 74th Regiment to enter into the Service of the Honorable Company

I have very Reason to believe that Mr. Christy is very highly qualified in his profession and would prove a most valuable acquisition to the Honorable Company's Service

In the present want of the necessary Medical aid, which I have been obliged so often to lay before the Board, I should feel myself very Culpable if I did not embrace every Opportunity that will alleviate so painful a Pressure.—

I therefore beg to recommend in the Strongest terms, that Government may be pleased to direct that Mr. Christie be placed in Orders, as an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, and that his Situation may be represented in the most favorable light to the Honorable Court of Directors in respect to his Conformation in the Service, and the Most Advantageous Period of Rank that Can be given to him.—

When it is Considered that Mr. Christy

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Christy has served in so distinguished a Corps in His Majestys 74th Regiment through the whole of the severe Campaign in the Coarse of the Marhatta War, I am sanguine in the hope that his proved Experience and Service will entitle him to every reasonable Expectation of favor.

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17th August 1805.

/Signed/ J. F. Cradock.
Lieut. General

Dr Berry has the honor of Enclosing to Sir John Cradock the Memorandum from Dr Christie which His Excellency wishes to be transmitted; and Dr Berry hopes that Dr Christies Statement will be Satisfactory, as he thinks it would be a pity to lose the Services of so valuable a Medical Man to this Country by his return to Europe when they are not Required with his Corps.

Gardens
16th August 1805.

Memorandum

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Memorandum for His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Christy His Majestys 74th Regiment upon the occasion of that Corps being about to embark for Europe, begs to solicit His Excellency that he may be admitted into the Service of the Honorable Company as the Surgeon proceeds to Europe with the Regiment of which the Number being very small will require little Medical aid. Colonel Campbell has on that account granted his Concurrence in this Application.—

As Dr. Christy has been nearly four years in his Majesty's Service, and has Served with the 74th Regiment during the whole of their Campaign in the Mahratta Country, he trusts that what he now Solicits may be complied with, more especially as he understands that at the present period Medical men are wanted for the Honorable Company's Service.—

Signed M. Christy
Asst. Surgeon 74th Regt.

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Resolved. under the explanation stated by the Commander in Chief that Mr. Assistant Surgeon Christie be appointed to do duty on this Establishment until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors shall be known.-

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

The Officer Commanding the Cadet Company has reported the undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets qualified for Commissions. I therefore recommend their promotion to be as Ensigns of Infantry from the 18th July 1804. and Lieutenants of Infantry from the 25th September 1804; to Rank relatively to each other in the following order.-

Mr. C. Fothergill.
Wm Stitt.
John Scott Senior.
Wm Hunter.
Robt Richardson.
Wm Sheen.
Chas Dicpslan Stanley.

George.-

Minute of Do Recommending the promotion of Gentlemen Cadets - Reports the Death of Lieutenant Mackenzie and Capt Covenant. - Recommends that Lt Colt Innes be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate. Recommends that Lt Lestie be appointed Adjutant of the 2nd Batt 19th Regt Vice Hunter. Recommends that the Widow of the late Capt Rhodes may be admitted a Pensioner on Lord Clive's Fund.-

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on a Sick Certificate from Lieutenant Colonel James Innes of the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Regiment of Native Infantry, and recommend that he be permitted to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate

I recommend the appointment of Lieutenant William H. Loftie to be adjutant to the 2nd Battalion 19th Regiment Native Infantry vice Kincaid promoted.-

I submit a Recommendation of the Widow of the late Captain Rhodes for the Pension arising from the Bounty of the late Lord Clive to the widows of Officers of that Rank.-

August 20th 1805.

I signed I. F. Cradock.
Lieut. General.-

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

My Lord,

Permit me to request you will

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will be pleased to grant me permission to return to Europe upon the Fleet now under despatch, the prescribed Sick Certificate required by the existing Regulations of the Service goes herewith.—

It now becomes requisite to state for the information of your Lordship, that I have served the Honorable Company Twenty seven years in India including three years and 9 nine Months I was confined as a Prisoner in Irons at Bangalore after the Defeat of Colonel Baillies Detachment in September 1780.—

Fort St. George.
19th August 1805.—

/ Signed / J.s Innes Lieut.n Colonel
2nd Batt.n 1st Reg.t N.I.

This is to Certify that Lieutenant Colonel James Innes 2nd Battalion 1st Regi-ment Native Infantry having long suffered under severe and repeated attacks of Biliaus Intermittent Fever, arrived here last Month from Myriad for the Benifit of a Change of air. Since his arrival at this Station he

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He has again had regular and severe attacks of Intermittant Fever accompanied with Severe Obstructions, encreased Secretion of Bile, loss of Appetite, and much Debility; for which he has been put under a Course of Mercury joined with other Medicines but from these he has derived no benefit

I do therefore hereby declare on oath, I am of Opinion, that Lieutenant Colonel Innes should leave this Country and proceed to Europe by the first Opportunity for the Recovery of his Health

Cuddalore.
10th August 1805.

/Signed/ J. Duncan
Gar. Surgeon

I do hereby Certify that I received into my Hands the oath above Mentioned from Mr. Duncan Surgeon in this Garrison

Cuddalore 10th
August 1805

/Signed/ John DuPont
Lieut. & Co. Commanding

We Andrew Berry and Richard Sherwood Surgeons of the Madras Establishment do hereby Declare on oath

that

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That we are of Opinion it is absolutely that Lieutenant Colo. Innes of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry should leave this Country and go to Europe for the Recovery of his Health

/Signed/ Andrew Berry
Supt. Surgeon Centor Divn.
/Signed/ R. E. Sherwood
Assistant Surgeon.

Sworn before me this
16th Day of August 1805.

/Signed/ B. W. Maitland
Justice of Peace

Martha Rhodes of Madras Widow of William Rhodes Deceased, late a Captain in the Service of the Honble Company on the Madras Establishment Maketh Oath and Saith that at the time of the Death of her said Husband his Estate did not nor do the same now Amount to the Sum of Two /2000/ Pounds to the knowledge of this Deponent.-

Sworn to at the Public Office in Fort St. George this 20th day of July 1805. before me

M. Rhodes

/Signed/ George Taswell
Justice of Peace.-

Resolved that the promotions recommended in the foregoing Minute be ordered to take place

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Innes be permitted to proceed to Europe in Sick Certificate, and that Lieutenant Loftie be appointed Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion 19th Regiment vice Rhodes.-

Ordered that the Widow of the late Captain Rhodes be admitted a Pensioner on Lord Clive's Bounty Fund.

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Read.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Minute.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief

Minute of the Commander in Chief—Reporting his Confirmation of the Sentence passed upon a Jemidar of the 6th Regiment of Native Cavalry who was the Chief of the Ring-leaders on the attempt lately made to induce men of that Corps to Desert to the Service of Holkar.—

I have recently received from Colonel Wallace Commanding the advanced Division of the Forces in the Dekkan, the Proceedings of a General Court Martial on the Jemadar of the 6th Regiment of Cavalry / Mahomed Muctom / who was the Chief of the Ring leaders in the attempt lately made to induce Men of that and other Corps to desert to the Service of Holkar. The said has been clearly proved, he has tampered with about 30 Men, and some of them have actually deserted. A Mogul Jemadar residing in the Army of our ally the Subadar of the Dekkan, under the pretence of seeking an employment in his Service was in close Connexion with Mahomed Muctom, carried on the Correspondence and aided the flight of the Families of the Men who had engaged to Desert.

Mahomed Muctom has

been

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Seen Sentences death. Have confirmed the sentence and directed its Execution. — Some others of the party are under Trial, but I am happy to state on the Authority of Colonel Wallace that he considers the Regiments now as perfectly free from disaffection. —

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20th August 1805.

/ Signed / J. J. Erskoch
Lieut. General

Read the following Letter

From the Military Auditor General.

To The Right Honorable
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council

Gen. Gen. Gen.

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General submitting Copy of a letter from the Fort Adjutant of Vellore relative to arrears of pay due to a Native Trooper. —

I have the Honor to lay before you Copy of a Letter addressed to me by the Fort Adjutant of Vellore dated the 9th Current, claiming arrears of pay for a Pensioned Native Trooper of the 5th Regiment Native Cavalry and assigning sufficient cause for the accumulation of the arrears in question, and which only wants your sanction to be discharged. —

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Military Auditor Generals office
Fort St George 16th August 1805

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
/Signed/ J Brunton
M. A. G.

To the Military Auditor General
Fort St George

Sir

I beg leave to represent to you, that Shaik Hussain Pensioned Private of the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry, having been absent from Musters for near these two years past, that there has been no pay drawn for him, in Consequence it appears that he has been in the Jails, along with his two Sons who are in the 6th Regiment Native Cavalry for the laudable purpose of assisting them &c &c - on his return to Vellore he brought a letter from Lieutenant Scott of the 6th Regiment Native Cavalry stating that as the Bearer has been employed and also a very Old Soldier, that he hoped the pay due him would be drawn if possible. I have therefore to request to know, if the pay due him may be drawn

or.

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or not.-

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9th August 1805.

/Signed/ J. Roebuck.
Fort Adjt. of Vellore.

A true Copy.

/Signed/ J. Brunton
M. A. G.

The Board see no Objection to the pay-
-ment of the arrear of allowance due to the Petitioner
mentioned in the Sollegaing Letter.-

Read the following Letter from
the Chief Secretary to Government at Colombo

George Buchan Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Chief Secretary to the Government at Colombo + Requesting that no advances may be made by this Gov^t to Officers on the Ceylon + Establishment without the authority of that Government.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acquaint you for the Information of the Honorable the Acting Governor, that it is His wish that no advance of Money shall be made by the Government of Fort St. George to Officers upon the Ceylon Establishment unless at the particular + request of this Government.-

I.-

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Colombo
To 5th August 1805.

I have the Honor to be.
Sir
Your
Obt. Servt.
/Signed/ Robt. Arbuthnot
Chief Secy to Govt.

Read the following Letter from
the Secretary to the Government at Fort William.
To J. Stratton Esquire
Secretary to the Government
at Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Secy to the Govt at Fort William. Lieutenant Benjamin Sydenham permitted to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his health and Assurance to that effect reported.—

I am directed by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copies of a Letter from Lieutenant B. Sydenham of the Corps of Engineers on the Madras Establishment, and of its Enclosures; and to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that His Excellency in Council has been pleased, in Consideration of the Circumstances of the Case, to permit Lieutenant B. Sydenham to proceed direct to Europe on Furlough for the Recovery of his

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his Health. —

The Military Auditor Genl has been instructed to pass. his Lieutenant Sydenhams Bill for the Established Passage Money of his Rank to Europe, and an Advance of six Months Pay, should he be desirous of receiving such advance, which will be placed to the Debit of this Presidency of Fort Saint George: —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedt Servt

/Signed/ L. Hook.
Secy to Government

Fort William
25th July 1805.

Captain Lionel Hook...
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Being desirous of returning to Europe for the benefit of my health by an early Opportunity from this Presidency which will not admit of sufficient time for

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for me to apply to the Government of Fort St. George, I request you will obtain for me the permission of the Governor General in Council to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the Recovery of my health.-

Inclose the prescribed Certificates from the Pay and Medical Departments, and I have the honor to be.

Sir, &c. &c.

/Signed/ B. Sydenham

Lieut. Engr. M. E.

A. De Camp. G. Genl.

Fort William
23d July 1805.

I do hereby Certify that Lieutenant Benjamin Sydenham of the Madras Establishment A. D. C. to the Governor General is in a bad state of Health, and that according to the Best of my Judgement a Voyage to Europe is indispensibly Necessary for his Recovery.-

/Signed/ Alexander Russell

Surgeon.

Calcutta
14th Augt 1805.

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I Consider the necessity of Captain Benjamin Sydenhams taking a Voyage to Europe for the reestablishment of his Health.-

/Signed/ W. R. Munro.

2nd Mr Medl Bd.-

Certified that there are no Demands on the Books of this Office against Captain Benjamin Sydenham of the Madras Establishment.-

/Signed/ J. Hall. P. M:

Paymasters Generals Office

Pres: y Pay Office
25th July 1805.

25th July 1805.-

/Signed/ John Mackenzie.

Military Paym: Genl

/True Copies/

/Signed/ L. Hook.

Secy to Government.

Resolved that the permission granted by the Governor General to

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Benjamin Sydenham to proceed to Europe for the Recovery of his Health &c. published in General Orders.—

Ordered that an Extract of the foregoing Letter respecting the Advance to Lieutenant Sydenham on account of his passage be transmitted for the information of the Military Auditor General.—

W Bentinck

" Murdoch

" W Petrie

" Jno Bonnyo

Ed Hollande

Official
Consultation 2d Augt 1805
Copied by S. Dillon

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Diary

21st

Received the following Letters. —

To The Right Honorable,
Lord William Bentinck
Governor in Council &ca &ca &ca

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General — His Report on the additional — estimate of Cash Required by the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George.

Having examined an Additional Estimate of Cash of the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George, for the Current month, I have the honor to report that the Amount thereof, Viz.t Pagodas Seven Thousand five hundred and fifty nine (Pag.s 7,559) is admissible and issuable from the General Treasury, being required for the payment of Sundry demands on his Office not provided for before in any former Estimate —.

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca
(Signed) J. Brunton
M.A.G.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 20th August 1805 —

To

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To The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council &ca &ca &ca

From the Military Auditor General. His Report on the Additional estimate ~ required by the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops —

My Lord,

Having examined an additional Estimate of Cash of the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops, for the ensuing month, I have the honor to report that the Amount thereof Viz.t Pagodas Two Thousand two hundered and fifty (Pag.s 2,250) is required for the payment of Subsistence to 600 Men of His Majesty's 73rd and 74th Regiments Reinlisted in His Majesty's Regiments serving under this Presidency, from the 25th September to the 24th October 1805 ~ this Sum is issuable from the General Treasury. ~

I have the honor to be

&ca &ca

(signed) J. Brunton

M.G. & Ir. Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 21st August 1805 ~

Sent the following Letters entered viz.

M.B. Nos. 24. 25. 26.

To

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21st.

To the Military Auditor General —

Authorising payment of arrears of allowance due to a Pensioner — to authorise payment of a pension granted to the Widow of the late Captain Rhodes —

To the Military Paymaster General

The Paymaster at Vellore permitted to visit the Presidency —

To the Committee for the Distribution of Seringapatam Prize Money — Submitting for their — Report certain claims to participate in Seringapatam Prize Money —

22nd.

Sent a Letter to the Military — Paymaster General, entered in M.B. No. 27. With the Military Auditor General's Report on the additional estimate of the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops —

23d.

Received the following Letters — entered in M.B. Nos. 28 - 29.

From Captain Colebrooke — Requesting a Certificate of the permission which has been — granted to him to proceed to Europe.

From

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From the Commander of the Honorable ye Companys Ship Dorsetshire —

From Captain Brown. Reporting his Arrival from England ~

26th. Received and sent the following Letters entered in MB Nos 30–31.

From the Commander of the Ship Devon: shire ~

From Captain Murray. With a Book containing Transactions relative to the Military embarked on board his Ship.

To the Military Paymaster General: master General.

To the Military Paymaster General. With the Military Auditor General's Report on the additional estimate of the Military Paymaster of Fort St George ~

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor and President

Tuesday the 27th August 1805

Lieutenant General Sir J. F. Cradock K B.

Commander in Chief

William Petrie and James Strange } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and Approved.

The

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The Commander in Chief records the following Minutes.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief — Recommending that Colonels Close and Cuppage be permitted to Exchange from the Regiments they severally Command — recommends that the return of Captain Kay to his duty be announced in Public Orders submits the proceedings of the Off Reckoning Committee for 1800/1 Corrected. recommend Appointments —

Colonels Close, and Cuppage having requested to be exchanged from the Regiments they severally Command, I recommend that in Compliance with their Request, Colonel Barry Close be Appointed to Command the 20th Regiment of Native Infantry; and Colonel Alexander Cuppage the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry from this date.

Captain Lieutenant Kay of the 18th Regiment of Native Infantry, having presented the Accompanying Certificate at the Adjutant Generals' Office, I recommend that his return to his duty be Announced in public Orders.—

Having in Consequence of the observations of the Military Auditor General directed the Revision of the Proceedings of the Off-Reckoning Committee, I now submit them to Government — Corrected; for the Year 1800-1

I recommend that Lieutenant Alexander

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Alexander Mc Laren of the 8th Regiment of Native Infantry be Appointed to Act and draw allowances as Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion of that Corps, and that Lieutenant W. F. Blackmore be Appointed to Act & draw allowances as adjutant of the 2nd Battalion 8th Regiment of Native Infantry.— This Recommendation I give in this Conditional form, that their Confirmation in these Appointments may be guided by the proficiency they may acquire in the Study of the Hindoostanny Language, of which they have now but an imperfect knowledge.—

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(Signed) J. F. Cradock.
Lieut. Gen.l

Resolved that Colonel Close be Appointed to Command the 20th Regiment of Native Infantry, and that Colonel Alexander Cuppage be Appointed to Command the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry agreeably to the mutual Application of these Officers.

Ordered that the Return of Captain Lieutenant Hay to his duty in India be notified in General Orders.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Alexander Mc Laren

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Nc. Laren of the 8th. Native Regiment, be appointed to act and draw the usual allowances as Adjutant of the 2nd. Battalion of that Corps; and that Lieutenant W. F. Blackmore be appointed to act and draw the usual allowances as Adjutant of the 2nd. Battalion 18th. Native Regiment.

Resolved that a General Order be published directing distribution to be made of the off reckonings of the Year 1800-1; and that the different Shares be paid in 8 per Cent Certificates of this Government.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief - Relative to a Remittance to Benares - made through the Company's Treasury by an Head Brinjary who is desirous that the money may be returned.

The Commander in Chief has the honor to submit to Council a letter addressed to him, by Major Barclay as late Superintendant of the Brinjaries, with Six enclosures, conveying a Request from the Son of the late Chowdrie of the Brinjaries, that the payment of a Remittance, made by his Father, to Benares, through the Company's treasury, may be Stopped, and the money returned to the Son, for the reasons assigned.

The Commander in Chief thinking

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the request reasonable, recommends it to the favourable notice of the Board.—

Fort St. George
the 26th August 1805.

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lt. General

To the Secretary to the Commander in Chief.

Sir, Fort St. George.—

Behaarie Laal, son of Muckun Laala formerly employed under me as Chowdrie of Brinja=ries now deceased, has requested me to represent the following circumstances to the Commander in Chief as matter of the greatest importance to him, and I accordingly request you to submit them to his Excellency.

Muckun Laal was a native of Hindostan, born in the city of Delhi; came early in life into the Deckan, married there, and had a family; now living in Conjeveram in the Carnatic, or at the village of Durmapoorie granted to him in Jaghire as a reward for services performed to the Company; and this Beharie Laal is his Eldest Son.

Muckun Laals mother is still alive

and

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and now resides near Gohud, where several of her male Relations, and Muckun Laal's old acquaintances also reside. It was his intention to proceed to Hindostan on a visit to his mother as soon as his Brinjaree accounts for last war were settled, and in that view he made two Remittances through the Company's treasury, payable at Benares; one of 2000 Rupees to Lavvy Mull - his Brotherinlaw, and another of Rupees 10,000 payable to Coma Appavell Sing, the Dewan of the Rajah of Kutchewarah, and directed the money to be lodged with his Mother as soon as received. -

The first bill was duly received by Lavvy Mull, and the money was paid to him; but he neglected - and almost refused to dispose of it according to Muckun Lalls directions, until he was apprehensive of a sudden visit from him when the British Army of the Deckan advanced far to the Northward.

The Hircarah who carried the 1st of the set of Bills for Rs. 10,000 was robbed and murdered on the Road, so that the Bill never came into

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into the hands of Appaurl Sing, as appears by the accompanying two persian Letters from him; and the 2nd. of the set of Bills remains in the hands of Behaarie Laal.

It is not his intention to proceed to Hindostan; his Grandmother is not in want of such a sum of money; neither can he afford to make her a present of it; but above all, he apprehends that if it were now paid to Coma Appavull Sing, he would never apply it to the purpose for which Muckun Laal intended it.

Behaarie Laal therefore Requests that an Application may be made to the Collector at Benares, to know if the Bill in question (a Copy of the 2nd. whereof is inclosed) has been paid by him to any person — and to whom; and if he has not paid it, that payment at Benares may be stopped, and the money returned at Madras, to him, — Behaarie Laal, as the Son and heir of Muckun Laal, when he will deliver up the 2nd. Bill, with a receipt upon it.

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When you have compared the Persian letters with the accompanying translations of them I beg you will return them to me for Behaarie Laals satisfaction — according to the Request expres:sed in his Malabar letter to me.

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(Signed) R. Barclay
late Superintendant of the (Major) Benjaries

Translation of a Letter from the Dewan of the Rajah of Cutchewarah in Hindostan to Muckun Laal and Behaarie Laal his Son —

To the Distinguished in Friendship, the deserving Lala Muckun Laal, and Behaarie Laal, let them always be satisfied and happy —

Let it not be Concealed that the order of Wellesley Saheb, may his prosperity be ever:lasting, Containing Recommendations and directi:ons for the proper arrangements of my Sircar, together with two Swords, and a Bill for Ten thousand (Rupees) which were transmitted along with Indergeet Bramin and others, were considered by me as proofs of the affection of your nature and the purity of your

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your friendship - The persons whom you sent were unex=
=pectedly attacked by Robbers, ... and killed in the
way, The Things did not arrive.— At present the arrival
of your Hircarrahs with Letters has occasioned the
greatest joy in my mind - Now this is necessary, that
you will use every possible endeavour to obtain orders
again from the Arranger of the affairs of Hindostan for the
adjustment of my Concerns in the Talook of Kutchwakaar,
which is dependant upon me, and send those orders
to me, This is my desire and its fulfillment will be a
cause of gratitude. I have fully understood the state of
your affairs from your Letters, and from the accounts of
Hoowur Eel. Mul Sing. In every view this is your
House; whatever you may write, will ... at all events
be carried into effect. Every other Circumstance
respecting me will be made fully known to you by
the Letters of the abovementioned Hoowur. Always
make me happy by intelligence of your situation.

Translation of a Letter from the Dewan of the
Rajah of Cutchewarah in Hindostan to Muckun Laal

And

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and Behaaree Laal his Son-

To the Supporter of his Friends the

powerful in affection and attachment-

After making known to you

my desire, which surpasses my Capacity of discription

for an interview replete with happiness; let the follow-

-ing Circumstances be revealed to your friendly heart.

My Condition is satisfactory, and I Continue to pray

unceasingly for your safety and health- A length of

time has elapsed since you transmitted the Recommenda-

-tory Letters of Wellesley Saheb Bahadur, with two Swords

and a Bill for Ten thousand Rupies along with Inderjeet

Bramin, on account of the Rajah Saheb. The persons

whom you sent suddenly encountered Robbers on the

road; the persons were murdered, and the things lost.

At length on the arrival of Behmaan Shaw it was

understood that all the foregoing things were plundered

and that the rascals sold the swords and other Articles.

I forwarded a Letter to you Containing an account of

these Circumstances, but I have learned that it also has

miscarried- I have since received your Letters by

Hircarrahs

The Direction on the Envelope of this Letter is to Muckun Laal and Behaaree Laal-

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Hircarrahs and fully understood the state of your affairs, at present it is necessary, urgently necessary, that you should repair to the English Behadur and use every exertion in your power to obtain from them a Recommen:=datory Letter on the Subject of the talook of Kutchwa:=haar belonging to me, and transmit the Letter to me. Do not on any account Consider my interests as seperate from your own. This is your own house since former times. I have Appointed a place in Rampoar, and one also in Reewuny Iye for the receipt of any Bills which you may Transmit to me. It is necessary that whatever intelligence you may transmit relative to your own affairs shall be full and explicit, in order that it may be well understood —

№ 13.

Exchange for Sicca Rupees 10,000-

To

The Collector

at

Benaries

Sir

Eight days after sight of this my Second Bill of Exchange First of the same Tenor and Date being unpaid, please to pay to Coma Appeevall Sing or

order

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Order the Sum of Ten Thousand Sicca Rupies for Value received of him on Account of the Disbursements of my Employ—

I am &c.a &c.a

Camp 13th January 1804—

(Signed) John Geo Bellingham
Pay master

(Signed) A Wellesley

A true Copy from the Original Bill

(Signed) R.t Barclay
Major

To. Maha Rajah Rajestree. Mr Barclay

Sir,

With due submission I beg leave to inform you that after I had the Honor of obtaining your Leave I arrived at Conjeveram safely— Agreeably to your Order I have dispatched the bearer hereof to you after the elapsation of a period of 8 Days— you will be so benevolent as to adopt such measures as will enable me to receive the Amount of 10000 Rupies of the Bill of Exchange in this place— I am a young man and destitute of any Protector but only you— If the Persee Letters are Copied, I beg you will return them to me that I may send an Answer thereto. Along with the People that proceeds to Hindoostanee— and with much Respect I beg leave to remain—

Your Most Obedient & humble Servt

20th July 1805—

(signed) Grane Goloh Mucken Lalah
" Behary Lallah

Resolved that the Circumstances Stated in the above papers be submitted to the Governor General in Council.

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Council, with a Request that information may be furnished whether the Bill in question has or has not been discharged; and that in the latter event the Amount may not be paid—

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting a Report from the Officer Commanding at Seringapatam of the Escape from Confinement in that Fort of the Bilgy Rajah—submits also a Report from Colonel Macleod on the Subject of the Loss on exchange sustained by the Troops stationed in Malabar forwards an Application from Major Norris for permission to draw the allowances of a Surveyor in Consequence of the expence incurred by him in the Superintending great North Road—forward also the proceedings of the medical Board.

1. I have the honor to lay before the Council a Report from the Commanding Officer at Seringapatam, that the Bilgy Rajah has made his Escape from Confinement in that Fort—The Circumstance was immediately made known to the Mysoor Government, and hopes are strongly entertained of his Capture—

2. I submit a Representation from Colonel Mc Leod Commanding in Malabar and Canara Respecting the great Loss the Troops stationed in Malabar sustain from the higher Value at which the several Coins, that Compose the Military payments are Rated at from what they Actually Receive in Exchange, and especially upon the Subject of the Port Nova Pagodas, which he States "in Malabar" are issued at only 108 for 100 Star Pagodas, and in all other places at "120"—

There Appears a great Deal of Justice in all Colonel Mc Leod's Statements which goes to a great Length, and seems to deserve the particular attention of Government. I also annex a Report upon the Subject from Colonel Campbell, Commanding in Mysoor—and beg to recommend, that the whole be Referred to the Military Auditor General for his Opinion.

3. I also lay before the Board a Representation from Lieutenant Colonel Norris Superintending Engineer of the Northern Division of the Army, Stating the great Expence, he has incurred by Superintending the great North Road, and expressing that

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as this work is a detached operation, not belonging to his regular Duty, he trusts, he will be considered, as Entitled to Draw the allowances of a Surveyor - that at present he receives nothing beyond his half Batta. I recommend also, that this Application be referred, to the Military Auditor General - for Report.

I have the honor to annex the Proceedings of the Medical Board -

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August 26th 1805.

(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lt. Gl.

The Deputy Adjutant General Mysore

Sir,

I have the disagreeable circumstance to report, that in the course of last night or early this Morning, the Bilgey Rajah with one of his Servants got off their Irons and out of Confinement, The Centinels at the Entrance of the Prison (Two of his Majestys Regiment de Meuron) altho' open must have been either bribed or extremely remiss in their duty -

I presume the Prisoners did not get out of the Fort till about five O'Clock this

Morning

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Morning, their escape being made known in little
less than an hour after to the Mysore Government
I trust soon to hear of their being laid hold of -

Seringapatam
22nd. August 1805.

(signed) J. Bell
Lt. Col. Com.g Seringapatam

To His Excellency Lieutenant General
Sir John Cradock K.B.
Commander in Chief &ca &ca

Sir,

Complaints having been made to
me by Officers Commanding Corps in Malabar of the
loss sustained by the troops under their Command, in
consequence of the enhanced Value that the Coins in
which they are paid bear in this province, - I am induced
by a Conviction of the justness of the Complaints, and also
of the importance of the Subject, to take the liberty of
submitting a few particulars regarding it to your
Excellency's Consideration -

Since the time that this province
has been under the British Government it Appears
there has been a great Variety of Coins in Circulation, and

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the greater part of them of foreign importation, the enhanced Value at which they have been Received into the public treasury, and thence issued in payments, exposes the Troops to a very Considerable loss even within the province, but when their necessities obliges them to send any of those Coins to the Adjoining provinces of Canara, Mysore, or Travancore, the loss sustained is such as to become a most serious grievance_

The want of an established currency in the Country under the sanction of Government, has given rise to a traffic in Money, particularly in Porto Nova Pagodas, a Coin which agreeably to the existing Orders of the Madras Government should be issued in payment in all parts under its Authority at the rate of 120 Porto Nova Pagodas for 100 Star, but being in this province, paid to the Troops at the exchange of 108 of the former, for 100 of the latter thereby produces a Certain profit to the dealer of 12 pr Cent_

The Principal Collector in Malabar Mr Thomas Warden impressed with the same sentiments with myself of the justness of the Complaints

preferred

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preferred Against the high Rate of exchange as well as of the evils produced in the Country by the encouragement which the want of a fixed Currency and exchange thus affords to Money dealers; — addressed a letter some months ago to the Revenue Board, wherein he Recommended the fixing the same Rate of exchange for the province of Malabar as that established in Canara, but I do not find that he has been yet honored with an Answer to his proposal —

What aggravates the loss upon the exchange to the native Troops in particular, is the high price of grain in Malabar, from the Southern parts of the province large quantities of Rice are yearly exported, principally to Bombay, and this export trade being under no Regulation or limitation, produced an absolute scarcity in Malabar during last year, Rice being during the last rains at the enormous price of four Small Seers only for one Rupee, and though the embargo which was some months ago, laid upon exportation has prevented the recurrence of the same Scarcity this season; still Rice bears a much higher price in the Northern part of Malabar than it does, except in very scarce years, on the Coast of Coromandel

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and the embargo having been lately taken off, the same distress may ensue that was so severely felt during the last rainy season, unless the importation be kept under a certain restriction—

Deeply impressed with the importance of the subject of this letter as involving not only the interests of the Troops under my Command, but the General prosperity of the Country—I have to entreat that your Excellency will lay this Representation before Government, and afford it your Countenance and Support—

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Lieut Col.
Commanding in Malabar &
Canara—

Cannanore
August 14th 1805—

Memorandum on Colonel Macleod's letter on the Exchange in Malabar. 25th August 1805.

It appears reasonable that the Troops in Malabar should receive the Porto Novo Pago-das according to the existing Regulations of Government, the more especially as Provisions of all kinds are extremely dear there; and that the Collector should be authorized by the Board of Revenue to take the steps which he has proposed to them as the most likely to remedy the evils arising

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arising from the state of the Exchange in Malabar.

The Regulations respecting the exportation of Grain must rest with the Collector, But to guard against a similar Scarcity to that which occurred last season, it would be adviseable to instruct the Collector to deliver a sufficient quantity to the Store-Keeper, at each Military Station, for the eventual supply of the Troops.

(Signed) A. Campbell
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To His Excellency
Lieutenant General Sir J. F. Cradock K.B.
Commander in Chief &c &c &c
Fort St. George

Sir,

Permit me to inform Your Excellency, that I have had the honor to receive Orders from Government to superintend the forming of the great North Road, whenever my presence is not required in the performance of my other duties, and I have agreeable to Orders, commenced upon it, but find it very expensive, which I trust your Excellency will admit from the great extent and magnitude of the Work, and pardon me for thus intreading to address Your Excellency to beg the favor of your recommendation that some allowance may be made me

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to defray the expences I am obliged to incur—

The Superintending of the Road is detached from the Duty of my Appointment to the — Division, and as the half Batta I receive is not at all adequate to my expences, I have now the honor to solicit your Excellencys support, in forwarding my Application to the Right Honble the Governor in Council for permiss: sion to draw Surveyors allowances which are given to Officers employed—

I have the honor to be &c &c

(signed) John Norris
Lieut Colo Engineers
Supg Engr Nortn Divn of the Army

Masulipatam
August 15th 1805—

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

My Lord,

Having had the honor to Represent to your Lordship— when at Masulipatam the expence the Superintending the great North Road has been to me, and obtained your permission to address You through the proper Channel, for leave to draw the allowances of a Surveyor, granted to Officers employed, I now take the

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the liberty to submit to your Consideration through His Ex-celleney the Commander in Chief, and to inform your Lordship, that as the half Batta I receive by being appointed to this Division, is not at all adequate to the expences unavoidably incurred, superintending the forming the Great North Road, I hope your Lordship will pardon this intrusion and permit me to draw, in addition, the Surveyor's allowances.

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

(signed) J. Norris
Lieut Colo Engeneer
Supg Engr Nor Divn of the Army

Masulipatam
August 15th 1805.

Resolved that the above Minute with the papers to which it refers be sent in circulation.

Minute of the Commander in Chief

I submit to the Board an application from Mr Vinson, a Conductor of Ordnance on the Bombay Establishment, long stationed at Tellicherry, sollicitting to be placed on the non-effective establishment of this Presidency as a Conductor; founding his request on long service, wounds, and the inconvenience he must sustain if obliged to remove his large Family from Tellicherry.

Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting an application from Mr Vinson a Conductor on the Bombay establishment, sollicting to be placed on the non effective establishment of this Presidency. Recommendation inconsequence. Recommends that a pension of five Pagodas pr Month be granted to a

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a Sepoy through whom the recent disaffection in the 6th Regiment of Cavalry was discovered. Recommends that Lieut Geo Sandford be appointed to superintend the payment of Sepoy families at the Cantonment of Hyderabad Sagar — Recommends that Colonel Tanner be permitted to proceed to Bengal on sick Certificate, and that the Return from Furlough of Lieut. Colonels Rumley and Ogg be published in G. O. — Recommends the admission on the establishment of the Gentlemen Cadets recently arrived — — — Recommends the Removal of a Retranchment against the 1st Battalion 18th Regiment — —

The Officer Commanding in Malabar certifies the good Character of Mr. Vinson, and if Regulation is against the admission of a Bombay Servant to the benefits of this establishment, an arrangement may perhaps be made with the Bombay Government to pay the Amount of Pension to Mr. Vinson at Tellicherry: this I recommend.

Lieutenant Colonel Lang has addressed the Adjutant General submitting to me a Recommendation of Bootchana, a Sepoy in the 2nd Battalion of the 11th Regiment through whom the Recent disaffection and intrigues in the 6th Regiment of Cavalry were discovered. — The late Colonel Haliburton had promised to recommend him for a Pension of five Pagodas per month during life; he has served the time to entitle him to retire on the non Effective List, and certainly has strong Claims to notice — I recommend that Bootchana be pensioned on five Pagodas Monthly Pay during life in addition to the Pension of a Sepoy — payable at Nellore.

The Officer Commanding the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force having stated the necessity for

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for the Appointment of an Officer to superintend the payment of Sepoy Families at the Cantonment of Hussein Sagor near Hyderabad; I recommend the appointment of Lieut. Geo. Sandford of the 9th Native Regiment to that duty on a Salary of Pagodas Thirty five Per Month.—

I submit to the Board and Recommend to favourable attention a Request from Lieutenant Colonel Tanner, Major of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery to proceed to Bengal on Sick Certificate—

Lieutenant Colonel C. Rumley of the 5th Regiment of Cavalry, and Lieutenant Colonel S. W. Ogg, of the 3rd. Regiment of Native Infantry having Returned from Furlough. I recommend that their return to their duty be announced in public Orders.

I also Recommend that the following Gentlemen Cadets, who have Reported their Arrival at the Adjutant General's Office, may be admitted on the Establishment. Vizt.

Cadets of Cavalry

Messrs. Edwd. Bannerman

2. Robert Hugh Russell

Cadets

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Cadests of Infantry

Messrs. T. B. J. Gowland.

Edward Hopford

William Murray

Henry Antj Bennett.

5. Charles Kinsey

John Watson

Jeffery Willows.

William Berry

Arthur Cooke

10. John Glenholme

Edward Burges.

John Low.

Hugh Alexander Bell.

Hannibal Tocker.

15. John Tocker

Henry Coyle

Archibald Bruce

John St. George Ferns

Fletcher Norton

20 Edwin Oldnall

Michael H. Davidson.

William

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Cadets of Infantry

Messrs William Cocke Dumaresq

John Smyth

Maurice Tweedie

25. James Taylor

Charles Colman

Charles Swanston

John Riddell

Wm Geo Page

30 Josias Torriano

Saml. Mc Cormick

Charles Gorge Alves

Henry Geo Jourdan

James Ritson

35 C. L. Nelthropp

In consequence of an Application from the Officer Commanding the 1st Battalion of the 18th Regiment of Native Infantry stating the grievance sustained by certain Officers Commanding Companies of that Corps, by the Pay of certain Additional Nons Commissioned Officers promoted irregularly by the Officer formerly Commanding that Corps, and included by his Order in their abstracts having

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having been retrenched on Audit, from them; I recommend that the retrenchment be removed, and the Payment sanctioned by intimation to the Military Auditor General; the Officer whose mistake occasioned the irregularity being in Europe — and the Officers from whom the retrenchment is demanded, no way blameable. —

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(signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieut. Genl.

To The Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

The state I am at present placed in, will I hope plead an excuse for my assuming the liberty of offering myself to the notice of the Commander in Chief, under the hope, that His Excellency will be pleased to bestow his favourable attention, on a Request which the peculiarity of my situation alone induces me to prefer —

After a service of 27 years finding myself incapable of actively prosecuting the execution of my duty, I venture on the liberty of soliciting His Excellency's recommendation, to a place on the non-effective Establishment of the Madras Army —

Altho' I am sensible that it would

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not become me to assume any merit from the performance of my duty, it will not I hope be displeasing to His Excellency to know that my claim to protection and support has been founded on services adequate in some degree to the favor I request.

I had the honor of forming a part of the Army under Major Abington which in the year 1779 successfully defended Tellicherry and its Dependencies for three years against the united power of Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sultaun. I was afterwards one of the unfortunate sufferers with General Mathews at Bednore and endured a rigorous confinement at Chittledroog untill the peace of 1784. I also served under Marquis Cornwallis in 1791 and 1792 during the latter period my Superiors were pleased to evince their approbation of my conduct by promoting me to a Conductorship of Ordnance. in 1793, in which situation I served at the Seige of Cochin in 1795. but to avoid intruding on your leisure Sir, by an enumeration of particulars, I will merely add, that for the last 17 years which I have served on this Coast I have been employed with few exceptions on every Military Service which the necessity of the times

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have given birth to —

Three severe wounds which I received at Bednore and from one of which the Ball could not by any means be extracted added to the almost total failure of my sight, at length obliges me, tho' with reluctance to solicit His Excellency's favorable representation of my case to Government —

Anxiety for the fate of nine Children born and educated at Tellicherry induce me to hope that His Excellency will be pleased to save me the inconveni-ence and regret of a removal from this Coast (to the Bombay Establishment) under which I have so long and so happily served, and I will now Sir conclude — with taking the liberty of observing that the liberality with which Government have been pleased to treat persons in my situation if extended to me would enable me to pass the residue of my days in tranquility and ease and to provide for the future welfare of my Children —

I Remain &c &c

(signed) W. Kinson
Cond.r of Ordnance

Tellicherry
July 1805 —

To.

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To The Right Honorable

Lord William Bentinck

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward accompanying a Surgeons certificate recommending a change of Climate for the Reestablishment of my health.

As I have not for the space of Sixteen years attendance with my Corps applyed for leave of absence on my private account; I have to trust your Lordship in Council will have no objections to granting me permission to proceed to Sea and eventually to Bengal for the sole object stated in my Certificate.

St. Thos. Mount

18th August 1805—

(signed) H. Tanner

Bt. Lieut. Colo.

Major 2 Battn. Artly—

I do hereby certify that it is my opinion, that Major Tanner of the 2d. Bn. Artly and Lieut. Colonel should without loss of time proceed to sea for the benefit of his health— an old wound, which he received many years ago having lately assumed a very unfavorable appearance and the general weakness induced by long indisposition, rendering a Change of Climate absolutely necessary.

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for his Recovery.

Mount

August 18th 1805.

(signed) Whit.e Ainslie
Surgeon
2d Br. Artly.

Resolved that the case of Mr. Venson be submitted for the consideration of the Governor in Council at Bombay, with a recommendation that his application may be complied with.

The Board entirely concur with the Commander in Chief in regard to the expediency of Rewarding Bootchana of the 2d Battalion 11th Native Regiment for the service rendered by him on a late occasion; and it is Resolved accordingly to direct that he shall Receive a pension for life of five Pagodas per Month, in addition to the usual pension of a Sepoy.—

Ordered that this allowance be paid at Nellore.

Resolved that Lieutenat Sandford be appointed to superintend the payment of Sepoy Families at the Cantonment of Hyseinsagar near Hyderabad on a Salary of 35 Pagodas per Month; and that Lieutenant Colonel Tainter be permitted to proceed to Bengal on Sick Certificate.

Ordered

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Ordered that the Return of Lieutenant Colonel Rumly, and Lieutenant Colonel Ogg to their duty, be notified in General Orders; and that the Gentlemen Cadets who have produced Certificates of their appointment be admitted on the Establishment.—

Resolved under the explanation stated by the Commander in Chief that the Retrenchment against the Native Officers of the 1st Battalion 18th Nat.e Regt. be removed; and that the Military Auditor General be furnished with instructions accordingly for that purpose.

Read the following letters and Memorandums of the Commander in Chief—

George Buchan Esqr.
&c. &c. &c. Chief Secretary

Sir,

From the Commander in Chief submitting applications from the Officers Commanding His Majesty's 73d and 74th Regiments requesting payment of the proportion of Pondicherry Prize Money due to their Corps—recommendation in Consequence——

I have the Honor to lay before Government Applications from the Commanding Officers of His Majesty's 73d and 74th Regiments praying that they may receive their proportion of the Pondicherry Prize Money—

As Directions have already been issued by Government for the payment, and no Delay remain, but what may arise from the necessary Forms to take place, I anxiously hope and request, that Government will

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will be pleased to take into Consideration the critical situation of these Corps, upon the Point of Embarkation, and issue Orders, that their Concerns be immediately entered upon, and such a share of the Prize Money as is due to them, be immediately paid off.

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

Fort St. George
August 23d 1805.

(signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieut Genl

His Excellency
Lieutenant General Sir John Cradock
K.B.
&c &c &c

Sir,

The Agents appointed by Govern-
ment to distribute the prize due to the Army, for
the capture of Pundicherry in the year 1793 - having
informed me, that such is not likely to take place
for some time; I beg leave to represent to your Excel-
lency, that as His Majesty's 73d Regiment is under
orders of embarkation for Europe, great inconvenience
will be felt by the Officers and Men, unless the
issue is made previous to the Regiment Sailing,
which I trust your Excellency will take into Consider-
ation, and order such Steps to be adopted as may
appear

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appear proper.

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22d August 1805.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) M. Monypenny
Colonel

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

Sir,

Having made application to the House of Messieurs Colt, Baker and Company, the Agents appointed by Government to make the Distribution of Prize Money due the Army for the Capture of Pondicherry in the year 1793, and being informed by them that the issue could not take place for the space of two or three Months, I take the liberty of addressing your Excellency, to state the great inconvenience this delay will occasion to the Officers and Men of His Majestys 74th Regiment, who are under immediate orders to embark for Europe, and to request that your Excellency will be pleased to take the matter into your Consideration, and grant such redress, at the nature of the case should appear to your Excellency to require.

Pondamallee
21st August 1805.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) V. Swinton
Lt. Col. Com. 74th Rt.

Resolved

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Resolved that a Copy of the above letter be transmitted to the Agents for managing the distribution of Pondicherry Prize Money, and that they be instructed to proceed in the distribution of the Shares of Prize Money which may be due to His Majesty's 73d and 74th Regiments without delay —

Minute of the Commander in Chief — Distribution of Troops proposed

Memorandum of the Quarter Master General Relative to the embarkation for Nagapatam of His Majesty's 67th Regiment about to proceed to Trichinopoly

It is proposed —

That the 53d and 67th Regiments shall disembark tomorrow —

The 53d for the present to occupy, and form the Garrison of Fort St. George —

The Five Companies of the 69th Regiment to leave the Fort, tomorrow, and encamp on the Island —, Till they are ready to proceed to join their Corps at Wallajahbad. —

The 67th Regiment, (only 492 R & F arrived) to proceed to Poonamalee, and, as soon as it is proper, to begin their March, to Tretchinopoly and Tanjore — The Remainder of the Regiment, to follow —

The Remnants of the 73d and 74th Regiments to remove from Poonamalee, to the New Barrack, at the Mount, and to remain there, till Embarkation

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Embarkation—

Fort St. George (Signed) J. F. Cradock

August 23. 1805— Lieut Genl.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General

His Majesty's 67th Regiment being destined for Tanjore and Trichinopoly, application has been made to the Board of Trade for Ships to carry this Regiment to Nagapatam—

Mr. Dick has given it as his Opinion, that in 8 or 10 days hence the Bengal Ships will be ready for Sea, and that, without any material inconvenience they can take on board the 67th Regiment and land it at Nagapatam—

Should this Arrangement be adopted, by which a March of upwards of 100 Miles will be saved to the Regiment, there is not a moment to be lost in sending Orders to Trichinopoly for the necessary Equipment of Camp Equipage, Doolies and Provisions, to be dispatched without delay to Nagapatam, so as to be ready there by the time the Regiment arrives —

24th August 1805— (Signed) Alexr. Orr.

approved (Signed) J. F. Cradock. 2. Mr. Genl.

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The Board in adverting to the present state of the Military force under this Presidency, and to the probable demand for military reinforcements at the Presidency of Bengal, are of Opinion that it will be expedient to take advantage of the Ships which are about to proceed to Bengal, to send one of the above Regiments to that Presidency; and it is accordingly Resolved that His Majesty's 53d Regiment be embarked with all practicable expedition —

Ordered that His Excellency — Sir Edward Pellew be apprized of this intention, in order that convoy may be allotted for the protection of the — Indiamen, and of the Troops to be embarked —

George Buchan Esqr;
Chief Secretary &c &c &c

Sir;

From the Commander in Chief submits — an application from Major General Conyngham for permission to draw six Months subsistence —

I have this moment received the Enclosed and from the melancholy urgency of the Case, lose no Time in submitting it to Government —

It would ill become me to pretend to Recommend a Subject that must so strongly — interest the Feelings of the Council —

I have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) J. F. Cradock
Lieut Colo

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His Excellency

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

Sir,

Commander in Chief &c.a &c.a &c.a

An Accident which has recently befallen the Commercial House here with which my pecuniary property was lodged, Obliges me to have recourse to the liberality of Government, and to Request that you will Obtain for me the permission of the Right Honble The Governor in Council to draw Six Months allowances in advance to enable me to proceed to Europe, on the Ships under Orders for that purpose, nothing but the Narrow State of my finances Could possibly have induced me either to trouble your Excellency or the Government on this Occasion, as it is Reported that the fleet will sail at a very early period your Excellency's prompt Reply will be Considered as a particular favor by—

Sir,

Your Excellencys &c.a &c.a

(signed) Geo Conyngham.

Major General on the Retired List

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Resolved in Consideration of the particular circumstances attending the Case of Major General Conyngham, that authority be given for paying to that Officer

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officer an advance of Six Months allowances agreeably to his Application—

Memorandum for the Consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief 27th August 1805—

The Muster of Officers Tents takes place on the 1st of next Month; and should the Officers of His Majesty's 73rd Regiment, who expect to embark for Europe about that time, be Obliged to produce their Tents then at Muster, they may lose the Opportunity of disposing of them before they quit the Country—

Memorandum of the Quarter Master General Recommending that the Officers of his Majestys 73rd Regiment may be permitted to draw their Tent allowance for the ensuing month without producing their Tents at the next Muster—

The 2nd M. General is therefore of Opinion, that these Officers should be excused from producing their Tents at Muster on the 1st of next month, and yet be allowed to draw their Tent allowance until the period of their embarkation—

(signed) J. Orr
2nd M. Genl.

approved.

(signed) J. F. Cradock

Resolved that a Copy of the above Memorandum be Communicated to the Military Auditor General, and that he be informed that the Governor in Council accedes to the recommendation which it contains.

Read.

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Read the following Proceedings of the Medical Board.

From the Medical Board submitting their opinion on the proposal of Dr. Fitz Gerald relative to the establishment of a public dispensary in the Black Town.— Report the arrival from Europe of Two assistant surgeons.—

Medical Board

23rd August 1805.

Para 1. The Medical Board have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Chief Secretary Buchan's letter, dated the 21st Ultimo, accompanied with Extracts from the Honble the Court of Directors, dated 23rd January last— together with Copies of the Resolutions passed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council, on the orders of the Honble Court.—

2. In attending to the subject of Mr. Surgeon Fitz-Gerald's letter, relative to a Public Dispensary in the Black-Town, the Medical Board are naturally brought

to recollect, a similar proposal, on that subject, given in by Mr. Surgeon Evans nearly five years ago, which did not coincide with the opinions of the Board, and on which their sentiments appear fully expressed, in their Proceedings, dated the 13th October 1800.—

3. The Medical Board in compliance with a subsequent order from the Right Honble the Governor in Council, dated the 4th November 1800, gave in on the 12th January 1801, such a plan for the establishment and Regulation of a Dispensary in Black-Town, as they consi-dered well calculated to fulfil the intentions of Government, a Copy of which they have

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the honor to enclose.—

4. This arrangement however, was never directed to be put in force; and although so long a period has since elapsed no instance of inconvenience, or complaint has ever come to the knowledge of the Medical Board; they are therefore of opinion, that the establish: ment of a Dispensary in the Black Town, as proposed by Mr. Fitz Gerald, is, for the present at least, perfectly unnecessary.—

5. The Medical Board are fully convinced; that the adoption of his plan; far from being productive of profit or advantage to the Honble Company, would on the —

Contrary,

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contrary, be attended with much additional expense while it would at the same time, call away three Medical Gentlemen, from the discharge of more necessary and essential duties, with the Army, where the deficiences of Medical assis: tance is so severely felt.—

6. The propriety of supressing all the Shops in the Black Town where Medicines are sold by retail, does not fully appear to the Medical Board - on the contrary, they are of opinion, that persons so employed, as may be found qualified to dispense Medi: cines, in compliance with the prescriptions of Professional Men, ought rather to be

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encouraged; and in particular, that they should be allowed to purchase Medicines under certain restrictions, from the Honble Company's Stores, at an advance of 15 ₹ cent, or such other percentage, on the original invoice, as Government may judge proper.—

7. By this means, the community at large, would be supplied with Medicines of the best quality, and one of the sources of temptation to abuse, among the Native Servants of the Medical Store Department, in a great measure done away.—

8. The Medical Board have the Honor to report the arrival

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arrival of Mr. William McDowall and Mr. Henry William Ramsey Assistant Surgeons, for this Establishment, and to forward the counter-parts of these Gentlemen's Indentures.—

(signed) Jas. Anderson,
Physician General
and President of the Medical Board

(signed) Terence Gahagan
M.D. and 2nd. member Medical Board.

(signed) Jas. Richardson
3d. M. Medl. Board.

Medical Board
12th. January 1801.—

Considerations of public Utility and general convenience to the community having induced the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to Resolve that the Sd. Pharmaceutical establishment of this Settlement,

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Settlement, should be now arranged and extended, we have the Honor to submit To His Lordship the following Plan for the future Regulation, management, and Control of the Dispensation of Medicine, to the Inhabitants European and Native at this Presidency.—

1st That a Dispensary shall be instituted in Black Town, styled Black Town Dispensary, under the Superintendence of a Surgeon of experience, in the Service of the Honble Company, for supplying with medicine the Inhabitants of every description, not comprised in the List of Company's Servants.—

2nd That the situation of the Building, and necessary accommodation

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accommodation for this purpose, shall be arranged by the Medical Board, in communication with the Surgeon Appointed to the Charge.—

3d That, all European Medicines, Instruments, Medical Implements, and Utensils, required for the use of this Dispensary, shall be furnished from the Stores of the Honorable Company, by Indent Quarterly, from the Superintendent on the Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency — bearing an advance of 15 ₱r Cent on the Invoice prices.—

4th That, so soon as the Superintendant shall Report himself Ready to Comply with Medical prescriptions, all further issues of Medicines from the

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public Dispensary in the Fort to cease, except to the Servants of the Honorable Company.—

5th. That the Superintendant shall submit for the Control of the Medical Board, His Price Book of simple and compound Medicines; in which shall be inserted, as far as possibility will admit every medical and Chymical preparation, which is likely to be used in Practice, the prices of the different Medicine to be annexed either to Grains, Drachms, ounces, or pounds, according as the general mode of administration may render them most likely to be called for, in either of these quantities.—

6th. That the Superintendant shall Sleep, and Reside at or in the vicinity of the Black Town Dispensary.—

That

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7th That, no public expense whatever shall be incurred by this institution.—

8th That, the whole of the Issues shall be on the private account of the Superintendant.—

9th That, the Indents for the use of the Black Town Dispen: sary, shall be checked by the Medical Board, to prevent any inconvenience arising to the public service, by the Stores of Government being drained for its supply.—

10th That, the present Dispensary in the Fort, shall in future be styled the Fort Dispen: sary.—

11th That, when the present institution is established, the Medical Board will use their endeavours, to furnish Government with the names of all Illicit venders,

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venders, and irregular Medical Practitioners in the Settlement, that they may be either suppressed, or required to take out Licences from Government, in order to insure the important trust of preparing, compounding, and issuing Medicine, being vested in persons of Responsibility and duly qualified.

12th. That all Medical Gentlemen, are hereby ordered to send in future, their prescriptions and Medical Indents, on account of Individuals not in the Honble Company's Service, to the Black Town Dispensary — and, that no prescription or Medical Indent, for persons of the above Description, shall on any account whatever, be made or complied with from the Fort

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Fort Dispensary.—

The following estimate of the Monthly expience of the Fort Dispensary, Calculated on the Average of three Months expenditure and when it is considered that a proportion of three fourths of this Amount, is on Account of the Servants of the Company, will shew that the public saving by this institution, will be but inconsiderable.—

The total average of Monthly expence at the Fort Dispensary, including Servants wages, and every Charge, being Pagodas Two hundred and Thirty three, fanams, Twenty eight, and Cash Twenty (233.28.20.) as will appear by the accompanying Statement of the Superintendant.—

We Recommend

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Mr. Surgeon Samuel M.Morris as a person properly qualified for this charge; and that he be Styled Superintendant of the Black-Town Dispensary.—

James Anderson
Physician General &
(Signed) President of the Med.l Bd.

Nicol Mein
2nd Member Med.l Board.

(True Copy)
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Secy. Med.l Board.—

Resolved that the above Proceedings be sent in Circulation.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Minute.

Minute of the Commander in Chief.

Minute of the Commander in Chief - Submitting a representation from the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 74th Regiment soliciting a compensation for the heavy expences to which the Officers of that Regiment have lately been subjected.

I submit to the Board a representation, from Lieutenant Colonel Swinton Commanding His Majesty's 74th Regiment of the extreme Distress and Difficulty, in which that Corps, upon its approaching Embarkation

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Embarkation for Europe is placed -

I have Strong Grounds to believe

from the extraordinary Length of their Field Service,
and the inceſsant preſsure of unavoidable Expence,
attending that Situation, that the Officers labor under
pecuniary Embarraſsments, which must totally -
deprive them of many Comforts indispensably neceſ-
sary upon a long voyage.

The Case of this Regiment seems
to have peculiar Claims to liberal Consideration, for
while their meritorious Brethren in the Field, may
look to a period of Repose, that will some what -
repair the Load of Expence, that has hitherto so
heavily preſsed upon them, this Corps by their
Recall Home, cannot participate in such alleviation,
and have been precipitated into most expensive -
marches, of increased severity, by their recent Loſs of
Baggage on their way to Bombay, through the Incle-
mency of the weather, and the Charge of their voyage
from thence to Madras -

To this point - I have confined
my Statement to the pleа of Justice, but I cannot
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resist advancing their Cause, by an Appeal to the Feelings of the Board, as Representatives of the Honble Court of Directors, who I am persuaded, would feel dissatisfied, should a Regiment of their Distinguished Services, and honoured Character, known to all England and celebra= =ted by the Acclamations of India, retire from this Country and their Service, in a despondent Situation unnoticed or Unregreted —

In this common Cause, I shall not persume to Recommend, I only employ myself, as the Organ to introduce the Subject — I am assured that I have no Sentiment, but what is in common with the Honble Board to whom I address myself, and, that if any Remuneration be practicable within the generous Spirit to be uniformly attributed to the Public acts of the Honble Court of Directors, the measure will be adopted —

According to Calculation, I have made, upon the behalf of such Officers, alone, who served the full period of the last Campaign — The Amount of three Months Batta will be about Rs 2,500 —

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for Six — the Double.

The Liberality and Judgement of

the Honble Board will decide the Question.

Fort St. George (signed) J. F. Cradock
Lt. Gl.

August 25th 1805.

To His Excellency

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

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir,

I take the liberty of soliciting your Excellency's Attention to the peculiar Situation in which the Officers of the 74th Regiment are at present placed, and of Requesting that you will be pleased to submit the Circumstances of their Case, to the Consider-ation of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, and to recommend, that such a Compensation may be granted to them, as in your Excellency's Judgement they shall appear to deserve.—

Your Excellency is already saffi-ciently acquainted with the Distresses and Difficulties that have been encountered by all Ranks of Officers, employed on Service during the late Campaign in

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the Dekkan; and that the Source of them, has originated principally in the impoverished State of the Mahratta Country;— It will therefore be unnecessary to enter into any Minute details upon the Subject, and I shall accordingly content myself with observing to your Excellency, that the Monthly Expences, unavoidably incurred by the Officers of the 74th Regiment, during the Period they have been in the field; and particularly the heavy Charges attending the Carriage of their Camp Equipage, have always greatly exceeded their Pay and allowances; That as they are under Orders to embark for Europe, they will be deprived of the Opportunity, which, had they remained some time in Quarters in this Country, they might have had, of re-imbursing themselves;— and that they are now labouring under very considerable pecuniary Embarrassments, a knowledge of which has induced me to Represent their Situation to your Excellency's Notice—

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) V. Swinton
Lt. Col. Comg. 74th Regt

Poonamalee
17th August 1805—

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The following Draft of a General Order is read and Approved -

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G. O. by Government.

G. O. By Government

The Right honorable the Governor in Council on the occasion of the intended embarkation for Europe of the remaining Officers and Men of His Majestys 74th. Regiment discharges a duty of the highest satisfaction to His Lordship in Council in bestowing on that distinguished Corps a public testimony of His Lordships warmest respect and approbation -

During a long and an eventful period of Residence in India, the conduct of His Majestys 74th. Regiment has whether during Peace or in War, been equally exemplary and conspicuous, having been not less distinguished by the general tenor of its discipline, than by the most glorious atchievements in the field - His Lordship in Council impressed with these sentiments, desires that

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that His Majestys 74th Regiment may be held forth as an object of imitation, for the Military Establishment of this Presidency, as His Lordship will ever reflect with pride and gratification that in the Actions which have led to the present preeminence of the British Empire in India, the part which has been nobly sustained by that Corps will add lustre to the Military annals of the Country, and will crown the name of His Majestys 74th Regiment with immortal reputation.

It having been ascertained to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the Officers of His Majestys 74th Regiment were during the late campaign in the Deckan subjected to extraordinary expences, which have been aggravated by the arrangements connected with their embarkation for Europe, His Lordship in Council has been pleased to resolve that those Officers shall receive a gratuity equal to three months full batta, as a further Testimony of His Lordships Approbation of their eminent services.

By

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By order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) G. Buchan
Chief Secy to Govt.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bombay—

George Buchan Esqr.

Chief Secretary to the Government of.

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary to Government at Bombay — Stating the departure from that port of the Ships Shaw Byramgore and Melville with His Majestys 74th Regiment and their recal in Consequence of the Appearance of the Enemys Squadron off Point de Galle—

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council, to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter dated the 26th Ultimo, and to Request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honorable the Governor in Council at Fort St. George that the Country Ships Shaw Byramgore, and Melvellie, sailed hence on the 26th Ultimo with His Majestys 74th Regiment on board, as announced in my letter to you, under the 24th preceding: subsequently to which intelligence of the Enemy's Squadron Cruizing off Point De Galle having been received, — the Wasp was dispatched under the 28th Ultimo, after the Byramgore and Melville, with that intelligence, and with Orders to the Commander of those Vessels

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Vessels to return to Bombay or to put into Goa, if safely practicable, the result of which is not yet known—

Bombay Castle
6th. August 1805.—

I have the honor to be
Yrs. Yrs.
(Signed) F. Warden
Secy to Govt.

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

G. Strachey Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the Accompanying Copy of General Orders by the Governor General in Council of this date, and to direct that the same may be published to the Army under the Presidency of Fort St. George.

From the Secretary to the Government at Fort William— Transmitting for publication at this Presidency the G. O. issued at Fort William on the Arrival of the Marquis Cornwallis—

I am Yrs. Yrs.
(Signed) L. Flook
Secy to the Govt.

Fort William
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General Orders, By the Governor General in Council in the Military Department, the 30th. July 1805.—

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"Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor General in Council in the Public Department under date the 30th. July 1805.—

"Ordered that Information of the arrival of the Most Honorable Charles Marquis Cornwallis in Bengal, and of his having taken his Seat as Governor General, be formally announced in Garrison, where the Troops are to be Assembled and his Commission Read under a Salute of 19 Guns and 3 Vollies of Small Arms".—

"The United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.—"

"To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting— know ye, that we the said united Company reposing especial Trust and Confidence in the fidelity prudence, Justice and Circumspection of the most Noble Charles Marquis Cornwallis Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Have Nominated, made, Constituted and Appointed, and by these Presents do nominate, make, constitute and appoint him the said Marquis upon, from and immediately after his Arrival at Fort William in Bengal to be Governor General of our Presidency of

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Fort William in the Bay of Bengal, and of all the Towns and Territories thereunto belonging, and of all and singular the Forts, Factories, and Settlements, Lands, Territories, Countries and Jurisdictions belonging to us within the Subahship of Bengal, and of and for all our Affairs whatsoever in the Bay of Bengal and other the Places and Provinces thereunto belonging in the East Indies, together with all and every the Powers and Authorities Committed and given to the Governor General of Bengal for the time being, by any act or Acts of Parliament now in Force, to take upon him, hold and enjoy the said Office upon and from and immediately after the arrival of the said Marquis at Fort William aforesaid, And from thence to Continue in the exercise of the said Office during the pleasure of us the said United Company, and of our Court of Directors, and until the Contrary thereof shall be signified under the Seal of us the said United Company or under the hands of thirteen or more of the Court of Directors of us the said United Company for the time being, but subject nevertheless to such Removal and Recall as in the said Acts of Parliament

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or any or either of them are or is mentioned — And We do hereby authorize empower and require the said Marquis to execute and perform all and every the Powers and Authorities to the said Office of Governor General appertaining by and under the Orders and directions in writing of the Court of Directors of us the said United Company for the time being or any thirteen or more of them under their hands and of such other Persons as by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force are empowered to give any Orders to the Servants in India of us the said United Company in Certain Cases in the said Act or Acts mentioned, And to the end that the said Marquis may be better enabled to Order and Manage all the said Affairs of us the said United Company — We do by these Presents Constitute and ordain General the Right Honorable Gerard Lord Lake, the Commander of all our Military Forces on the Bengal Establishment in the East Indies and Sir George Hilaro Barlow Baronet & George Udny Esquire two of the present Counsellors of the said Presidency of Fort William in Bengal to be and Continue Counsellors of the said Presidency for governing and managing all the Affairs of us the said United Company in Bengal and the said Places and Provinces belonging to us as aforesaid, And

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We do hereby give and grant unto our said Governor General Marquis Cornwallis, and to our Council aforenamed, or the Major part of them (the whole Council being duly Summoned) and to the said Marquis Cornwallis alone in Certain Cases, and under Certain Circumstances, mentioned in any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, full Power and Authority from time to time, to Rule and govern all and every our Factors and Servants under the said Presidency, and all the Soldiers and Inhabitants of our said Fort William, and all the Towns and Territories thereunto belonging, and all and singular the Fort Factories, and Settlements, Lands Territories, Countries and Jurisdictions belonging to us within the Subahship of Bengal, and also at our other Presidencies in India in all Cases mentioned in any Act or Acts of Parliament, whereby a Superintending and Controling Power over such Presidencies is given to the said Governor General and Council of Fort William in Bengal, and we do hereby Authorize and empower our said Governor General and Council to Administer lawful Oaths as occasion shall require, and to do and perform all such other Acts and things and to use and exercise all such other Powers and Authorities as the said Governor General and his Council in the Several

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and respective places, where we the said United Company have or shall have Factors or any places of Trade are Authorized to do, according to such Instructions and Directions as he the said Marquis our said Governor General and the Council aforesaid shall from time to time Receive under the hands of thirteen or more of the Court of Directors of us the said United Company for the time being, and from such other Person or Persons as by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force are empowered to give Orders to the Servants in India of us the said United Company in Certain Cases in such Act or Acts mentioned, and we the said United Company do hereby Order and Require all our Factors Servants Officers and Soldiers within the limits of the said Presidency of Fort William in Bengal and all the people and Inhabitants of our said Fort William and all the Towns and Territories thereunto belonging, and also our " " Governors and Councils at our other Presidencies in all such Cases in which the said Governor General and Council have any Superintending and Controling power over them to Conform, submit and Yield due obedience unto him the said Marquis our said Governor General and his Council accordingly — And we do hereby from the time

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this Commission shall take place according to the tenor thereof & herein before expressed, Revoke, Repeal, annul and make void all and every former Commission or Commissions Appointment and Authorities given granted or made whereby or by Virtue whereof any other person or persons was or were Constituted and appointed or have or shall become Governor General or Council of Fort William aforesaid — Given under our Common Seal this Eleventh day of April in the forty fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, & King Defender of the Faith, and so forth and in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Five" —

"Signed / by Order of the Court of Directors of the East India Company" —

"L. S."

"(Signed) W. Ramsay"
Secretary"

"A true Copy)

"(Signed) Thos. Brown
Secretary to the Govt."

Ordered that a Copy of the Commission appointing the Most Honorable Charles Marquis Cornwallis, Governor General of & Bengal, and Governor and Commander in Chief of the Fort

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and Garrison of Fort William, and of the Town of Calcutta, and of all the Forces within the said Fort, Garrison and Town, be read at the head of the Troops in the different Garrisons and at the Military Stations under this Presidency.

"Ordered that the following Proclamation be read with the usual Ceremonies to the Troops in Garrison and at the different Stations of the Army".—

Proclamation.—

Whereas the Most Honorable Charles Marquis Cornwallis, hath been appointed by the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Office of Governor General of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal, it is therefore hereby proclaimed, that the aforesaid Charles Marquis Cornwallis did on the day of the date hereof, receive Charge of the said Office of Governor General, and take the usual Oaths and his Seat accordingly"—

"By Order of the Most Honorable the Governor General in Council

Fort William the 30th July 1805

(Signed) Tho: Brown

Secy to the Govt

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions be sent

to

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to the Military Department —

"(A true Extract)

"(Signed) Tho.s Brown

"Secy to the Govt."

Ordered that the following Commissions granted by the Honorable the Court of Directors to Marquis Cornwallis be published to the Armies under the Presidencies of Fort William, Fort St. George and Bombay —

The United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies —

We the said United Company Reposing Especial trust and Confidence in General the Most Noble Charles Marquis Cornwallis Knight of the Most Noble order of the Garter, who is Appointed to the Office of Governor General of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal, and to the Office of Governor and Commander in Chief of our Fort and Garrison of Fort William aforesaid, Do by these Presents Constitute and appoint him the said Marquis to be Commander in Chief of all our Military Forces, which now are, or may hereafter be employed in the East Indies, which office of Commander in Chief as aforesaid the said Marquis is to take upon him, hold and Enjoy upon, and from the arrival of the said Marquis

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at Fort William aforesaid, to hold the said Office during our will and pleasure — And we do hereby Authorize, empower, and require him the said Marquis as Commander in Chief as aforesaid, to the utmost of his Skill and power, to do, and perform all such Offices and Services as appertain to the Post of Commander in Chief of all our Military Forces in the East Indies, subject to such Removal or Recall, as are, or may be made by any Law now in force, and subject also to all such Rules, Orders, and Instructions as he shall from time to time receive from the Court of Directors, of us the said united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies in writing, or under the hands of thirteen or more of them, or from the Governor General in Council of our Presidency of Fort William in Bengal or from our Presidents and Councils of Fort St. George and Bombay respectively, whensoever he shall be present at any of those Presidencies or at any Settlements or places subordinate thereto, according to the Rules and discipline of War in pursuance of the Trust hereby Reposed in him ——

And we do hereby Strictly Require, Charge, and Command all Commission Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, Soldiers and others belonging to our Military

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Forces in the several places before mentioned, to yield him the said Marquis as their Commander in Chief, during his Residence at such places as aforesaid, due obedience accordingly — And we do hereby Revoke and annull all and every former Commission and Commissions to any Person or Persons whomsoever to Act as Commander in Chief of our Forces in the East Indies from the time that this present Commission shall take effect. — Given under our Common Seal this Eleventh Day of April in the 45th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith &c. and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Five —

(Signed) by Order of the Court of Directors of the East India Company

(Signed) W. Ramsay
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The United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies —

We the said United Company reposing especial trust and Confidence in General the Most Noble Charles Marquis Cornwallis Knight of the Most

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Noble Order of the Garter Appointed to the Office of Governor General of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal to take effect upon and from his arrival at Fort William aforesaid, Do by these Presents Constitute and appoint him the said Marquis to be our Governor and Commander in Chief of our Fort & Garrison of Fort William in Bengal —, and of the Town of Calcutta, and of all the Forces which now are or hereafter shall be employed for the Service of the said United Company within the said Fort, Garrison and Town, to take upon him, hold and enjoy the said Office of Governor and Commander in Chief of the said Garrison and Town upon and from his arrival at Fort William aforesaid, And We do hereby Authorize, empower and Require him the said Marquis as Governor and Commander in Chief of the said Fort Garrison and Town as aforesaid, to the utmost of his skill and power to do and perform all such Offices and Services as appertain to the Post of Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid, and to Continue in the exercise of the same during our pleasure subject nevertheless to such Removal or Recall as can or may be made by any Law now in force

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and subject also to all such Rules, Orders and Instructions as he shall at any time receive in writing, from the Court of Directors of us the said United Company or under the hands of Thirteen or more of them, or from the Governor General and Council of Fort William aforesaid, and we do hereby strictly require Charge and Command all Commissioned Officers, Soldiers, and others belonging to our Military Forces, and all the people and Inhabitants employed or residing in Our said Fort, Garrison and Town, to yield him the said Marquis as Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid, due obedience accordingly. — And we do hereby Revoke Annul all and every former Commission and Commissions to any person or persons whomsoever to act as Governor and Commander of the Fort and Garrison of Fort William and Town of Calcutta from the time that this Commission shall take effect — Given under our Common Seal this Eleventh day of April in the 45th. Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and

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so forth and in the Year of our Lord 1805.—

Signed by Order of the Court of Directors of

the East India Company

(signed) W. Ramsay,

Secretary

The Governor General has been pleased to make

the following Appointments.—

Colonel Miles Nightingale of His Majesty's

51st. Regiment of Foot, to be Military Secretary to the Gover-

=nor General and Commander in Chief in India.—

Mr. G. A. Robinson to be Private Secretary

to the Governor General.—

Major T. Reynell on the half Pay of the

late Corsican Rangers, and

Captain Charles Macleod of His Majesty's

13th. Regiment of Foot, to be Aids du Camp to His Lordship.—

The Governor General in Council is pleased to

direct that the accustomed Honors paid to the Most Noble

Marquis Wellesley, K. P. be Continued to His Lordship —

during his Stay in India.—

(signed) L. Hook

Secy to the Govt.

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Ordered that the General Order Referred to in the foregoing Letter be published at this Presidency.—

Read the following Letter from the Commercial Resident at Vizagapatam.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir Fort St. George

I have the honor to forward by express — Copy of a Letter this moment Received from the Deputy Commercial Resident at Ganjam, Similar information has been transmitted to Captain Bingham of His Majestys Ship Sceptre who will Receive it at Coringa if he has not previously sailed from that Port in his Return to Vizagapatam.

From the Commercial Resident at Vizagapatam respecting the Appearance of two ships off Ganjam —

Altho' the Vessels mentioned by Mr. Wisset- answer to the discription of the Enemy, I conceive that they may possibly be His Majestys Ships Howe and Medusa, which it appears by a private letter from Captain Cockburn were to sail about the 10th. Instant with the intention of standing down the Coast, yet it is rather early to expect they would have made such progress to the Southward,

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and the Calcutta Gazette of the 8th is silent with respect to the intended departure of the Most Noble the Marquiss Wellesly.—

Vizagapatam
Twelve O'Clock Sunday Night
18th August 1805.——

I have the honor to be
Yea Yea
(Signed) A. Mackenzie.
Resident

Sir,

I do myself the honor to inform you that two Ships have this day made their Appearance Off this Port, one of them apparently a Ship of the Line, the other a Frigate. I lament that the State of the weather and their distance from the Shore does not enable me to give you more perfect information respecting them — At Sunset they were standing towards each other and had Colors up, but were at

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to great a distance to Ascertain of what nation they were.

Ganjam
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16th August 1805.

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. Wilkinson
Dep.y C. R.t

A true Copy
(Signed) A. Mackenzie
Resident

Mr. Duncan

W. Petrie

Jno. Thomas.

Office let Consult.n 27th Aug.t 1805
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